



*Congratulations to*  
**Richard “Dick” Rosell**  
*for being Inducted into the*  
**2018 USTPA Hall of Fame!**



# Hall of Fame

***Congratulations to this Year's Inductee!***



## ***"Dick" Rosell***

Richard Arnold Rosell was born on October 5th, 1937 to parents Richard Julian and Viola Mae Rosell in Salamanca, NY. Dick grew up in Cattaraugus, NY on a dairy farm. He attended a 1 room school house and started driving a team of horses in 3rd grade.

With the team, he hauled field crops and manure and logged timber with his father. As a teenager, Dick worked for neighbors farming and collecting syrup from the maple trees for \$1 per day plus all he could eat.

At the age of 17 Dick joined the US Airforce. He served in Korea, Okinawa and the United States. After being honorably discharged in 1958, Dick began working as an X-ray technician for Industrial X-ray Engineers in Woodbridge, NJ and Dallas, TX.



In 1960, work took him to Chester, PA, where he met the love of his life, Suzanne Waters. Dick and Sue dated for 3 months before they married.

Dick began welding on the pipeline in New York City in 1964 around the same time Dick and Sue started their family with their first-born son, Leslie James. Their 2nd son, Timothy David was born



in 1966 followed by 2 daughters, Jill Rae in 1967 and Margaret Yvonne in 1969. Dick and Sue had their hands full raising 4 children which they did in Denville, NJ. Dick worked in New York City all week, played country music in various bands for over 17 years and drove the boys to hockey practice in the middle of the night on weekends.

The Rosell family underwent a huge change in lifestyle when Dick and Sue decided to buy their oldest daughter a horse for her 8th Grade graduation present. Dick saw the horse in the classified ads, and immediately bought her after she came



running when he whistled for her. "Honey" came with a saddle and tack all for \$800. Dick and Sue blindfolded both of their daughters and surprised Jill with the horse. Both girls fell in love and the family soon moved to a horse farm.

When Dick was 53 years old he showed a horse for the first time in AQHA Novice Amateur Western Pleasure. It was a catch ride and he won the class. The judge said his run was so smooth, he was Cadillac'n. Not long after, Dick came home with a horse that had more brands and barbwire scars than any horse the family had ever seen. Dick started team penning and his love of horses grew. Before long the girls had totally different horses and dad and the girls were all team penning together.



In 1991 team penning was added to the AQHA world show. Dick and Meg qualified in amateur team penning. Teamed up with Pete Woods from Oklahoma, they ended up 6th in the world. Dick, Jill and Meg competed in team penning throughout the nation. Along the way, Dick won a reserve championship in Guthrie, OK during the ATPC finals against some stiff competition from the California boys.

Dick helped organize the USTPA in 1993, served on the Board of Directors for many years and was the USTPA's 3rd President. Dick was the promoter of the Virginia Team Penning Extravaganza and created the East Coast Team Penning Series.



The USTPA grew quickly and brought members together from all regions of the US. Dick remembers one night sitting in the bleachers with Steve Robert, Donnie Wynne and David Hall. They discussed and then added a Pro-Am class which created growth in the sport and helped amateurs step up their game by learning from their professional partners.

As owner of Rosell Trailer Sales, Dick helped sponsor Dream Coach horse trailers as a grand prize at the USTPA finals.

Dick notes that the best part of the USTPA has always been the people. He is thankful for the lifelong friendships that were created along the way.



Nowadays, Dick competes in the National Reined Cow Horse Association, along with his daughters. He was the oldest non-pro rider to compete at the Snaffle Bit Futurity in Reno, Nevada on a 3-year-old that he bred and raised at home. At 81 years old, Dick is one of the oldest Non-Pro competitors in the sport. But that doesn't slow him down and he is looking forward to competing once again in Team Penning events.



## USTPA Hall of Fame Mission Statement

1. Honor the Heroes of Team Penning and Ranch Sorting. We shall recognize and honor those individuals who have made an impact on our sport and our members.
2. Celebrate Excellence. We shall enshrine those who excelled and made our sport better.
3. Preserve our History. We shall honor those who sacrificed and worked whenever they were asked without personal reward.
4. Promote USTPA Values. Family, teamwork, leadership, excellence, horsemanship, community and sportsmanship.

