

ARIZONA COWPUNCHERS REUNION ASSOCIATION

January 2011 Newsletter

Important information on upcoming events and deadlines enclosed.

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IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES FOR 2011

As requested by the majority of the ACRA membership present at the general membership meeting, the 2011 **ACRA Reunion Rodeo has been moved to June 16th - 19th, Williams, AZ.**

The Spring event will once again be held in Wickenburg the weekend of **April 9th & 10th, 2011.** We are planning some new things for this event, *more information to follow in this newsletter.* Mark your calendars with these dates now, so there will be no surprises later!

2010 ACRA Reunion Rodeo

The 2010 rodeo was successful even though it was another wet year. Many thanks go out to all those who helped make the rodeo possible, namely our incredible sponsors. Without their support and generosity this rodeo would not be possible. Melissa Cameron once again did an awesome job as Sponsorship Coordinator. The variety of food concessions and other vendors was great this year thanks to Lindsay Jeans and all her hard work. The crew from the city of Williams worked hard to help get the grounds ready and provide us with whatever we needed.

Jack Fuller, Ben Shiew, Joe Campbell, Frank and Dan McNelly, Jay Runston, Matt Bates, Monty Shiew, and Steve Curry all put in many volunteer hours to move the roping boxes, and get the arena in great shape to handle all that water!

Wendy Cavalliere, and Cody & Ibbly Champie once again did a great job with the kids gymkhana. We appreciate the work they do organizing and running the gymkhana. Kristy Dollarhide stepped up and did a great job with the kids Dummy Roping. Thanks to Kristy and all her helpers.

The Yavapai Sheriff Posse once again did a great job with the bar sales. As did the Cowbelles with the sales table, and Jim Phillips with the concession. Thank You Jim for generously sharing your proceeds with the ACRA!

The board members did a great job with every aspect of the rodeo and kept it running smoothly. All the rodeo secretaries, timers, announcers, Calcutta helpers, flaggers, judges, chute help...did an awesome job as usual. Great help is priceless, and we have the best! Thanks to everyone for a job well done. Putting on this rodeo is definitely a team effort!

IMPORTANT DATES

2011 Rodeo Program

Since the date for the rodeo has moved up, so must our other deadlines move up. Anyone interested in submitting pictures, stories, poems, or artwork for the program will need to have them in by **March 1, 2011**. Please help once again make this year's program special. We appreciate all the photos of ranch life, and rodeo, that we receive. You may submit high quality actual photos, Cds, or email photos with a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Identify people, and the photographer, on the back of the photo. If there is no identification we cannot return photos. We receive hundreds of photos each year, so please narrow your choices down to a few of your favorite and best photos. Digital photos may be submitted on disc, not inkjet printer. (Send a separate paper with identification) Please keep the above information in mind when submitting photos, and thank you for your contributions!

Submissions for the program may be sent to:

ACRA Sponsor/Program Coordinator
Melissa Cameron, P.O. Box 36, Williams, AZ 86046
928-635-4496

Trade Show

Lindsay Jeans will once again be organizing the vendors/Trade Show at this year's rodeo. If you are interested in a booth please contact Lindsay.

Lindsay Jeans, Trade Show Coordinator
928-308-2174

Membership Applications

All **applications for membership** are due by **March 1st** of each year. Please remember, **Anyone** turning 18 before the rodeo, whether they have been competing under a parent's card, or hold their own card, must submit a new application for membership by March 1st. The Board of Directors will review and vote on applications, then all applicants will be notified by mail before the April Event. **No late applications will be accepted.*

Membership Dues

As usual, annual **ACRA membership dues** are payable on or before **March 1st of each year**. Dues are \$20 per member, and \$20 for a competing spouse. (Children under the age of 18 may compete under their parent's card). After March 1st dues are payable at \$50 each, so try to get them in by March 1st! *After June 1st any member whose dues are delinquent will be dropped from the membership roster and will be required to submit a new application for membership the following year.*

Anyone that has been a member for 10 years, and is 60 years of age may qualify for a Gold Card. Please contact the secretary concerning a Gold Card membership.

2011 Spring Rodeo

Rodeo Events

(All rodeo events are pre-enter, see info below)

Wild Horse Race - \$30 per man, 3 man team
Accepting first 12 tms to enter

Wild Cow Milking - \$15 per man, 3 man team,
roper must be 50 yrs or over, accepting first 12 tms to enter

Cowboy Bronc Riding - \$100 entry
\$500 added money, must be at least 16 yrs of age

Steer Riding - \$10 entry

Must be 12 yrs or younger, one hand, no fanning

Calf Branding - \$15 a man, 4 man team

Accepting first 12 tms to enter

Buckles will be awarded to the top Bronc Rider and Steer Rider. The other events will be jackpot, winning team takes all. ***Event rules will be the same as our ACRA Rodeo event rules.** Calf Branding rules will be posted at the event along with all other event rules. *Contestants can be on only one team per event.

* ACRA members only.

Rodeo Entries

The rodeo performance must be **pre-entered**. The secretary will be taking entries **by telephone on March 8 - 11th, 2011 for all rodeo events**. In the Wild Horse Race, Wild Cow Milking, and Calf Branding only the first 12 teams to enter will be accepted. A list of extra teams will be kept in the event a team must withdraw, then the next team in line will be moved up. **Payments for entries must be received by the Secretary on or before March 18th**. Entries for the rodeo may be paid using personal check, cashiers check, or money order. If one of the first 12 teams fails to get entries fees in on time they will be dropped off the list, and the next team on the list will move up to take their place. **Phone all rodeo entries to Rodeo Secretary Trina Runston, 928-853-6495.**

Saturday, April 9th

Enter 8 a.m., Rope 9 a.m.

(Enter Cash Only)

Century (cap # 13) \$25 per roper, enter 4X

Pick One/Draw One (cap #13 w/#9 Inc.)

\$50 per roper enter 2X

16 & Under Mixed (cap #13 w/#9 Inc.)

\$25 per roper, enter 4X

***5:00 p.m. - Barbeque Dinner**

***5:30 p.m. - Calcutta Auction** of Bronc Riders and Wild Horse Race Teams.

***6:30 p.m. - Rodeo Performance** to begin.

(There will be a gate charge for spectators that are not ACRA members, please have your ACRA card with you).

Sunday, April 10th

Enter 8 a.m., Rope 9 a.m.

(Enter Cash Only)(All Ropings Capped at a #13)

Team Tying \$40 per roper, enter 2X

12 & Under \$10 per roper, entries open

All Girl \$15 per roper, entries open

Century \$15 per roper, enter 5X

16 & Under Mixed (#9 Inc.) \$15 per roper, enter 5X

Pick One/Draw One (#9 Inc.) \$40 per roper, enter 2X

Team Tying, 12 & Under, & All Girl are 2 steer progressive, all other ropings are 3 steer progressive. *We are using USTRC Triad #s only for all ropings. If you need a number assigned call Jack Fuller.*

*Food vendor will be on grounds, plus a BBQ dinner, and beer will be available.

*The Everett Bowman Arena is located off Hwy 60 on Constellation Rd.

Wickenburg Motels

Wickenburg Inn: 928-684-5461/ \$71.99 + tax. Includes enhanced breakfast. Microwave & fridge in room plus other amenities. 3 mi. from arena. Go to Wickenburginn.net for more info.

Super 8: 928-684-0808/\$79.99 + tax. Includes breakfast, internet, cable, microwave & fridge.

Los Viajeros: 928-684-7099/\$100 + tax. If ACRA reserves more than 10 rooms the rate will be \$90 + tax. Say you are with the Arizona Cowpunchers Assoc.

Best Western: 1-800-854-7235/\$114 + tax, only a few rooms available.

***All room quotes based on 2 person occupancy & 2 beds.**