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In Memory *Tom Charters*



Pictured above, engaged in his favorite sport, is Tom Charters, who won the average in the steer wrestling at this rodeo, the NRA Finals. Tom was an active NRA competitor and pickup man for Dale Small Rodeo Co. He was seriously injured about two years ago in a bull dogging "wreck" and never regained consciousness. He died in January of this year. Charters, 33, was a native of Jackson, Wyo., and the son of Thomas Boyd and Anne Charters. A 1967 graduate of Billings Senior High School, he had been associated with his family's ranching enterprise. Survivors include his mother; two brothers, Joe and Steve, and a sister, Mrs. Henry (Kit) Nelson, all of Billings. Presented the "Good Ole Boy" award in 1982 by the NRA, his close friends and relatives still had hope for his recovery, and all hoped for more, since he was such a vibrant part of the rodeo scheme. He is missed.

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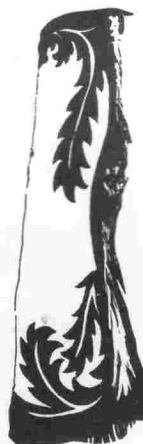
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From the Desk of the President . . .

The Northern Rodeo Association and the Montana Rodeo Association voted to form a working agreement for 1982 which, hopefully, will pave the way to a smooth merger in 1983. This has for a long time been discussed, and for this reason or that, never has gotten off the ground until now.

With the economy the way it is, the elimination of duplicate services such as office, newsletter, etc., will provide a more viable and responsive association to us both.

The intent is not to grant additional powers or authority to any group or individual, but rather to have a larger family all dedicated to one cause of making our member rodeos better.

Our relationship will further be enhanced by all involved people, from committees to contestants, becoming positive spokespersons for our organization.

The aspect of regional awards (buckles) for the top money winner in each event will give an opportunity for recognition to the cowboys and cowgirls who limit the extent of their travel.

The Northern Rodeo Association office in Billings will be the official office for the association. All membership dues, rodeo approvals, and other items pertaining to the functions of the association will be handled through this office.

Membership cards, rodeo approvals and the newsletter will carry the names of the **the Northern Rodeo Association/Montana Rodeo Association. This will allow those rodeos in the Montana Rodeo Association wishing to advertise as a Montana Rodeo Association rodeo to do so. They may also advertise as Montana Rodeo Association in affiliation with the Northern Rodeo Association. Northern Rodeo Association rodeos will continue as Northern Rodeo Association rodeos.**

The finals rodeo in Billings will be the Northern Rodeo Association Finals, just as it is today.

The governing board of the association will consist of the present Northern Rodeo Association Board of Directors as the directors. Each director will name two representatives, one representative being from the East (NRA) and the other being from the West (MRA). The Western representative will be the present elected Montana Rodeo Association director for each event. Of particular importance is that the event director shall vote in the manner that the majority of these (two representatives and the director) wish on all issues at the board meetings.

Membership dues for 1982 will be as follows:

Membership — \$60

Junior Card - \$10 (must be 14 years old or under by May 1 of the contesting year)

Stock Contractors — \$60

Secretaries and Timers — \$15.

Memberships are now due and shall be sent to the Northern Rodeo Association office in Billings. **REMEMBER, one card allows you to work all Northern Rodeo Association/Montana Rodeo Association approved rodeos for 1982.**

I am sure you will have questions about the changes and I encourage you to contact either myself or a director so they can be resolved before becoming problems.

Ed Waldhauser

Northern Rodeo Association President

P. S. Our finals rodeo showed a \$3,000 increase in profit to the Northern Rodeo Association over last year. I would like to thank everyone involved for making it so successful.

THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS YOUR LAST ON 1981 DUES

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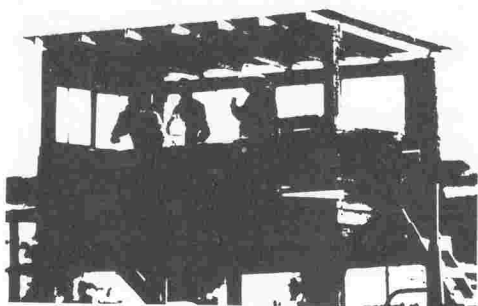
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From the Crow's Nest . .



It is spring! (hopefully) The sparse blades of green grass poking through the otherwise brown terrain, with new calves, lambs and foals trampling them down in frolic can attest to the fact that maybe warm weather is upon us.

And with warm weather comes everyone's favorite sport — RODEO! To those of you who are new to the newsletter of the NRA — welcome. We started our fourth year of editing the official publication of the Northern Rodeo Association in December of 1978. It is one of those jobs you swear you'll never undertake: no pay, lots of work, and even more criticism. Believe it or not it is fun, and it is with a warm feeling that we can now include our friends of the Montana Rodeo Association.

This is YOUR publication. Use it. Send us your news, your views, and most of all your correct address. We want to publish ALL the rodeo news across the state, and we need your help to do it, since we get to only one rodeo a weekend. Secretaries, make copies of your results sheets each week and send them to us as well as to the NRA/MRA office. That way we can get them published before the season is over.

Pay your dues NOW! \$60 per year entitles you to compete in the best rodeos in the state. And when you fill out the membership application printed in this newsletter, please give your complete, permanent address (**NOT COLLEGE**). Since there is no penalty for paying late, PAY NOW. You have no idea what kind of a bookkeeping nightmare is created by waiting until the first rodeo to pay. In fact, if you'll notice in the Rodeo Approvals, you cannot enter Gillette unless you have your card.

THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS YOUR LAST IN 1982 ON YOUR 1981 CARD. So pay now!

Our apologies go out to those persons in the last NRA News who were mis-identified. It was Betty Benson, not Janie Glennie, roping, and in the barrel racers picture, it was Lynda Ottun, not Jessie Ottun. The Choteau Acantha, printer of the NRA News, also publishes the

Montana Quarter Horse Association newsletter, and since Tootie works there, she sometimes gets the members of the two organizations confused. Please accept our apologies.

You will (or should) receive a copy of the NRA/MRA News each month throughout the rodeo season (if you have paid your dues and if we have your correct address). Please allow us to serve you. Write to us at Box 800, Choteau, Montana 59422, or call (home) 466-2091, or, Stan's office 466-5772; Tootie's office, 466-2403.

Looking forward to a tall grass summer .

Your editors,

Tootie & Stan Rasmussen

Jann Johnson New NRA Secretary

The Northern Rodeo Association has a new secretary to direct its business activities. She is Jann Johnson, who took over the office in April after Terri Malia "retired" to have another baby and raise her family.

A native of Fargo, N.D., Jann, age 22, has a "horsey" background, having shown in Quarter Horse shows since she was 12, and rodeoing with the North Dakota Rodeo Association. Jann was crowned rodeo queen on two different occasions. She attended North Dakota State and Interstate Business College, both in Fargo, and was employed by Merrill Lynch for 2½ years before coming to Billings.

Her combination of business and rodeo background should help her considerably in her job as secretary of the NRA and MRA this year.

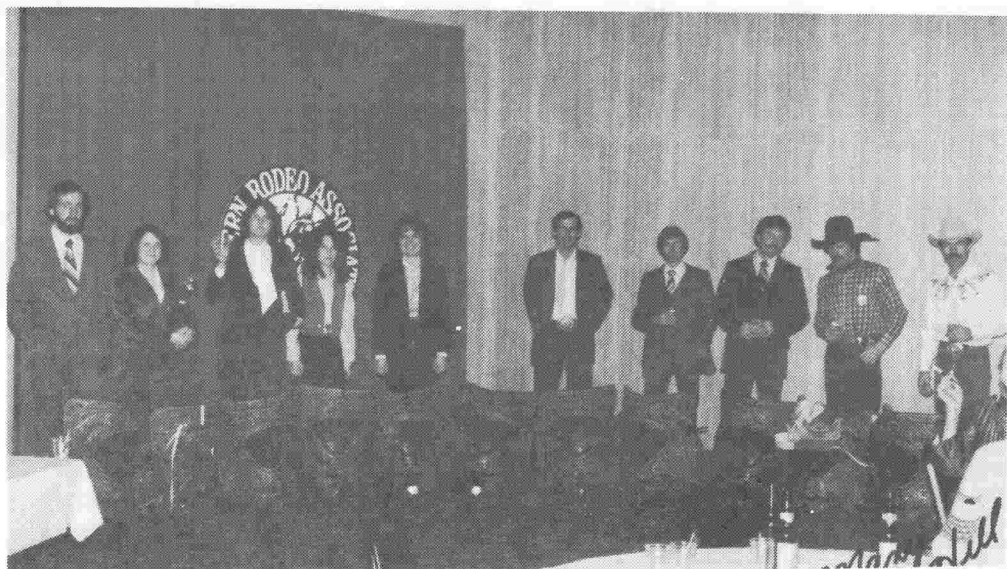
Please introduce yourselves to Jann and welcome her to Montana.

Letter to Editor

Dear NRA members and friends,

I wanted to write and let you all know that things are going good down here. It is great to be home after five months in the hospitals. I want you all to know how much the cards and letters meant to me. I now have my new chair that I can run myself by sipping or puffing on a straw which runs an electric motor. They also have taught me things like writing and typing with a mouth stick. I hope to be able to get up to Montana to watch more of that great competition. Thanks again for all of the support that you have given me and my family. I hope to see you this summer.

Barry Reed
P. O. Box 21
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Pictured above are the 1981 NRA event champions with their beautiful trophy saddles. Several champions were unavailable for the picture, including Bob Schall of Arlee who won the bareback riding, steer wrestling and the men's All-Around titles.
— Mary Hill Photo

FOR SALE — Dogging Horse, 11-years-old, sound, gelding. "Powers Prince." Sire: Tidy Cat. Dam: Amortizer. Power was ridden by Lex Burghduff, Ivan Teigen and Bob Christopherson. He has placed in barrels and is trained on the poles. He was also a super Breakaway Roping horse until three years ago. Contact, Bunny Bail, Marsh Road, Glendive, Mont. 59330, phone 406-365-4517, or Rex Burghduff, Camp Crook, S.D., phone 605-797-4463.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT — For Head Coach of Intercollegiate Rodeo at Montana State University. Desired qualifications: 1. Noted and proven rodeo background and experience as a competitor and coach. Preferred winning coaching experience on the college or equivalent level; 2. Ability to coach all aspects of men's and women's events; 3. Ability to communicate with and motivate rodeo participants; 4. Knowledge of Montana and the Northwest and ability to recruit top student-athletes to Montana State University; 5. Ability to sell and promote rodeo and Montana State University. Contract: one-half time, academic year, Sept. 1 through June 30. Salary: based on qualifications with an approximate maximum of \$8,000. Applications: Must include Letter of Application, Resume, Letters of Reference. **Applications Close June 1, 1982 at 5 p.m.** Submit to: Tom Parac, Director of Men's Athletics, Montana State University, Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, Bozeman, Mont. 59717.

Letter to Editor

Dear NRA members;

Thank you so much for the great finals. Although it was terribly cold, things were great! Everyone who made the rodeo possible did one tremendous job. There were many comments on what a good rodeo it was. Also, I'd like to thank all sponsors. Without them, rodeos wouldn't be what they are today.

Thanks everybody,

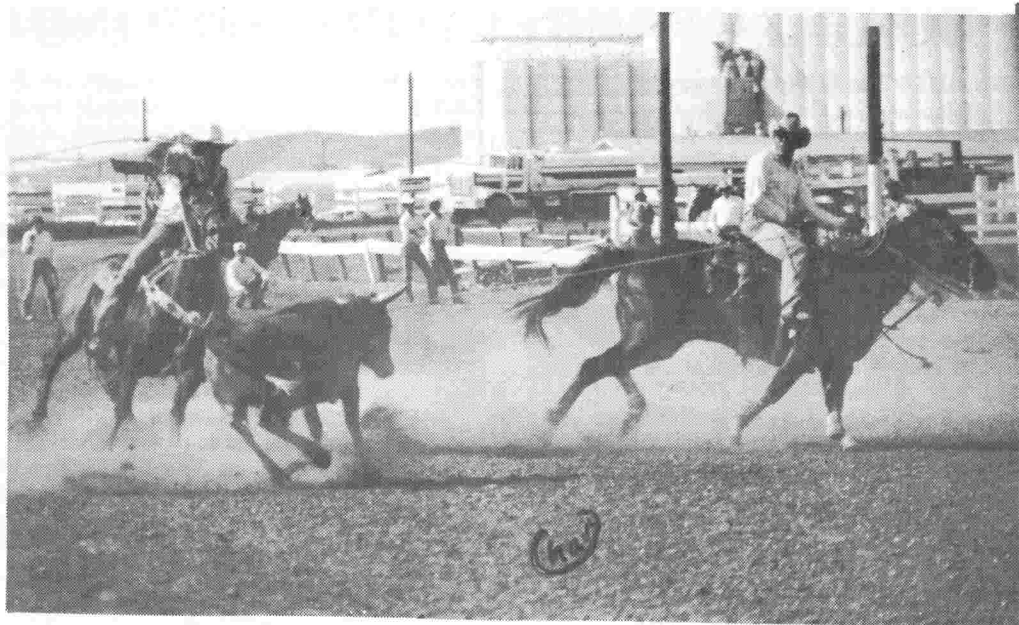
Lisa Scheffer
Hamilton, Mont.

P.S. Could you have the finals in late summer or early fall this next rodeo season? (just a point of thought)

Arena Dust

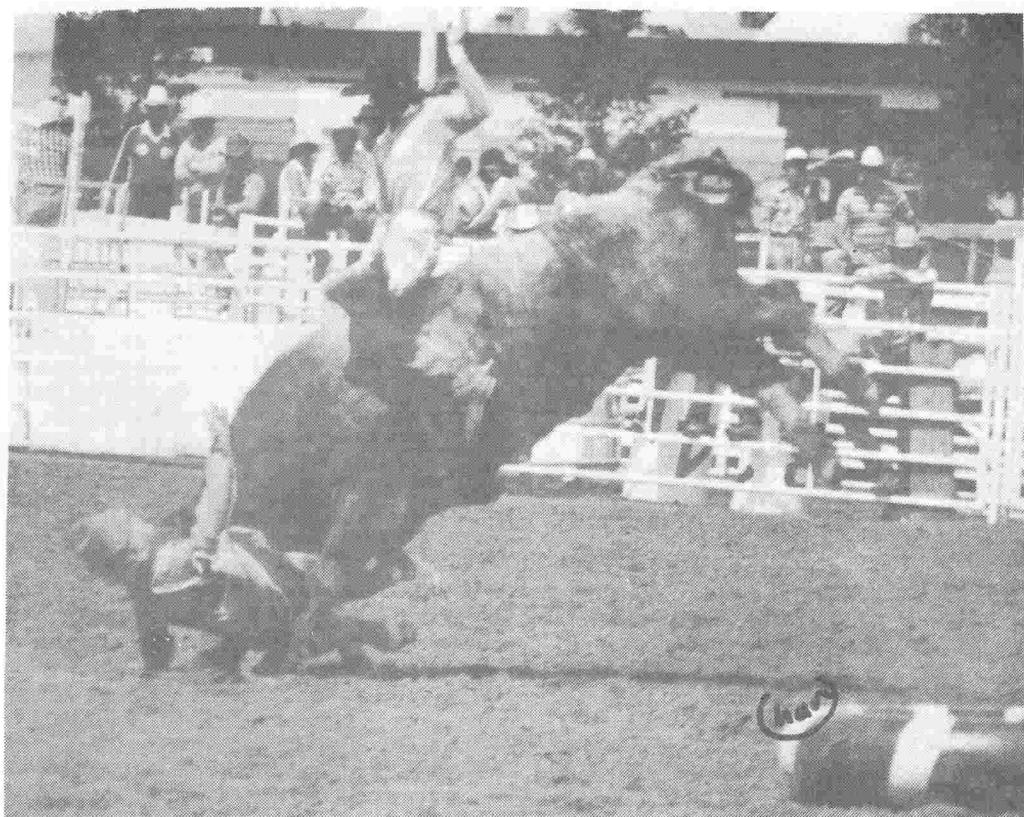
Jim and Donna Espy of Billings are the parents of a baby girl born on April 29. Congratulations.





Memories of the 1981 rodeo season: header Bill Icenoggle and his son-in-law, heeler Mark Chaboyer, both of Cut Bank, are pictured above doing their stuff at the Marias Fair in Shelby. Below, Mike Goyins of Helena on a bull called "Big Bull" at the 1981 Calgary Stampede, and the clown getting creamed is really a dummy.

— Photos by Chary Majerus



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Joint Board of Directors Meeting - 1 p.m.

Bighorn Room, Holiday Inn West

Billings, Montana

April 18, 1982

President Ed Waldhauser called the meeting to order. The new NRA Secretary, Jann Johnson, was introduced. Roll was called. Minutes from the previous meeting were read.

The finals were discussed. President Ed Waldhauser read the financial outcome of the NRA Finals. There was a \$3,000 increase over last year resulting from higher ticket prices and larger attendance. Lois Hill suggested speaking to George Runquist as to the name of our finals. It is not the World Classic Rodeo, but the Northern Rodeo Association Finals. Ken Hendrix mentioned that the cocktail hour held during the finals created good public relations.

Awards were discussed for the 1983 saddles and 1982 buckles. Ed Miller suggested we elect a committee to decide on buckles and saddles. President Ed Waldhauser read the bids submitted on the saddles and buckles. Lois Hill will let us know where we stand on spur bids for second place awards. Much discussion followed concerning awards for third and fourth places. Cinde Barthelness suggested we set monetary limits for third and fourth places: \$150 limit for third place, \$100 limit for fourth place. If the director of an event receives the award in cash, it is his/her decision to purchase an award, that is boots, hat, tack, plaque, etc. Mary Hill Photo will donate timed event awards consisting of a plaque and picture.

Ed Waldhauser informed the directors that we need another saddle for Glen Hough because of the tie in the 1981 team roping championship. His buckle has already been ordered. Terry Warneke moved that Glen could get the saddle of his choice if it were stamped with the NRA and the event in which he won it, with a limit of \$1000. Seconded by Butch Bratsky. Motion carried.

Brian Lonski, secretary of the North American Rodeo Commission (NARC), and publisher of the World of Rodeo, spoke on NARC funding for 1982. NARC is requesting 2% of the gross payoff per rodeo for the 1982 year from each member association. This money is to be used to help put together the NARC finals in Denver and to further their efforts to acquire corporate sponsorship. He spoke on the benefits of the new Dodge program. Much discussion followed. Kent Mosher moved that we accept NARC's request of 2% of the payoff at each rodeo. Seconded by Ed Miller. The motion states: 2% of the gross payoff (entry fees plus

added money) will be withheld at all NRA/MRA approved rodeos for 1982 ONLY to pay the North American Rodeo Commission assessment. Rodeos co-approved with other associations and our finals will not be assessed the 2% NARC fee. Ladies Breakaway Roping and Junior Events will be excluded since they are not sanctioned NARC events. The motion passed. Without this funding NARC would be unable to continue and all efforts to date with corporate sponsors would be lost. The Coors program alone brought some \$10,000 into the NRA in 1981.

The proposed merger between the NRA and MRA was discussed. Working agreements, managing agreements were discussed. Sponsors, donors, Coors sponsorship would be a benefit. Regions were discussed. One card, one finals. Working agreement for one year. Hire the NRA to run MRA business. The NRA would take all MRA memberships. The MRA would, in essence, sit still for one year. NRA would assume no responsibility to the MRA debts or the MRA to the NRA assets. The NRA and MRA blacklists will be honored. There would be one set of books. The NRA would gain 20 to 25 rodeos statewide. This would be one step closer to a statewide association. A motion made by Ed Miller stated that the NRA draft a working agreement to administer and manage the MRA affairs for the 1982 season was seconded by Lois Hill. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cinde Barthelness stating that if we are in a working agreement for 1982, the NRA directors will be the directors for the entire organization. He/she will have two representatives. One will be chosen from the east (NRA) and one from the west (MRA), the western representative being the elected MRA director for each event. At the Board of Directors meetings, that particular event director shall vote in the manner that the majority of the three (two representatives and the director) wish on all issues. Butch Bratsky seconded. Motion carried.

Both logos will appear on the rule books.

Lois Hill made a motion that the concept of the state proposal made by Ed Miller be accepted. Kent Mosher seconded. Motion carried. Working agreement will be drafted by the attorney.

There will be three sets of standings printed in the NRA/MRA Newsletter. The Eastern region will include all traditional NRA sanctioned rodeos, including Big Timber and Havre. The Western Region will include all traditional MRA sanctioned rodeos, including Butte and Columbia Falls. As new rodeos de-

Directors Meeting

velop, they will be included in the proper region. Lois Hill moved that at the NARC finals, the top six (6) in each sanctioned event from the overall NRA/MRA standings. Don Malli seconded, motion carried.

Ed Miller moved that dues be \$60 for 1982, kids events \$10, stock contractor \$60, and timers and secretaries \$15. Terry Warneke seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Stovall moved that regional buckles shall not exceed \$150 in value. Butch Bratsky seconded. Motion carried.

The Advisory Board for 1982 will be: Kent Mosher, Ed Miller, Glen Hough.

Butch Bratsky moved that the NRA membership cards for Shaundele and Jim Leatherberry be given in appreciation for Shaundele's publicity efforts for the NRA Finals. Terry Warneke seconded. Motion carried.

Lois Hill moved that the event champions (NRA/MRA approved events) of the Big Sky Region of Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and the event winners of the State High School Rodeo Finals receive free memberships to the NRA/MRA for the current year. Butch Bratsky seconded. Motion carried.

Lois Hill will speak with Jeff Tabor on designing the buckles for the 1983 finals.

Lois Hill moved that a rodeo will pay day money if there is a minimum payoff of \$2500 per event, \$5000 in team roping, when entries close. The 5% will be taken off the payoff before any breakdown is made. Ground money is not paid on day money or in Junior Events. Butch Bratsky seconded. Motion carried.

Cinde Barthelme made a proposal on the new electric eye. It will be submitted to the NRA/MRA rule book upon ratification by the Montana Barrel Racers Association. Kent Mosher seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Wilhelm moved that two or more contestants be allowed to ride the same horse in the Junior Barrel Race contest. Butch Bratsky seconded. Motion carried.

Rule changes should be submitted to the NRA office by next week.

Ed Miller moved that for 1983 awards, Toomey's will be our supplier for the saddles; bid no. 1 accepted for the Men's and Women's All-Around; bid no. 2 accepted for the Junior All-Around and event saddles. 1982 year-end overall buckles will be made by Kenny Hansen, and Cinde Barthelme will make the \$150 regional year-end buckles. Cinde Barthelme will also doing the silver work on the saddles and spurs. Lois Hill seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

NRA Votes 2% For NARC Operation

To: NRA/MRA membership

From: Ed Waldhauser

As most of you have probably heard, the North American Rodeo Commission has requested from each member regional rodeo association an assessment equal to 2% of the gross payoff at each rodeo (2% to be withheld only for North American Rodeo Commission sanctioned events and will not be withheld from our finals or rodeos such as Gillette which is IRA/NRA approved) approved by that association. **Assessment to be for 1982 only.**

This money is to be used by the North American Rodeo Commission to help fund the North American Rodeo Commission finals in Denver and to further their efforts to acquire additional corporate sponsorship which, of course, benefits us all as evidenced by our program with Coors.

From the beginning, the North American Rodeo Commission has been inadequately funded and the loss of the Calgary Stampede for 1982 from which they received sanction fees, etc., and a deficit at their 1981 Denver finals dictated their action. Without this funding the North American Rodeo Commission would be forced to dissolve and all their efforts to date would be lost.

Many positive things have come our way through the efforts of the North American Rodeo Commission. Namely team rodeos, the North American Rodeo Commission Finals, Coors sponsorship, and now the possibility of Dodge truck sponsorship at a rodeo for 1982.

The board in viewing this request gave much thought and discussion as to what we have received to date, and what can be reasonably expected from the North American Rodeo Commission in the future.

In weighing these items the Northern Rodeo Association board in a joint meeting with representatives of the Board of Directors of the Montana Rodeo Association, on April 18, 1982, voted to withhold the requested 2% for 1982, only.

Also, for 1982, our representatives to the North American Rodeo Commission finals will be the top six in each sanctioned event from the overall NRA/MRA standings.

We realize this will amount to a sizeable sum of money, but hopefully we will be giving back less than what we will actually receive in corporate sponsorship money, etc., for 1982.

1981 Awards and Donors

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1. Colette Clark \$743.20
Buckle: Toomey's, Lewistown;
Buckle: Hanson Silversmith's, New Plymouth, Idaho.
2. Missy Lytle \$383.03
Plaque from K & M Western Family Outfitters, Forsyth, Mont.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. K. C. Jones \$577.50
Rope Can: Toomey's, Lewistown;
Buckle: Hanson's Silversmiths, New Plymouth, Idaho.
2. Gene Cole \$414.00
Plaque: Knudsen Ranch and Sportswear, Colstrip.

JUNIOR ALL AROUND

1. Colette Clark \$794.20
Saddle: Go Rodeo Company, Ed Grebe, Melstone, Mont.; Buckle: Hanson's Silversmiths, New Plymouth, Idaho.
2. K. C. Jones \$593.00
Spurs: Norman's, Havre.

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Bob Schall \$4,553.02
Saddle: Public Auction Yards, Billings, and NRA.
Buckle: Parker Livestock, c/o Frank Shrumpt, Billings.
2. Clyde Murry \$3,560.66
Spurs: Parker Livestock, Billings.
3. Colin Murnion \$2,911.65
Bull Sessions, Steve and Diane Sessions, Roundup.
4. Joe DeMers \$2,624.41
Pays Horseman Supply, Billings.

CALF ROPING

1. Mike Barthelmess \$4,074.80
Saddle: Musick Implement, c/o John Musick, Denton, and NRA.
Buckle: Horseshoe Club, c/o John Uselton, Billings.
2. Bert Vermandel \$2,982.34
Spurs: NRA.
3. Rob Black \$2,249.73
Award donated by NRA.
4. Ron Currin \$1,930.66
Davis Creek Distributors, c/o Oscar Hill, Geyser.

STEER WRESTLING

1. Bob Schall \$3,942.97
Saddle: Don Koss Trucking, Billings.
Buckle: Holiday Inn West, Billings.
2. Alan Madsen \$3,392.11
Spurs: Capital Building Systems, c/o Wes Stos, Geraldine.
3. Bill Davis \$2,862.96
Big R Supply, Great Falls.
4. Kent Mosher \$2,684.71
State Bank of Belgrade, Belgrade, Mont.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Don Malli \$3,854.17
Saddle: ConAgra of Montana, c/o Bill Fraser, Great Falls.
Buckle: Don Jacobs Livestock Co., Great Falls.
2. Kirk Marchant \$3,112.29
Spurs: Garfield County Bank, Jordan, c/o F.W. Winters.
3. Randy Bruseff \$2,878.64
Rancher Bar, Jordan; Branding Iron Bar, Jordan; Hell Creek Bar, Jordan.
4. Tom Wagoner \$2,301.14
Pioneer Garage, Jordan, Mont.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Janie Glennie \$3,119.68
Saddle: Alta Verde Industries, Powell, Wyo.; Killion Moore, Great Falls, and Geyser Elevator, Geyser, Mont.
Buckle: Up Front Outfit, c/o Willard Moore, Columbus.

2. Betty Benson \$2,431.33
Spurs: Cleaver Cattle Co., in memory of John Branger, Absarokee, c/o Merrill and Esther Miller, Absarokee.
3. Shaundele Leatherberry \$2,418.35
Rope Can: Tom Toomey, Lewistown;
Buckle: Double J Leathergoods, Miles City.
4. Shari Schall \$2,327.23
TCI, Hardin, Mont.; Saddle Blanket: Danny and Gail Clark, Ryegate.
5. Kelly Bohn \$2,197.34
Gift Certificate, Connolly Saddlery, Billings.
6. Cinde Barthelmess \$1,967.99
Original Sketch, Rosina Hash, Roscoe, Mont.
7. Karen Miller \$1,262.71
Ropes, Absarokee Ranch Supply, Absarokee, Mont. c/o Gary Litecow.
8. Vickie Warneke \$1,246.16
Ropes, Absarokee Ranch Supply, Absarokee.
9. Deb Markegard \$1,097.58
Sports Hut, Columbus, Mont.
10. Zale Delp \$875.21
Top Ten Breakaway Ropers awarded a jacket from MoorMan's Manufacturing, c/o Bill Pelton, Absarokee, Mont.
Fast Time of the Year — 2.11 at Winnett, Plaque to Mary Ellen Hill from Corner Bar, Geyser, c/o Velda Jenkins.

LADIES BARREL RACING

1. Darcy Groh \$4,543.70
Saddle: Western Livestock Auction, Great Falls; Dapper Dan's, Helena; NRA.
Buckle: World of Rodeo, Billings.
LuAnn Hill Memorial, donated by NRA.
2. Vivian Mefford \$4,341.71
Spurs: State Bank of Terry, Terry, Mont.
3. Kay Fowlie \$2,981.04
Western Ranch Supply, Great Falls; Boots, Brims & Britches, Billings.
4. Mary Ketchum \$2,571.28
Double J Leathergoods, Miles City.

TEAM ROPING

1. Glen Hough, Phil Luman \$3,527.82
Saddle: Bar 19, Lewistown, and NRA.
Buckle: Musselshell Valley Equipment, Roundup, Mont.
2. Craig Mader \$2,704.93
Spurs: A & A Implement, Roundup
3. Arnie Mader \$2,624.42
First Security Bank, Roundup
4. Ken Hendrix, Art Kincheloe \$2,565.66
C Lanes, Roundup.

BULL RIDING

1. Britt Givens \$4,621.34
Saddle: Fellman Feeds and The Feed and Fertilizer Depot, Jordan, Mont.
Buckle: Don's, Lewistown, Mont.
2. Scott Breeding \$3,613.95
Spurs: Yellowstone Exhibition, Billings, c/o Bob Glasgow.
3. Brent Powell \$3,209.08
Award Donated by NRA.
4. Jim Logan \$2,901.27
International Harvester, c/o Bill Anderson, Great Falls.

LADIES ALL AROUND

1. Kelly Bohn \$3,092.38
Saddle: Montana Coors Distributors.
Buckle: Cabin Creek Bar, c/o Sybil Karjala, Geyser, Mont.
2. Cinde Barthelmess \$3,089.78
Spurs: Hoglunds, Great Falls, Mont.
3. Lisa Scheffer \$2,839.62
Dale Small Rodeo Company, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

4. Shaundele Leatherberry \$2,474.35
Western Ranch Supply, Great Falls

MEN'S ALL AROUND

1. Bob Schall \$9,196.69
Saddle: Spur Bar, c/o Jim and Sylvia Gusick, Billings.
Buckle: Holiday Inn West, Billings.
2. Mike Barthelmess \$6,439.83
Hoglund's, Great Falls, Mont.
3. Britt Givens \$5,631.99
Byrre Rodeo Co., Mill Iron, Mont.
4. Danny Cross \$5,436.22
Norman's Ranchwear, Cut Bank

BULL FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Rick Cook
Award donated by Coors.

BAREBACK HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Crow Girl," owned by Small Rodeo Co.
Feed Donated by ConAgra; Halter by NRA; Made by Double J Leathergoods, Miles City.

BREAKAWAY HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Doodles," owned by Janie Glennie
Feed Donated by: ConAgra; Plaque by Mary Ellen Hill.

STEER WRESTLING HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Bunkers," owned by Kent Mosher.
Feed Donated by ConAgra; Plaque by Mary Ellen Hill.

SADDLE BRONC HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Mr. Jones," owned by Small Rodeo Co.

Feed Donated by: ConAgra; Halter by: Polzin Trucking, Stanford, made by Double J Leathergoods, Miles City.

BARREL RACING HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Sue," owned by Vivian Mefford.
Feed Donated by: ConAgra; Plaque by Mary Ellen Hill.

CALF ROPING HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Sundance," owned by Rob Black.
Feed Donated by ConAgra; Plaque by Mary Ellen Hill.

TEAM ROPING HORSE OF THE YEAR

"Punkin," owned by Rex Bohn.
Feed Donated by: ConAgra; Gift Certificate by Bull Sessions, Roundup; Plaque by Mary Ellen Hill.

BULL OF THE YEAR

"Mission Mountain," owned by Small Rodeo Co.
Feed donated by ConAgra; Halter by Davey Motors, Columbus, made by Double J. Leathergoods.

COORS BULL

Mission Mountain owned by Dale Small.

ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

Bareback Rookie

Joe DeMers
Award donated by Bruce Cornell, Augusta, Mont.

Breakaway Roping Rookie

Mary Ottoy
Award donated by John and Lois Hill, Geyser.

Steer Wrestling Rookie

Roger Nordahl
Award donated by Angus Ranges, Mosher and Davis.

Saddle Bronc Rookie

Cotton Secrest
Award donated by Jamie and Juanita Byrre, Mill Iron, and Clint and Peggy Burman, Savage.

Barrel Racing Rookie

Lisa Scheffer
Award Donated by the Montana Barrel Racers Association.

1981 Awards and Donors

Calf Roping Rookie

Mike Collins

Award Donated by Lyle Cochran, Zortman, and Bill Parker, Billings.

Team Roping Rookie

Jerry Knerr

Award Donated by Glen Hough and Phil Luman.

Bull Riding Rookie

Scott Breeding

Award donated by Ewys in Jordan, Phillip Murnion.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Scott Breeding

Buckle Donated by Geer Rodeo Co., Nashua.

NRA FINALS WINNERS & AWARDS

Bareback Riding: Bob Schall, Buckle donated by Coors.

Ladies Breakaway Roping: Cinde Barthelmess, Buckle by Coors.

Fastest Breakaway time at the Finals: Cinde Barthelmess, 2.91, Chaps from Jane Glennie, Two Dot.

Steer Wrestling: Bob Schall, buckle by Coors.

Saddle Bronc Riding: Kirk Marchant; Buckle from Coors; Chaps from Broken Arrow Leathergoods, Great Falls.

Ladies Barrel Racing: Kay Fowlie; Buckle by Coors, and award from Furstnow's, Miles City.

Fastest Barrel Race of the Finals: Cinde Barthelmess, 13.68; award from Double J Leathergoods, Miles City.

Calf Roping: Bert Vermandel, Buckle by Coors.

Team Roping: Danny Cross and Richard Carpenter, buckle by Coors.

Bull Riding: Jim Leatherberry, buckle by Coors.

Kids Barrel Racing: Missy Lytle; buckle donated by R C Cola

Fastest Go at the Finals, 14.25 by Missy Lytle; award donated by Connie Dupea.

Kids Breakaway Roping: Gene Cole; buckle donated by R C Cola.

Fastest Go at the Finals: 2.72, Randy Ragland, award from Connie Dupea.

Finals All Around Cowboy: Bob Schall, buckle donated by Coors.

Finals All Around Cowgirl: Cinde Barthelmess, buckle from Coors.

Finals Junior All Around: Patti Jo Wilhelm, buckle by R C Cola

Junior Horse of the Finals: "Max," owned by Patti Jo Wilhelm; feed from ConAgra of Montana

FINALS STOCK

Bull of the Finals: Coors Is Enough, Dale Small Rodeo Co.

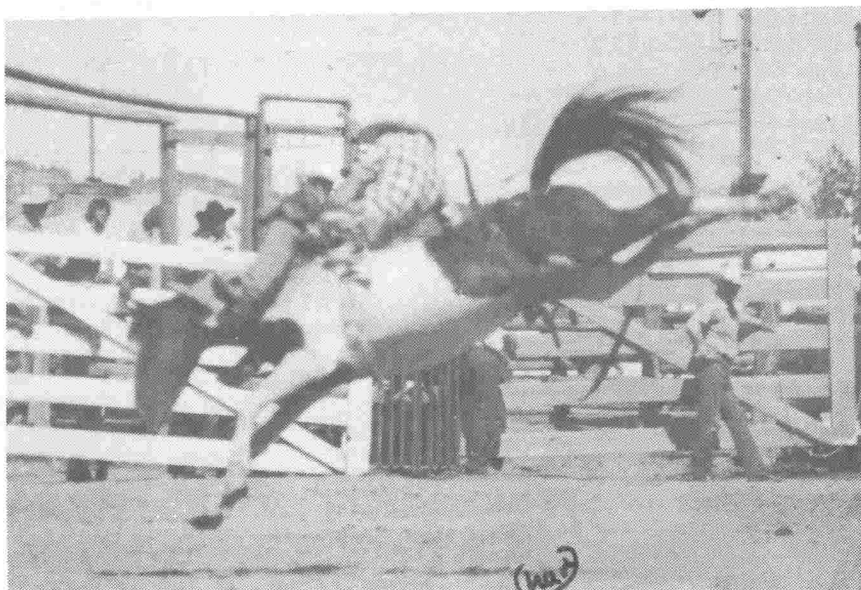
Saddle Bronc of the Finals: "Dr. G," owned by Pat Byrne, and "Starkist," owned by Dale Small.

Bareback Horse of the Finals: "Yellowstone," owned by Geer Rodeo Co.

Plaques for Stock of the Finals donated by WestMont Agency, Choteau, Bigfork and Augusta.

Charlie Wallace Memorial Award: Britt Givens.

Personality of the Year Award: John and Lois Hill and Family; Bronze by Doug Buffington, donated by Central Montana Chamber of Commerce, Lewistown.



The Bareback Horse of the Year, "Crow Girl," owned by Dale Small, is shown in typical form with Lewistown cowboy Bruce Martin aboard. The action took place at White Sulphur Springs last Labor Day.

— Photo by Chary Majerus

1982 Awards

Bareback Buckle and Spurs: Parker Livestock, c/o Frank Schrupf, 1380 Minnesota Ave., Billings, Mont. 59105.

Junior All-Around Saddle: Go Rodeo Co., P.O. Box 187, Melstone, Mont. 59054.

One-Half Saddle Bronc Saddle: ConAgra, Bill Fraser, P.O. Box 2458, Great Falls, Mont. 59404.

One-Half Saddle Bronc Riding Saddle: Rancho Deluxe, c/o Fred Piluso, 1019 - 15th St. N., Great Falls, Mont. 59401.

One-Half Team Roping Saddle: Bar 19, c/o Darryl McKenzie, Fairgrounds Road, Lewistown, Mont. 59457.

Bareback Saddle: McKenna Agency, Lewistown, Mont. 59457.

Ladies Barrel Racing Spurs: Empire Cafe, c/o Carol Sanger, Lewistown, Mont. 59457.

Stock of the Finals plaques: WestMont Agency, Choteau, Augusta, Bigfork and Polson.

Rookie Saddle Bronc Award: Jamie and Juanita Byrne, Mill Iron, Mont. 59342.

One-Half Men's All-Around Saddle: Spur Bar, 1203 First Ave. North, Billings, Mont. 59101

One-Half Men's All-Around Saddle: Don Koss Trucking, 404 South 24th, Billings, Mont. 59101.

Ladies All-Around Saddle: Coors, c/o Jeff Tabor, P.O. Box 20999, Billings, Mont. 59107.

In addition Rosina Hash of Roscoe and George Clark from Luther have donated art work to the breakaway ropers and barrel racers for 1982.

1982 Rule Changes

Following are the rule changes enacted by the joint NRA/MRA Board of Directors, to correspond with the 1982 NRA/MRA working agreement.

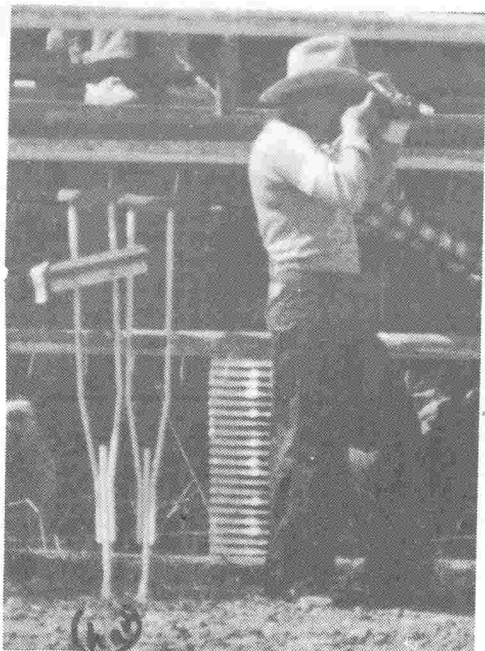
1. Regular Adult Memberships (including stock contractors) — \$60. Permits are \$35, good for two rodeos.

2. A rodeo will pay day money if there is a minimum payoff of \$2500 per event, \$5000 in the team roping, when the entries close.

3. Monies won at rodeos where bull riding entries are limited will not count for year-end awards. They will, however, count for regional awards.


4. In the barrel race, if the electric eye malfunctions for 51% of any one performance, then flag times will be used for the entire rodeo.

5. Two contestants may ride the same horse in the same Junior Barrel Race contest.




Nothing more interesting than one photographer photographing another photographer. In this case, Mary Hill is pictured enduring the hardship of a broken leg and a broken arm suffered in a vehicle accident, while taking rodeo pictures. Chary Majerus snapped this one at White Sulphur Springs last year.

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1982 APPROVED RODEOS

BROKEN HORN STAMPEDE, ABSAROKEE, June 5 and 6. Performances at 6 p.m. on June 5 and 2 p.m. on June 6. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$200 w/\$40 EF. TR at \$200 w/\$40 EF per man. JBR and JBAR at \$50 w/\$10 EF. Kids Sheep Riding, 6 and under; Wild Cow Riding, 6 teams/day. EO May 27 at 8 a.m. EC May 27 at 6 p.m. Call backs May 28, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Small Rodeo Co., Sharon Martin, Secretary, phone 428-2398.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE ROUNDUP, GARDINER, June 12, 13. Performances at 2 p.m. both days. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$100 w/\$35 EF. TR at \$100 w/\$35 EF per man. EO June 7 at 8 a.m. EC June 7 at 6 p.m. Call backs June 8, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Small Rodeo Co., Sharon Martin, Secretary, phone 428-2398.

RALIEGH COWBOY DAYS RODEO, GILLETTE, WYO. June 18, 19, 20. Performances at 6:30 p.m. on June 18, and 1:30 p.m. on June 19 and 20. Co-approved with IRA. IRA Rules Apply. **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST HAVE THEIR CARDS BEFORE ENTERING!!** BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$802 w/\$40 EF. TR at \$900 w/\$55 EF per man (enter once). \$6514 total added. No timed event slack Friday evening. EO June 14 at 12 noon. EC June 14 at 8 p.m. Call backs June 15 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Byrne Rodeo Co., Nelda Byrne, Secretary, phone 307-682-5281. PERMITS NOT ACCEPTED. Ladies dress pants not required.

HARDIN VFW RODEO, Hardin, Mont., June 19 and 20, 2 P.M. both days. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$200 w/\$45 EF. TR at \$200 w/\$45 EF per man. JBR and JBAR at \$100 w/\$20 EF. EO Monday, June 14 at 8 a.m. EC close June 14 at 6 p.m. Stock Contractor, Go Rodeo Co. Secretary, Leta Grebe, Phone 947-2911.

BIG TIMBER RODEO, June 26 and 27. Performances at 6 p.m. on June 26, and 2 p.m. on June 27. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$225 w/\$35 EF. TR at \$225 w/\$35 EF per man. JBAR at \$50 w/\$10 EF. EO June 21 at 8 a.m. EC June 21 at 6 p.m. Call backs June 22, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Small Rodeo Co., Sharon Martin, Secretary, phone 428-2398.

MUSSELSHELL VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RODEO, Roundup, Mont., July 3 and 4, performances at 7 p.m. July 3 and 2 p.m. July 4. BB, SB, BR at \$150 w/\$45 EF; SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$100 w/\$45 EF; TR at \$100 w/\$45 EF per man. JBR and JBAR at \$50 w/\$15 EF. EO Monday, June 29 at 8 a.m. EC June 29 at 6 p.m. Stock Contractor, Go Rodeo Co. Rodeo Secretary, Leta Grebe, phone 947-2911.

WINNETT ROPING CLUB RODEO, WINNETT, July 17 and 18. Performances at 1 p.m. both days. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR at \$100 w/\$45 EF. TR at \$100 w/\$45 EF per man. JBR and JBAR at \$50 w/\$15 EF. EO July 12 at 8 a.m. EC July 12 at 6 p.m. Go Rodeo Co., Leta Grebe, Secretary, phone 947-2911.

CENTRAL MONTANA FAIR, LEWISTOWN, July 29, 30 and 31. Performances at 8 p.m. on July 29 and 30, and 2 p.m. on July 31. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR at \$350 w/\$40 EF. LBAR at \$150 w/\$35 EF. TR at \$350 w/\$40 EF per man. JBR and JBAR at \$50 w/\$5 EF. Sheep Riding at intermissions. **NO TRADE OUTS.** Small Rodeo Co. EO July 22 at 8 a.m. EC July 22 at 6 p.m. Call backs July 23 12 noon to 6 p.m. Sharon Martin, Secretary, phone 428-2398.

NORTHEAST MONTANA FAIR, GLASGOW, Aug. 1 and 2. Performances at 8 p.m. both days. Slack at 9 a.m. on Aug. 2. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR at \$300 w/\$40 EF. LBR at \$200 w/\$35 EF. LBAR at \$150 w/\$35 EF. TR at \$300 w/\$40 EF per man. LBAR at \$150 w/\$35 EF. Geer Rodeo Co., rodeo headquarters phone 406-228-8025.

HILL COUNTY FAIR, HAVRE, Aug. 13 and 14. Performances at 8 p.m. on Aug. 13 and 14, and 1 p.m. on Aug. 14. Slack morning of Aug. 14. BB, SB, BR, SW, CR at \$300 w/\$35 EF + stock charge. TR at \$300 w/\$35 EF per man + stock charge. LBR at \$300 w/\$35 EF. LBAR at \$250 w/\$35 EF + stock charge. JBR and JBAR at \$50 w/\$5 EF. Buckles in all events and all-around. EO Aug. 11 at 8 a.m. EC Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. Call backs Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jacobs Livestock Rodeo, Margie Cox, Secretary, phone 406-265-8762.

NRA/MRA OFFICE HOURS
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.
2 - 4 P.M.
Monday Through Friday

World Championship Breakaway Roping

Willard Moore, president of the World Championship Ladies Breakaway Roping Association, reports that this year they have some new and exciting sponsors.

Scheduled for Sunday and Monday, June 20 and 21 at Columbus, the second annual roping promises to be a bang-up affair.

Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters of Billings and Casper, Wyo. will be adding \$3500. Inter-mountain Beer Distributing Co. (Rainier Beer), is donating \$500. Johnny Smith of Smith Bros., is donating a fancy saddle, and the Columbus business and the UpFront Outfit are donating \$1000 to the barrel race. Moore extends his thanks to these great sponsors, and says he feels very fortunate to have all these great sponsors. They also have indicated they will continue their support in 1983.

The Breakaway Roping will be B.R.A. approved but Open to the World. The Barrel Race will be WPRA-MBRA Open Approved with two go rounds. The breakaway roping will have three go-rounds with the top 20 to rope a fourth calf.

Roping will begin Sunday, June 20 (Father's Day). Introduction of ropers and racers will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Competitors are asked to be mounted and ride as they are sold.

Sunday evening they will all be introduced again at the Air Bowl Bar at 9 p.m. with a cowgirl attitude adjustment hour.

Slack will be held Sunday evening for anyone who cannot possibly arrive on time on Sunday. Monday morning, possibly there will be a full go-round in the breakaway and part of the barrel race.

The roping will start at 1 p.m. Monday. Estimated payoff in the breakaway roping, based on 200 ropers, is \$29,000, plus saddle, buckle and other prizes, paying 10 or 12 places. The winner could win \$9,000 in money and prizes.

Arena Dust

If you have already paid your 1982 NRA dues, please remember that you now owe an additional \$20 (or the difference which would make a total of \$60) to correspond with the working agreement with the MRA. Please get this into the office immediately if you want a valid card.

Ed Miller has been praising the abilities of the Longhorn Cow — romancing the bull, eating hay, calving ease, hooking coyotes, color, drinks less water, is long-lived, has high set udders that won't sun burn, has the second best horns (Watussis are number 1), and you can even rope 'em.

In addition a Breakaway Roping Clinic will be held at the Up Front Outfit on June 15 and 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. The instructor will be Glen Hough, many times champion team roper and calf roper. A \$50 deposit is required by May 20, and a minimum of ten ropers is required or the school will not be held. It will be limited to 30 ropers. Send inquiries and applications to Willard Moore, Star Route 1, Box 19, Columbus, Mont. 59019, phone 406-322-5513.

Dianne Mackaben, Miss Rodeo World, will be there roping and promoting. Willard says, "Bring your fast horse and short slacked rope cause the calves are going to run! We hope you all have a fast time, sure catches and quick stops."

He adds, "Dress Lou Taubert, drink Rainier, and rope with the best little rope house in Texas!!!"

MRA Rodeo Dates

The following are tentative dates for traditional MRA Rodeos. They have not as yet been approved.

Hot Springs — June 12, 13
Wilsall — June 19, 20
Florence — June 19, 20
Whitehall — June 26, 27
Lolo Hot Springs — June 26, 27
Ennis — July 3, 4
Butte — July 8, 9, 10
Three Forks — July 16, 17
East Helena — July 16, 17, 18
Polson — July 17, 18
Philipsburg — July 24, 25
Columbia Falls — July 31, Aug. 1
Townsend — Aug. 14, 15
Ronan — Aug. 14, 15
Deer Lodge — Aug. 21, 22
Boulder — Aug. 28, 29
Hamilton — Sept. 2, 3
Plains — Sept. 4, 5
Drummond — Sept. 12

NOTICE

COMMITTEES — Please contact the NRA office immediately about Coors advertising at your rodeo immediately. Coors will provide local rodeos with a number of FREE advertising aids to help you promote your LOCAL rodeo. Call Jann at the NRA office if you would like posters, banners, etc.

1982 Northern Rodeo Association and Montana Rodeo Association Membership Application



P.O. BOX 1122
BILLINGS, MT 59101
PHONE: 406-252-1122



(MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BY RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERS)

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MEMBERSHIP: Entitles purchaser to work all sanctioned rodeos without restriction, to share in all advantages of a member in good standing including such things as a guarantee of your entry fee, check writing privileges after the first year initiation period and a subscription to the Newsletter.

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STATEMENT AND RELEASE

This form be completed, signed, notarized, and on file with Northern Rodeo Association, Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., before application may be issued a membership card.

I, _____, represent to Northern Rodeo Association, Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., that I am fully aware that participation in rodeo events may be hazardous, that I may familiar with rodeo stock, facilities, equipment, and procedures; that I am capable of determining for myself whether rodeo stock is suitable and rodeo facilities, equipment, and procedures are safe and proper; and that I will not participate in any rodeo approved by Northern Rodeo Assoc. Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., without first determining for myself whether the stock is suitable and the facilities, equipment, and procedures are safe and proper.

I understand fully that Northern Rodeo Assoc. Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., will rely upon these representatives in determining whether to accept me as a member.

I agree, in consideration for my acceptance as a member, to save Northern Rodeo Assoc. Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., and its agents harmless in the event of any claim for injury to my person or property resulting from my participation in any rodeo event approved by Northern Rodeo Assoc. Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., and I do by these present release and discharge Northern Rodeo Assoc. Inc./Montana Rodeo Assoc. Inc., and its agents as well as the promoters, managers, employees, and helpers from any claim for injury to my person or property, past, present, or future, resulting from my participation in any such rodeo event.

I have carefully read the foregoing statement and release and I fully understand the effect of my signing it.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

(Complete below if applicant is a minor under the law of the state of residence)

I declare that I am one of the parents and natural guardians of the above named minor; that I have carefully read the foregoing statement and release; that I know the representations made are true; and that I agree to be bound by the terms of the statement and release both personally and as representative of the interests of the minor.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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DATE _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

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MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Phone Number _____

Birth Place _____

Birth Date _____

Married _____

Wife's Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Children's Names & Birthdates: _____

Events you work: _____

Names of other Association to which you belong _____

Occupation other than Rodeo: _____

Championship Titles Held: _____

NRA/MRA Elected Position Held: _____

Number of years of actual competition in Rodeo: _____

Trophies or Special Awards won: _____

Why did you decide to Rodeo? _____

What do you think is most important for success in your event besides the draw? _____

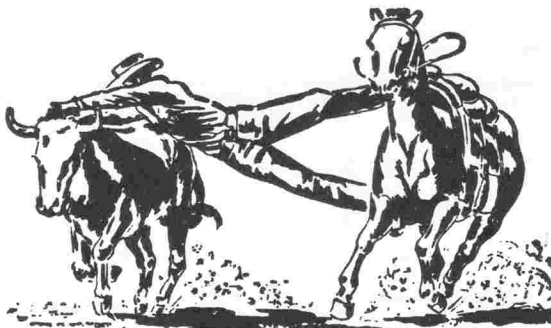
What has been your best year and why? _____

What do you like best about Rodeoing? _____

Give recap of injuries you've received in Rodeo: _____

PLEASE WRITE A SHORT SUMMARY OF YOUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE NORTHERN RODEO ASSOCIATION/MONTANA RODEO ASSOCIATION, IT'S POLICIES, IT'S OFFICERS, RODEOS, ETC.

PLEASE WRITE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTHERN RODEO ASSOCIATION/MONTANA RODEO ASSOCIATION.



CNF All Set for June 15-19

BOZEMAN — The College National Finals Rodeo, a week-long extravaganza for rodeo fans and participants, returns to Bozeman in June for the twelfth time in thirteen years.

The CNFR annually draws the nation's top cowboys and cowgirls from ten college regions where roping and riding remain a way of life and where these skills have been honed to pearl button gleam.

Over the years the championship rodeo has been tagged with such titles as the Rose Bowl of College Rodeo and, while the event does include a colorful parade, it's unlikely that anyone will confuse the two events. But the CNFR is beginning to gain wide recognition and the premier event is equivalent to any of the national finals for other college sports in which top athletes compete on an individual and team basis.

More than 300 contestants are expected to compete in the 33rd annual CNFR, June 15-19, and they'll be vying for both national titles and scholarships awarded by a pair of long-time supporters, U.S. Tobacco Co. and Miller Beer. The rodeo is sponsored by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, Gallatin Empire Lions Club in Bozeman and Montana State University. The events, which begin at 7:30 p.m., are

held in the MSU fieldhouse with seating for about 5,300 for rodeo. In 1981 the total attendance was more than 20,000 and that mark will almost certainly be surpassed in 1982. Also, action the final night in '81 was televised nationally on a tape-delayed basis.

The contestants compete in one or more of nine events which evolved from the daily chores of the cowboy. The men's events include bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, saddle bronc riding and bull riding, while women compete in breakaway roping, barrel racing and goat tying. The women also have started making inroads in the team roping event where they often compete with a male partner or another woman.

Many of the best performers have gone on to establish themselves on the professional circuit and, when times are rough, they have had an education to fall back on. Not all college rodeo participants are looking for a life in rodeo, or even ranching or agriculture. In recent years, national contestants have gone on to enter careers in such areas as education, accounting, law enforcement, business and art.

Building a national power in rodeo is as challenging as in football or any other sport.

Among national powers have been Southeastern Oklahoma, the University of Southern Colorado, Casper College, the College of Southern Idaho and Eastern New Mexico University. Dawson College of Glendive, Mont., won the men's 1981 title while the women's title was captured by Eastern New Mexico.

Montana State University has performed well on the national level, winning men's championships in 1972 and 1975, plus 11 individual championships.

MSU is part of the Big Sky region, whose members include Miles City Community College, Dawson College, Eastern Montana College, the University of Montana, Western Montana College and Northern Montana College.

Hosting the national finals for more than a decade has benefitted both MSU and the other Montana teams and individuals, says MSU rodeo advisor Sandy Gagnon. "With the rodeo here, the Montana teams have less distance to travel and they're familiar with the arena, having competed here in the spring," Gagnon said.

"The entire community takes a lot of pride in the finals being here. We're looking forward to having our best finals yet in 1982."

INSURANCE

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Alexander, Pat	126.00
Alphonse, Tim	110.50
Anderson, Jay	100.00
Arehart, Kelly	89.00
Autrey, Dean	60.50
Baker, Steve	\$65.50
Bailey, Tom	218.00
Bailey, George	80.00
Barber, Pat	30.00
Barney, Larry	89.00
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Black, Doug	20.00
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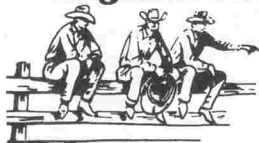
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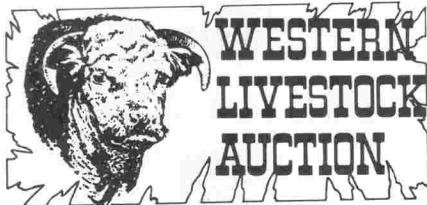
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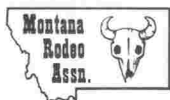
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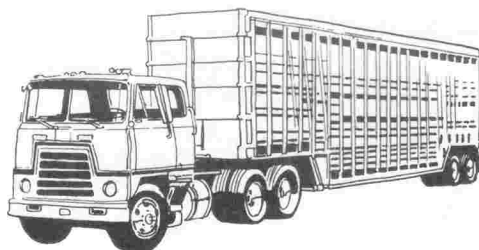
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