

The Rocky Beat

MONTHLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE ASSOCIATION

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SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER
9-12

32nd
RMHA
International
Grand
Championships

Kentucky
Horse
Park

RMHA TRAIL PROGRAM GAINS FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

Recently, I enrolled in RMHA's trail mileage program. Trail riding has been one of my favorite activities, ever since I bought my first horse in 2003. Getting out to nature on horseback, preferably with

some good friends, is a true pleasure. I started with Icelandic horses, and since 2017, I own both an Icelandic horse, Villimey, and a Rocky Mountain Horse, Bridgette's Little Anna, called Annie. Annie is a chocolate colored mare turning 14 this year, born in the US, imported to the Netherlands, and finally at Mireille van Meer's farm in Germany before I got the opportunity to

buy her and she moved to Sweden. Since then, we've spent many happy hours on the trail together. Annie has a wonderful smooth gait and enjoys exploring the trails as much as I do. I've kept notes on my rides and also started using an app to log my trail riding, which enabled me to fill in our mileage from the start of the mileage year. Our current standings (end of May) are 88 miles. We had a bad winter without snow but with muddy trails, thus forced to practice a lot

of arena riding. But now we're back on the trails and aiming to reach at least 100 miles.

We are located on the countryside close to the city of Uppsala, not so far from Sweden's capital Stockholm. In Sweden, there's something called "Right of public access", meaning you're allowed to enjoy nature everywhere following the simple rules of "Don't disturb - don't destroy". As a rider, you must be careful on certain lands to not damage the ground. Fortunately, our neighbor is an Icelandic Horse Center



offering riding school and guided trail rides, so there is a nice network of riding trails in the surroundings. We pass a small village and then we can enjoy almost endless trails in the nearby forest. Often, we hit the trails with company from the stable, in particular Katharina Meurer who took the pictures. Katharina owns two Iceland Horses,

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FROM THE HOME OFFICE



The first week in June started off with a bang! June 1st opened the opportunity to reserve stalls for this year's RMHA International show! At 7:55 am, the first person to reserve was at the office door, and the phone rang at exactly 8 am, and over 150 stalls were reserved that day! What does this mean, it means that our members are excited about their horses, excited about getting together with their friends and family for a common interest and that is encouraging as it shows support for our breed and they want to promote these wonderful horses!

The international is one spoke in the wheel I wrote about last month, so many more spokes. The office has also been extremely busy with the registry. Registrations, certifications, and transfers are all UP! This is fantastic. What does this mean? It means our members, breeders, trainers, staff, board members are promoting and sharing! We are growing! Keep up the good work! It truly takes a team working together for these things to happen.

The ballots for the election will be counted on June 27th, so be watching the website for our newly elected officers that will take their positions in September at the international show. Congratulate them, encourage them, and support them, they have stepped up to lead and need our support.

June is also seeing the member database updated & upgraded. This will be a very welcome change for the office because it will help the office staff to be more efficient and provide more accurate information for the membership. We are currently updating our member database to make sure all information is correct and accurate. This should be completed by August, which is perfect timing. Please be patient with us as we learn new software and procedures. We are better together, and I see this every day with the RMHA!

Stay safe, hug your horse.

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Would you like to see your name (or the name of your farm/business) displayed here with a live link during 2021?
Be a Silver, Gold or Platinum sponsor of the 2020 RMHA International !*

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

DEADLINES TO NOTE

Rocky Beat Deadline
for content or classifieds
1st of each month.

Summer Issue Magazine:
Deadlines for submission of:
Articles— pending
Ads— pending
Approx release-August 15th

Next RMHA Board Meeting

June 27th, 12 p.m.
Winchester, KY

[2020 RMHA Shows
and Sanctioned Classes](#)
updated information

[American Horse Council Benefits](#)
available to RMHA members

**2020 RMHA
International
Grand Championships**
September 9-12, 2020
Kentucky Horse Park

Breeders
Equine [B.E.S.T.S.](#)
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You can help to support the programs of the RMHA by advertising in the Rocky Beat, on the RMHA website or in the Rocky Mountain Horse magazine. All advertising must be prepaid. Call (859-644-5244) for more information.

**RMHA Publications Committee
Openings**

If you have strong writing, communications or proofreading skills, good organizational abilities and the ability to work well as a team member, please join the RMHA Publication Committee and help to promote the programs of the RMHA and the Rocky Mountain Horse breed by creating or helping to create educational and entertaining articles and news items for the Rocky Mountain Horse Magazine and the Rocky Beat. If you are interested, please contact [Cyndee Davis](#).

The **Rocky Mountain Horse** magazine is produced bi-annually as a promotional tool and a benefit to members of the RMHA. The RMHA Board has hired a publisher to solicit and prepare advertising content for the magazine and create the print magazine. All articles and editorial content will be the responsibility of members of the Publications Committee.

The **Rocky Beat** provides monthly updates to our membership and is edited and published by members of the RMHA Publications Committee using Publisher software.



[Friends of Sound Horses](#)
news and activities

Please send story or classified
submissions to
rmha.magazine@gmail.com

[RMHA Trail Program](#)

If you ride your Rocky Mountain Horse on the trail, you should be gaining awards in this program. A new online trail mileage tracker is coming soon.

[2020 Expo Participation Forms](#)

If you plan to participate in Expos in 2020 with your Rocky Mountain Horse, please consider representing the RMHA. Reimbursement for some expenses available.

[RMHA Versatility Program](#)

Do you participate in parades, trail competitions, horse shows, cowboy mounted shooting, obstacle competitions, extreme cowboy competitions, drill team, gaited dressage, expos, endurance? You should check out our versatility program and start adding up your points.

[RMHA KHBIF Information](#)
Kentucky Born and Bred
Program

For information on purchasing a print
of 5 Sons of Tobe, contact the
RMHA office.

R E G I O N A L L I A I S O N S

Do you know what a regional board liaison is? Here is your explanation according to the rules:

From the Rules, Section 3:

5. Board Communication with Affiliated Clubs (Amended January 24, 2015) Annually the president shall appoint a Member at Large of the Board to act as a direct liaison with each Affiliated Club. An officer may act in this capacity if specifically requested. Duties will require biannual reports from regional club liaisons with the second report to include financial status and a list of members.

Here are the currently appointed liaisons:

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| 1. Michigan | Kathy House |
| 2. Mid-Atlantic | Tess Smith |
| 3. Pacific Crest | Janet Peters |
| 4. Southern States | Jason Slone |
| 5. Tristate | Mik Fenn |
| 6. West Coast | Mindy Smith |
| 7. Lone Star | Kathy House |

C O N T A C T L I N K S F O R R E G I O N A L C L U B S

Consider joining one of the RMHA's affiliate Regional Clubs. This is a great way to meet other Rocky Mountain Horse owners and enjoy your Rocky in new ways. Many clubs arrange trail rides, horse shows and other events to promote the breed and to share their love for the Rocky Mountain Horse. Club members are also good resources for information about local supplies or services.

[Lone Star Rocky Club](#)

Texas and surrounding states

[Facebook](#)

President: [Loyd St. John](#)

Michigan RMH Club

Michigan & surrounding states

President: [Brenda Ricksgers](#)

[Mid-Atlantic RMH Club](#)

VA, MD, WVA, PA, NC

President: [Joe Jolley](#)

Pacific Crest RMH Club

Northern CA, WA, OR and surrounding states

[Facebook](#)

President: [Jan Dunn](#)

[Southern States RMH Club](#)

FL, GA, AL, SC

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President: Melissa Grimes

TriState RMH Club

OH, IN, KY and surrounding states

President: [Tess Smith](#)

[West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club](#)

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President: [Linda Clarke](#)

You belong
in a Rocky Mountain Horse Club!

RMHA TRAIL PROGRAM GAINS FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEMBER

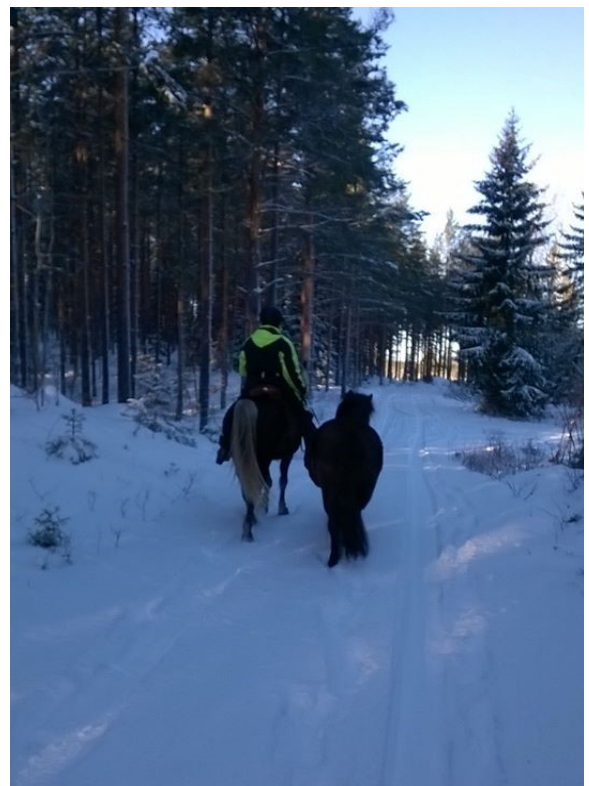
Hulda and Flugsvinn, and a funny detail is that they and my Annie travelled together from Germany to Sweden in January 2017.

In Sweden, there are about 25 Rockies in total, with increasing numbers now when the foals are coming. Thus, being a Rocky Mountain Horse rider feels a bit exclusive. I often get questions about my horse and of course people admire her beautiful color and are amazed by her ability to gait.

Needless to say, Annie loves to be admired.

Only recently, a facebook note captured my eye, announcing a trail program for members of the Swedish Quarter Horse Association. I then remembered reading about such a trail program on the RMHA-website, looked it up, and wrote a mail to the office wondering if international members could enroll. Turned out, I was very much welcome and I was the first international member to participate in the trail mileage program! I think the program is a fantastic idea to encourage and bring together trail riders. These days, we're getting used to being together without actually meeting, and online-events are popular, breaking isolation. The trail mileage program works in a similar way. Participating provides an opportunity to feel part of the Rocky society, regardless of where you're located. I really encourage more international member to join!

Submitted by International member, Martina Schäfer.
Photos by Katharina Meurer.



T R A I L M I L E A G E P R O G R A M

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Northcote	Gloria	30,296	Collins	Kelley	653
Moon	Dean	21,373	Adams	Miranda	650
Untiedt	Susan	15,225	Tucker	Julia	598
Pravda	Cindy	13,730	Abram	Karen	592
Plumley	Laura	12,078	Twyman	Cindy	561
Wisneski	Patty	10,450	Travers	Susan	437
Peters	Janet	9,242	Holland	Karen	426
Balan	Christina	9,126	Bullock	Lisa	346
Burke	JD	7,900	Bellamore	Tom	273
Kaper	Tara	5,237	Bunting	Kathleen	225
Ewert	David	4,445	DeHaan	Pamela	217
Cade	Jackie	3,769	Enderle	Patricia	207
Quatsoe	Carrie	3,633	Knight	Chrissy	117
Meadows	Sandi	3,384	Adams	James	110
Fleming	Angela	3,354	Bellamore	Lisa	103
Nichols	Jennifer	3,249			
Meadows	Dallas	3,176			
Daby	Leahe	3,086			
Zynda	Alyce	2,961			
Killip	Tammy	2,796			
O'Dell	Ashley	2,522			
Hesterberg	Armin	2,456			
Styers	Ellen	2,282			
Tremper	Lee	2,112			
Miller	D'Anna	2,081			
Smith	Tess	1,870			
Smith	Ken	1,775			
Pearce	Rhonda	1,706			
Dunn	Jan	1,675			
Griffin	Terri	1,633			
Pierson	Dolly	1,484			
Jolley	Marianne	1,328			
Depew	Claudia	1,246			
Altizer	Diane	1,186			
Reeder	Deborah	1,169			
Sheglia	Michelle	1,165			
Morgan	Rosemary	1,153			
Grimes	Melissa	1,058			
Hopkins	Leslie	1,014			

Trail Miles 2019 Year End

RMHA VERSATILITY PROGRAM

If you enjoy a number of different activities with your Rocky, you really should check out this RMHA program.

Like other programs of the RMHA, the Versatility Program operates on an annual competition year which runs from November 1st to October 31st of the following year. Points can accumulate from a variety of activities, including: trail riding, competitive trail events, traditional horse showing, educational and competitive 4H programs, team penning, western/gaited/traditional dressage, stadium jumping, cross country, eventing, carriage driving, drill team or demonstration exhibitions, parades and many other activities that may be popular where you live. Keeping good records of the events and programs you participate in will be important as you must provide documentation (score cards/sheets, photos, receipts, awards or other forms depending on the activity) with your entry form (postmarked) by November 15th) to be tabulated for the year.

Youth and adults may participate, and awards are provided in both Youth and Adult categories and are presented at the annual RMHA Awards Banquet which has been held in February for the last few years. The forms needed to participate in this program are on the RMHA website. One form will allow you to compete for the annual RMHA Versatile Horse of the Year award; the other, the Accumulating form, will be needed to create a continuing record for cumulative awards presented each year. A more detailed description of the program is on the RMHA website [Versatility Program page](#).

Good luck! We look forward to seeing you participate in the RMHA Versatility Program.

RMHA TRAIL MILEAGE PROGRAM

Starting with the 2020 Trail Year (November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020), Registered Rocky Mountain Horses, certified and uncertified, are participating in the RMHA Trail Mileage Program. The revised program includes two awards subprograms.

An **RMHA Rider Mileage Program** where yearly and lifetime trail miles are tracked by Riders, in two divisions:

1. For riders riding one or more RMHA Registered uncertified horses.
2. For riders riding one or more RMHA Registered and Certified horse(s).

An **RMHA Trail Horse Program** in which yearly and lifetime trail miles are tracked by Riders on Registered and Certified Rocky Mountain Horse(s).

All Yearly and Lifetime awards will be presented at the annual RMHA Awards Banquet. Details about these programs and how to join in tracking you and your horses' trail miles is available on the RMHA website [Trail Mileage Program page](#).

The Trail Committee is currently working on updating the awards for the Trail Program and developing a sponsorship program, to help provide improved awards for this program and promote the Trail Programs. If you are interested in being a sponsor – please let us know!

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Mission:

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Horse Association is to aid and encourage the preservation, promotion, breeding and development of the Rocky Mountain Horse throughout the United States and Internationally.

C L A S S I F I E D S A V A I L A B L E

Fifty words may not seem like a lot, but when you think about it, you can pack quite a bit of information into that many words. Adding a live link to your website and another to your email address would also be an option, with new option for a photo as well.

Since Facebook no longer allows ads for horses, this might be a good place to advertise horses for sale or promote equine services or products. Add a live link for your website and email. Include your phone number, as well. Put some thought into it and you can say a lot, with new option for a photo as well..

Just remember the deadline for submission is the first of each month. Write your ad and send in your photo and information to rmha.magazine@gmail.com, call the office to pay for the ad, then sit back and wait for the phone to ring or the email to arrive.

Classified Ads are \$10 with a 50 word allowance plus 1 photo