



June 2020

## OD in the time of COVID-19



At this time, trailers should be being packed. Base camp should be coming alive. Horseshoes should be being put on to protect against the infamous Virginia rocks. Endurance friends should be being greeted and hugged. And anticipation should be mounting because



the Beast of the East, the Old Dominion 100, should be this weekend. However, this is not the case. In mid-March, the whole USA seemed to come to a stop. Schools were closed and businesses were shut down. We were told to quarantine in our homes because of a novel virus, COVID-19. Social distancing became the new buzz words. One by one we watched endurance rides (Tevis!), and other events around the country canceled. The ODEEO board made the decision to postpone No Frills till the end of July and then cancel the Old Dominion ride in the beginning of June.



But we have hope on the horizon with some rides across the country now being held and we are planning for and hope we will be able to put on No Frills on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The ODEEO Board has been using Zoom to meet and make plans to help move the ODEEO forward during this time. These plans include the No Frills ride at the end of July. If we can put No Frills on, this ride will not be like any other ride ODEEO has put on. Many precautions will be put into place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure social distancing requirements are met.

## Other Things on the Horizon!



**Have you ever wanted to ride and train on the OD 100 trails anytime you want?** But you've been reluctant because you don't know the trails? Well, we have a solution! Lenora Keener has been working on a MAP! It will be a goldmine of information and show all the trails used by the ODEEO to run the 100. It will also show parking for trailers and whether or not you can camp there. This map will be sold at the OD store and online. We are all waiting in anticipation. The board had a sneak preview and it got everyone excited!



Another exciting bit of ODEEO news is that we have a **new storage trailer!** It was recently picked up and measurements are being made to add shelves. This will help our fabulous Ride Managers, Diane Connolly and Claire Godwin, stay even more organized. It's debut will be at No Frills in July on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> if we are able to put on the ride.

## 2020 ODEEO Raffle Horse donated by Asgard Arabians

The ODEEO organization extends a very deep and appreciative Thank You to Halldis and Tom Sayvetz of Asgard Arabians who have donated one of their purebred Arabian horses every year since 1998 to the Old Dominion organization as a fundraising raffle horse. Many of the raffle horses have gone on to have fabulous endurance careers with outstanding placings in AERC endurance rides.



This year's Raffle Horse is **TROUSSEAU.**

She is a 2-year-old filly and is already 15h.

Raffle tickets are: \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 5 for \$40, 10 for \$75

Ticket purchases available online via PayPal, or by check/mail.

For more information check out: <http://olddominionrides.org/AsgardRaffleHorse.html>

To learn more about these amazing athletes, check out: <https://www.asgardarabians.com/>

### In closing

We hope you and your family have been doing well during these trying times. We hope to see you soon! If you have any questions about the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, please check out <http://olddominionrides.org/>. It has lots of good information for everyone—long time riders and volunteers and those new to the sport.