



ARIZONA COWPUNCHER'S REUNION ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

MISCELLANEOUS – RODEO UPDATES
SPRING ROPING – MEMERSHIP FORM

IMPORTANT ACRA DATES –

2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES – March 1st, 2019

2019 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DUE – March 1st, 2019

SPRING ROPING – March 30th – March 31st, 2019

PICTURES & STORIES – March 1st, 2019

ANNUAL REUNION RODEO WILLIAMS – June 20th – 23rd, 2019

Hi Everyone!! It's 2019 – Let's Make It A Great Year!!

Membership dues can be mailed anytime. Make sure they are received by March 1st, 2019. Also, if you are turning 18 before the rodeo this year you **MUST** apply for your own membership. The sooner you get your application in the better. If your application is not in the secretary's hands by March 1, 2019 you will have to wait until next year to be voted on.

Spring roping will be held March 30th and 31st in Wickenburg. Schedule of events is included in this newsletter. Annual Reunion Rodeo will be held the weekend **AFTER** Father's Day – June 20th thru 23rd in Williams.

Please read this newsletter entirely. There is lots of information regarding our association, items needed, changes and upcoming events.

Wickenburg Motels: Quality Inn – 928-684-5461
Los Viajeros – 928-684-7099

Super 8 – 928-684-0808
Best Western 928-684-5445

2019 ACRA Officers & Board Members

President – Logan Anderson
Vice President – Beano Kimball
Secretary – Carrie M. Gross
P.O. Box 6733,
Kingman, AZ 86402
602-510-4940
cowpunchers@outlook.com

Board Members –

Ryan Manifee – 928-607-5751
Cody Tillery – 928-499-1265
Linc Bundy – 928-899-3516
J.R. Murdock – 928-651-1566
Logan Westcott – 928-243-8583
Clay Rodgers – 928-853-5658

2019 Event Directors/Chairmen for the Spring Roping & Reunion Rodeo

Rough Stock Directors – Cody Tillery – Ryan Manifee

Roping Events Directors – J.R. Murdock – Linc Bundy

Calcutta/Grand Entry Chairman – Clay Rodgers **Dance Chairman** – Logan Westcott

Gate Chairman – Carrie Gross **Gymkhana Chairman** – Cassie Hambrick

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Sponsorships

Sponsors are very important to our association. We would not be able to produce the annual reunion rodeo without our sponsors. If you are wanting to be a sponsor or know of someone, we should contact to become a sponsor, please contact Carrie Gross at cowpunchers@outlook.com or call 602-510-4940.

NEEDED – Pictures – Stories – NEEDED

Are you proud of your ranch and your family? Do you want to make this year's Reunion Rodeo Program a keepsake for years to come? Send in all your ranch photos so we can place them in our annual rodeo program. We love all kinds of ranch photos, kids, branding, riding, funny, it doesn't matter. Everyone loves looking at all the pictures from different outfits and families and pictures is what makes our program so special and a collector item. We need all your photos submitted by March 1st, 2019. Nothing is better than photos coming from our members. Please submit pictures and/or stories you have to **acrphotos@outlook.com** or cowpunchers@outlook.com.

2019 Reunion Rodeo Trade Show

Space for vendors at the rodeo is limited. If you would like to be on the list to reserve a spot for the 2019 ACRA Reunion Rodeo Trade Show, please contact Becky Gross, Trade Show Coordinator by email at rdgross2@hotmail.com or by phone at 928-279-4752.

Newsletter/Facebook

We would like to give our members the option to have their newsletters mailed, emailed or if you would like you can read them online on our website azcowpunchers.com or through Facebook. On this year's membership renewal form please mark how you would prefer receiving your ACRA Newsletter. We know many members do not read the paper form and it would save money and paper if we just email the newsletter to you. You can print any forms needed from the website and through Facebook. Also, we are starting a new Members Only Facebook page. We will use this as another way to communicate with our membership. We will make sure we keep you updated on important dates, post the reunion draw, upload the newsletter and other important forms as well. Search Arizona Cowpunchers under the people tab. This will only be available to ACRA current members.

Membership Information

2019 ACRA Membership Dues can be sent now or any time before March 1st, 2019. Please use the form enclosed when sending your dues. It is extremely important that you fill out the form completely with birthdates and clarification if the person is male or female. This is all information we would like in our database so during the rodeo we know what all around category each contestant falls into.

Dues sent by March 1st, 2019 are \$40. If your spouse will be competing in the rodeo please send an additional \$40 for their dues. If dues are received after March 1st, they will be \$75 each and if dues are not received by June 1st, 2019 you will be dropped from membership and need to reapply.

New membership application request can be sent by email to cowpunchers@outlook.com or by calling Carrie Gross at 602-510-4940. The cost to apply for ACRA membership is \$50. New membership applications **MUST** be received before **March 1st, 2019**. The ACRA Board of Directors will vote on new members during the March ACRA Board Meeting. This will be the only meeting new membership applications will be discussed and voted on.

Rodeo Changes, Updates, and Information

We truly appreciate everyone voicing their opinions during our Annual General Membership Meeting held at the rodeo. It is important to the Board that we hear what our members are thinking. If there are items, issues, or concerns you have, the Annual General Membership Meeting is a great place voice those.

The Board of Directors discussed all the items, issues and concerns that were brought up during the general membership meeting June 2018. After a long debate the Board decided to leave the current Thursday roping how it is. It will be a #13 with a #9 incentive. The Board also feels it is important to keep the events as they are now and not making them a number roping to help keep the family aspect of the rodeo. The type of events as they are now, allow all members to have a chance to compete at some point during the rodeo. This is very important to our members and association.

Hello Ladies – the board has voted to add a Ladies Breakaway to the annual reunion rodeo. So, make sure you practice up and get entered this year. The cost will be \$45, and we will run a few in each performance and if needed we will have the Breakaway before the calf roping slack on Friday.

We heard everyone loud and clear on the Wild Cow Milking. We have decided to go back to the Wild Horse Race. We really need participants in this event. It is one of the main crowd pleasers. Start getting your teams together for the rodeo. It is always great fun to watch.

We are no longer going to do the Jr. Bronc Riding. There were never enough competitors in the event to have it at the rodeo. Thank you to the few who did enter.

Make sure you have your dancing shoes on a little earlier this year. The dance will start at 8 p.m. and go to midnight. It is always a great time to unwind and visit with friends. We hope everyone will enjoy this change.

The Annual Calcutta Auction held Saturday night is a major fundraiser for the association. That is the purpose of the auction is to raise money for both the association and the Cowpuncher Crisis Fund. The Board has decided that a flat 25% will be held for the association at all Calcutta Auctions the association holds. The other 75% will be paid back divide per event standards. The Saturday Calcutta is always a great time and we hope to see everyone there.

Parking at the rodeo has been a board nightmare for many years now. We also understand it can be frustrating on the members as well. The Board has decided to allow parking at the arena daily for a fee of \$5 a day for non-members and free for members. Members will still have to show their wristbands to get free parking. If you do not have your wristband on you will be charged \$5 to park at the arena. The lot across from the arena will still be open for free parking if anyone wants to camp or park over there. Please be courteous to our parking help and all volunteers. They are only doing what they have been asked to do. If you have an issue with something, please find a board member or Carrie in the secretary office and they will be more than happy to help you with these issues. Wristbands will still be required during the rodeo. Make sure you come get your wristband Thursday. Your weekend wristband will make it easier to maneuver around the rodeo grounds.

We want to thank everyone for being so cooperative over the past few years. We understand change is hard sometimes and we have had many changes. We appreciate everyone trying to help make these changes easier. We are blessed with a great association, superb people, exceptional families and amazing traditions. So many people both members and non-members look forward to the Annual Reunion Rodeo and we hope to continue with the tradition for many, many years to come.

2019 ACRA Spring Steer Roping, Team Roping, Bronc Riding and Steer Riding

March 30th & 31st – Wickenburg, AZ Everett Bowman Arena

We will Calcutta off **ONLY** the Bronc Riders at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening and ride steers directly after the Calcutta. The Bronc Riding will start at 7 p.m. We will also be taking entries for the Team Tying all day Saturday. Books for the Team Tying will close at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The format will be as follows:

Saturday – March 30th, 2019

Books close at 9 a.m. for first roping

CASH ONLY – NO Tabs, NO Checks

ALL ROPINGS ARE CAPPED AT A #13

Century - \$40 per roper, enter 4X

Pick One Draw One (w/#9 inc.) \$80 per roper, enter 2X (for 4 runs)

16 & Under Mixed (w/#9 inc.) \$40 per roper, enter 4X

3 p.m. Team Tying Books Close

5:30 p.m. Calcutta Auction - Bronc Riders Only

6:45 p.m. Steer Riding – \$10 entry – 12 & Under – enter by 3 p.m. Saturday

7 p.m. Cowboy Bronc Riding - \$500 added – \$100 entry – **must pre-enter**

Sunday – March 31st, 2019

Books for the 12 & Under close at 8:45 a.m.

CASH ONLY – NO Tabs, NO Checks

ALL ROPINGS ARE CAPPED AT A #13

Team Tying Starts at **8:00 a.m. sharp**

Team Tying (w/#9 inc.) - \$50 per roper, enter 3X – Books Close Saturday 3 p.m.

12 & Under - \$10 per roper, enter 5X

All Girl - \$30 per roper, enter 5X

Century \$40 per roper, enter 4X

16 & Under Mix (w/#9 inc.) \$40 per roper, enter 4X

Pick One Draw One (w/#9 inc.) \$80 per roper, enter 2X (for 4 runs)

Buckles will be awarded in the Steer Riding, Bronc Riding, Team Tying and Team Tying Incentive. **Bronc Riding books are pre-enter and close March 15th, 2019.** Email Carrie at cowpunchers@outlook.com or text 602-510-4940 to enter. All ropings are 3 steer progress except the Team Tying, 12 & Under and All Girl which are 2 steer progressive. Food vendor will be available on the grounds. Everett Bowman Arena is located off Hwy 60 on Constellation Rd.

Dummy Roping Saturday
3 age groups
11:30 a.m. by
Dynamite Horseman Supply

2019 ACRA Membership Dues Invoice/Form

Please complete this form and return along with your membership dues to:

Carrie M. Gross – ACRA Secretary **Member Address:** _____
P.O. Box 6733 _____
Kingman, AZ 86402 _____

Phone #: _____

Please Print.

Let us know whether each member is male or female by checking M { } Male – F { } Female below.

Birthdates are also very important. They let the ladies in the office know what all around category each member will compete in.

Name of Member: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Spouse: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Minor Children:

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ M { } F { }

Please check all that apply:

Before March 1st, 2019 - \$40

2019 membership **\$40** _____ 2019 competing spouse **\$40** _____

After March 1st, 2019 - \$75 – Dues will not be accepted after June 1st, 2019

2019 membership **\$75** _____ 2019 competing spouse **\$75** _____

2019 Gold Card or Associate membership donation \$ _____

Email address: _____

➤ **I would like to receive my ACRA newsletter by:**

Mail Email Facebook ACRA Website

*****If your child will be turning 18 before June 21st, 2019 they must apply for their own membership. Membership application MUST be received before March 1st, 2019. If they do not apply for membership and turn 18 before June 21st, 2019, they will not be able to compete at the Annual Reunion Rodeo. Please send Carrie Gross an email at cowpunchers@outlook.com and she will forward you a membership application.**



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A cheerful heart makes a tough job easier.

Never work for an outfit you don't believe in.

Wisdom is mostly learning how to pace yourself.

Criticizing another man's work won't improve your own.