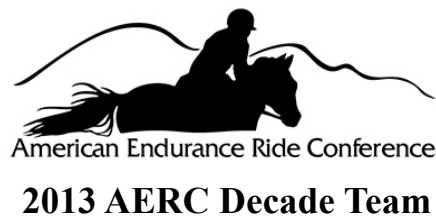


Kim Reeves & Casey O Stubby



Kim and Casey at the 2012 Old Glory Ride. Photo © John Nowell

Rider's name: Kim Reeves

Horse's name: Casey O Stubby (our youngest son, Casey, named her)

Year of First Endurance Ride (first year in the decade): 2002

Region: Central

Current rider lifetime mileage? 6535 miles

Endurance: 6460 - **Limited Distance:** 75

Tell us about your horse. When/how did you come to get him/her? My husband and I owned her dam and grand dam and my brother-in-law owned the sire and grand sire. She was born in 1995.

What is your horse's breeding? She is a registered Quarter Horse.

Sex: Mare

DOB: May 3, 1995

Horse height: 15.2 hands

Approximate weight: 1150 pounds

Color: chestnut

Did you do endurance with any other horses before this horse? Yes, my other Quarter Horse, TJs Silver Bullet

How many different horses have you ridden in this sport? 2 Quarter Horses of my own, and 2 Arabians that I rode for a friend for a couple of rides. Then I went back to my Quarter Horses.

Do you participate in any other horse sports or activities? I live on a ranch, and use Stubby for cattle work.

How many years have you been involved with endurance? With horses in general? My first endurance ride was in 1999 and I got my first horse 44 years ago.

What got you interested in endurance riding? What was it that kept you interested? My neighbor and friend, Becky Huffman, was involved in the sport and told me Quarter Horses could do it and encouraged me to try. Have loved it ever since. I love that I can ride my own ride and just be out there on the trail with me and my horse.

How old was your horse when first started in endurance? Stubby was 6 when I took her to a 2-day ride and completed both days of 25s on her, and decided she might as well do 50s. Her first season we did mostly 2 and 3 day rides and she completed every one of them.

How many rides did you do your first three ride seasons? After her first season, she did over 1,000miles, then we averaged at least 500 miles a year for many more years.

What mileage distance did you start with? (25, 50, etc.) I entered the 25 mile two days in a row. Then I knew she was ready for a 50 and have never done another 25 mile ride.

How long until you top tenned or raced (if you did)? I still just ride middle of the pack. My goal each ride is to finish with a sound horse.

How much time off do you give between ride seasons? I usually let her rest for 2 months in the summer.

If you have done 100s, how much time off do you give after doing one? Never done a 100. I have done several 75 mile rides and would give 3 weeks off.

If you have done multadays, how much time off do you give after doing one? I will give her 2 weeks off after a multiday ride.

Do you use any special type of tack or shoeing with your horse? No, nothing special.

What kind of problems have you overcome with your horse? I still have to pay attention at the start of the ride and for the first 5 miles or so because she really wants to get her head down and buck.

Describe the best ride you ever had on your horse. Finishing all 3 days of Glass Mountains pioneer ride back in 2002 and 2003. She and one other horse were the only ones to finish all 3 days.

What was your most humbling experience? Her bucking me off after one mile, starting the Texas Bluebonnet ride. I held on to the reins and got her to stop bucking, then I got back on and finished the 50. Ever since then, I have paid more attention to her and how she was feeling.

What lessons have you learned along the way that you feel are the most important? Anyone can go fast, but not just anyone can go down the trail year after year.

What advice would you give to new riders? I think the main thing is to ride your own ride. Don't get caught up in the excitement of trying to beat the others. I think your horse will last longer if you ride a steady ride every year.

Looking back, what do you feel you did right? I don't ride fast. I try to keep a consistent trot.

What was your highest goal for your horse, and did you achieve it? She was high mileage horse in the Central Region in 2002 and first place middleweight several years in the Central Region. I always wanted to make Decade Team with her, and we did in May of 2012. My next goal is to get her 5,000 mile medallion and maybe we can accomplish that this year or next.

Describe your horse's personality? How is it like or unlike yours? She doesn't like any other horse, except Mike Maul's horse Rroc. She would rather be alone. This makes it nice because she does not buddy up with horses. I don't mind being alone, but sure enjoy the company of fellow riders who are riding at my speed.

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

In what ways has endurance riding made a positive influence in your life? I have met so many nice people that are willing to help.

Describe your electrolyte protocol. I use Perform n Win, mixed with applesauce and dose before the ride, at every vet check and every hour on trail. I think this helps my heavy-muscled Quarter Horse and she usually pulses down quickly at the vet checks.

How do you choose which rides to attend? I pick and choose the rides that I know will be fun.

Do you go to many rides outside of your region? I have been to Kentucky, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Name three people involved in the sport of endurance that you look up to, and why. Mike Maul is number one. I have ridden many miles with him and he truly rides to finish. Sue Phillips is also one I look up to. She proves that one can ride another breed besides an Arabian and do extremely well, year after year, on the same horse.

Did you have a mentor or first trail partner? Tell us about him/her/them. My mentor has always been fellow Quarter Horse endurance rider, Sue Phillips. She has given me many tips on how to successfully keep my horse going year after year.

In choosing your next horse, what would you look for? I don't think an endurance horse should have fine bones. My next horse will be another one we raised.