AUGUSTUS and CANDY BARBO

The first time I saw gus I just thought "wow". There had never been a horse that had done that to me. It was his attitude:he was a "wild thing" and it was love at first sight. He was three years old and had never been outside. We had a long, slow road ahead of us with alot of trust-building so we started with alot of long slow days. I made a pledge to myself to ride outside at least once a week no matter if it was -40 below or not. (Northern Michigan is often quite cold.) And we did.

Gus will be 14 years this year. He has beenn Top Ten in Minnesota, UMECRA and AERC. He took me to the I999 Pan American Championships and finished a very respectable 17th out of the 98 horses that started.

Gus has opened many doors and made the world so much wider for me. He has carried me through more than "just" endurance miles and is so much more than "just" an endurance horse. I have been very blessed to have him as a partner.

