

Joe Richard

ApCHA 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee



Joe Richard of Garland, Texas began showing on the Appaloosa circuit in 1982 and won National and World champion halter gelding titles that year. Now Joe has more than 50 National and World championships and numerous other regional high-point and year-end honors.

With countless National and World Championships adorning his work and home office shelves, it was obvious he knew how to pick good ones as well. The people that shared the same passion soon became an integral part of his life and would remain friends for a lifetime. It was a hobby that he immersed himself into with his two daughters in 1982 and later two grandchildren. He served on the Appaloosa Horse Club Board of Directors, served in different capacities with regional clubs and ran the Appaloosa Cutting Horse Association giving it the foundation that has made it continue to be successful today.

One of his great thrills was to serve as scout on the famous Chief Joseph Trail Ride and he completed the full journey, which takes 13 years traveling roughly 100 miles a year. He enjoyed several other organized trail rides as well and thoroughly enjoyed the people he rode with. Martha served as his trusted driver, moving from camp to camp and one of their cutting mares, Dixie, carried him for the majority of the trips.



Our Condolences go out to the Family and Friends of Joe Richard who passed away on August 12, 2015.