White Mountain Tango Endurance Ride
2 Day Event - Friday & Saturday August 21 & 22, 2026
AERC Sanctioned 50 & 25 Mile Rides (Limited to 32 Rigs)
Entry opens Monday July 20, 2026. Sign up by August 3rd to receive a ride shirt (new style for 2026) or a full length apron with pockets.
This ride has special requirements. Please read all the information below before signing up.

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Thank you for your interest in attending the White Mountain Tango Endurance ride. We look forward to sharing the beautiful White Mountain trails with you. However, there are several entry requirements and limitations so please read the following information thoroughly to determine if this ride is a good fit for you.

This is the 5th year of the White Mountain Tango endurance ride. Ride management and riders have built a strong working relationship with the forest service to establish the first Endurance ride in the area. We respect the strict requirements of the forest service to mitigate our impact on the land, therefore, the ride is limited to 32 rigs. Ride sharing is encouraged and appreciated, the fewer rigs to impact the land the better.

Rules and Regulations: The ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC rules. Go to www.aerc.org for the details. It is your responsibility to know the rules. **We do not allow ties.**

Camping: High ties are best but **small** portable pens are allowed. Electric/wire fences are **NOT** permitted. Highlines between trees must meet forest service and ride management requirements. **Certified weed free hay or pellet feed** is **required**. US forest service **fire restrictions** will be followed.

Trail: The majority of the ride is on the White Mountain Trail system, which is built and maintained by Tracks, a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization of about 650 volunteers. We are grateful for their dedication and hard work. For more information, to join or make a donation to Tracks go to **Trackswhitemountains.org** . The trails are multi-use, you may encounter hikers, bikers, equestrians, cattle, vehicles and **wildlife.** The single track sections of the trail take you through beautiful ponderosa pine and aspen tree forests and lush meadows. Much of the trail is **technical** and **slow** going with some areas of fast forest roads but overall this **will not** be a fast ride. Plan for a long day on beautiful trails in the mountains. The footing throughout the ride will vary, some sort of hoof protection is **strongly** recommended. Base camp elevation is 7800 feet. Bring a **fit** horse. The most difficult loop will have about 1933 feet of elevation gain. There are **several** gates to open and close along the routes, some cowboy and some easy swing/latch. There are also stock ponds. Carrying a collapsible bucket for dipping is highly recommended or hoof boots are likely to be sucked off in the mud. The **Kachina Ham Radio club** will be at checkpoints along the trail to help with communication should issues arise. We are exceedingly grateful for the volunteer service of these passionate radio operators. Please be sure

to thank them for their service as you ride by. The Kachina Ameteur Radio Club is also a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For more information or to make a donation go to **Kachinaarc.org** .

Navigation: As always**,** the trail will **NOT** be marked with ribbons. The routes for the ride are set up in Ride With GPS and the Event link will be sent to all registered riders, at no cost to riders. **All riders are REQUIRED to use Ride With GPS to navigate the routes.** If you are accustomed to using a Garmin or other GPS unit you may upload the routes from Ride With GPS into your unit and run them simultaneously. You are still **required** to use Ride With GPS on your phone and **be prepared to share your saved tracks with ride management if requested**. Ride with GPS is user friendly and is an amazing tool with a moving map display, voice cues and off course warnings but it is **not foolproof.** Practice at home and know how to use it. Help is available at Ridewithgps.com via the many well done tutorials and by emailing RWGPS support. Management is also happy to help you but please contact us well before the ride with any questions you have. Do not wait until the last minute. If you are **NOT** comfortable using Ride With GPS to navigate the routes, this ride is **NOT** for you. In addition, you **must** carry a **portable charger and the printed maps and cue sheets** in case of phone failure. Know how to use the RWGPS ``navigate **back to start feature" and how to drop a pin in Google maps** in case of emergency. If you need help, ask. It is your responsibility to be properly prepared for a mountain ride.

Base Camp Location: This is a primitive campsite among the pine trees in the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest approximately 17 miles northeast of Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona. Base camp coordinates are 34 8' 46.3535" N 109 45' 13.9813" W . The coordinates are for information purposes, **DO NOT use** for navigation or you will find yourself on an impassable road.

Directions: From Pinetop-Lakeside: Take AZ-260 E to the small town of McNary. Turn left (north) on N Cady road. You will travel briefly through the town. The road becomes the Vernon McNary rd #3140. Travel for approximately 8.5 miles to FR 96, turn right (east) then take your first right (south). The road veers to the left and deadends at the cattle guard. You may park on either side of the road **AFTER** the bend in the road well before the cattle guard. Look for signs.

Directions: From Show Low: Head East on AZ-60. Continue East towards Springerville at the AZ-60-AZ-61 fork. Turn right (south) on Vernon McNary rd #3140 which takes you through the small town of Vernon. After about 4 miles the road will turn to dirt. Continue for approximately 6 miles to FR 96 turn left (east) then take your first right (south) The road veers to the left and dead ends at the cattle guard. You may park on either side of the road **AFTER** the bend in the road, well before the cattle guard. Look for signs.

Ride office location: Look for the AZERC flag on the trailer near the cattle guard at the end of the road.

No parking is permitted in the meadow. Ride Management will be in camp by Tuesday, August 18th, 2026 you are welcome to join us but water will not arrive until sometime on Wednesday. **Ride camp is limited by total rigs, please NO additional/unentered vehicles.**

Cell/Internet service: In our experience, T mobile & AT&T have intermittent cell coverage in base camp and on the trail. Verizon has none. Neither has internet service. You are likely to have service near Hon Dah Casino or in Vernon both are about 10 miles away. Ride management will have Star Link set up and are happy to share **IF** all goes as planned. We will do our best but there is no guarantee you will have internet or phone service in base camp.

Water, Manure, Trash, Dogs: Water will arrive Wednesday afternoon. Please help ride management by bringing as much water as possible for you and your horse. Cattle love to find our water and drink it up! You may fill up water for horses at the Hon-Dah RV park just outside of Pinetop. We have permission to **spread the manure** instead of hauling it out as we have done in the past. Being able to do this makes a huge difference to us all. Please **spread the manure**

well! Please leave your campsite as you found it and take your trash with you. Leashed or contained, well behaved dogs are allowed. Please respect others by keeping them out of other campsites and the vetting area.

Ride Packet: Once your entry has been processed your ride packet will be sent electronically. The ride packet will include information about using Ride With GPS, the RWGPS **Event Link** and the PDF files for the maps and cue sheets for each of the ride routes. **You will need to print maps & cue sheets and download routes for offline use** on your cell phone prior to leaving home. If printing the maps and cue sheets is a hardship, contact Lancette by Wednesday August 19th and a packet will be prepared for you to pick up at check-in/Vet-in.

Check-in/Vet-In Vet-in is on Thursday & Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 (Friday as time allows between riders). If riding the same horse both days your vet out on day one is your vet in for day 2. The vet's word is final. **Harassing the vet is grounds for disqualification.**

Ride Meeting: Ride meeting will be at 7:00 pm each night. If you are unable to attend for any reason please contact Lancette so you don't miss any critical information that might be shared.

Vet Checks: All vet checks are in camp.

Potluck: Thursday at 6:30 this has become a fun AZERC tradition. We hope you will join us. Ride management will provide paper goods, utensils & water. Bring something to share, don't forget any serving utensils.

Lunches: Ride management will provide a sandwich, chips, a sweet and a drink to riders and crew on ride days. Please help us plan by indicating on the entry form if you and a crew member would like lunch.

Dinner: Friday at 6:30 we will have Los Corrales Mexican food. Fire bowls will be set up to gather around and share stories of the day. Saturday dinner you will be on your own.

Awards: We will give a daily completion award, first place, best condition and top 10. We **may** have other awards. If you would like to receive a **ride shirt or apron** as one of your completion awards we must have your entry form and payment by **Monday, August 3rd.** This is the amount of time required to receive the order. If you are unable to get your entry to us by then, no problem. Instead of a ride shirt or apron you will receive something else.

Ride Photographer: Alicia Toedter will once again be on site to photograph the ride each day. Each rider can choose a high resolution digital image as their participation/completion award. The photos will also be available for purchase at https://aliciatoedter.pixieset.com/ . You may contact Alicia at Aicia.tnh@gmail.com with any questions. We are grateful for Alicia's talent and willingness to travel to shoot the ride. **Please** support her efforts so she can continue to photograph our Arizona rides.

Favorite Things Basket Raffle: Tickets can be purchased in camp or online 2 for $10 or 5 for $20. Proceeds will benefit The Kachina Ham Radio Club and Tracks .

Rig/Entry Fee: Every rig must have at least two entries i.e. 1 rider 2 days, 2 riders 1 day each. Your entry fee is $145 each day for either the 50 or 25 mile ride, it includes lunch each day, and a catered Mexican dinner on Friday. You are on your own on Saturday night**.** I can provide some local suggestions for dinner if you would like to go into town. Please **pre-register by Monday, August 10th.** There are no onsite registrations. **Entry opens Monday, July 20, 2026.** Receipt of your entry and payment will be confirmed via email. If your entry has been received after the ride limit has been reached will be notified and put on the waiting list.

click here https://form.jotform.com/261995575188174 to sign up online.

Payment: Send your payment via PayPal (Friends & Family only) to Lancette@gmail.com or via paper check mailed to 2313 N Sinagua Cir, Mesa AZ 85203. Your entry in the ride is not complete until payment is received. Please verify you are using Lancette@gmeil.com to send payment.

Refund/Cancellation Policy: Ride entry cancellations received **on or before 5 pm Monday, August 10,** will receive a refund less a **$25 administration fee.** No refunds for cancellations **after 5 pm August 10th, 2026. Refunds will be processed after the ride and could take up to two weeks.**

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Thursday	**August 20, 2026**
8:00 am	Base Camp Opens
1:00 to 5:00	Rider Check-In/Vet In
6:30 pm	Potluck dinner
7:00 pm	Ride Meeting

Friday	**August 21, 2026**
6:30 am	50 Mile Ride Start
8:00 am	25 Mile Ride Start
1:00 to 5:00	Rider Check-In/Vet-In (between Friday riders)
6:30	Los Corrales Mexican Dinner/Favorite Things Basket Raffle
7:00	Awards/Ride Meeting

Saturday	**August 22, 2026**
6:30 am	50 Mile Ride Start
8:00 am	25 Mile Ride Start
1:00 to 5:00	Rider Check-In/Vet-In (between Friday riders)
	Dinner-On your own
7:00 pm	Awards

Sunday	**August 23, 2026**
6:30	Farewell Coffee & Juice

Average high/low temperature 80/54 Sunrise 5:45 Sunset 7:02

Please leave a positive impression on the people you encounter on the trail and always LEAVE NO TRACE. Thank you for your participation in this ride, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you!

Lancette Koerner & Ellen Hickey