

Leigh Ann Pauley & LA Steeleman



American Endurance Ride Conference

2018 AERC Decade Team

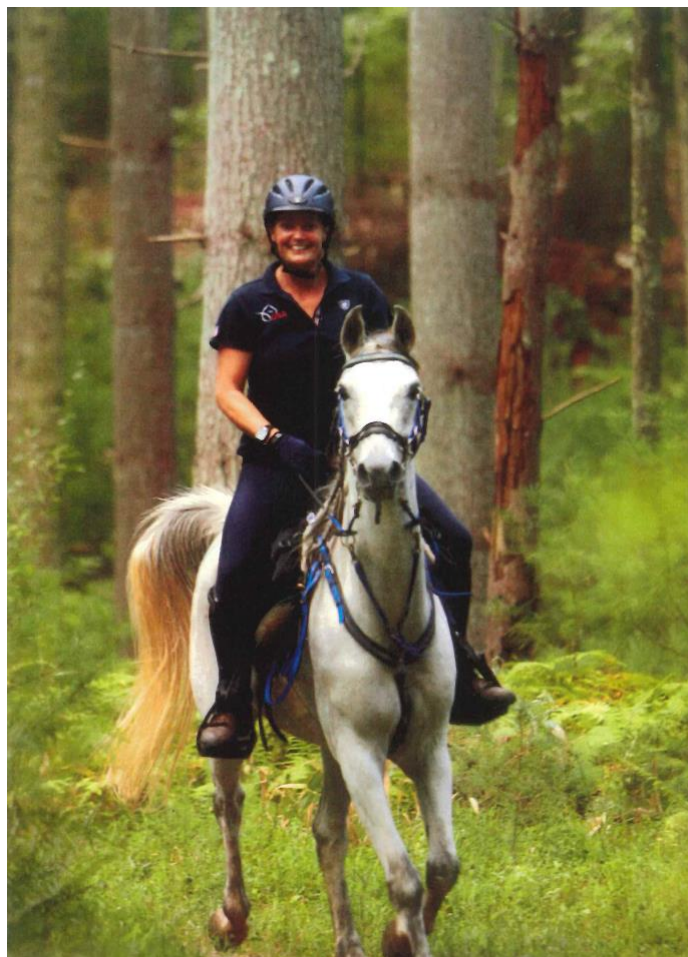


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Rider's name: Leigh Ann Pauley

Horse's name: LA Steeleman

Year of First Endurance Ride (first year in the decade): Big South Fork 55mile

Region: SE

Current rider lifetime mileage?

Endurance: 4095

Limited Distance: 455

Tell us about your horse. When/how did you come to get him/her? I think my Daddy sent him to me.

What is your horse's breeding? The great Remington Steele-Dam Kinders Anna

Sex: Gelding

Horse height: 15.1

Approximate weight: 925

Color: G

Why did you decide to purchase this horse? My good friend Jeannine Fenstad went with me to look at him and when we saw him she said if you don't get him I will. He had very nice legs and feet.

Did you do endurance with any other horses before this horse? Yes

How many different horses have you ridden in this sport? I have ridden about 9 different horses in competition.

How many years have you been involved with endurance? With horses in general? I have had horses my whole life. Endurance has been a big part of my life since 2003.

What got you interested in endurance riding? What was it that kept you interested? Someone told me I needed to come to the Biltmore and see those crazy people going 100 miles in one day. I did, and I was hooked!

How old was your horse when first started in endurance? 4 years old

How many rides did you do your first three ride seasons? 8 rides

What mileage distance did you start with? (25, 50, etc.) 25 mile

What kind of problems have you overcome with your horse? He has always been such a good boy. He wants to please me and he lets me win. I told him long ago that when he drives us to the race, then he can make all the decision.

Describe the best ride you ever had on your horse. You ride the same horse for 10 years you have lots of good rides. The ones that stand out are the Tevis Cup and the 2012 top 10 National Championships.

What was your most humbling experience? Too many to count.

What lessons have you learned along the way that you feel are the most important? Ride the trail not the clock.

What advice would you give to new riders? Don't get caught up in racing and training that you don't put your horse first at all times.

What was your highest goal for your horse, and did you achieve it? Having a Decade horse is such a great achievement for Steeleman and me.

Describe your horse's personality? How is it like or unlike yours? He is a very kind easy horse. He is my Equine pride and joy.

What kinds of rides do you enjoy the most (50s, 100s, multadays, etc.)? 75 miles

In what ways has endurance riding made a positive influence in your life? More friends than I can count.