



Interview with Oklahoma Reining Horse Association Member Mr. Bill Finland

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While attending the 2010 Oklahoma Ride & Slide I & II in Tulsa, I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Bill Finland of Rogersville, Missouri. I was amazed to learn that he owns 75 quarter horses and 25 miniature ponies! I also learned that Mr. Finland has been reining for six years. When asked how he became interested in the sport, Mr. Finland explained that his neighbor introduced him to reining and he's been doing it ever since. His horse, Sugar Chic, holds a special place in Mr. Finland's heart, as he has a great personality and was the first horse with which he began showing successfully. Mr. Finland attends approximately eight shows each year. When asked if he gets nervous before showing, he responded, "Absolutely! Being nervous helps you concentrate more clearly. Just remember to have fun! Always focus on the positive things, not the negative."

Mr. Finland attended the University of Missouri. His wife, Patty, is a retired school teacher and they have two children. One is a CPA and the other is a full-time mom.

I enjoyed meeting Mr. Finland and hope to see him at future events.