

ARIZONA COWPUNCHERS REUNION ASSOCIATION

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ARIZONA COWPUNCHERS REUNION ASSOCIATION (ACRA) 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND

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ACRA Website: www.azcowpunchers.com, **Facebook page-** [Arizona Cowpunchers Reunion Association](#). Watch these sites for the latest updates concerning ACRA events and membership.

A Note from the Secretary

We hope that everyone enjoyed a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Now that 2012 is officially in full swing, it is time to once again get geared up for future ACRA events. Within this newsletter you will find information concerning the upcoming Spring Roping and Rodeo, and the 2012 Reunion Rodeo dates along with information concerning that event. You will also find news concerning membership dues and applications. Please note that a change has been made concerning membership dues. The amount for annual ACRA membership dues has been the same for too many years to remember, while the cost of everything else has risen. With the price of postage, printing, paper... all having gone up over the years it has made it necessary to raise the price of membership dues. An executive decision was made, and dues will now be \$30 per member. Please fill out the invoice within this newsletter when returning dues. We are asking for information on this invoice that will enable us to update your ACRA membership files to include all immediate family members. ACRA cards will be issued for each family member to carry with them at ACRA events (Example: spouse, minor child...). Hopefully this will make it easier when entering the gate at ACRA functions. Please complete the invoice and return it along with payment for your annual dues to the rodeo secretary on or before March 1st, 2012. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the above number anytime.

We would like to once again thank all of our long time and new rodeo sponsors, and encourage the membership to do so in person every chance you get. Without the support of our incredible sponsors this rodeo would not be possible for it gets more expensive each year to produce this rodeo. You will find a complete list of sponsors on the website sponsor page, or refer to last year's rodeo program. Visit their businesses and tell them "Thank You" for making this rodeo possible!

We would like to thank Melissa Cameron for her past work as Sponsorship Coordinator, and welcome Amber McCloy as this year's Co-Sponsorship Coordinator along with Secretary Trina Runston. We would also like to thank past Trade Show Coordinator, Lindsay Jeans, for all her help, and welcome Jenni Rioux who will take Lindsay's place. We appreciate these ladies and all they do for the ACRA.

ACRA Secretary, Trina Runston,
On behalf of the ACRA Board of Directors

****2012 ACRA Reunion Rodeo Dates****

Mark your calendar now and save the date for the **2012 ACRA Reunion Rodeo** to be held on **June 14-17th**, in Williams, AZ. More information on this event will be included in future newsletters.

ACRA Spring Team Roping and Rodeo

The **Spring Roping & Rodeo** will be held Easter weekend, **April 7th & 8th**, in Wickenburg, AZ, at the Everett Bowman Arena. We will be using the same format as last year's spring event. *Schedule as follows:*

Saturday, April 7, 2012

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

(ENTER CASH ONLY, No tabs, no checks)

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

Pick One/Draw One (cap #13 w/#9 Inc.)
\$50 per roper, enter 2X (Enter twice get four partners)

16 & Under Mixed (cap #13, with #9 Inc.)
\$25 per roper, enter 4X

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

***5:30 p.m. – Calcutta Auction** of the Bronc Riders and Wild Horse Race teams.

***6:30 p.m. – Rodeo Performance** to begin. (*Rodeo Performance info to follow.*)

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

Sunday, April 8th, 2012

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

(ENTER CASH ONLY, No tabs, No checks)

(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
(Enter 2X, get 4 partners)

The Team Tying, 12 & Under, and All Girl roping are 2 steer progressive. All other ropings are 3 steer progressive. Food vendors will be available on the grounds. The Everett Bowman arena is located off Hwy 60 on Constellation Rd. See Wickenburg motel information following in this newsletter.

Saturday Night Rodeo Performance, April, 7th, 2012

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

Events:

Wild Horse Race - \$30 per man, 3 man team

Accepting first 12 teams to enter.

Wild Cow Milking - \$15 per man, 3 man team (*Roper, Milker, Mugger)

*Roper must be 50 yrs or older. Accepting first 12 teams.

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 per man, 4 man team

Accepting first 12 teams 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 Reunion Rodeo event rules. Calf Branding rules will be the same as last year, and will be posted at the event. *Contestants can be on only one team per event. *Contestants must be ACRA members.

Spring Rodeo Entries: The Saturday night **rodeo performance** must be **pre-entered**. The secretary will be taking entries **by phone beginning March 19th through March 27th for all rodeo events**. If the secretary does not answer when you call, please leave a message clearly stating your entry, plus the time and date of call. Entries will be accepted in the order received. Please leave a phone number where you can be reached if any questions arise. The Wild Cow Milking, Wild Horse Race, and Calf Branding are limited to 12 teams, so call early. After each event is full a list will be kept in case a team has to withdraw. In that case the next team in line will be moved up. **Payment for entries** must be received by the rodeo secretary **on or before April 2nd**. If money is not received for an entry, that entry will be bumped off the list, and the next one moved up to take their place. **Phone in all rodeo entries to the Rodeo Secretary, Trina Runston at 928-853-6495. Mail payment to:** ACRA Secretary P.O. Box 278, Williams, AZ 86046.

Wickenburg Motels:

Wickenburg Inn – 928-684-5461. Wickenburginn.net

Super 8 – 928-684-0808

Los Viajeros – 928-684-7099

Best Western – 1-800-854-7235

2012 Event Directors/Chairmen for the Spring Roping/Rodeo & Reunion Rodeo

Rough Stock Directors: Steve Dollarhide & Marty Byrne

Roping Events Directors: Steers-Jack Fuller, Cows/Calves-Clay Rodgers & Jack Fuller

Calcutta Director: Gary Halford **Dance Chairman:** David Blackmore

Gate Chairman: Trina Runston **Gymkhana Chairman:** Wendy Cavalliere

Address Changes

Newsletters and other membership correspondence are mailed by regular US postage. If you change residence your mail will continue to be forwarded for 6 months if you leave a forwarding address. After 6 months it will begin returning to the secretary. It is a member's responsibility to contact the secretary with a new address and phone number if you wish to continue receiving your ACRA mailings. If it is done promptly it will save time and money in returned mailings. Thank You!

The Cowpuncher's Crisis Fund, Inc. (CCF), And the Arizona Cowpuncher's Scholarship Organization, Inc. (ACSO)

While the Arizona Cowpunchers Reunion Association supports both the CCF and the ACSO by donating revenue from the annual reunion rodeo, it is not directly involved with these organizations. They are separate entities of their own, each having their own board of directors and officers. If you wish to donate to these organizations, it is better to send donations or correspondence directly to them, instead of to the ACRA Secretary. Following is their contact information.

The **Arizona Cowpuncher's Scholarship Organization, Inc** provides funds for educational programs beyond high school. Their deadline to have applications submitted is Feb. 10 of each year. You may contact them at: Email: info@AllAboutACSO.com, or find them at www.AllAboutACSO.com. You can also find them on facebook. Their mailing address is: The Arizona Cowpuncher's Scholarship Organization, P.O. Box 420, Kirkland, AZ 86332-0420

The **Cowpuncher's Crisis Fund, Inc.** mission is to raise funds and provide financial assistance to families of Arizona's working cowboys during a crisis situation, primarily caused by accident, or sudden and serious illness, or death. Donations are tax deductible if made out to the Cowpuncher's Crisis Fund, Inc. They are a 501C3 corporation, which is a nonprofit organization with the state of Arizona. For more information or to inquire how to donate to this fund, please contact President Scott Westlake, Cowpuncher's Crisis Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 520, Flagstaff, AZ 86002.

2012 ACRA Reunion Rodeo Program Photos, Stories, and Artwork

We would like your help in creating the 2012 rodeo program. We encourage everyone to submit photos, stories, poems, and artwork for consideration of use in the 2012 rodeo program. The kids' page has become very popular, and we truly appreciate all the submissions that we receive from the membership. When sending photos, please make sure they are of high quality for printing purposes. Photos should be identified on the back. If sending a disk, make sure subjects are identified on a separate piece of paper. Identify the photographer also. Photos may be sent as actual photos, CD's, or emails with at least 300 dpi. Please do not use online photo albums. Submissions may be sent at any time to the rodeo secretary: Trina Runston, ACRA Secretary, P.O. Box 278, Williams, AZ 86046. Email to t.runston@yahoo.com. We would like to have all submissions in by April 13th. Thank you for your help in making the 2012 rodeo program a truly unique collector's edition!

2012 Poster/Program Cover Artwork

We would like to invite the membership to submit artwork for consideration to appear on either the 2012 rodeo poster or program. Please send a high quality photograph of your artwork to the rodeo secretary at the address above.

2012 Reunion Rodeo Trade Show

Space for vendors at the rodeo is limited; if you would like to be on the contact list or reserve a spot for the 2012 ACRA Reunion Rodeo Trade Show, please contact the new Trade Show Coordinator. ACRA Trade Show/Vendor Coordinator, Jenni Rioux, 10670 Howard Mesa Loop, Williams, AZ 86046. Phone-928-925-4891, or email jennirioux@me.com.

Sponsorship Information

If you would like information on how to become a sponsor of the rodeo, or know an individual or business that might like information, please contact Co-Sponsorship Coordinator, Amber McCloy at 1-575-633-6554, or email ambermccloy@yahoo.com, or contact Trina Runston, ACRA Secretary, 928-853-6495, or email t.runston@yahoo.com.

Membership Dues/Applications

Just a few reminders:

- 1.) ACRA members must pay annual dues by March 1 of each year. Members whose dues are delinquent as of June 1 of each year will be dropped from the membership roster and required to reapply for membership the following year.
- 2.) Any young member competing under a parent, or holding their own card, that will turn 18 before the Annual Reunion Rodeo must submit, or re-submit an application for membership by March 1, of that year and be accepted for membership to be eligible to compete in the rodeo.
- 3.) **All** applications for membership must be submitted by March 1 of each year. Late applications will be returned, or held until the following year. No exceptions to this rule. (To request an application please contact the rodeo secretary).
- 4.) Spouse membership-The legal spouse of a card holding ACRA member may compete in ACRA events, but must pay dues by March 1 of each year to be eligible. Children under the age of 18 may compete under their parent's card and are not required to pay dues. When turning 18 they must submit an application for membership of their own and be accepted for membership to be eligible to compete.
- 5.) Gold Card Qualifications- To qualify for a gold card, one must have been a member for 10 years, and must be 60 yrs or over. If you feel you qualify for a gold card please contact the secretary.
- 6.) Associate Membership-Any member who may, by vote of the Board of Directors, be selected for associate membership as a position of honor, because of their office or civic accomplishments which this organization feels should be recognized. Associate members shall be entitled to participate in association activities, except the rodeos, but shall have no vote.

2012 ACRA Membership Dues Invoice

Please complete this invoice, check the correct line/lines below, and return to the secretary along with the proper payment on or before March 1, 2012. Thank You!

Name of member _____ **Birthdate** _____

Spouse _____ **Birthdate** _____

Minor Children:

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____

(If needed continue on back)

2012 membership dues \$30 _____ 2012 membership dues after March 1st \$50 _____

2012 Spouse dues \$30 _____ 2012 Spouse dues after March 1st \$50 _____

2012 Gold Card or Associate membership *donation* dues _____ **

***Gold card and Associate members are not required to pay annual dues.*

Please fill in the blanks below concerning newsletters and correspondence.

I would like to receive ACRA updates by email: Yes _____ No _____

I would like to receive my newsletters: US Mail _____ I will read/print them off the website myself _____

Please provide email address if you wish to receive updates. (Please print) _____

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