



Indianapolis, IN

Date of Birth: July 23, 1966

Place of Birth: Hamilton, OH

Mentor: My dad (Joe Essig)

How has this person earned mentor status with you?

He helped me learn how to be a good horseman and to treat owners with respect.

How old were you when you first sat behind a horse? 11

Where did you have your first drive? Eaton, OH

What do you remember most about your first drive? I won!

How many career wins have you had? 3,500

What was your most memorable drive?

LUSTY LEADER – Battle of Lake Erie

Favorite Horse Driven: IDEAL G I G I

Why do you consider this horse your favorite drive?

I bought her as a yearling and raced her for three years. She was voted Ohio's Horse of the Year as a three year old.

If you could give a rookie driver advice what would it be?

Do the best that you can do and learn from your mistakes.

What hobbies do you enjoy that are not related to horse racing?

Baseball