

CAROLINA 30/55/100



Lois McAfee of Memphis, Indiana, rode her 8-year-old half-Arabian mare Tonka Toi to a win the Carolina 100 in 10:23.



Jennifer Supinger, 15, did her last ride as a junior rider and first 100-miler at Carolina Ride. She rode Mary Howell's horse Shiloh. She was sponsored by Pat Oliva and Skip Kemerer. They rode as a team of three and completed in 9th, 10th, and 11th place! "Going into this ride, Jennifer was in second place in the NE standings as a junior, so she should finish out the year and her junior career in good placing," says her mother Rebecca Supinger.

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"JD's ride was a blast," said Mary Vann Johnson (right). "It was my last ride as a junior. I started the ride with Ruth Anne Everett sponsoring me. She and I have completed over 400 miles this season together. Unfortunately, she was pulled at the second vet check. I was honored to be sponsored by Alison Bailey for the last half of the ride. I had so much fun riding with her and we just talked each others' ears off. I was so proud of the horse I rode, Razz (owned by Mike Everett). It was an honor to ride Razz all this year and do so well. I'm looking forward to competing as a featherweight next season. Thanks to everyone who has helped me on my way."



Ride vets at the Carolina Ride were (L to R) Lynne Johnson of Virginia, Otis Schmitt of Tennessee, and treatment vet Rachael Eckert of North Carolina. Of Dr. Schmitt, ride manager J.D. Fountain says, "He knows when to hold them, when to fold them and when to send them out!"



Alison Bailey was on a mission when she entered the Carolina 55 on K-Zar Emanuel. Alison's husband, 50-year-old Mike Bailey, passed away after a sudden heart attack 11 days after winning the AERC national 50-mile middleweight championship where K-Zar was awarded the best condition award. Alison wanted to win the Carolina 55 for Mike. She did—in 4:43. And she got a bonus when K-Zar was awarded the best condition award. Needless to say, many bittersweet tears were shed.

