

Wild River Sundancer

Sundancer is a horse that we all want our horses to emulate! His career has been outstanding starting in the Novice division doing his first ride in the fall of 2009. He was campaigned lightly in 2010 in Comp, with serious campaigning in Comp beginning in 2012 as he was prepping to move up in distance in Endurance.

In 2013 he started in Endurance and hasn't looked back! He has competed in Endurance in 50, 75 and 100 mile events. He always places in Top 10/Elite 8 in the Heavyweight division in UMECRA and frequently places in the top 10 in AERC Midwest division.

Sundancer's record speaks for itself. 4,625 Miles in UMECRA, with 4,450 of those miles being in Endurance and as of 2022 achieved the Decade Team award from AERC! In 13 years of competition, he has only 3 total pulls while averaging almost 450 miles in competition each year.

Sundancer is always a gentleman for the vets and never quits! He has become a steady leader and provides a reassuring presence for new, less experienced horses especially helping to lead Novice groups on Sunday's after completing his Endurance rides on Saturday.

Wild River Sundancer is an exceptional horse who continues to achieve new milestones each year and isn't showing any signs of slowing down!

Not only is Sundancer a professional in the vet checks, but also on trail. He knows his job and does it exceptionally well. His drive and focus make him a top-notch competitor. He takes great care of himself out on trail; drinking at every water stop and has mastered "grab-n-go"!

What could be better? How about a horse that loves his job. Sundancer LOVES his job! Gentlemanly attributes aside, he absolutely transforms on trail. He chews up the miles and is rock solid. Often, he knows where the trails go and wastes no time moving out.

He is most definitely not a push-button dead head. Owner & pilot, Sheryl O'Brien can attest to his individual personality. He will put you through your paces if he is feeling fresh! Their bond is evident, and they can communicate and compete at a high level virtually unseen by others.

He hauls like a champ and camps like he was born to do it. He is a goofball at home and loves attention from people of all ages. Although he will be 20 this year, he can still be seen playing in the pasture and acting like a 5-year-old. When at rides he is all business, but he also knows when to relax for an occasional "tootle".

In closing, Wildriver Sundancer is definitely one of those once-in-a-lifetime horses. He gives 200% every time he is out on trail and never backs down. He is well mannered for the vets, calm for the occasional drive by pets, and can turn it on for competition in a heartbeat! He most definitely deserves the Rider's Choice Award as an exemplary competitor, partner, teacher, and lifelong friend.

