



The Whole Hog Redux 2025

“Soooo-ie Pig”

FRIDAY, October 3 & SATURDAY, October 4, 2025

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATES:
RIDE IS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AS IN 2024)**

Intro, 25 Mile LD, and 50 Mile Endurance Fri and Sat!

SANCTIONED BY AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE (AERC) & SPONSORED BY TEXAS
ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION (TERA)

Come one, come all! No limit on participants!

(OK, if 200 people sign up, we'll have to talk!)

Ride Manager: John Nowell, (972) 672-8250; jcnowell@msn.com

Ride Secretary: Kerry Lowrey, (337) 424-7074 (KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com)

Assistant Ride Manager: Bo Parrish **SS Rep:** Alan Padgett

Head Control Vet: Valerie Bixler **Additional Vets:** Linda Montgomery; Lynn Criner

Ride HQ and Campground:
Valley View Group Use Facility at the
LBJ National Grasslands,
Operated by the U.S. Forest Service
(North of Decatur, Texas - see Google Maps)
(Note: Ride HQ is NOT at TADRA Point!)

APPROXIMATE Start Times for all distances:

50 Miles: 7:00 AM 25 Miles: 7:30 AM Intros: 9:00 AM

(Note: The times are approximate and for planning purposes only. Final start times will be posted when determined.)

PRIZES: Completion prizes for both distances. Best Condition, High Vet, etc.

AND

We'll be holding the "Taste of Endurance" Intro Rides again this year. See the ride's FB page for more inf

New Payment Options for TWHR 2025

If you wish, you may pay your entry fees by either Zelle or Paypal. The following are the correct addresses:

Zelle: TWH-20XX@outlook.com Paypal: jcnowell@msn.com

PLEASE NOTE: You must pay any fees associated with the use of Paypal (such as the credit card fee).

If paying by check, make check(s) payable to: **John Nowell** You may mail your entry form (and check[s] if applicable) to Kerry at the address shown on the bottom of the entry form, or you may bring your completed form to the ride. You may pay by cash at the ride only.

You must fill out the Jotform before paying your entry fees! Here's the link: <https://form.jotform.com/252248480926160>

Financial Policies for TWHR 2025

The following are the financial policies for this year's ride (these apply ONLY to TWHR 2025 held on October 3 and 4):

- Your ride fee will include a non-refundable component – or, if you prefer, a “deposit” – of \$35 for each ride entry. If the ride is cancelled for any reason, your entry fee will be returned to you minus the \$35. This will ensure that ride management can pay for “up-front” and “nonrefundable” expenses in a businesslike manner.
- Once your horse passes the pre-ride vet check, you are deemed to have entered the ride for purposes of your entry fee. No ride entry refunds will be given once your horse passes this check. If your horse does not pass the pre-ride vet check, your entry fee will be refunded minus the \$35. As always, the vets will make the final decision regarding whether your horse passes this check.
- Entry fees for the 25 and 50 mile distance will be \$120 if your payment is received on or before September 14th, and \$135 for payments received between September 15th and September 22nd. If your payment is not received by September 22nd, you must pay at the ride (check or cash). On-site ride fee is \$145.

As I'm sure all of you realize, conducting endurance rides in these times is a business which requires many hours of preparation and significant up-front expense. Riders must assume a greater share of these risks if our sport is to continue. We need to recruit and train new ride managers, and a key component of doing so is minimizing their financial risk. Let me know if you have any questions.

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RM, TWHR 2025

The Whole Hog Redux 2025 Entry Form

Rider Name: _____ AERC# _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Home#: (____) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Weight Div: Heavy (>210lbs) Middle (186-210 lbs) Light (161-185 lbs) Feather (<161 lb) Junior

If you are a junior the following must be completed:

Sponsor's Name: _____ AERC# _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: _____

Fri Horse: _____ AERC# _____ Distance: **50 25 Intro**

Sat Horse: _____ AERC# _____ Distance: **50 25 Intro**

Entry Fees: (Fee includes EVERYTHING!—Trail Access Fee, Camping fee of \$10/day (**but see "Camping" below**), & AERC Drug Fee)

+ _____ 25 Mile LD \$120 on or before Sept 14 (**\$135 Sept 15 thru Sept 21; \$145 thereafter**)

+ _____ 50 Mile END \$120 on or before Sept 14 (**\$135 Sept 15 thru Sept 21; \$145 thereafter**)

Available Discount: **\$5 TERA Member discount**** TERA # _____

+ _____ Junior Rider \$75 (LD or 50, No other discounts Apply)

+ _____ Intros \$60

+ _____ **\$20 Non-AERC Member Fee (DO NOT PAY if you are INTRO)**

TOTAL: _____ Check # _____ (check if using Zelle _____ or PayPal _____) or cash at ride

** _____ ** CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE AHA REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP!

Fill out Jotform @: <https://form.jotform.com/252248480926160>

If paying by check, make check(s) payable to: **John Nowell**
Mail Payment (if check) to: Kerry Lowrey, 163 Fisher McConathy Rd., Anacoco, La 71403
Email: KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com

LIABILITY RELEASE

The liability release will be the same as last year, and you will be asked to sign it at the ride. Each adult rider must sign his or her own release; you cannot sign for another adult rider. Parents or guardians will be required to sign the release on behalf of minors.

GREAT NEWS! MEALS AVAILABLE!

The Decatur Methodist Youth Fellowship will be providing meals for purchase on both Thursday and Friday evenings! Cost is \$10 per plate each day. Menus are being developed and will be posted on the TWHR Facebook page when available.

Schedule:

Camp Opens:	10:00 AM Thursday
Registration Opens:	2:00 PM Thursday
Vet-In Begins:	3:00 PM Thursday
Ride Meeting:	6:30 PM Thursday
Awards Meeting:	after 50's finish on Friday

Directions to The Whole Hog Redux (TWHR)

The headquarters and ride site for TWHR will be the Valley View Group Use Facility at the LBJ Grasslands. If you have been here before, you probably have your favorite route; and all of you probably have access to a good GPS. Here are a couple of suggestions if you need them.

From the West, South, or East: Take US 380 to Decatur. Exit to FM 730. Take FM 730 north approximately 9.2 miles to CR 2461. Turn left on CR 2461, and then take an immediate right on CR 2560. Proceed approximately 4.7 miles to the junction of CR 2560 and CR 2675. Continue straight on CR 2675 for 2 miles to the entrance to Valley View Campground on your right.

From the North: Proceed to the city of Era, TX (consult your map). From Era, take SH 51 southwest to FM 455, about 12 miles. Turn right on FM 455 and proceed to FM 730, about 7.2 miles. Turn left on FM 730 and proceed south to CR 2461, about 7.6 miles. Turn right on CR 2461, and then take an immediate right on CR 2560. Proceed approximately 4.7 miles to the junction of CR 2560 and CR 2675. Continue straight on CR 2675 for 2 miles to the entrance to Valley View Campground on your right.

NOTE: If you come through the Decatur area, watch your speed, as there are always city and county law enforcement officers monitoring the roads.

There should be ample parking for everyone, but a monitor will be on hand to help you park.

TRAILS: The ride will be held on the trails of the LBJ National Grasslands, operated by the U.S. Forest Service. The terrain is gently rolling and varies from open meadows to some forested areas; it is not considered “technical”. You may encounter some sandy areas. The trail surface is considered barefoot friendly, although you should consider shoes or boots.

Trails are permanently marked and easily visible; additional trail markings will be provided where needed. The trails we will use are loops, and all vet checks will be held in camp

RULES: Endurance is an athletic event for both horse and rider. The goal is to complete the marked trail within the time given as established by AERC standards with an equine that is fit to continue from checkpoint to checkpoint. Equines must pass a complete vet check before, during, and after the ride. All AERC rules will apply. Safety helmets are recommended for all riders, but are required for juniors at any time they are on their equine, in camp or on trail. Junior riders must be accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) at all times during the ride. Juniors riding as Seniors must show AERC approval.

GATE HOURS: Camp will open on Thursday at 10:00am, and close Monday at 10:00 am. Water *for horses only* is available in camp. Riders, please bring your own water for your consumption. Vet checks will be in camp.

ALL manure and hay must be spread nicely! Human trash must be packed out – no dumpster available!!

CAMPING: The camping fee and day rider fee is included in your ride entry *for Thursday and Friday only*. You are responsible for your camping fee if you arrive before Thursday (or Saturday if you stay over until Sunday). This fee is \$10 fee per vehicle per day. You must pay these fees to the US Forest Service directly; a drop box is available to deposit your payment. There are no hookups available.

Many thanks for your interest in The Whole Hog Redux!

**As always, I’m available to answer any questions.
See you in October!**

**John Nowell, Ride Manager
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REGION 9 ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

AHA Region IX 50 mile Endurance Championship
October 4, 2025 LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX
Sanctioned by AHA & AERC



The Region 9 Endurance Championship is being held in conjunction with THE WHOLE HOG REDUX 2025 AERC ride.

Camping: This is a primitive base camp on a small hill with a thick stand of hardwood trees and a scenic pond & windmill for horse water. There is ample room for campers; however, no electricity or people water is available. Rest room facilities are provided. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. There are restaurants, motels and stores in Decatur.

Trails: The ride is considered easy terrain. Trails vary from fast flat areas, to high open areas with panoramic views, to deeply wooded forest. All trail is natural, with roadway's used only for crossings. There should be ample horse water on trail. Shoes are not required; however, they are recommended. All vet checks will be in base camp. All trails are permanently marked. The weather in the October can range from cool & rainy to hot & dry. This is Texas where we have quite the weather ranges.

Head Vet will be Valerie Bixler, DVM

No steward is required for this ride

There will be completion awards given by the AERC portion of the ride. The following awards are specific to AHA:

<u>CHAMPION ARABIAN:</u>	<u>RES. CHAMPION ARAB:</u>	<u>TOP 5 ARAB:</u>
TROPHY CHAMPION RIBBON	RES. CHAMP. RIBBON RESERVE CHAMP PLAQUE	TOP 5 RIBBON TOP 5 PLAQUE
<u>CHAMPION HALF-ARAB:</u>	<u>RESERVE HALF-ARAB:</u>	<u>TOP 5 HALF- ARAB:</u>
TROPHY CHAMPION RIBBON	RESERVE CHAMP RIBBON RESERVE CHAMP PLAQUE	TOP 5 RIBBON TOP 5 PLAQUE

THE RIDE WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE TO THE 2025 AHA HANDBOOK, CHAPTER 17.

PROVISION FOR PROTEST: (2025 AHA HANDBOOK)

1. Protest must be filed in writing, signed by the protester and submitted to the Ride Secretary, Ride Manager, Ride Steward or Chair of the Ride Committee within 8 days of end of the ride.
2. A fee of \$100 must accompany the protest, and will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
3. Complete AHA rules may be found in the 2025 AHA HANDBOOK or www.arabianhorses.org

2025 AHA REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP 50 MILES
October 4, 2025 LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX

RIDER INFORMATION

Name _____ AHA # _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

HORSE/OWNER INFORMATION (Enter under full registered name)

Horse Name _____ AERC # _____

Age _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Color _____ Reg # _____

Owner _____ Owner AHA # _____

Name/date/length qualifying ride(s) _____

AHA Region 9 ENTRY FEE:

\$30.00 for 50 mile Entry fee payable to Region 9 AHA Check # _____ Cash _____

***** LEGAL RELEASE, DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU READ *****

As a participant in the AHA Region 9 Endurance ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the AHA. I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable and accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold the Ride Management, all ride personnel, the US Forest Service, AHA and Region 9 blameless for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride, and free from all liability for such injury and loss.

Rider signature _____ Date _____

Owner signature _____ Date _____

Junior Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Permission for emergency treatment _____

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR AHA REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE

HORSE:

1. Must be qualified by having successfully completing at least 100 lifetime miles of competition. (See 2025 handbook)
2. Must be a registered Arabian, Half Arabian or Anglo Arabian. Horse must be at least 60 months of age, ridden and owned by a current member of AHA. (Owner and rider need not be same)
3. A current negative Coggins test is required.
4. **Copies of registration papers (front & back) and AHA competition membership cards(owner and rider) must be presented.**

RIDER AND OWNER:

Both rider and owner must be current competition members of AHA, and cards must be shown for entry into ride.