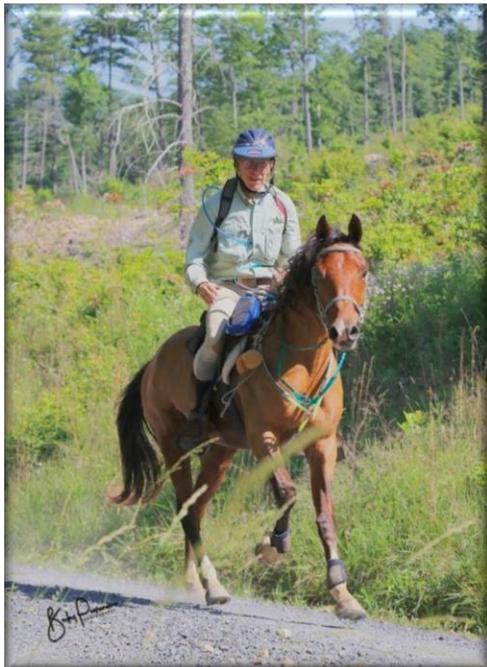


## ***ECAHS Achievement Awards Old Dominion Endurance Rides for 2017***

The Old Dominion Endurance Rides took place June 10, 2017. Entries for the ECAHS Achievement Awards included Jennifer Morris, 50 miles; Stagg Newman and Daryl Downs in the 100 miles.

Jennifer Morris was riding Aamalisya SF (Aabsolut x FS Fyrefly) a mare foaled in 2005, bred by Sharon Davis and is 25.71% Crabbet. Jennifer finished the ride in 9 hours and 48 minutes.

Jennifer commented: "It was a beautiful day. Definitely a tough ride. They don't call it the beast of the east for nothing. I was so glad that I got to go. I have now completed two of the three Old Dominion rides on Jade and am hoping to get a triple crown with the third ride in October. So wish me luck!"

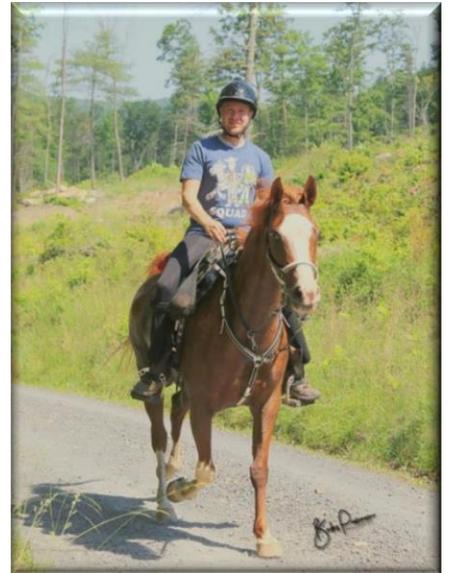


The 100 Mile ride winner was Stagg Newman on Syrocco Tanka (Syrocco Troubador x Edgewood Schelite) a gelding foaled in 2006 bred by Margaret Sleeper and is 56.75% Crabbet. Stagg finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 24 riders completing the 100 miles.



Also entering the 100 Mile ride was Daryl Downs on Kkois Satin N Lace (Kkoi x Lucky Lady-R) a mare foaled in 2009 who is 30.98% Crabbet and is owned by ECAHS member Jeanne Duffie'. They finished 14<sup>th</sup>.

Jeanne commented that what she has learned as a part of this group (I'm not a rider but an owner) is that there is a tremendous amount of camaraderie among the participants, on the trail, around the campfire, etc. The endurance rider's mantra is "to finish is to win." And I might add, to have fun in the process.



Congratulations to all! ECAHS hopes to see you again next year.....

Photos above courtesy of Becky Pearman.

### ***Stagg Newman's 100 Mile Ride***

My goals this year for the Old Dominion, which I achieved, were to take my horse, Syrocco Tanka, full brother of Meg Sleeper's horse Syrocco Cadence (Cadie), through his first 100 and to earn my 1000-mile Old Dominion silver belt buckle. The interesting side story about Tanka is that he competes with two screws in his right hind cannon bone. In a freak training accident in May of 2014, he stepped in a hole and twisted resulting in a condylar spiral fracture of his right hind. We took him to UGA, where they did standing surgery under heavy sedation to insert the screws and where he then spent several months in recovery, the first couple of months standing in a stall. After a very careful two years rehab, he went back to endurance

competition. The most recent x-rays indicate that his RH is totally fine and now is his bionic leg. My plan for the Old Dominion this year was the same as each year: "Never Hurry, Never Tarry" to use the words of Dr. Matthew MacKay-Smith. In other words, to ride a steady moderate pace based on the horse's ability. We trot the good forested trail, trot up most of the climbs with short breaks for walking if needed, do a canter or trot on the roads, and walk across the nastier rocky sections.

I was able to set the pace for the lead group at a steady trot until the long descent into Bird Haven (Vet Check 1), when Bryn Stevenson and Annie Whelan set the pace. Our three horses basically went straight to the vets and left together a few minutes ahead of the rest. We rode together for the next 12 miles including the long climb up to the rocky ridge line that I call the petrified stegosaurus spine and across the spine. At that point, I chose to let Annie and Bryn go and ride a more moderate pace down the mountain and into Laurel Run (Vet Check 2). Taylor Stine caught me about 7 miles out of Laurel Run. Taylor and I basically rode together, joined by Carol Federighi and Trish Juerling upon leaving Bucktail (Vet Check 3). The four of us rode together most of the time for the next 30 miles until the Laurel Run (Vet Check 5) at about 80 miles. At Laurel Run, Carol's and Taylor's horses out recovered Trish's horse and my horse by a couple of minutes. Taylor and Carol picked up the pace and almost caught the leaders (Annie and Bryn) as they left the last check point (Vet Check 6-Bird Haven) just two minutes behind Annie and Bryn. Trish and I just maintained a steady pace as we rode into nightfall. Unfortunately, Trish's horse was pulled at the finish line for hind end lameness. Tanka was very solid all day long and looked good at the final completion check. I am pleased that I now have another 100-mile horse.

