



Ron McLoughlin – Biography

Ron McLoughlin was born in Petaluma, California, on a quarter horse ranch. Being the son of an Army Officer, Ron traveled the world as a youngster, starting riding lessons in Germany in the dressage arena. Ron began teaching horseback riding in 1967, and after two years of college, three years in the U.S. Navy, (the last year being spent in Vietnam on Gun Boats and as a small arms instructor) in February of 1972, he started the McLoughlin Horse-Handling School in Towanda, Pennsylvania.

In 1972, Ron met two men that changed his whole outlook on horses, the horse industry and life. One such influence was Francis C. Sullivan D.V.M., an equine vet and horseman of unequalled wisdom on horses and the horse industry.

The other influence was Monte Foreman, of Elbert, Colorado. Monte, a world famous horse scientist, film maker, author of horse books, an all around top hand horse trainer and riding instructor, came into Ron's life like a stampede. For the next twelve years Ron worked extensively with Monte, helping with the research, video taping, and assisting with his riding clinics around the United States and Canada. In 1978 Ron was certified as a 'Foreman' Instructor. As a result, McLoughlin Horse Handling School was founded on the 'Foreman Humane System' of handling horses. The Foreman system is the science of foot-work and move-basics, all accomplished through lateral control. Ron has kept a active research department at the school to continue where Monte Foreman left off.

Over the years Ron has worked with thousands of students, many in the show arena today. He has conducted many mounted Law enforcement training Schools, and has trained the U.S. Border Patrol Mounted Division. To date, Ron has actively conducted over 883 three day Horse Handling Clinics around the United States, Canada and Europe.

In 1989 Ron moved the school to Arizona, where he started looking for the place to build a complete school. In the meantime, he met and married Lisa Johnson of Oakland, California, an accomplished western and portrait artist. Lisa has had horses most of her life, and has become quite an assistant trainer and instructor helping with the school.

In 1998, the school was moved to its present location in Pearce, Arizona, where the facility is growing rapidly, and offers a complete instruction program.

In 2003 McLoughlin H.H.S. became a non-profit foundation 501 (C) (3), and changed its name to 'Classical Stock Seat School of Arizona' in 2008, which will allow the school to offer a higher quality program to its full-time instructors in training, and to help the full-time students with scholarships. This also will allow the Foreman/McLoughlin system to continue into the future.

In 2008, Ron was interviewed by Rick Lamb on RFD TV, and is considered one of the foremost instructors of the Foreman system in the U.S. today.