

# SUNFLOWER CLASSIC

AERC/OCER/MOTDRA sanctioned

15 introductory/25/50/75 mile endurance rides

Saturday April 12, 2008

Hillsdale Lake State Park, Hillsdale, Kansas

**LOCATION:** Hillsdale Lake is approximately 30 minutes SW of the Kansas City Metro area. **From North:** I-35 South to US 169 South/left (Exit 215) to Hillsdale Lake/255<sup>th</sup> Street Exit. West/right through small town and one 4-way stop sign on 255<sup>th</sup> Street to Harmony Road. (If you see the ranger station/dam, you have gone too far). North/right on Harmony Road to crest of hill/water tower. West/left at tower, follow signs straight into Saddle Ridge Equestrian Area. **From Southwest:** I-35 North to KS 68 Hwy (Exit 187) at Ottawa. KS 68 East/right 18 miles to Osawatomie Road. North/left on Osawatomie, over dam, past ranger station to Harmony Road. North/left on Harmony to crest of hill/water tower. West/left at tower, follow signs straight into Saddle Ridge Camp. **From Southeast:** Take US 69 North to Louisburg, KS. West/right on KS 68 to US 169 (8 miles). North /right US 169 to Hillsdale Lake/255<sup>th</sup> Street Exit (3 miles). West/left through Hillsdale (now see directions 'From North')

**CAMPING at Saddle Ridge Equestrian Area:** Permanent porta-potties, picnic shelter, horse & people water, some nice pipe pens available. Electric sites available. Park rule: **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED!!** Lots of grassy space for portable pens/large rigs. Manure/hay to be scattered and pens must be cleaned. Stop at park attendant to pay campground charges. Contact attendant (Kathy) to reserve camp sites/pens at 913.783.4595 (Hillsdale Park Office: 913.783.4507) **FEES:** \$4.20 motor vehicle pass/day; \$8.50 camping site w/o electric; \$16.50 camping site with electric; \$10.50 non-refundable reservation fee (KS rule as of 1.1.08).

**ENTRY FEES:** Deduct \$10 for **paid** early entries **postmarked** by 3/31/08 (**no exceptions!**). Early discount does NOT apply to the 15 mile introductory ride. Checks will be cashed **after** the ride. If you do not start, your check will be destroyed. **Please** pre-enter by mailing *entry form, check, copy of Coggins and AERC card* (if have) to Susan Keil. Pre-registered riders do not have to stand in line.

75 mile:	Sr. \$95	Jr. \$80	**Add \$15.00 for Non-AERC riders (covers day insurance)**
50 mile:	Sr. \$80	Jr. \$65	
25 mile:	Sr. \$65	Jr. \$50	**Make checks payable to Susan Keil**

**Introductory 15 mile ride (All entries \$30)** (Add \$1.00 for Non-AERC riders): This ride offers an opportunity for newcomers (riders and/or horses) to experience distance riding. This ride will have a pre- and post-ride vet check. There will also be an intra-ride vet check after 10 miles. Your horse's pulse must meet criteria to enter the vet check. Please be courteous and allow the limited distance and endurance riders to go ahead of you if the vet check area is busy. There will be a completion prize only (no placement awards, no best condition judging, no point/mileage accumulations, no results reported to AERC). This ride is to get your two feet and/or your horses' four feet wet....

**Inquire about joining AERC/OCER/MOTDRA at ride. Current AERC card required. Registration opens at 3:00 pm.** Although dual sanctioned with MOTDRA, all rides will be governed by AERC regulations.

**TRAILS:** Long loop open/rolling (lots of grass), moderate rock/hills/technical trail (~16 miles). Vet checks in camp for 25 miler. 50 & 75 miler will have a trot by out of camp on the first 23 mile loop. **All vet checks for all distances in camp. Shoes (and pads for tender feet) recommended.** **Start times:** 75 miler = 6:00 am; 50 miler = 7:00 am; 25 miler = 8:00 am; 15 miler = 8:00 am

**VETERINARIANS:** Leon Self, Jeanie Hauser, to be announced (Vetting-in to begin at 4:00 pm Friday)

**FARRIER:** Jason Craig 913.238.7806 (on site Friday pm and Saturday)

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Kathy Wismer Photography 785.594.4840 [www.kathywismer.com](http://www.kathywismer.com)

**RIDE MEETING/POT LUCK:** 7:00 pm Friday Please bring a side dish, a drink, and your chair

**Kansas Animal Health Commission regulations** require all out of state horses (this includes horses from Missouri) to show original copy of negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months and a health certificate issued within the last 30 days. Kansas horses must show original copy of negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months. **PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!!**

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**Thanks in advance to everyone else helping us with this fun event!**  
**HELMETS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDERS / NO EXCEPTIONS**  
(Dan and I value brain power and smart riding)