

LEO RENO P-1 was a 1964 buckskin stallion and was purchased by Rich Kurzeja in 1965 as a yearling. He was brought to Indiana and shown in AQHA classes accumulating Halter Performance points. In IBHA he accumulated 41 Halter Points and numerous Performance points as well. His get include race money earners and performance horses in AQHA and accumulating 71 halter points and 134 performance points in IBHA.

Rich owned and campaigned Leo Reno for his entire show career and stood him for breeding on his farm as his premiere stallion until Leo Reno's death in 1984. His show record was only a partial part of him. There is a story about Rich coming home one day and going out to the barn to work Leo Reno. When he went to the barn - Leo was not there - so he went to his paddock and found that empty as well. Rich then saw Doll and asked her where he was and she replied "in the barn as far as I know". Rich ran around the farm searching for him when he suddenly spied him on the road, with daughter Denise on him bareback and riding with her friends in a halter and lead rope. Needless to say some discussion took place about riding him!

Leo Reno was the first horse registered with the new IBHA in 1971 and the first Permanent registration as well.



Hall Of Fame Committee members Ted Handel and Michelle Manseau present the Hall Of Fame Award for Leo Reno P-1 to Dolores and Richard Kurzeja.