

ERABC NEWS 2009



Our members get around!... – December 2, 2009

"Deeper than a hoof dip. We moved on and arrived at High Springs Florida this aft, temp at 27 C amid tornado warnings and heavy rain. Storm should pass by 10:00 PM. Ride day is Sat 5, Rosie for Gail and Reo for me. Will both do 50 miles.

Elroy Karius



AGM in Merritt – November 15, 2009

The AGM in Merritt was one of the most well attended meetings we've ever had with over 40 participants. The conference room at the BW Nicola was just the right size, and the service was very good. After a full day of meetings, everyone relaxed to an informative talk about horse behaviour from Dr. Michael Peterson followed by an amazing slide and video show from our Tevis riders and crew. The event was capped off with a delicious banquet and awards presentation. Safe to say Lori Bewza was the big winner of the evening taking home Grand Champion, High Mileage BC, a Top 5 overall, and Partners Award, all with Black Majik.

Great story from the Endurance Canada site! – September 29, 2009

Thank you, Terry, Don and Brian! Moulton Creek was a HUGE success – what a team you are – what a start to the season! The ride was so well organized, down to the smallest detail. We know it is the last thing on your mind today but we certainly hope you will put on another ride in the near future! The ride site is phenomenal – the trail possibilities endless – perfect for a 'national/international' event! All the veterinarians were great; the volunteers helped out doing whatever, wherever, whenever needed – and the food was unbelievable! Personally, we did not see the trail but by all accounts it was amazing. It will be a long time before the 'view' from ride camp will be forgotten; how lucky you are to have found such a beautiful property!

And THANKS AGAIN for allowing FEI to be part of this experience. It is more important than ever to promote and support this type of event to develop and allow the horses and riders interested in the international experience a way to qualify to compete at Championship events and achieve their full potential. So...thanks for your kindness, patience and hospitality.

Without the generosity of ERABC, the FEI 1* held at Moulton Creek would NOT have been possible. On behalf of the FEI riders and the OC, we want to sincerely thank ERABC and its members for financially supporting this competition, assisting those riders pursuing international goals. With the World Equestrian Games being held in Kentucky next year, it has created new interest in 'riding for Canada', and you can be sure that some of the BC riders will be on the Team! We wish them the very best of luck!

Congratulations to all the riders on this first ride of the year in BC!

Daphne Richard, Chair, Endurance Canada

Ruth Carlson, Chair, FEI Endurance Committee

Tevis Cup – August 1, 2009

Kim Hofmarks, Danny Grant, Karen Ellis, and former ERABC member now living in Arizona Kevin Myers rode what is reputed the most difficult 100 mile endurance ride in the world in California today. Kim and Danny completed 8 minutes shy of the maximum 24 hrs allowed, while Kevin finished a couple of hours earlier. Unfortunately Karen's horse lost a shoe sometime prior to the final hold just 6 miles from the finish causing Elektra to trot out lame, and she was unable to complete. We are proud of all of these riders and their fantastic horses!



Ontario Championship Ride – July 31, 2009

Posted by Kate Coady: Just heard that Elroy and Doc (Jolly Holiday) came 2nd in the 50 and Gail and KD Colonel came 7th in the 75.

Young Riders FEI Championship – Kentucky – July 25, 2009

A heartfelt thanks and congratulations to our Canadian athletes, their horses and support crews from all your fans here in Canada. We appreciate the huge commitment it takes to get a horse and an athlete to a competition of this magnitude.



Cudos to these young ladies for their personal commitment to the sport, their determination to finish the ride (and finish well), and their caring, sportsmanlike conduct throughout the competition. You have represented Canada superbly, and we are so proud of you!!

Well done!!

Ruth Carlson
Chair of the FEI Endurance Committee
July 25, 2009

Young Riders Championship Ride – Kentucky – July 24, 2009

From Gail J – BC riders Ariel McLeod and Kate Coady

1st 25 miles front runners in about 844 and first place horse (Kirstin). Pulled metabolic. Way too fast for conditions. Our Canucks came in at 9:05 faster than planned but looked good and recovered right away ate/drank.

Slowing down next loop to around 7 mph. Word is that US west and US east are going to battle each other... They make up the 9 or so front runners. Our guys left 11 12 13th place. Should be in to the 40 mile mark around noon...

4:40 pm — All out on last loop 10 more miles. Attrition all over the place. Getting really exciting! Everyone is getting the Canadian buzz! Gail...

7 pm — Canada rocks! All FEI completed, placings: Apache and Kate 9th, Lee and Jazz 10th (Ontario), and Ariel and Rosie 11th! Rosie and Jazz got their FEI 2 star and both Apache and Lee presenting for BC! We are sooo proud of our girls! BC 7 am so we are busy!

9:45 pm — AN EXPERIENCE THEY WILL NEVER FORGET..... WE ARE SO PROUD!(dr)

The youth are done, asleep. We are enjoying a glass of wine and reflecting. Wonderful connection with Lee and Colette, very intentional and open to team concept. The girls so got it. Lots of great stories. Again the whole team concept proves itself. Not to forget our Mexican teammates. They both finished and were our anchor! The Mex and Canucks were checking in on each other all day! We plan to get together tomorrow to celebrate some more! Gail & Elroy

CANADA WINS TEAM SILVER!!



Ticket Raffle – July 22, 2009

The Ticket Raffle for a 3 day vacation at Idabel Lake Resort (benefit for International Riders) was won by Kari Tierney – Congratulations!

International Fundraising – June 20, 2009

International Fundraising initiative POSTER provides info about a must attend event on July 10th for all who would like to help our international riders do their best for us!

ERABC International Committee – June 20, 2009

ERABC International Committee have started a new fundraising initiative to help BC endurance riders reach their international riding goals. A big event is planned, and they need your support! Read all about it [HERE](#)

Tulip, the Morab Gelding – June 3, 2009

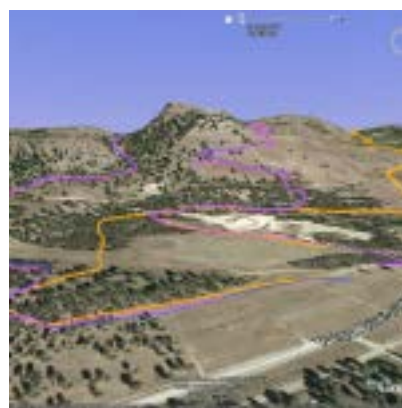
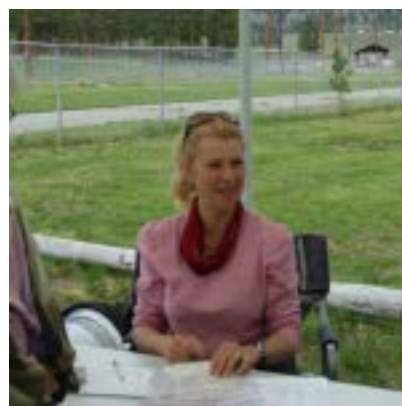
Tulip, the Morab gelding – the first horse in AERC history to exceed 20,000 miles. Still going strong at 21 yrs of age. Read his story [HERE](#) (PDF file)

TICKET RAFFLE – May 18, 2009

A TICKET RAFFLE is underway to raise funds for International Riders. The prize is a 3 day vacation in a private cabin at Idabel Lake Resort, 40 minutes south of Kelowna. Tickets are \$2 each. The draw will be held at the Rainbow ride site on July 5th. Contact Gail Jewell to buy tickets or to help sell them!

Rock Creek Roundup – May 18, 2009

The Rock Creek Roundup was a great success, with over 50 horses competing on the challenging trails maintained by Kettle River Trails Association. Kudos to the Association for hosting this event with flawless attention to detail. Results will be posted soon – watch the events page.



International Riding – January 15, 2009

Report on a recent meeting with Daphne Richard, Julius Bloomfield, Toni B, Murray and Bianca Mackenzie, Elroy Karius and Gail Jewell in attendance. See the proposed recommendations regarding International riding [HERE](#).