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Tana Poppino talks with OTRR... Final part of our series!

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When at the NFR do you keep your horses at the Thomas and Mack or do you keep them off the grounds?

I never like to keep my horses in little stalls so I keep them off site.

How do you mentally get ready for the July 4th rush? Cowboy Christmas can log a lot of miles, how do you prepare for that?



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When we leave for Reno (third week of June), I plan to be gone until at least the first week of August when we go back to our circuit for Dodge City. I spend several weeks trying to get stuff caught up at the house, and I make a list of stuff to do and things to pack. There always seems to be more that I can get done before I leave. Once we get on the road, it's just business. You take it one day, one run, at a time.

When you are off the road and have a break how much time off do you give your horses, or do you continue to ride daily?

I like to give them a break for a couple of days, but I keep them in shape. They need to have a couple weeks off from competition every so often, with two horses that's much easier for me to do. I try to keep them fresh, but in top shape.

Of all of the horses you owned is their one you share or shared a special bond with that isn't like any of the other relationships you have had with your horses?

Twister, my palomino that I rode growing up, and Amigo have very similar personalities. Both of them are/were tough, competitive, and the boss hoss. They each have a piece of my heart, but Goose is growing on me, too. When you spend as much time as we do with our horses on the road, you develop that special bond that you are talking about.

Who helps you up and down the road, lets give a shout out to your sponsors!

My husband, Marty, makes it possible for me to go. He encourages me and helps me with my horses, and my truck and trailer. My son Brodie is my biggest fan and encourager. Thanks to Cowboy Rigs, Total Health Enhancement, EquiPride, Professionals' Choice and Rodeo Promotions have supported me through both the good and down times. Each of these companies are made up of wonderful people who have been great to me. I would also like to thank all those lift me up in prayer and cheer me on. The rest of my family shouldn't be left out either, Mom, Dad, my brothers and their families, and Jean and Leonard Poppino, the best mother- and father-in-law in the world.

Discover your God-given talents, give your dream to God, work hard, trust Him, and never, never give up.

OTRR would like to give HUGE THANK YOU to Tana for being a contributor to our website! Thanks again Tana and Good luck On The Rodeo Road!

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