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Region 8 Director

Retired union painter

NAUI scuba instructor

Purchased first Foxtrotter in 2009 from Jane Bruns in Gibbon Minnesota

Quickly found out "to ride one is to own one".

Purchased second fox Trotter in 2011 a three months old weanling.

Jane fast became a friend and mentor. Quickly learned the versatility of the MFT.

After trail riding a couple years started learning to work with cattle.

Started Ranch Sorting in 2011. Won 1st buckle in 2012.

Competing in MnSCHA achieving top 10 in my class and qualifying for nationals at NSCHA in Saint Louis 2014.

2015 continued ranch sorting, ranch rodeo, ranch versatility (Northern Lights Ranch Versatility).

With encouragement from Jane Bruns I proceeded to train for Fall celebration in Ava 2016, achieving 3rd overall in versatility and 4th in ranch versatility.

Since moving to TN in March 2020, I've been focused on Top Trail.

Achieving top 5 in MFT/TopTrail twice.

I enjoy showing people the versatility of the MFT. A lot are amazed at what can be accomplished with a MFT.

Living in the Big South Fork recreation area of TN allows me to be able to tell and show people about our MFT horses.

"To ride one is to own one"!

I have been honored to serve in this position since the beginning of the year for Sam Gerhardt. It has given me the opportunity to meet with other MFT owners and continue to promote the versatility of the breed. My history as a scuba instructor taught me good leadership skills. Running construction jobs as a painter taught me organizational skills. Being retired will allow me to devote time to fulfill the duties of the region 8 director.

Happy trails,

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