

## **KAREN FREDRICKSON & MRR PYRO 'PERFECT TEN' STORY**

On August 6, 2011, MRR Pyro, known to his friends and family as Murphy, placed fourth at Redwood Ride II.

With that, he completed 10,040 AERC miles. In addition he has ten lifetime first place finishes and 14 best conditions. Murphy is only the seventh horse in American Endurance Ride Conference history to earn the requirements of a 'Perfect Ten' horse.

Murphy is the ultimate multi day horse. He carried Karen on the XP '01,' 04, and '11. He completed all ten days of the Santa Fe Trail, one of two horses to ever do so. He has been Over All Best Condition 7 times on multi days rides. He was the First Lightweight Pioneer Champion once and placed in the top three two other times. Murphy has placed in the AERC West Region for the last seven years.

Murphy has also placed in AERC's National Mileage Championship three times. He is the 2011 AERC West Region Best Condition Champion. Murphy and Karen were honored with the prestigious AERC 'Partners' award for 2011 at the AERC convention in 2012.

In addition Murphy has won California State Horsemen's Association's State Endurance Program's Lightweight Division 1st place high point silver buckle three times. Murphy and rider Karen Fredrickson are the first to be honored with the Richard Theodore Overall Rider High Point award for CSHA Endurance in 2011. Murphy also won the CSHA Best Condition High Point for 2011.

Murphy has a day job as a cow horse. Karen bought him as a two year old, started him on cows as a four year old, and as an endurance horse at five.

Murphy has done everything she has ever asked of him. Karen has as many stories about him as a cow horse as she does from the endurance trail.

Karen says 'In all the years, in all the miles, he has never failed me. He has never left me. He has always waited for me to pick myself up off the ground when he dumped me, climb out of a canyon following wayward cows, or come to the barn for him. He nickers when he see me, comes when I call, and tells me when I'm wrong, He is my perfect horse.'

Congratulations Murphy and Karen!

