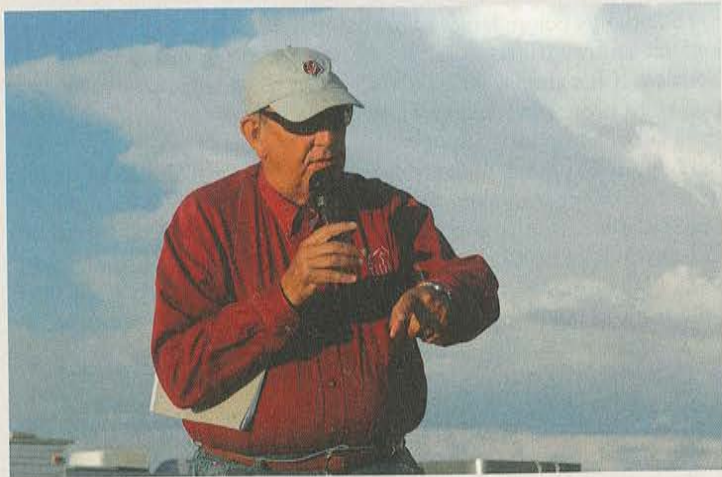


Roland Haun

ApHC Trail Hall of Fame

As with many tales, the story of Roland Haun and horses began early in life with a total fascination for all things equine. While living in Japan as an "Army brat," Haun jumped at the chance to take riding lessons at the camp's stable. He later became a fixture at the riding stable at Fort Knox, Tennessee. "This Major noticed that I was hanging around all day and asked if I'd like to ride his horses," Haun explains. "Of course I did, but what I didn't know was that the Major's



name was Jonathan Burton and he was Captain of the U.S. Olympic Team!" After three years of riding jumping horses and three-day eventing horses, Haun says he got too big.

"With all the moving around the world, I never lost my love for horses," Haun states. The transition to Appaloosas came with another one of those "aha" moments in life. "The first Appaloosa I ever saw was Bright Eyes Brother," Haun says. "I fell in love with the breed right then." His loyalty is also evident by his service on the Appaloosa Horse Club Board of Directors from 1998 to 2003, including a turn as President.

As for entering the Trail Hall of Fame, Haun more than meets the qualifications by virtue of participating in 50-plus Appaloosa Horse Club rides. This year will be his tenth on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride and his fifteenth on the Sheltopee. "I enjoyed my first Sheltopee Ride so much that I was truly hooked," Haun admits. He credits Jim Evans with introducing him to ApHC trail rides and has taken up the campaign to get more Appaloosa owners out on the trail. In fact, Haun is now managing the Sheltopee Ride and has plans for an October ride at Mammoth Cave Horse Camp. He is a great believer in the benefits to regional clubs that make the decision to sponsor trail rides. "There are plenty of people out there riding Appaloosas, but the horses aren't registered and the riders aren't members," Haun says. "To me that means a great market for our trail program."