

EPA Horseless Rally

April 11, 2026



Hosted by Endless Mountains Pony Club

Organizer: Christine McClure

Technical Delegate:

Horse Management:

Horse Management: TBA

Welcome to Horseless Rally!

Horseless Rally is the Rally with “everything but the horse”. Pony Club members who are new to the rally scene, generally D level, are encouraged to attend. Horseless Rally is designed to allow new and inexperienced members to experience what rallies are like without having the stress of bringing and riding a horse. This rally is open to non-pony club students who may be interested in getting a PC experience with the possibility of joining. If you know someone who is considering PC but is not sure, bring them along for the fun!

Details:

Registration Deadline: March 27, 2025

Cost: \$20 per team member

Late Registration fee: \$25 per team

Teams: At least 3, no more than 4 members. No stable manager is needed!

Rules: Horseless Rally follows Pony Club Rules for Eventing

Tack Room: We will be setting up rally tents inside our indoor arena.

Attire: Wear appropriate attire for a regular mounted rally which includes a helmet, boots, pin, and medical armband/bracelet.

Inspections: All participants will have a Turn Out inspection by the Horse Management Staff. You will come as a team to Turn out inspections. Since you do not bring a horse to this rally a question will be asked instead of filling out the horse section. You will not get any points off in the horse section, but if you answer the questions correctly 1 exceeding standards points will be awarded in that section.

Additional information: Rally coordinators will try to duplicate situations in the tack rooms that might arise at a rally with a real horse. For example empty water, no hay. These people are called “Gremlins”

Tests: There is a short verbal test for the SJ phase (3 questions). In addition, there will be a short written HM test based on level and specific to HM at a rally. All will be used to determine placings. HM test can be taken at any point during the morning when there is downtime. Tables will be set up to take the HM test.

Gremlins: HM monitors who will sneak into your tack area and “Gremlinize” it by adding a red circle to your hay and or water buckets, indicating they are “low”. Get this red dot to the HM within 5 minutes to avoid getting penalty points!

More Fun!

Hobby horse design contest: Design and create your own “horse” out of whatever materials you choose. All “horses” will be judged on creativity, execution, and inventiveness. Prizes will be given for 1, 2, and 3 as well as a participant ribbon! It is not required to have a hobby horse, only if you intend to participate in the contest.

EMPC/food sale - Our club will have a concession stand where lunch can be purchased. All proceeds will go to EMPC

Phase 1 Dressage

The dressage arena will be smaller than the regulation size, with corresponding letters. Each rider will walk and jog their tests on foot. You may use or not use your hobby horse. Riders will be judged and receive a dressage test sheet complete with scores and comments. Tests must be read by a designated reader, depending on the rating.

Judging will be based on:

Crisp salute

Correctness of pattern

Accuracy of gaits and transitions Steadiness of hands

Posture, eyes up, and smile!

UR and D1 ride USDF Intro test A

D2 ride USEF 2023 BN Eventing TestA

D3 ride USEF 2023 BN Eventing Test B

Phase 2 Show Jumping

The show jump course will be posted the morning of the event and will consist of 6-8 fences. Show jumping will start right after all dressage tests are done and the course is set. Riders will not be judged on time and faults.

Riders will complete a short set of questions on SJ from the Rules for Eventing Handbook to determine placing.

Additional Fun during the day

Hobby horse design contest

Games table with prizes.

Schedule- Tentative depending on the number of teams! We may schedule a lunch break.

8:00-8:30 Check-in and unload. All participants will receive a packet on the day. Due to limited parking, we strongly suggest carpooling. 1 car per team should pull up to the barn to unload tack trunks and rally equipment. All others should park in designated parking areas. Once unloaded please follow signs for parking. Parking will be clearly labeled. Reminder that parents are to only unload equipment and are then required to leave the tack room area

8:30-9:15 Tack room set up

Due to limited space please use 10x10 sized tents ONLY. Tents will be set up in our indoor arena. Tents should be set up just as they would at a regular rally and everything on the required equipment list for one-day rallies. However, only one set of tack and one grooming box is needed per team. Some items will be fake. Your "hay bale" can be a box labeled "hay". Newspaper or shredded paper can be used for hay in hay nets, or water. Tack rooms will be inspected and judged throughout the day. Try to have someone in your tack room at all times.

9:15 Rally briefing by Chief HM judge and volunteer briefing 9:45 Turn Out

Each team will have a turnout time for all members

Times will be listed on your registration packet. Please dress appropriately. Bring your Hobby Horse for judging at this time.

10:15 Dressage Begins. Ride times will be in your packet.

11:45 Show Jumping begins - ride times will be in your packets.

-HM Tests can be completed at any point where there is time during the morning. Please turn it in right after completion.

-Lunch can be eaten at any time that fits within your team's schedule

Please note: Lunch is not provided but we will have a concession stand with lunch choices run by our club families.

The Horseless Rally is a nut-free event, please no nut products of any kind on the property

12:30 Please return all written tests by this time

12:45 Scoring

1:30 Awards and closing comments

Breakdown

Some additional information

-Hay nets and water buckets must be placed in the front of stalls. Use slip knots for your hay nets

- Each competitor is required to wear their medical armband or information bracelet.
- A red paper circle will be the indicator that you have been GREMLINIZED!
Take it to HM as soon as you spy it! You are being timed. You have 5 minutes to return it to HM before being penalized. 2 penalty points to start, then 1 penalty point per minute past the 5-minute period will be given to your team (cap at 10 points).
- Support your team members
- Observe regular barn behavior. No running, loud behavior etc.
- Extra activities for downtime are included in your registration packets.
- Younger/inexperienced teams can have an “advisor” to help them with the day
- No lunch will be provided. Please bring a bagged lunch or plan to purchase a lunch from the concession stand
- Port a Potties will be on site for participants' use
- Some items will be fake. Your hay bale can be a box labeled “hay”. Newspaper or shredded paper can be used for hay in hay nets, or water.
- Tack rooms will be inspected and judged over the course of the day. Try and have someone in your tack room at all times.
- There may be a “loose horse” at some point in the day, be sure you know proper protocol.
- Only one set of tack and grooming box is needed per team
- We suggest bringing a folding chair for the day
- Most of all - HAVE FUN!

HORSELESS RALLY TEAM ENTRY SHEET

Eastern PA - Meadowbrook Stables

April 11, 2026

**Registration Deadline: March 27, 2026 If
entering late add \$25 late fee**

Name of Pony Club: _____

Submitted by: _____ Email: _____

DC/CA Name and Phone Number _____

Chaperone Name and Cell _____

Team #1

Competitor Name _____ Age _____ Rating _____

1. Captain: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Advisor: _____

Team #2

Competitor Name _____ Age _____ Rating _____

1. Captain: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Advisor: _____

Entry Deadline: March 27, 2026

Please mail entries to:

Christine McClure

84 Baldwin Rd

Waymart, PA 18472

or email cmcclore112@gmail.com

570-878-6328

Cost: \$20 per USPC competitor — **Checks to be made out to EPA**

\$25 per non-member competitor

Late Fee after March 21: \$25 extra per team

**Volunteer Form Horseless Rally
APRIL 11, 202
Meadowbrook Stables**

A minimum of two volunteers are requested from each club. No experience is required. Some example positions to be filled

- 1. HM helpers**
- 2. Ring Stewards**
- 3. Scorers**
- 4. Runners - Collect score sheets and give to scorers**
- 5. Two Dressage Scribes**
- 6. Readers**
- 7. Gremlins**
- 8. Clean up Crew**

Name of Pony Club _____

<u>Volunteer Name</u>	<u>1st Choice</u>	<u>2nd Choice</u>

Please specify child or adult volunteer

EMPC PRESENTS:

Mock Research FAIR



*Where It
All Begins*



**EXPLORE
LEARN
INSPIRE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 5TH
-HORSELESS RALLY**

Have you ever looked at your horse and said "I wonder why...?" Is there something you always wanted to learn about your horse? Now you have an excuse to spend time with your best four-legged friend, satisfy your curiosity, and educate your fellow Pony Club members. Participate in the Mock Pony Club Research Fair during Horselsss Rally. All Pony Club members including volunteers are encouraged to partake in this event. Research can be presented again in next years Virtual Research Project Fair. Let's make EPA the largest represented region!!



- individual experimental project
- group experimental project
- individual literature review
- group literature review

Register Today!
endlessmountainponyclub@gmail.com



Please see the attached form for the Research Fair that will be hosted during the horseless rally!

The fair is open to any PC member who attends the horseless rally in any capacity (members of a team, volunteers, etc.).

Please use the following registration sheet for members to register their projects so that we are prepared with tables and prizes!

Mock Research Fair Entry

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Please circle your project category.

Individual Literature Review

Individual Experimental Project

Group Literature Review

Group Experimental Project

Member Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Age as of January 1, 2025: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Current Certifications: _____

Club/Center: _____

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Group Members (Each member must fill out this form): _____

Position in Horseless Rally: _____

Project Information:

Project Title: _____

Abstract: _____

Rubric Experimental Project:

Presentations are scored on Project, Research Methodology, Results and Analysis, and Presentation. All statements are judged on a scale of 1 (disagree) to 5 (agree). Project (15 points possible)

- The project had a clear research question.
 - The project included a clearly stated hypothesis.
 - Member(s) utilized a variety of resources to develop the research methodology
- Research Methodology (20 points possible)
- Methodology used a clear description of materials used.
 - Methodology included clear experimental and control variables.
 - The materials used were appropriate for the research question.
 - Methodology described in such a manner that it could be repeated by another Pony Club member (either written or as part of the oral presentation). Results and Analysis (15 points possible)
 - The project included a clear summary of collected data points.
 - Project included analysis of results (expected and unexpected).
 - The project included a clear statement of conclusions. Presentation (15 points possible)
 - Information was presented in a clear and organized manner.
 - Presentation was visually appealing.
 - References were properly attributed.

Rubric Literature Review:

Literature Review Presentations are scored on Project Content and Presentation. All statements are judged on a scale of 1 (disagree) to 5 (agree). Project Content (20 points possible)

- The project had a clearly stated research topic.
- Information was organized in a logical sequence/structure.
- The project incorporated a variety of information sources.
- The project offered a clear conclusion/next steps based on research. Presentation (15 points possible)
- The presenter provided a clear summary of their research topic and reference material.
- Presentation was visually appealing.
- References were properly attributed.

The Scientific Method

Purpose

What do you want to learn? What do you want to explore? Choose something that interests you.

Research

Find out as much about your topic as you can. How can you find the answer to your question?

Hypothesis

Predict the answer to your question. Your hypothesis is what you think the answer to your question will be. It must be clear and brief so that you can test or verify it.

Procedure

Design a test/project to confirm or disprove your prediction. Tell what you will do to test or research your prediction or hypothesis.

Analysis

Record what happened during the experiment or research. Conclusion What did you learn? What might be the next steps?

Additional Forms that may be needed

General Activity Release

This form MUST be filled out and submitted by those not currently in Pony Club

Permission form for Junior Competitors to participate in a rally on a team with Senior Competitors

This form must be submitted when merging a team of those over 18 and under 18 years of age

