

"I quit rodeoin' in 1984 and was ranching," said LeDoux, father of five. "But that wasn't really working out. I spent an eight-year period when it was really tough trying to get the music off the ground – it took some time."

Now that his career has become a success – complete with gold albums and a Grammy nomination – LeDoux keeps up a backbreaking concert schedule. When not on the road, LeDoux can still be found working cattle and mending fences at his ranch. LeDoux keeps a stable of saddle horses for his work.

"It is nice to get back in the saddle again," said LeDoux.

But now, what LeDoux is best known for is his full-throttle, rock and roll country performances and albums. On stage, LeDoux performs songs from "One Road Man", as well as fan favorites "Cadillac Ranch," "Whatcha Gonna Do With A Cowboy," "Copenhagen" (a song which causes LeDoux and his Western Underground Band to duck and dodge cans of chewing tobacco being tossed onto the stage – a tradition for audience members), "Bareback Jack" and "Hooked On An Eight-Second Ride." However, LeDoux said all the success he has had in the music industry can't compare to his rodeo championship in 1976.

"Nothin' can compare to winning the World Bareback Championship, not even a gold record," said LeDoux. "You put your life on the line, you have aches and pains and you work for it. Nothing else can compare to that."

"What you see on stage is pretty much what you get," chuckles LeDoux. "With a rockin' edge to it."

LeDoux recently turned 50, an occasion marked with messages from friends, fans and fellow celebrities alike.

"Charlie Daniels sent me a card that said 'Hey old buddy, it's the big 5-0 and it don't hurt a bit,' said LeDoux, with a laugh. "And it don't. I still feel about 17."

Does LeDoux have any regrets about his life and chosen careers? Nope, and he said he can't find one thing that he is the most proud of. He's a pretty comfortable and satisfied guy.

"I guess I'd want to be remembered for all of it – the music, the rodeoin' and just being lucky enough to find the right girl," said LeDoux.

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