



INDUCTION OF

# Kim Crumpler

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For as long as Kim can remember, road horses have always been a special part of his life. Kim says, “I grew up at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, watching and admiring some of the all-time greats: Rex Parkinson, Pres Oder, and Lloyd Teater, working, training, and showing Roadsters. I always knew it was something I wanted to do. I remember 17 bike horses and 12 wagon horses, in their respective classes, at Illinois State Fair one year!” Kim also remembers Teater telling him, “There are three places to show a road horse: on the rail, on the rail, and on the rail.” Kim has never forgotten that advice.

In 1972, Kim had his first opportunity to train and show road horses and road ponies. He bought Pretty Please from Rex and Shirley Parkinson, plus another Standardbred off the track, and two Road Ponies (one Hackney, and one Shetland). He shipped all four of them down to the A to Z Horse Show in Phoenix, and started winning blue ribbons. That was the beginning of a long and successful career.

A few years later, the Roadster standout Governor Wallace was winning amateur and open classes under the Kim Crumpler banner. Then came Cordeleon (off the track), sold to Ray Pittman. Ruthless Rubin was also bought off the track, sold to Bob Irwin and trained by Pres Oder. Later, in 1988, while training for Royal Scot Stables, Jeanne Pettry bought Ruthless Rubin for Kim to show to the bike and wagon. In 1988-1989, Ruthless Rubin won every bike and wagon class, except one, including the Wagon Championship at the World’s Championship Horse Show, twice.

Some other Crumpler-trained horses are WC Delorenzo, Black Bart, Chili Pepper, Dr. Pepper (WC under saddle), Secret Agent, Diamond Hustler (WC under saddle), and Thunder Over Louisville (WC to the wagon and the last horse to win the appointment class at Louisville), and WC My Heart (WC to the bike).

Being in the right place at the right time, Kim had the opportunity to buy The Natural from Raymond Shively for the Newcom Family. The Natural had numerous wins while being trained by Kim Crumpler, including the Amateur Championship at the WCHS, three times for three different drivers. The Crumplers thank the Newcom Family, who allowed The Natural to spend his remaining years at Crumpler Stables Ltd., in Simpsonville, Ky., where he is now buried. And, the Crumpler-trained African Queen won the WC youth class and was later sold to the Bacon family.

In the last few years, several road horses — PTO, Spellbound, and Lemmege — and the road pony Murray Dixon were all successfully shown to many wins by Perry and Sally Grieme under Kim’s leadership.

“How Kim fits the harness on his horses is legendary, a true learning experience for us all,” says fellow trainer Jimmy Robertson.

Kim has spent several years serving on the USEF Roadster Committee. Always the voice of reason, always with good ideas — and always like E. F. Hutton — when Kim talks, we listen. His devotion to our sport is also evident as he has served as a clinician for the USEF judging clinics multiple times. Being inducted into the ARHPA Raymond E. Shively, Sr. Hall of Fame is an honor that puts the icing on the cake for a man who has always loved and participated in the wonderful world of road horses and road ponies.



*Kim Crumpler at the lines with WGC The Natural*