

STALL OF FAME & HONOUR ROLL HORSE

TRIJA'S WHIPPERPOPPER

Nominated by Nancy Beacon

Gone the Distance

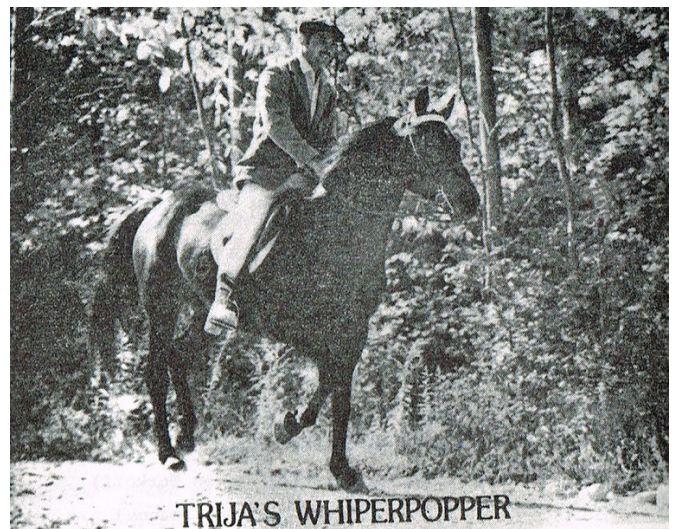


Nancy Beacon and Popper

- Trija's Whipperpopper L1747
- Bay, Gelding, Morgan,
- Foaled 1971
- By Ledgemere Bounty, UVM Canter, Tutor, Mentor, Canfield out of Just-A-Nod-Genesis, Lippit Miss NeKomia
- Bred by Patricia Moreau, Connecticut,
- Imported by Nancy Beacon

The entire 25 years of this Morgan's life have been devoted to a long-distance riding career! That is an achievement few can claim, particularly when he began doing the Vermont 100 mile competitive trail ride as a 5 year old (winning the junior division) and spent most years doing high performance 100 milers. He last tackled the Vermont 100 endurance ride at age 21 and COMPLETED IN 7TH PLACE! In semi-retirement for the last few years doing pleasure riding, Popper came out to do a ride & tie in June (1996) and successfully completed the rugged 8 mile Flesherton course. The Vivian Forest & Morgan Championship Competitive Trail Ride (1996) will be his last competition. He will be officially retired following this ride. An extraordinary career, from an extraordinary horse, who happens to be a Morgan from a long line of Morgans bred by the US Government farm and tested on 5 day, 300 mile tests carrying 280 Lbs. He has proven his heritage.

Mike Cottenden and Popper



The record

He is such a steady horse that in 19 years of long distance competing, he failed to finish only 2 rides.

1976 - won Junior Division G.M.H.A. Vermont 100 mile, 3 day Competitive Ride owned and ridden by Sylvia Maker. Purchased by Stella Reeves for her granddaughter, Natalie Beacon, right after Vermont ride.

From 1978-1996 - OCTRA - Ontario Competitive Trail Riding Assn - mileage horse #1- 3,203 miles. Last miles gained at Rabbit Run Ride 'N' Tie 1996 with Mary Finer and Dave Webb.

ECTRA - Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Assn (U.S.) - 1,250 miles.

AERC - American Endurance Ride Conference (U.S.) - 2,572 miles.

FEI - 1987 North American Championship in Virginia at 16 years old - rider Peter Jennings - Bronze Medal Team member.

1988 World Championships Virginia - 17 years old - rider Roser Xalabarder from Spain - key horse and first time Spain has ever finished a team.

1989 North American Championship - Ontario - 18 years old - rider Barbara Holmes for Canada West - finished.

"18 year old Trijas Whipperopper completed yet another 100 mile ride, the prestigious North American Open Championship Ride no less, as an alternate mount for the Canada West Team. Even more surprising Popper has really not been in official training..." Joe Dell, *The Morgan Horse* 1989

Only one first place but always there and three Endurance Best Conditions:

1979 Waterloo 50 - 3rd place and Best Condition, Nancy Beacon rider.

1979 - 3rd place Penetang 100, Natalie Beacon rider.

1983 Dufferin Forest 50 - 2nd place and Best Condition, Mike Cottenden rider.

1984 Octoberfest II 50 - 3rd place and Best Condition, Mike Cottenden rider.

Year End Achievements

1979 - OCTRA Top Endurance Horse

1980 - OCTRA Reserve Endurance Horse and mount for Rookie of the Year, Mike Cottenden

1981 - OCTRA 3rd Place Endurance Horse

1983 - OCTRA Reserve Endurance Horse

1984 - OCTRA Reserve Endurance Horse

1984 - OCTRA Top Ten Competitive Horse

1984 - OCTRA Hi Point All Around Horse - first winner of Jashir Trophy donated by Harold and Sally Vandyke, including Endurance, Competitive and Ride 'n' Tie.

Popper was purchased by Wendy Fraser (now Webb) in 1990 at 19 years old. Wendy and Popper finished the Vermont 100 mile Endurance Ride in 7th place. They were also on the 1990 Canadian Race of Champions as part of the Gold Team -- this was one of the two rides that Popper didn't finish, but he was part of the team. Wendy on Popper was OCTRA's 1990 Rookie of the Year.

