

Jane McGrath & Fire Mt. Scamp



AERC Decade Team



4975 Miles & 96 Ride Completions
First AERC ride: 1996 Region: PS

Tell us about your horse. When/how did you come to get him/her? Purchased/stole from Bumgardner's as a weanling.

What is your horse's breeding? Sierra Fadwah son out of a Rushcreek mare, Rushcreek Ibex

Sex: Gelding

DOB: 8-27-90

Horse height: 15-1

Approx. Weight: 1,000#

Color: Grey

Shoe size: 1 **Easyboot size:** 1

Why did you decide to purchase this horse (or if you didn't purchase, why did you choose to use this horse in endurance)? Breeding and personality

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

How many different horses have you ridden in this sport? 6 of my own and a few belonging to friends.

Do you participate in any other horse sports or activities? Ride and Ties and Backcountry Horsemen

How many years have you been involved with horses? In endurance? Horses 47 years, endurance 30 years

How old was your horse when first started? First ride? Started riding as a 3 year old, first ride (LD) as a 4 year old

How many rides did you do the first, second, and third ride seasons? Only one LD ride as a 4 year old, 8 50's as a 5 year old, 13 50's as a 6 year old, 5 50's and 1 100 as a 7 year old

What mileage distance did you start with? Just one LD as a 4 year old to get him used to the camping, vet checks, etc.

How long till you top tenned or 'raced'? No desire to race, in my mind it's a hobby, not a sport.

How much time off do you give between ride seasons? Living in So. Calif. the ride season seems to be year round. I give some time off here and there when I feel he needs it, or when I have other things going on in my life. When I lived in No. Calif. I was forced, due to the weather, to give time off between ride seasons and I seemed to have more "issues" with the horses than I do by generally keeping them going all the time.

If you have done 100's, how much time off do you give after doing one? What is your schedule in the month leading up to the ride? No set schedule, just base it on how the horse looks and feels.

If you have done multadays, how much time off do you give after doing one? What is your schedule in the month leading up to the ride? Same as for hundreds.

What kind of tack do you use? Sharon Saare saddle, Woolback pad, and a Kimberwicke bit

What kind of shoes do you use on your horse? Pads? Easyboots? Metal shoes with pads in front, occasionally Easyboots.

What was the worst or most severe injury your horse has had? Fractured splint bone.

How did you work through it? Surgery

Describe the best ride you ever had on your horse? So many I can't choose just one.

Describe the worst day you ever had with your horse? I guess I blank those out...

Where does your horse live? Turned out on about 1/2 acre desert lot at my home. Usually spends summers on pasture in Bridgeport.

What kind of environment did your horse spend the first few years of its life?
Every summer for his first 10 years he was on pasture.

What are your horse's strengths? Weaknesses? Toughness! (That's his strength and weakness)

What advice do you have for new riders? I only give advice to 8 year olds in my classroom.

What was your highest goal for your horse? Did you achieve it? 5,000 miles, yes we achieved it.

Describe your horse's personality? How is it like or unlike yours? He's a goofball! You'll have to ask my friends...

What kinds of rides do you enjoy the most? I love multiday rides and 100's.

Describe your electrolyte protocol. I use electrolytes sparingly.

What kind of supplements (if any) do you use? Platinum

Do you go to many rides outside of your region? A few.

Name three people involved in the sport of endurance that you look up to, and why?

Julie Suhr for grace and style, Dave Nicholson for telling it like it is and putting on great rides, Jackie Bumgardner for her friendship and passion for endurance riding.

Did you have a mentor or first trail partner? Tell us about him/her/them. Started riding with Churstie Evans. A very tough, competitive lady with a great sense of humor and a super family.