



We kicked off our 2017 season with a GREAT May show!! We are excited for the June show, only 4 days away! If you haven't already, check out our new online pre-entry system. Looking forward to seeing you this weekend! Let's hope for great weather. :)

Vendors:

Olen Miller of Miller's Saddlery will be at our June show! Miller Saddlery is located in Goshen, IN. Olen makes saddles, chinks, reins, and many other leather products. Stop in and check him out!

Practices:

The proceeds from the practices will go to support our **RHAM Youth World Team**.

- **Trail Practice**
 - Friday, June 9th from 6pm – 8pm
 - Fee: \$5.00 per one horse / one rider team
 - Location: Jack Dean Make-Up Ring

RANCH TRAIL WALK THRU WITH JUDGES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 10:30AM-11:00AM ON JUNE 10TH, ALLOWING EXHIBITORS TO ASK JUDGES QUESTIONS ABOUT PATTERN.

Ranchy Games

We will have Friday Game Night 'Ranch Style' starting at 6pm. Entry fee per class is \$5. Proceeds from games will support our **RHAM Youth World Team**.

- **Steady Eddy Ranch Reining**
 - Contestants will run Ranch Reining pattern #3 while carrying a cup of water. The exhibitor who finishes their pattern with the most water left in their cup will be the winner!
 - Cups and water provided at gate.
 - Each rider will be provided a cup with their back number on it and it will be filled to the same level with water for each rider.
 - Water levels at end of ride will be marked on cups and cups will be used to determine winner.
- **Egg & Spoon Ranch Riding**
 - Contestants will participate in a Ranch Riding rail class while balancing an egg on a spoon. The last exhibitor with an egg on a spoon will win!
 - As a fundraiser for the youth, you will be able to purchase extra eggs prior to the class from the RHAM youth members for \$2 per egg. During your ride, you will designate an 'assistant' to stand in the middle of the arena; in the event you drop an egg, you can go to the center and get a replacement until you run out of 'mulligan eggs'. Extra eggs MUST be purchased prior to the start of the games!
 - Spoons and eggs provided.
- **Barrels Ride-A-Buck**
 - Exhibitors will run a barrel pattern with a buck tucked between their leg and the saddle.

- Contestant with the fastest time while keeping the buck in place for the entire ride will win!
- BYOB – bring your own buck. (*what did you think it meant???*)

We hope you'll saddle up and join in the fun OR, at the very least, come watch and have a laugh!

Potluck!!!

There will be a potluck dinner at 8pm on Friday, June 9th. Everyone is welcome, bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. Join us in welcoming back our old friends and meeting new ones.

Announcement of 2017 RHAM Youth Representative will take place during our Potluck. Welcome Ashley Ray!

RHAM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING POTLUCK.

Opening Ceremonies:

Please join us each day for the opening ceremonies held in the Jack Dean Make-Up Ring.

- Saturday, June 10th at 7:30am
- Sunday, June 11th at 7:30am

Upcoming Events:

July 16-22, 2017: World Championship Show hosted at *C Bar C Expo Center in Cloverdale, IN*

Misc:

The Amateur Committee for ARHA is selling Texas Roadhouse peanuts for a fundraiser that will help with year end awards (sportsman and most improved). Snack bags of Texas Roadhouse peanuts are available for \$5/bag! Please contact Michelle Lyle to request yours today!

Show Forms:

The following forms are available on the RHAM website at <http://www.miranchhorse.com/forms/>:

- Membership forms
- Versatility forms
- RHAM Permanent Back Numbers
- Showbills & more...

Pre-entries:

New for 2017 – Online Pre-entry & EKG Verified Program!!!

We are excited to announce new programs for 2017 that are now officially launched for the RHAM 2017 Show Season!

Online Pre-entries: Pre-entries are now simpler than ever! No more printing, scanning, and emailing! Follow the link to submit your entries for the May season opener including Versatility class selections! https://www.cognitofrms.com/RHAM2/_2017GreatLakesRanchHorseCircuitJune1011PreEntryForm

Submit your pre-entry prior to noon on Wednesday, June 7th to qualify for a pre-entry discount of \$20. Must show in a minimum of 10 classes to receive the discount.

EKG Verified is a pre-verification program being offered to Ranch Horse Association of Michigan exhibitors in 2017. This program allows you to submit all your horse and exhibitor paperwork – Certificates of Eligibility, coggins, membership cards, etc. ahead of the first show and only ONE TIME. Once you're Verified, you're set for the season!* Come to the office, flash your card, and select your classes (if you haven't done so already). Simple as that!

To register at the show, you MUST BRING

- copy of horse's ARHA registration
- copy of exhibitor's current ARHA membership card
 - o *you must hold a current ARHA membership card for the appropriate division(s) to be eligible to show in ARHA classes*
- copy of exhibitor's current RHAM membership card
 - o *RHAM points for year-end awards begin accumulating at time of paid membership for current show season/year*
- copy of horse's current negative coggins
- copy of horse's current health certificate if you are traveling from outside of Michigan

If you are not pre-entering, the above are still needed when you check-in at the show so to expedite your non-pre-entry check-in; please be sure to bring copies of the above documents with you.

Exhibitor Arrivals:

• Exhibitors can arrive after 12pm on Friday, June 9, 2017

Show Office Hours:

- Friday, June 9th from 3pm to 9pm
- Saturday, June 10th from 7am to 8pm
- Sunday, June 11th from 7am to end of show

Stall Reservations / Information:

• Stall reservations can be made online at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/RHAM2/RHAMJuneShowCampingAndStallReservations>

If you have questions, you can contact Sam Holwerda at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

or samholwerda@yahoo.com Please reserve your stall(s) **by 12pm Wednesday, June 7th**

Stall Shavings:

• Shavings can be purchased directly from the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds with payments being made to them; \$7.50/bag. This is not handled by the RHAM show office.

Lodging:

• The Village Inn hotel in Berrien Springs is closed. An alternate option is the EconoLodge at 2723 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI

On Site Food:

• We are pleased to announce that PANTHER GRILL will be onsite to provide yummy food

Patterns:

Patterns for all 2017 shows are posted on our website at: <http://www.miranchhorse.com/forms/>

Find updated Trail Patterns, they can be found on the website and in our pattern books.

The following patterns by class are available in the ARHA 2016-2017 Rulebook at:

http://www.americanranchhorse.net/uploads/forms/2016_2017_Rulebook_WEB_1122016.pdf

- Reining Pattern #6
- Ranch Reining Pattern #2
- Working Ranch Horse Pattern #3
- Working Cow Horse Pattern #7
- Ranchmanship Pattern #1
- Trail, Showmanship & Horsemanship - Patterns are posted on the RHAM website (*see link above*) and will be posted at the show office.

Pattern books with patterns for the entire year will be available for \$5 at the show office.

Sponsorship Reward:

Just a reminder that RHAM is offering a reward for Sponsorships. Members can earn a show credit in the amount of 10% of the sponsorship. See website and sponsorship forms for details.

If you have any questions, please contact a RHAM board member. Contact information for RHAM board members can be found on the RHAM website.

-- your RHAM Board