

Lori Windows

There were a number of people who were part of the nomination process for this year's Hall of Fame recipient and have helped put together this presentation, so I feel honored to be able to read the bio of the newest honoree. Our new Hall of Fame recipient is a person I was introduced to at my very first ride by a mutual friend and someone I immediately knew was a tough competitor. From my first introduction to this rider, and continuing to today, they are always in the top group of riders and are very often the high point or BC winner. As I was trying to figure out how to successfully complete a novice season, I was awed at how they seemed to continually do what seemed just impossible to me.

As my years in UMECRA progressed, I was fortunate enough to be able to ride many miles with this person and soak up knowledge as we rode. I not only learned some important details on how to care for my horse and ride strategy but some fun stories of the "good ol' days" of competition and stories involving some of our amazing Hall of Fame horses and riders. In those stories and over the years, I learned that not only was this rider outstanding in the UMECRA region, but they have achieved major milestones nationally and some internationally. I was learning from a master and taking in everything I could, all the while enjoying the conversation for every mile. Hall of Fame riders also give back to the organization and this is no exception. Our recipient has served on the UMECRA and AHDRA board of directors, has managed a ride for many years and has mentored many "ducklings" over the years. Many of them are still riding or would be if the opportunity presented itself.

In addition to over 27,000 miles in Endurance and LD competition, plus nearly 20,000 miles in UMECRA COMP rides, you can add to the resume a Tevis completion, a world championship ride, three AERC National BC awards and the AERC War Mare award just to name a few. It's also a real accomplishment to pilot several equines to career mileage numbers most of us can only dream of. A search of the UMECRA 1000-mile horse milestones shows these phenomenal horses:

Wallowas Dreamer – 3000
IBN Ben Bask – 5000
Ella n Fire's Jane Doe – 5000
JA Bannarr – 6000
Gandie – 7000
Shaman of the Wallows - 14000

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the 2019 UMECRA Hall of Fame recipient - Lori Windows.

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