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A person wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a light-colored top is riding a light-colored horse through a lush green valley. The background features rugged mountains with patches of snow under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

HORSEBACK  
RIDING  
PROGRAM

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YEARBOOK

# 5,000 HOUR AWARDS

## Lindsay Robinson

LJ Classic Luke (Left) &  
Jaylicious (Right)

Cambridge, United Kingdom



I started this journey 21 years ago when Luke was a 2 year old. I then forgot to log regularly! I've had such a good time earning this award and have been to some really nice places whilst totting up the hours. Some of those places include Blenheim Palace, central London including Buckingham Palace, beach rides and many hours riding through Thetford Forest. Lexi (Jaylicious) joined the team a few years back and has added hours since she was a yearling. She now ponies Luke on our adventures.

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## Marco Hansen

Gotta Lectric Gun &  
AH Lil Lizzy Whiz  
Stolberg, Germany

Spending 5,000 hours in the saddle with my two girls really was fun. In 2013 Gotta Lectric Gun came into my life. "Miss Texas", as I call her, became my best friend. Together we started the first competition, spent the first vacation in saddle, and worked cows together for the first time. A few years later we got company by AH Lil Lizzy Whiz. A really wild young lady - that's why I often call her my "Lizzy Tornado". The three of us spend as much time together as we can, and I am very proud of my two girls with their big hearts.



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## **Lesa Michele Jeffries**

Last Major Leaguer aka "Conner",  
Dream N Good aka "Teddy" &  
Im Barely Lopen aka "Bear"  
Saint James, New York

5,000 hours in the saddle... finally!

I started my journey many years ago with "my three boys" Conner, Teddy and Bear when the AQHA Horseback Riding Program was first created. I figured - why not? It was a new program, easy enough to do, and it looked like it would be fun! Better yet, I have to ride three horses and go to shows so this would be easy - and for a beautiful buckle and jacket to celebrate my accomplishment - absolutely, I'm in!

I joined the program, but the real trick is to actually log and submit your hours. I joined, started out okay, but somehow got stuck in a roundabout circling forever. The roundabout was my lack of consistency and dedication - not to riding, mind you, but to the rule (and there are not many) of requiring me to log and submit my hours.

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## **Heather Bartley**

TK Tyree  
Janesville, Wisconsin

It took a lot longer than I originally anticipated to ride 5,000 hours. 9 years later, I did it! My riding career has been a learning endeavor with some small goals set along the way. All my horses have taught me something, and have been forgiving of my learning curves. The journey may have hit 5,000 hours on paper, but it started long ago, and will continue for much longer. I am excited for all that I will learn in the future and thankful for what skills I have gained, and to those who helped me learn and fine tune them.



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## Bill Hinkle

KH Leos Last Rose aka "Rose"  
Salisbury, Missouri

The photo above was taken in the Badlands, near Medora, North Dakota.

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## Cindy Foggia

My Melody Memories  
Darien, Illinois

Melody has been the only horse I've used for my 5,000 hour journey. She has proven herself to be a very special horse. I've shown her in Western, HUS, and Trail, but going out in the Forest Preserve seems to be her favorite passion. She has endurance to go all day and a protective quality when she comes across unknown sounds ahead. If the questionable presence doesn't show itself, she moves forward until it appears. Don't mess with this girl.

Reflecting on the past rides brings back the memories we've encountered with friends. You can't forget the hours of conversation and the strict rule of "whatever we say on trail, stays on trail" and how it benefits the ride. Of course the horses become trail buddies too.

We've also encountered many adventures along the way. Some exciting events have included fires, storms, falling trees, drones, coyotes, bucks, dogs, and most unusual helicopter overhead looking for fugitives. The courage and trust we share throughout our ventures create the bond that stimulates a calmness between the two of us. You have to enjoy the ride.

I couldn't be luckier to have such a great QH mare!



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# 5,000 HOUR AWARDS



## Joe Jipp

Rockin Rosie Sun  
Watertown, South Dakota

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## Susan Jones

JRS Miss Jade Moon  
Indiantown, Florida

I have ridden several different horses on my 5,000 hour journey over the past 15 years. Most of my time was spent riding my beautiful quarter horse, Miss Jade Moon who passed away last summer. Together we traveled many miles of trails, competed in horse shows, went swimming in the Atlantic Ocean, participated in parades, and rode mounted for Palm Beach County. She was a very special and loving horse who always gave her best. I completed my riding journey on Midnite Moonshine, my husband's quarter horse, who was born, raised, and trained at our barn. I enjoy riding each day with my horses and am starting my next set of adventures with my new horse, Sailor Moon.



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# 5,000 HOUR AWARDS



## Mary Murray

Bayberry Valentine  
Ruffin, North Carolina

I have ridden five horses to attain this 5000 hour horseback riding award. Tiger Goods, Color Me Coquettish, Color Me All Dun, Step Up To Shine and Bayberry Valentine. The hours were spent trail riding, riding in clinics, and showing western pleasure, HUS, and ranch riding. All of these horses were purchased as weanlings or yearlings, and all have been a joy to own and ride.

I enjoy showing and trail riding and all my quarter horses have been versatile enough to go on beach and mountain rides and then back into the show pen.

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## Debra Smith

Upper Dimensional  
Prescott Valley, Arizona

This is the second time I have completed the 5,000 hour AQHA Horseback riding program. I rode both SHEZ IN VOGUE (aka) Blondie and UPPER DIMENSIONAL (aka) Dillon. I am blessed to have had the privilege of owning these two wonderful quarter horses. My Blondie from the time she was 15 months old, until she was laid to rest last year at the age of 31. I still own & ride my special boy Dillon, who was born in my arms 21 years ago.



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## **Shirley Perry**

CommandsRangDoc  
Rexburg, Idaho

I have ridden several horses to attain the 5000 hour horseback riding program award. My current horse is CommandsRangDoc and he is a gem.

I enjoy riding horses and I have been in several riding groups. I have even done playdays! I love to trail ride, especially in Yellowstone Park or in the Grand Tetons. There are so many beautiful places that you can get to on horseback. I have done overnight packing trips that usually involved a hot pot. I have seen so many wild animals from wolves, mountain lions, moose and deer to bears. I especially enjoy seeing elk, because most of the time I can get very close to them. I enjoy looking for sheds in the desert that is near my home.

Riding my Quarter Horse lets me get away from all the stresses of life.

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## **Leeann Coombs**

San Kai 721  
Tehachapi, California



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## Debbie Reynolds

Spatz Hibrow Picnic  
Sandpoint, Idaho



I have ridden quite a few different horses along my journey to the first 5000 hours. RCR Easter Twist AKA Jessie, was the first. I purchased her at an auction as a 4 year old and my first horse. She is now 22 and deserves all of the credit for not only getting me hooked on horses, but also the breed. She taught me to ride, gave me confidence and has gone on countless adventures with me. Together we have crossed many miles of trails, sorted cows, competed in horse shows and trail competitions, done parades, ponied colts, gone swimming and so much more. She is our steady eddy, who we now put our grandchildren and friends that are beginners on.

The most recent horse I have added to the list is Spatz Hibrow Picnic, who much like Jessie, is a Jill of all trades. We are doing all of the same fun adventures and she is proving to be a shining example of the American Quarter Horse.

I've had many wonderful memories made over this journey, but one that stands out above the rest is crossing 50 miles of the Lewis and Clark Trail in the Lolo National Forest on Jessie, camping and riding where they had once explored.

My future plans are to continue riding, learning, growing and adventuring with my wonderful horses.

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## Lisa Lenaburg

Bein Lazy  
Tioga, TX



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## Alexander Varn

Tal Vez Un Kid aka "Tally"  
Baden Wuerttemberg, Germany



Tally (Tal Vez Un Kid) is my best buddy, confidante and soul horse. She has never let me down and has always had my back no matter the situation. With the help of my trainer, we left the arena and began exploring our surroundings on increasingly long rides. We've had so many wonderful and amazing experiences. We've ridden in the Alps and the Rockies, competed in ranch rodeos, worked cattle, done mounted archery, been in parades, completed the Pikes Peak Range Ride, flown in an airplane together, been on camp trips and have just had an incredible time.

For the last five years, Tally has also been helping wounded warriors heal. She also babysits my four-year-old daughter, who has been insisting that Tally is now her horse. Tally and I still hit the trails every chance we get, quite often without a bit, bridle or saddle. We're now working on the next 5000-hour journey and even though I'm having to share her with my daughter, I couldn't have a better horse to make the journey with again.

Thanks for this great program! Looking forward to all the adventures during the next 5000 hours.

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## **Karen Morey**

Blue Driften Lady  
Clarinda, Iowa

This photo was taken in Buffalo, Wyoming. Buffalo Wyoming Blue Driften Lady is the fourth home-raised horse I used for the horseback riding program.

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## **Jordan Roberts**

Millhod aka "Millie"  
Kemmerer, Wyoming

I got Millie from the AQHA Ranching Heritage program and it has been an amazing journey with her. She is so sweet and willing to learn. She has a strong personality and is always willing to go the extra mile for me. Millie has always been loving and truly a best friend.

My favorite memory from my HBR journey is the quality time that I get to spend with my horses. It allowed me to make memories with friends and family, while doing something I love.

My goal, during our next riding chapter, is to compete at a competition with the University of Wyoming ranch horse team.



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# 2,500 HOUR AWARDS



**Kim Owen**

Hot Wheels Merada  
Tecumseh, Oklahoma

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**Paul Corley**

Leggs Flirtn Ta Fame, aka "Flirt"  
Strafford, Missouri

Flirt is the main horse I ride along with several others my wife and I own. Along with our kids, we spend as much time on horseback as we can, often camping somewhere every weekend. My dad got me started with the Horseback Riding Program so it's fun to compare hours with him!



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## **Katie Schreibeis**

Sugar Double Legacy aka  
"Waylon"

Wyarno, Wyoming

My family has a cattle ranch and have always owned American Quarter Horses. On a daily basis, I work with my horses and ride every chance I get. My favorite place to ride is on the mountains where we summer our cows. I also love helping family and friends rope, brand and gather during spring and fall.

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## **Katharina Küper**

Little Chic N  
Geske, NRW, Germany

I got started riding American Quarter Horses about 27 years ago, which developed from weekly lessons to purchasing my very own Quarter Horse mare in 2013. Little Chic N is, as you may guess, rather small but absolutely versatile. We enjoy everything from ranch work, roping, mounted archery, medieval sword fighting and reenactment, to trail rides and visiting shows and fairs as a part of our drill team. I admire her will to please and to perform whether it's training new dressage movements or teaching kids how to walk, trot and lope for the first time.

She is going to be 15 years old in May, and I am confident that we will add a lot more hours still.

Thank you kindly for the opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments with the whole American Quarter Horse family!



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## Connie McAlpin

My Good Valentine  
Stringer, Mississippi

Thanks for recognizing me & Valentine for our hours of riding together! I bought her as a 2 year old, started her under saddle, and we've been riding together for 8 years now. We compete in western pleasure, trail, ranch riding, ranch trail, Horsemanship and halter classes in our local shows. I've loved horses my entire life, and spending time with Valentine puts me in my happy place!

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## Heather Bryant

Stylish In My Boots  
Morgan Hill, California

I'm so excited to have reached 2,500 hours in the saddle. I show Ranch Horse versatility with my gelding, Stylish In My Boots (Mr. Playinstylish x Smoke My Boots). I compete with the Golden State Versatility Ranch Horse Association and AQHA shows. Here I am carrying the US flag for the GSVRHA for the first time.



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## Linda Noble

Beaus King Leo aka "Beau"  
Summerland, British Columbia,  
Canada



I have been blessed to ride some amazing AQHA horses on some wonderful trails! Beau has done the vast majority of the trails and hours. He is an awesome partner, and at the age of 24 he is going strong and sound! To say this boy is special is an understatement. Epona Silver San and Extra Grand N Dandy were my two go-to mares on the trails, both living long and productive lives. These wonderful and talented mares also added their efforts to this accomplishment.

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## Jeff Richman

Dream Bar Crocker aka  
"Dream"  
Buckeye, Arizona

Thanks for acknowledging some of the best times of my life. Dream and I have been riding companions for 21 years. Through her arthritis and my injuries, we have been riding consistently over the 21 years we've been together. Dream was a 3yr old filly and I was much older and finally able to have a horse of my own. We've had so many wonderful adventures together and we're not done yet.

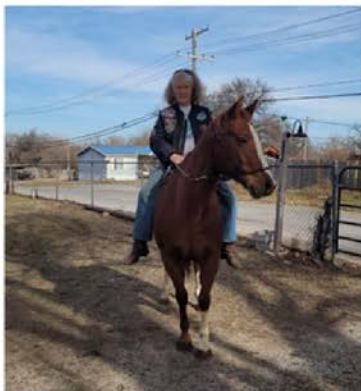


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# 2,000 HOUR AWARDS

## ALL BREEDS



**Janetta Martin**  
Montana Sky  
Oakhurst, Oklahoma

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### **Bonnie Quance**

Snickers  
Gadsby, Alberta, Canada

I am a lifetime member of AQHA, and so happy to have reached the 2,000 hour milestone for all breed horseback riding hours. Logging my hours brings awareness on how many hours have been spent enjoying the winter months driving. Since retirement, I am blessed to ride or drive every day. My husband Stan and I reside on the family homestead which has a beautiful coulee with the Big Knife Creek running through the bottom north pasture. You don't stop riding and driving when you get OLD, you get OLD when you stop. Thank you for the program!



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# 500 HOUR AWARDS



**Brittany Barbeau**

Kissin Jacksparrow  
Essexville, Michigan



**Cynthia Gabriel**

Hot Sun Tea  
Kennewick, Washington



**Kristin Davies**

Ris Key Delta (left) and  
Awesome Risk (right)  
East Rochester, Ohio



**Lara Koch**

Boogies Cocolution  
Leegebuch, Germany



**Patty Hascall**

Ruger Vaquero One  
Feather  
Summersville, Missouri



**Cathy Pritchard**

Fed Ex the Chex  
Ramona, California



**Annemarie Rand**

Woodmeister  
Glenview, Illinois



**Kaitlin Akvan**

CX Echo  
Cave Spring, Georgia



**Andreas Kreutzer**

King Like Image  
Kirchham, Austria

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**Stephanie Ohlde**

Sugared Blue Bar  
Linn, Kansas



**Avery Bailey**

Simply Attired aka "Lewis"  
Minto, New Brunswick,  
Canada



**Mariana Burdelis**

Four on the Floor JC aka  
"Crockett"  
Inyokern, California



**Jadyn McWhirter**

Hot Summer Dun  
Hartford, Alabama



**Marlene Kristoffersen**

Ruf Lil Case  
Jutland, Denmark



**Pamela Sortomme**

Thecowboyridesaway  
Emmett, Idaho



**Kerry McLelland**

Surprise Peppys Dun,  
aka "Kandee"  
Sandy, Utah



**Bianca Kreutzer**

Cats Boogie 'n Boon  
Kirchham, Upperaustria,  
Austria  
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**Terry Lorance**

Shes Jettin for Cash  
Nampa, Idaho



# 500 HOUR AWARDS



**Taylor Klahn**

Platinum  
Minden, Nebraska



**Shanna Westerman**

Two Tru Rare Cricket,  
aka Fly  
Lyle, Washington



**Ellen Hollifield**

FRC Breezalita Lace  
Dillon, Montana



**Donna Emenegger**

Cee Red Eagle, aka "Bert"  
Durango, CO



**Ella Adams**

Jack  
Johnson City, Tennessee



**Mark Hatcher**

Signature Effort,  
aka Nugget  
Ferrum, Virginia



**Sandy Kirkham**

Diamond K Joes Star  
Cameron, Missouri



**Jolene Rainer**

Wheres My Chex  
Apache junction, Arizona



**Amy Sue Marden**

SHES GUNNA GET  
UCASH, aka "Katie"  
Morrill, Maine

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**Dorothy Eschliman**

PBR Zip Bar Ransom  
Columbus, Nebraska



**Robyn Taliaferro**

Guys Kasi on Fire  
Jena, Louisiana



**Keri Dinsmore**

PSU CJS Nimble Step  
Punxsutawney,  
Pennsylvania



**Twenka Founds**

Shammys Forever  
Terrebonne, Oregon



**Therese Perrette**

Cadbury Pepto  
Skillman, New Jersey



**Laura Cuthbert-  
Marsh**

Sweet Freedom Drydoc  
Thorsby, Alberta, Canada

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