

NRA News



Official Publication of the Northern Rodeo Association

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Check out the NEW Northern Rodeo Finals

New look, new logo, new format. Your 22nd annual Northern Rodeo Association Finals is offering a "brand new look".

It has been done. Change. The Northern Rodeo Finals has a new producer in charge.

David

Allen and Associates are on board and with our input are working on a new look and feel for the NRA Finals.

If there is anyone who would like to lend a hand, please give the NRA office a call. Positive volunteer help is always needed and

appreciated.

I welcome all members, committees, sponsors, and rodeo fans, (new and old!) to attend this year's NRA Finals Rodeo to see and enjoy the changes.

Performances are set for Friday, January 31

and Saturday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday, February 2 performance at 2 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale. Call 1-800-366-8538 or 256-2422 to order your tickets now. Hope to see you there!

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The Northern Rodeo Association
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22ND ANNUAL NRA FINALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 29

Afternoon	Stock contractors and stock arrives	Public Auction Yards
7 p.m.	Stock contractors dinner	Desperados

Thursday, January 30

7 p.m.	First Cowboy Auction, Meet & Greet and Buffet	Desperados
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Friday, January 31

8 a.m.-noon	Timed Event Jackpot - Limited to 12 Per Event	MetraPark Arena
6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary Coffee and Donuts	Clarion
1 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Clarion
3:30 p.m.	Contestant Check-In	Clarion
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Sponsor/Committee Hospitality Suite Hosted by Forsyth Rodeo Days	Metra Lower Level
6-11:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle	Clarion Lobby
7:30 p.m.	NRA Finals First Performance	MetraPark Arena
10 p.m.	Dance, Video	Clarion

Saturday, February 1

6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary Coffee and Donuts	Clarion
7 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clarion
9 a.m.	Junior Event Finals - 1st go	MetraPark Arena
9 a.m.	Committee Seminar Hosted by Musselshell Valley C of C Rodeo Comm.	Clarion
12 Noon	Special Performance of Junior Event Finals - 2nd go	MetraPark Arena
3 p.m.	Timers Seminar	Clarion
3 p.m.	Cowboy Auction	Clarion
6-11:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle	Clarion Lobby
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Sponsor/Committee Hospitality Suite Hosted by Broken Horn Stampede Committee	Metra Lower Level
7:30 p.m.	NRA Finals Second Performance	MetraPark Arena
10 p.m.	Dance, Video	Clarion

Sunday, February 2

6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary Coffee and Donuts	Clarion
9 a.m.	Past Presidents/Secretaries Breakfast	Clarion
10:30 a.m.	Cowboy Church Service	Clarion
Noon-5:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle	Clarion Lobby
2 p.m.	NRA Finals Finals Performance	MetraPark Arena
6-6:45 p.m.	Cocktails	Clarion
6:45 p.m.	Banquet	Clarion
7:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation	Clarion
9 p.m.	Dance, Video	Clarion

*Banquet ticket may be purchased at the door for \$15. Advance purchase requested. *Prize money check cashing available at Clarion with proper I.D.

Here we go!



Your new NRA Finals has great changes in store for you. Here is a breakdown of what to expect at the new and improved NRA Finals rodeo set for Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at Montana's premier facility - **METRAPARK** Arena in Billings.

HOST HOTEL: CLARION HOTEL...ease of parking, main floor family restaurant, waterslide for the kids...for reservations call 406-248-7151. A reservation form is also included in this newsletter.

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ENTRIES: Open and close Thursday, January 2 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. 406-252-1122. Those contestants in the 11-15 positions also enter at this time as some events may not fill with the top ten. Entry forms with fees (\$150 per event, per man in TR) are due in the NRA Office by Wednesday, January 8. Entry and entry form deadlines are enforced.

JUNIORS: New, exciting things await you at the NRA Finals! Your entry forms with complete details will be sent out to you shortly. Junior events added money will be \$200 per event with \$25 entry fees. Watch your mail!

JACKETS: Our Montana Chevy Dealers, home of the NRA's Official Truck, **CHEVROLET**, award incredible jackets to the NRA Finals contestants and personnel. This year's exclusive Chevrolet NRA Finals jacket is gray wool with black leather trim. Bright teal, red and white embroidery highlight the logoed back. Thank you, Montana Chevy Dealers.

TIMED EVENT JACKPOT: Set for Friday, Jan. 31 at 8 a.m. in the METRA. Barrel Racing will start promptly at 8 a.m. Events are limited to 12 contestants per event, except barrel racing. Enter through the NRA Office.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Friday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel. This is your chance to give input into your Association and to catch up on what is happening. Motions passed at this meeting are referred to the Board of Directors for consideration at their meeting the following day.

CONTESTANT CHECK-IN: Will follow the General Membership meeting at 3:30 also at the Clarion Hotel. **NOTE TIME CHANGE.** Don't miss it...your companion passes (Yep, two actual passes per contestant, no charge!) will be given to you here, your wristband issued, your Chevrolet jacket awarded, releases signed, photos, etc. Rodeo production meeting included, too.

EAST HELENA VALLEY RODEO ASSOCIATION welcomes you to the cowboy auctions at this year's NRA Finals. The first cowboy auction is set for Thursday, Jan. 30 at Desperados beginning at 7 p.m. First go and average will be sold. On Saturday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Clarion, the second and third go-arounds will be sold.

DESPERADOS is kicking off the Finals weekend by hosting the Cowboy Auction and meet and greet with buffet for contestants on Thursday evening beginning at 7 p.m.

FORSYTH RODEO DAYS will host the sponsors and committees hospitality suite at the METRA prior to the Friday performance, with the **BROKEN HORN STAMPEDE COMMITTEE** hosting Saturday's hospitality suite. Hats off to our committees! Call the NRA Office in advance for tickets.

ARENA WARM-UP TIMES: The arena will be open for exercise Friday until noon if the Jackpot is over on time. Additional warm-up times may be posted at a later date.

PAST PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S BREAKFAST: Set for 9 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2. Watch for your invitation the first part of January.

CERTIFIED TIMERS SEMINAR: On the agenda for Saturday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Clarion. Pre-registration is requested but not required. Call Tootie at 406-466-2091.

COMPANION PASSES: Each NRA Finals contestant will receive two passes per performance at no charge! These two passes will be given to you at the contestant check-in.

BALLOTS are included in this newsletter. Take a minute to vote for your directors. Return your ballot to the NRA Office no later than Monday, January 20.

FINALS RODEO PROGRAM AND BOOTH SPACE: Space is now on sale! Contact the NRA Office.

CLARION HOTEL: Your new Headquarters Hotel will have up to date information posted in the lobby concerning the NRA Finals throughout the weekend. Be sure and check this area for any new changes or additions. Clarion Hotel will also host dances each night in addition to video of that evenings' perf.

COMMITTEE SEMINAR: Scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Clarion Hotel. Topics and agenda will be mailed to committees in advance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - NEW TIME - 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Clarion Hotel.

Plan now to be a part of the **NEW NRA Finals.**

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FINALS ENTRY FORM

OFFICIAL CALL IN ENTRY ON JANUARY 2, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. (406)252-1122
TOP 10 IN EACH EVENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NRA FINALS.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

SOC.SECURITY# _____ PHONE _____

EVENTS ENTERED _____ TEAM ROPING PARTNER _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE ENTRY FEES: \$150 PER EVENT, TEAM ROPING: \$150 PER MAN.

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSEDS _____

•STALLS MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE.

•NUMBER OF STALLS _____ AT \$10 TOTAL \$ _____

•COCKTAIL PARTY INVITES-INDICATE NUMBER NEEDED _____

•PLEASE RESERVE TICKETS FOR NRA BANQUET. WE MUST HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT.

I PLAN TO ATTEND NRA BANQUET. I NEED _____ TICKETS AT \$15 (PLEASE ENCLOSE

WITH FINALS FEES.) BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU IN ADVANCE.

PERSONALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

BIRTHDATE _____ HOMETOWN _____

OCCUPATION _____ MARITAL STATUS _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ CHILDREN'S NAMES AND AGES _____

RODEO EVENTS YOUR PARTICIPATE IN _____

BIGGEST WIN IN 1996 _____

BIGGEST LIFETIME WIN _____

HAVE YOU EVER COMPETED IN THE NRA FINALS BEFORE _____ YEARS _____

NUMBER OF RODEOS IN 1996 _____ FAVORITE RODEO _____

WHO MOST INFLUENCED RODEO CAREER _____

HOBBIES, INTEREST OTHER THAN RODEO _____

CONTESTANT CHECK-LIST

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VOTING BALLOT

Every NRA card holding member is invited to vote for three East Committee Directors. Only contestants who compete in the actual event are eligible to vote for event directors.

Mark a "X" in the box next to the person for whom you are selecting. If you desire to write in a candidate, be sure to mark an "X" next to his or her name. Candidates names appear in alphabetical order.

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Ballots will be counted Wednesday

Jan. 22, 1997

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Theresa Caldwell is shown here holding a denim jacket - part of the NEW line of NRA apparel. The NRA office is working with Universal Athletics in developing the clothing line. Karen Miller photo

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CONTESTANT SIGNATURE _____



NRA part-timer and avid roper Karen Miller took this picture of Jann Parker and Theresa Caldwell because she does not think that people know what we look like! That's so Karen! Thanks for all your great help Karen...It is much appreciated! Karen Miller photo and story.



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GROWTH, CHANGE, JANN, THERESA . . .

Don't panic. The rumors you have heard about Jann Parker quitting the NRA are not true. She is, however, taking on a new role and new direction.

Back in April of 1982, Ed Waldhauser found this shy, young blonde from North Dakota who wanted to be involved in rodeo. Jann Johnson Parker didn't just become a part of rodeo, she became the most visible figure in the NRA.

Waldhauser took Jann to her first NRA board meeting so the board could scrutinize her, and scrutinize her they did. They asked her how she planned to cross a rodeo arena in her short skirt and sandals! But, the board approved her for hire. She began handling the duties in a small office at Public Auction Yards. Today, under Jann's direction, the association's headquarters have moved across the hall to a larger, expanded location.

Jann's organizational skills, promotional savvy and natural efficiency have moved the Northern Rodeo Association from a good regional rodeo association to one of the best and largest in the country. NRA growth under her 15-year direction have been phenomenal. The NRA has come from 954 members in 1982 to 1,200 members in 1996. She was there for the merge between the NRA and MRA and when central entry was set up and when the newsletter production was brought into the office. She helped computerized the NRA office.

Other benefits Jann has assisted with

in her tenure are the NRA Saddlemakers Program, Instant Rancher Sweepstakes, Logan Coach Judges' Program. During her term the office staff has grown and the NRA is developing a line of apparel that will be marketed.

Jann's constant efforts and communications have narrowed the gap between contestants, committees, and contractors.

And while Jann introduced the NRA to many new things, the NRA takes credit for introducing Jann to her husband and rodeo star, Bill Parker. She married Bill in May of 1989.

Jann has molded, "trained," and learned from five different NRA presidents: Ed Waldhauser, Glen Hough, Tom Holland, Stan Rasmussen, and she is working on Charlie Briggs.

Jann will continue to help the NRA grow, but in a different capacity. She will be working with the NRA Finals Promoter, David Allen, promoting and producing the 1996 NRA Finals Rodeo. The NRA sponsorships program remains her project.

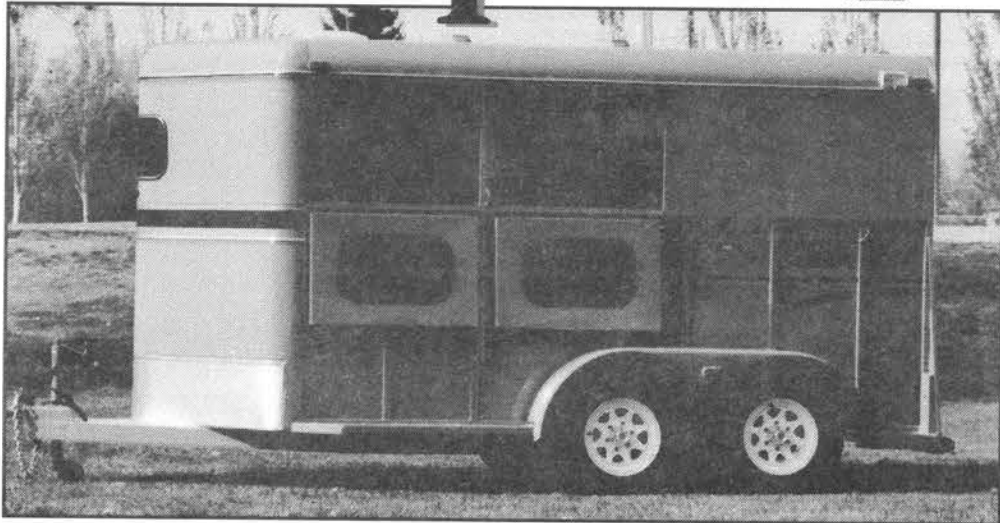
Beginning Dec. 1, she will work part-time in the NRA office to make a smooth transition for Theresa Caldwell's step up to the Executive Secretary position. Since March of 1995, Theresa has been capably producing the newsletter, handling memberships, the Logan Coach Program, the Corral West Program, NRA Committee Guide, NRA Rule Book, marketing the NRA line of apparel, office duties and answering the phone when you call—all on a part-time basis.

Rodeo people appreciate what Jann has done and what she still does for the sport of rodeo.

Good luck to Jann and Theresa!

Karen

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Hello, NRA Contestants and fans

The flow of the Northern Rodeo Finals is going to change - hopefully for the better. NRF performances will not take any longer than 2 hours and 15 minutes to 2 and 1/2 hours total. To accomplish this, everyone needs to come prepared to nod and go. Everyone will have a fair shake but it will take a group effort to put on a good show.

I guarantee you the NRA Finals will be the best run rodeo that Billings has seen in recent years.

The look and feel of the NRF will have a Championship event quality to it...that's what you deserve.

For years the production value of the NRF has been neglected and it is going to take us at least a year to win back part of the Billings rodeo audience.

We want to make this event one that the contestants look forward to with pride - and - one that the fans look forward to buying a ticket to...providing quality rodeo entertainment.

David Allen and Associates

Hamilton works hard to improve Fairgrounds

It took an incredible outpouring from our community to get the (Hamilton) fairgrounds rebuilt," says Gary Wiley, Ravalli County Fair Manager.

"All volunteer help, working until dark — a total of 2,070 donated labor hours," says Wiley. "That is more than what one person would work in one YEAR!"

The new arena is all steel with posts set in concrete, 290 x 167. It is bigger and closer to the grandstands and it is movable on the race track side.

All the rocks and original dirt were removed, and new arena dirt was hauled in with a special blend of sand and non-clay dirt.

"The attendance at this years rodeo was so great that the police were kept busy moving people out of the aisles in the grandstands," says Vicki Dawson, Fair Board Member.

"We had so many people (in the stands) that it scared me," says Wiley. "It will hold 2,500 and there were at least 3,200 people in the stands."

If you have not seen Ravalli County's new facilities, make plans to attend their rodeo on Labor Day, 1997.

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ARENA DUST

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Bud Knerr, Dorothy Billingsley and Hal Damuth families on their losses.

Congratulations to Ty and Sarah Steinbach. They were married November 23rd.

Congratulations to Newman Rodeo Company. The short round at the WFR was won on both of Newman's Bareback (Come Apart) and Saddle Bronc (Wino)horses.

To: NRA Members

As always it is a pleasure to write this letter even if it is a little late. I wish to again compliment the Rodeo performers and their families for their behavior and attitude at the Ravalli County Fair and Rodeo. They were polite, Courteous, understanding, and cooperative of those who were working with the gates, the vendors, and the County Fair personnel.

Even when the start of the Rodeo was delayed a half hour at the second nights performance there was no complaining that I heard or that was reported to me and I appreciate that attitude on the part of the performers.

Again thanks for an excellent rodeo.

Sincerely,
Les Linendoll, Chairman
Ravalli County Fair Board

Your Finals rodeo is increasing your

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Your year-end event awards

The NRA Year-end event sponsorship program makes some of the best awards available for the NRA cowboys and cowgirls.

This year Arne Esp from Billings will be making the year-end event winner buckles. He will also be engraving a silver name plate on a leather halter for each Horse of the Year. The halters were purchased from Connolly's Western Store in Billings. Arnie is a former NRA Saddle Bronc rider.

The second place awards will be a nice leather headstall by Cowboy Products with silver engraved buckle sets by Chavez, purchased through Three Forks Saddlery.

Leather stamped day minders will be awarded to the third place winners in each event. These are made by Windmill, purchased through Three Forks Saddlery.

A gear bag with a leather stamped plaque will be given to the 4th place rough stock riders. Saddle blankets with a leather stamped plaque will go to the timed event 4th place winners. The leather work will be done by Rob Brooks of Bozeman, also a NRA member.

Award design will be making the Finals average winner buckles. These are donated by Desperados in Billings.

Andy & Diane Livingston (The Horse Corral) have donated the rookie buckles.

Thanks to all of our sponsors for making these awards possible.

Rhonda Kountz



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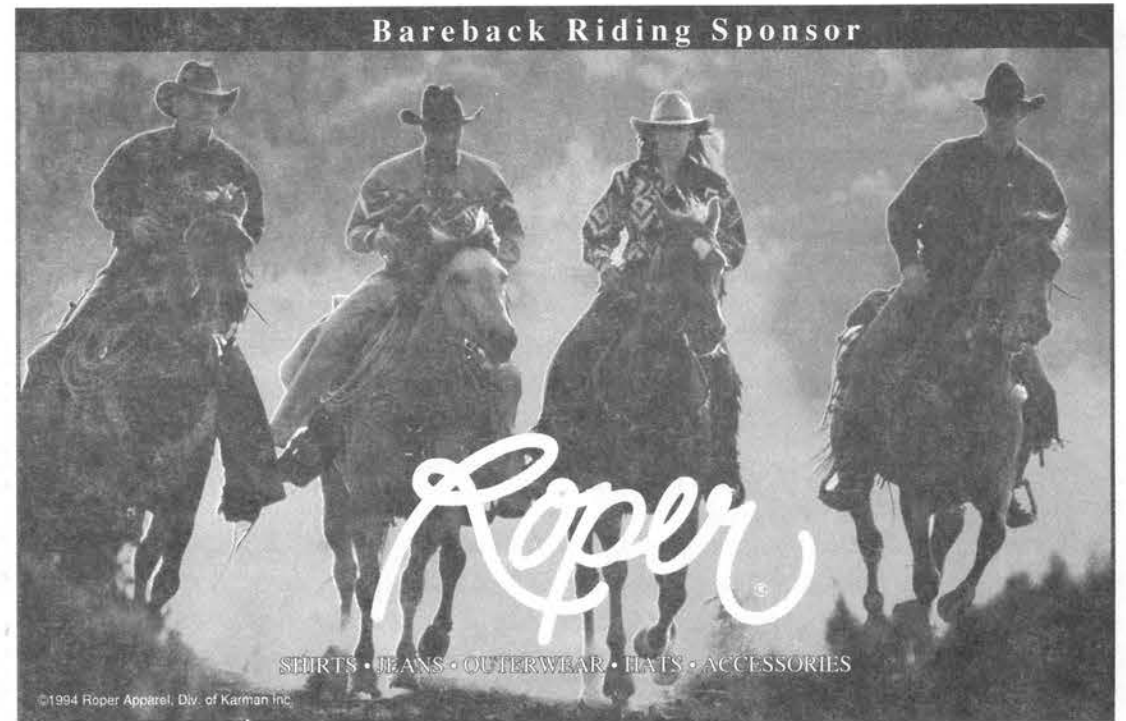
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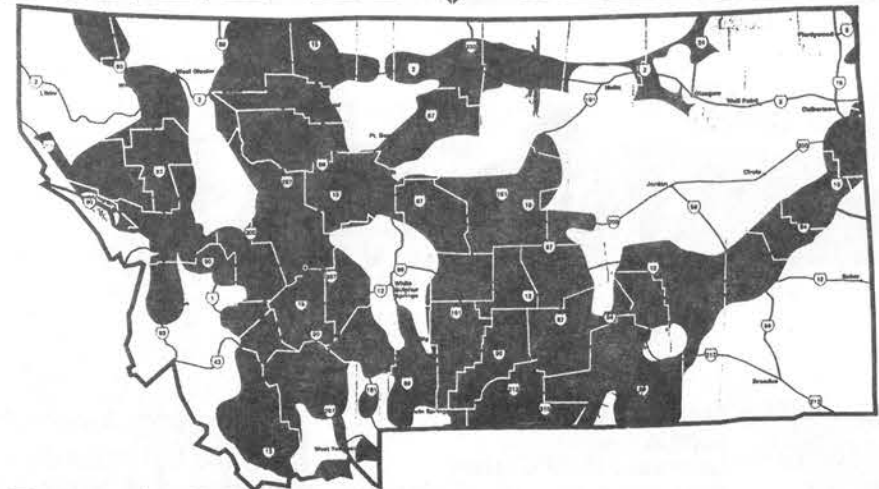
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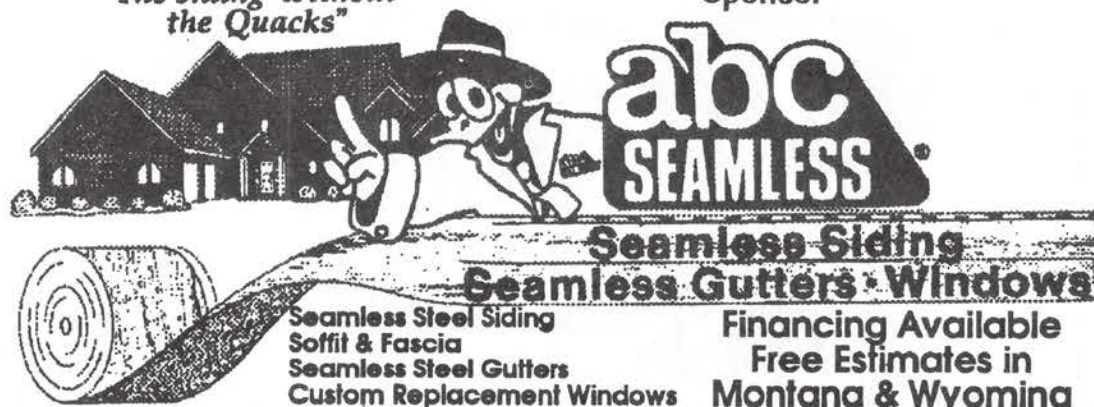
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I won 2 saddles last year at the NRA finals both donated by the Twist family.

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NRA Bareback Riding Saddlemaker
BRUCE RUCKMAN
Diamond Ring Saddlery
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Years with NRA: Fifth Year

Hometown: Great Falls

History: Bruce and his wife Janae had a new baby girl this past summer, named Jayelyn. This is Bruce's sixth year in business and is a former NRA saddle bronc competitor. He learned his trade at a saddlemaking school in Washington and then spent two years as an apprentice to well known Montana saddlemaker, Allan Pursley. Bruce helps Dick Lyman guide during the hunting season.

NRA Saddle Bronc Riding Saddlemaker
TIM MARTZ
Pletan's Saddle Shop
RR 1 Box 202, Wilsall

Years with NRA: Fourth Year

Hometown: Park City

History: Tim became interested in leatherwork at a young age while watching his great uncle build saddles and do rawhide work. He began a serious career in saddlemaking in 1989 and began working with Bob Pletan.

NRA Steer Wrestling Saddlemaker

KEN WHEELER

Wheeler Saddlery
1441 Valier Hwy, Valier

Years with NRA: First Year

Hometown: Valier

History: On the outside of Valier is where this former Federal Trapper of 18 years and former team roper has had his saddle shop since 1985. Ken learned his trade from Jesse Bleecker of Choteau. Now Ken does a lot of repair on boots, equipment and saddles. He has equipment in stock or he can order what you need.

NRA Calf Roping Saddlemaker

JEFF GOLLEHON

Grizzly Saddlery
815 9th St. N., Great Falls

Years with NRA: First Year

Hometown: Winnett

History: In 1967 Jeff watched Jesse Bleecker of Choteau build a custom saddle and Jeff was hooked. He has been building saddles for the past 16 years and now owns his own 3,000 sq. ft. shop and retail store. Jeff attended saddlemaking school in Spokane upon graduation from high school and then went to work for his mentor, Jess Bleecker, 83, whom he gives a lot of credit to for his success. "Stop in the store; we have saddles, headstalls, packing equipment and leather goods." Jeff's wife, Rhonda, and two daughters: Whitney, 9, and Allison, 7, help in the store along with two full-time employees.

NRA Team Roping Saddlemaker

ANDY CLAY

Jesse Bleecker Saddlery, Choteau
Box 853, Fairfield

Years with NRA: Second Year

Hometown: Amarillo, TX

History: This former Texan is happy with his move to Jesse Bleecker's Saddle Shop in Choteau. Jesse builds the trees for the saddles and Andy was hired to build the saddles. Besides saddles, Andy also builds holsters, chaps, scabbards, belts, and all types of leather goods for the cowboy or hunter. Andy and his wife Tracy keep busy with their 15 month old boy, Tanner (very appropriately named, don't you think?!)

NRA Barrel Racing Saddlemaker

ALLAN PURSLEY

Broken Arrow Saddlery
Westgate Mall, Great Falls

Years with NRA: Since its inception, 1992

Hometown: Big Sandy

History: For over 23 years Allan has been building saddles and is the maker of the "Charlotte Schmidt Barrel Racer." This year both Charlotte Schmidt of Cut Bank and Molly Swanson of Simms will be riding Allan's saddles. There will be six bronc riders at the NFR riding Allan Pursley saddles as well! Allan, his wife Anne, and daughters Norma and Geri, are very instrumental in Montana rodeo. Norma is cultivating her career building saddles, and she enjoys designing fancy rodeo chaps.

NRA Breakaway Roping Saddlemaker

MIKE WITT

Witt's Saddlery, 2 blocks west of Fairgrounds
1148 1st Ave N, Billings

Years with NRA: Third

Hometown: Jordan

History: Mike has been building saddles for over 22 years. His interest in leather work began when he was in the sixth grade while growing up northwest of Jordan with nothing to do. "I picked all saddlemakers' brains, learning the trade," says Mike. Besides building saddles, Mike does custom leather work including belts, briefcases, chaps, etc.

NRA Bull Riding Saddlemaker

WES SCHENK

Schenk's Shoe & Saddle Repair
Box 786, Harlowton

Years with NRA: First Year

Hometown: Winnett

History: Wes and his family (wife Tammy, and boys Clay, 15, and Will, 14) all contribute to the work that is done in their shop. For 16 years he has been fixing boots, chaps, bridles, and "whatever can be drug in the door." This self-taught saddlemaker was raised on a ranch and feels lucky to be able to make a living doing what he loves. "Stop in the NRA office and see the unique design that Wes made on the saddle," says Jann Parker.

NRA Junior Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping Saddlemaker

BEN SWANKE

Directly behind Shipton's in Billings
219 North 15, Billings

Years with NRA: Since the saddlemakers program began, 1992.

History: Ben has been styling all styles and types of saddles for 16 years. He prefers making saddles, but he will also make anything you want: chaps, breasts collars, headstalls all custom work. K.T. Monson is his full time helper.

NRA All-Around Cowboy Saddlemaker

EARL TWIST

224 Forest Drive, Kalispell

Years with NRA: Since the Saddlemakers Program began, 1992

Hometown: Killdeer, ND

History: One of the founding saddlemakers in the NRA Saddlemakers Program, Earl has built the trophy saddle for the All-Around Cowboy each year since 1992. Earl's craftsmanship began in 1960. Hollywood directors took notice of Earl's work during the filming of "Heaven's Gate" where some of the crew extras rode his saddles. Now, Hollywood actors order Twist's saddles. Hard work and attention to detail have made Earl's saddles popular with cowboys and movie directors alike. The past two years Earl has kept busy making reining horse show saddles. He has no retail store; he builds custom saddles only. "The NRA has a great idea. I am pleased to be associated with the saddlemakers program," says Earl Twist.

**NRA All-Around Cowgirl Saddlemaker
BOB PLETAN**

Pletan's Custom Leather
Main Street Hwy 89, Wilsall

Years with NRA: Fourth Year

History: Bob has been building saddles since 1980, learning his craft from top Kalispell saddlemaker Earl Twist. Bob has showcased his talents by building the superb trophy saddles awarded at the Hardin Team Roping for 2 years. Bob also built the saddle awarded to the Livingston Roundup Queen. While in high school, Bob began leatherworking and also constructs related tack on a custom basis. If Bob had his choice, he would only build saddles.

Judy gets her saddle!

Judy Myllmaki has always wanted a handmade Allan Pursley barrel racing saddle, but thought she could never afford one. Her daughter Rachael won 11 saddles one year and averages winning 6 saddles a year. After Rachael was awarded the 1995 NRA Allan Pursley Barrel Racing Saddle, Rachael turned to her mother and said, "Here's your Allan Pursley saddle." Judy won the short go at Tuscon with it and the short go at the Calgary Stampede with it. "I like it, but Mr. Wonderful (her barrel horse) likes it and that's where it is all at," says Judy.

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Wes Schenk builds NRA Champ saddle

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Wes Schenk of Harlowton has completed the saddle which will be awarded to the Bull Riding Champion at the conclusion of the NRA Rodeo at Billings METRA. The NRA Finals will be held January 31st thru February 2nd.

Wes Schenk said he received the contract for the saddle in July, and delivery had to be made by November 1st. All eleven of the handmade saddles will be displayed at PAYS Auction Yard in Billings until the NRA Finals.

Wes said he has about 150 hours of labor in this saddle which is highlighted with sterling silver conchos that were made by Lee Burroughs of Lavina. The rest of the saddle was handcrafted by Wes in his Harlowton saddle shop. Wes said the NRA used to obtain saddles from commercial manufacturers, but rodeo contestants felt that there were a large number of craftsmen in the area who produced high quality products. The NRA organizers began issuing contracts to the saddlemakers about four years ago. Marty Penrod of Miles City is event director for the Bull Riders and participated in the Harlowton Rodeo over the July 4th holidays. After the rodeo he spent time with Wes, examining his work, and then issued the contract. Marty is one of the current high point bull riders, so may end up winning the saddle he contracted for.

Wes said this year's saddle contracts carried specific requirements for the champion

saddles, identifying which parts would be "rough out" leather, and which would be patterned. In the past the contracts were left pretty open which allowed a great deal of variance in the finished products. This year's contracts should bring the saddles into a more uniform appearance.

Wes was looking forward to delivering his saddle to Billings and being able to examine his work along with the other offerings.



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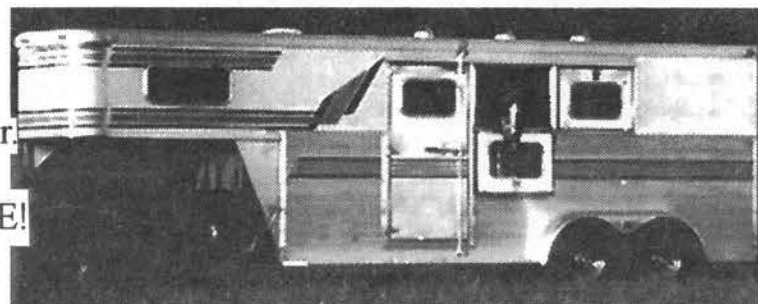


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- 3 Douglas Leeds, Havre, Mt 4342.45
- 4 Robert Schall, Arlee, Mt 4189.31
- 5 Derry McLane, Big Timber, Mt 3212.89
- 6 Heath Lafromboise, Helena, Mt 3087.82
- 7 Mathew Gilstrap, Big Sandy, Mt 2591.33
- 8 Dustin Solomon, Havre, Mt 2244.85
- 9 Dennis Wortman, Boulder, Mt 1718.64
- 10 Clarence Gilham, Browning, Mt 1712.59
- 11 Chad Vivian, Cody, WY 1327.09
- 12 Ryan Ehmann, Bozeman, Mt 1018.42
- 13 Bill Cerkoney, Bozeman, Mt 950.46
- 14 Dennis Leitz, Billings, Mt 928.80
- 15 Cline Worlow, Bozeman, Mt 676.09

BULL RIDING

- 1 Marty Penrod, Miles City, Mt 8013.21
- 2 Dan Wigert, Colstrip, Mt 6369.28
- 3 Justin Blankenship, Cody, WY 5818.05
- 4 Richard Bird, Cut Bank, Mt 4811.41
- 5 Leroy Cooper, Helena, Mt 4314.02
- 6 Justin Mack, Kalispell, Mt 3864.08
- 7 Wally Blankenship, Miles City, Mt 3476.28
- 8 Jeff Burns, Terreton, Id 3276.97
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- 10 Clint Solomon, Havre, Mt 3014.87
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- 14 Reed Trexler, Corvallis, Mt 2666.23
- 15 Phillip Hofer, Cut Bank, Mt 2645.34

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- 4 Alan Hougen, Melstone, Mt 2460.79
- 5 Jeff Solomon, Havre, Mt 2391.84
- 6 Todd Garrison, Glen, Mt 2220.95
- 7 Jason Buffington, Malta, Mt 1936.52
- 8 Jim Garrison, Glen, Mt 1927.14
- 9 John Hanson, Helena, Mt 1873.97
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4 Mike Barthelmess, Condon, Mt	2432.03
5 Scott Salo, Shepherd, Mt	2404.10
6 Shane Eberline, Dillon, Mt	2401.87
7 Bill Boyce, Lewistown, Mt	2323.52
8 Spike Guardipee, Cut Bank, Mt	2099.36
9 Travis Caldwell, Billings, Mt	2065.14
10 Jody Wacker, Roundup, Mt	1899.84
11 J Billingsley, Glasgow, Mt	1713.50
12 Justin McCormick, Phoenix, Az	1685.46
13 Laramie Baumann, Hardin, Mt	1631.33
14 Lyle Baumann, Hardin, Mt	1439.47
15 Allen Fisher, Ashland, Mt	1296.42

TEAMROPING

1 Robbie Kountz, Bozeman, Mt	4204.38
2 Rick Tryan, Helena, Mt	4204.38
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4 Dennis Tryan, Huntley, Mt	3469.95
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29 Wes Tinsley, Dillon, Mt	1492.69
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1 Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mt	10759.49
2 Shirlee Fossum, Billings, Mt	6028.59
3 Charlene Murphy, Billings, Mt	5983.44
4 Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton, Mt	5241.12
5 Judy Myllymaki, Arlee, Mt	3494.01
6 Lynda Ottun, Forsyth, Mt	3352.32
7 Jacque Gleason, Busby, Mt	3279.90
8 Carrie Smith, Deer Lodge, Mt	3228.37
9 Chris Mcqueary, Three Forks, Mt	2195.43
10 Heather Hart, Gallatin Gtwy, Mt	2164.31
11 Holly Cook, Power, Mt	2097.12
12 Teri Leibrand, Peerless, Mt	1488.77
13 Dana Penrod, Miles City, Mt	1245.97
14 Joeleen Ottun, Forsyth, Mt	1100.50
15 Monica Gruel, Great Falls, Mt	1093.30

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1 Jody Petersen, Three Forks, Mt	4128.59
2 Heather Hart, Gallatin Gtwy, Mt	3694.76
3 Chris Mcqueary, Three Forks, Mt	3066.18
4 Kayleen Hougen, Melstone, Mt	2842.85
5 Marcey Chaffee, Billings, Mt	2452.26
6 Mary Salmond, Choteau, Mt	2285.90
7 Cally Goyins, Helena, Mt	2267.76
8 Tanya Getten, Dillon, Mt	1976.67
9 Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mt	1956.53
10 Jill Worthen, Dubor, Id	1663.68
11 Karen Miller, Absarokee, Mt	1621.08
12 Deb Lloyd, Helena, Mt	1617.07
13 Wendy Badgett, Ashland, Mt	1373.57
14 Janie Carlson, Two Dot, Mt	1229.62
15 Nacona Pauley, Miles City, Mt	1176.75

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1 Spike Guardipee, Cut Bank, Mt	8033.49
2 Robbie Kountz, Bozeman, Mt	7900.49
3 Robert Schall, Arlee, Mt	6979.38
4 Herbert Harris, Polson, Mt	5736.08
5 Chuck Fields, Lewistown, Mt	5575.51

ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

1 Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mt	12916.68
2 Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton, Mt	6251.02
3 Heather Hart, Gallatin Gtwy, Mt	5859.07
4 Chris Mcqueary, Three Forks, Mt	5261.61
5 Jody Petersen, Three Forks, Mt	5225.66

ROOKIE BAREBACK

1. Keith Greany, Helena, Mt	778.56
2. Brandon Fluery, Billings, Mt	610.08
3. Sam Henry, Ennis, Mt	493.92
4. Trent Schara, East Helena, Mt	455.04
5. Matt Montgomery, Miles City, Mt	294.72
6. Cody Demers, Clancy, Mt	232.22
7. Buddy Dolan, Helena, Mt	199.68
8. John Tobol, Helena, Mt	198.24
9. Shane Moran, Great Falls, Mt	195.84
10. Terry Gould, East Helena, Mt	104.58

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BAREBACK RIDING

1. Joe Demers 16.5
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1. Josh Reynolds 14
2. Craig Miller 8.5
3. Kent Robbins 7.5
- Shane Moran 7.5

BULL RIDING

1. Marty Penrod 15.5
2. Justin Blankenship 7.5
3. Kelly Crystal 7

STEER WRESTLING

1. Rob Kountz 10
2. Spike Guardipee 8
3. Justin Davis 7.5

CALF ROPING

1. Chris Witcher 10
2. Travis Caldwell 5
- Jody Wacker 5
- Bill Boyce 5

TEAM ROPING

1. Sam Bird 7.5
- Dennis Tryan 7.5
- Clay Tryan 7.5
- Rob Kountz 7.5
- Rick Tryan 7.5

LADIES BARREL RACE

1. Rachael Myllymaki 24
2. Lynda Ottun 14
3. Shirlee Fossum 6.5

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Heather Hart 9.5
2. Kayleen Hougen 8
3. Marcy Chaffee 7.5

JUNIOR BARREL RACE

1. Colt Tew 32
2. Shawna Wright 8.5
3. Lacey Fleharty 8
- Nikki LaFrance 8

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2. Beau Clark 7
- Jack Vanderlans 7



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Jesse Bleecker, Saddle Maker

by Melody Martisen, Choteau Acantha
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Tucked away on an alley of a quiet Choteau neighborhood sits an unobtrusive building housing Bleecker's saddle shop. NRA saddlemaker Andy Clay plies his trade under the watchful supervision of Jesse Bleecker.

From Amarillo, Texas, where he learned his trade, journeyman saddle-maker Clay is working into the business established by a colorful character straight out of Montana's past.

At 83 years young, Bleecker has been a carpenter, a painter, a fine stone mason, a brick layer, and now a craftsman of fine saddlery, but he says he's not done learning yet.

"I've got a lot to learn yet," he said in an interview at the Bleecker Saddlery Shop in the back yard of his Choteau residence. "Once you learn everything, a fellow might as well die."

Bleecker has earned a reputation throughout the region as an artisan who creates strong, reliable, beautiful western saddles, bridles and pack gear for ranchers, rodeoers, outfitters and pleasure riders.

He has spent his life learning new trades, all with a common theme: he has worked to elevate his craft to an art, to make beautiful homes and stores, attractive signs, rustic and picturesque fireplaces and fine stone work.

"I always wanted to make something that people could see and feel and use," Bleecker said.

Jesse Bleecker was born March 23, 1913, here in Montana and his family farmed

and raised cattle in the Bole area between Fairfield and Choteau.

When he and several of his siblings were old enough to attend Teton County High School, the whole family moved to Choteau and his dad began working in construction.

While in high school, Bleecker also worked construction and helped with haying on area ranches.

He remembers that last time he helped put up hay: he drove a two-horse team working a buck pole.

During the Great Depression in the 1930s, the family did whatever work they could. After graduation from high school, he worked for a year in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Coram area.

On June 19, 1937, he married Jean K. Lassell in Choteau, and during 1938 built their log home - before he'd learned the house-building trade.

Before World War II he did carpentry work in the Choteau area, then served a 25-month stint in the Seabees Navy Construction battalion, working in Europe and Okinawa.

From 1949 to 1975 he worked primarily as a bricklayer and stone mason, starting out with a partner and then branching out on his own.

Many of the businesses still operating in Choteau are located in buildings that Bleecker and his crews helped erect. Soon, he and another partner became known for their picturesque fireplaces and they created about 100 in homes in the Teton County area. Some were stuccoed, some brick, some native stone - all were attractive.

The transition from bricklayer to saddle

maker was gradual with the transformation beginning in 1953 when Jesse decided to make his daughter, Pam, a saddle for her 11th birthday on Sept. 30, 1953.

"It wasn't very good," he said. So he tried another one, ended up selling it, and was hooked.

His interest in leather work was spurred by an uncle who was a harness-maker, and he became interested in working with leather.

Saddle making was his hobby, Bleecker said, and, pushed by the urgings of his wife, who probably wanted him home a little more, he retired from the stone mason business and went into the saddle-making business full time in 1975.

Bleecker is a self-taught craftsman who worked out of his garage until 1975, when he and his grandson, Jeff Gallagher, using wood salvaged from an old house and flawed clay bricks rejected during the building of the Catholic church in Augusta, built the two-story saddlery shop across the alley from his log home.

Bleecker runs his shop himself, but Andy Clay has been working with him since September after leaving Wolf Creek, and Bleecker's daughter, Pam Gallagher, also works in the saddle shop, building the pack saddles and handling fiberglassing chores.

Rich Jeffers, a past NRA saddle-maker, also worked with Bleecker in 1992.

"It's not really a money-maker, but it keeps me busy," Bleecker said. He said he makes a comfortable living at it, no fortune.

Using the tools of their trade, including band saws and leather stitchers, rasps and knives, they bandcraft saddles that are sold to faithful customers in a trade area that fans out in a 75-mile radius around Choteau, and

throughout Montana. But, he figures he's sent saddles in nearly every state in the union.

"There's a terrific amount of hand-work in making saddles," Bleecker said. "I guess you could call it an art."

Each saddle is different, but they all start with a wooden "tree" or seat, fashioned from lodge pole pine, coated with protective fiberglass; a horn that may be metal or wood, and cattle leather, purchased from tanneries in Chattanooga, Tenn., that covers the gullet, ground seat, underskirt and outer riggings.

"A good seat is probably that most important thing," Bleecker said about saddles. The saddle must be strong and reliable; it must fit the rider and horse; it should be good looking; and if treated properly, it should last a lifetime.

Bleecker creates all the trees himself, using a combination of hand and mechanical tools. He said, "It takes me a long time, 25-30 hours, to make a tree." But he compares a tree to a foundation of a building. If the tree isn't any good, chances are the saddle won't be either.

His daughter, Pam, then applies the fiberglass coating to the tree before the leather work begins.

He said he has had only one saddle that broke, and that was caused by a horse that reared over in a trailer and landed right on top of the saddle. While Jesse and Andy talked they were building a duplicate saddle for a rancher whose saddle had burned in a barn fire.

Bleecker turns out about 20 saddles a year, but was several months behind in his work when Clay came to work with him. Clay has completed four saddles in the two months he's been in Choteau.

Bleecker said he can make a saddle in 10 days straight if he works uninterrupted, but with all the coming and goings at the shop, he doesn't even give a time limit when he starts working on a new creation.

He said the cost of a new saddle starts at a base price of \$1,000+ and goes up from there with special additions and more tooling. However, he said, they remain competitive with commercial saddles, and the customer goes home with a saddle made to his specifications.

He also turns out bridles, breast collars, belts, chaps, and chinks - anything made of leather - but no boots or shoes.

Bleecker said his business isn't in any danger of going extinct even in today's mechanized world.

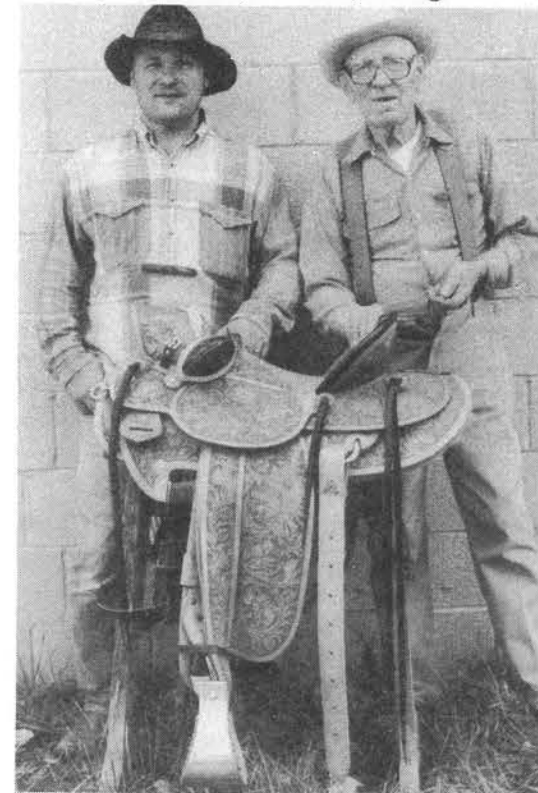
"I think more saddles are made today than any other time," he said, noting that many

people can afford horses and ride for pleasure in addition to the rodeo riders, ranchers and outfitters who use their horses for business. "If you have the ability to make a cowboy saddle," he said, "then you can make any other kind."

He doesn't advertise his work - word-of-mouth does that for him, making the most rewarding. He says he likes working with leather and doing business with the horse and cattle people and seeing the satisfaction in his customers' eyes. "When we make a saddle for you, we won't put the horn on the cantle," he quipped.

"If you enjoy what you're doing, you're living right!"

He also loves Choteau and Montana. "I like the spot. I want to be able to see Ear Mountain," he said. "I thought I'd live here my whole life, and now, I'm pretty sure of it."



Pictured here outside of his shop is Jesse C. Bleecker (L) and Andy Clay.

Thank you Tootie Rasmussen for updating and and adapting this article for the NRA News.

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8 Kiley Haugland, Belgrade, Mt	358.37
9 Lacy Fleharty, Grass Range, Mt	347.71
10 Tammy Eberline, Dillon, Mt	299.96
11 Brittany Schnee, Shelby, Mt	273.89
12 Dillon Mcpherson, Wolf Point, Mt	254.45
13 Brittney Nordahl, Helena, Mt	216.43
14 Milee Malone, Livingston, Mt	163.20
15 Tierani Brusett, Brusett, Mt	153.84
16 Ivy Lee Brown, Kalispell, Mt	143.62
17 Megan Ruhkala, St Ignatius, Mt	140.73
18 Tate Else, Dillon, Mt	126.82
19 Shyla Epler, Helena, Mt	108.96
20 Lisa Hersrud, Columbus, Mt	104.88
21 Sarah Scott, Billings, Mt	97.44
22 Katie Crowley, Poplar, Mt	95.04
23 Nicole Porter, Helena, Mt	94.08
24 Faron Brown, Wolf Point, Mt	84.20
25 Ashley Williams, Volborg, Mt	67.20
26 Teri Leibrand, Peerless, Mt	51.36
27 Rylee Strauser, Chinook, Mt	49.92
28 Cee Cee Tryan, Helena, Mt	49.73
29 Brittani Brusett, Brusett, Mt	46.56
30 Jana Perry, Cut Bank, Mt	39.84
31 Sadie Johnson, Conrad, Mt	39.36
32 Karnell Phillips, Inverness, Mt	32.16
33 Melanie Schuler, Missoula, Mt	20.16
34 Kaycee Greany, Helena, Mt	19.92
35 Amber Crowley, Poplar, Mt	19.68

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24 Cleve Fuller, Augusta, Mt	104.16
25 Eldon Luchsinger, Billings, Mt	100.42
26 Sterling Murphy, Billings, Mt	99.84
27 Tiffany Wagner, Helena, Mt	90.24
28 Troy Ruhkala, St. Ignatius, Mt	88.46
29 Brittani Brusett, Brusett, Mt	86.88
30 Clint Weeding, Jordan, Mt	84.86
31 Kaycee Greany, Helena, Mt	84.00
32 Colton Gorrell, Beach, Nd	75.22

33 Delon Parker, Gillette, Wy	66.24
34 Della Hill, Victor, Mt	46.08
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, September 21, 1996

6 p.m. GranTree Inn
Bozeman, Montana

President Charlie Briggs called the meeting to order.

Roll was called and a quorum verified. Those members present included: President, Charlie Briggs; Rod Brosz, Vice President; Stan Rasmussen, Director at Large; Steve Blixt, Steer Wrestling; Steve Cutler, Bareback Riding; Travis Caldwell, Calf Roping; Kent Robbins, Saddle Bronc; Mark Salmond, Team Roping; Rodney Newman, Stock Contractors; Dick Lyman, Contract Personnel; Rhonda Kountz, Ladies Breakaway Roping; George Cook, Barrel Racing; Teri Jo Lyman, Junior Event; Marty Penrod, Bull Riding; Ed Miller, Advisory Board; Nancy Petersen, proxy for Ed Waldhauser, Advisory Board; Joe Murnion, Dr. Howard Holloway, Rodger Nordahl, Bob Graveley, Committee directors.

Minutes of the March 16, 1996 Board of Directors meeting were distributed and approved as written.

Finances of the Association were presented and approved subject to audit.

Committee Reports:

NARC: World Finals Rodeo will be held in Charleston, SC November 12-17. NRA entries will be taken on Wednesday, September 25.

Friends of Rodeo: Representative not in attendance.

Awards Program: Board was updated on Year-End Event Sponsorship Program. Various types of year-end awards were discussed. Rhonda Kountz, George Cook, and Nancy Petersen will serve on the Awards Committee.

NRA Finals Committee: Steve Cutler, chair, updated the Board on the committee's actions: Clarion Hotel will be the new NRA Finals headquarters; David Allen and Associates have been hired as the new NRA Finals promoter/manager. Things are progressing well for the upcoming NRA Finals.

Judges Program: Dick Lyman, judging coordinator, overviewed the 1996 season. Dick Lyman would like to schedule time during the NRA Finals weekend to meet with the current judges in addition to prospective judges. Discussion concerning existing program, rating, bonus, this past year's pay increase, etc.

It was moved and seconded: Due to the \$1 per contestant increase for the judges, the \$5 per performance bonus issued from the NRA Office be suspended. PASSED. Unanimous.

Logan Coach Bonus Bucks Program: Theresa Caldwell, coordinator, updated the Board on the current status of the program. Discussion.

Excel: Nancy Petersen updated the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rules of Competition proposed rulechanges passed at the March meeting were brought before the Board at this time:

It was moved and seconded: In the bull riding event, if a committee and stock contractor decide to implement the bull riding limit rule, the bull riding limit rule will be as follows: 25 bull riders per performance minimum. If the rodeo is held prior to July 15, the top 25 bull riders from the previous year-end standings will receive preference with the remaining bull riders selected by random draw. If the rodeo is held after July 15, preference is given the current seasons' top 25 bull riders, with the remaining bull riders selected by random draw. DEFEATED*****

LBR contestant order at the NRA Finals was addressed. It was moved and seconded: For the NRA Finals rodeo, the ladies barrel racers will run in the 1st through 10th position for the first go; For the second and third go-arounds, the order of the event will be the contestant's finish in prior go-arounds. There will be no trading of positions at the NRA Finals. PASSED.

As requested at March meeting, NRA Finals stock was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations are open and will remain open through December 1 for open positions on the Board for the next term. Those positions up for election include: President, Vice President, Steer Wrestling, Bull Riding, Junior Events, Team Roping, and three eastern Committee reps.

George Cook addressed the Board concerning the Barrel Racing event. The following will be voted on at the FEBRUARY MEETING:

It was moved and seconded: (#1) Last two ladies in each performance (slack being considered a performance) are responsible for getting the electric eye to the judge prior to the barrel race. First two ladies to run in each performance (slack being considered a performance) are responsible for taking the eye down after the barrel racing and returning it to the secretary. Failure to do so shall result in a \$25 fine. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded: (#2) All contestants shall enter the arena through one gate designated by the judge prior to the barrel race. Any contestant entering the arena through any other gate than the one designated by judge will be disqualified. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded: (#3) The first 3 contestants in the first performance (slack being considered a performance) are responsible for marking the barrel pattern. If one of the first three is a turnout, the next person on the list is responsible. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine. Central Entry to inform the first three contestants at the time of callback. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded: In slack, ground throughout the barrel pattern must be worked (not raked) conditions permitting, immediately before and after the barrel race and after the equivalent number of contestants drawn for a performance. PASSED.

Discussion concerning an award for the tractor driver of the committee with the best ground.

Discussion concerning steer wrestling score. It was moved and seconded: The score in the steer wrestling will be the box length minus six (6) feet. This applies to all rodeos unless previously approved by the event director and the stock contractor. PASSED.

Central Entry was addressed. Possibility of taking the "no preference" provision at the Billings rodeo off.

Discussion concerning local entries. It was moved and seconded: Each rodeo committee is to designate a local secretary to take entries, collect entry fees, have contestant sign liability release and local secretary will make one phone call to central entry. PASSED. This will be discussed during committee seminar at the Finals.

Continued discussion on central entry. Problems over the summer were discussed with Sharon Martin of Big Sky Rodeo Central Entry who was in attendance. Directors have been asked to submit guidelines and suggestions to the NRA Office. Steve Cutler will chair for the directors. Information to be presented to Big Sky Rodeo Central Entry when compiled.

Discussion concerning the payoff and the breakoff point between 8 and 10 monies. It was moved and seconded: adjustment to rule (pg 31, A.6.4) ...eight places, \$3,000 up to \$7,500, ten places \$7,500 and up. 12 place payoff is eliminated. PASSED.

NRA Office was discussed. Due in part as a result of added responsibility with the NRA Finals, Jann Parker has requested part-time days in the NRA office year-around and Theresa Caldwell assume full-time duties and responsibilities. A committee was formed to handle the transition. Ed Miller and Ed Waldhauser will serve on the committee.

It was moved and seconded: An accountant handle the monthly bookkeeping for the Association. Cost incurred to the Association will be approx. \$100 per month. PASSED.

Discussion concerning late payment of entry fees. It was moved and seconded: amend pg 30, A.5.23: A contestant's entry fees must be paid or arrangements made for payment prior to the payoff for that event or contestant is subject to a \$100 fine plus his fees. PASSED.

It was moved and seconded: amend page 37 D.5.1: Fine for NSF check will \$100. If rodeo secretary is assessed a service charge, secretary will be reimbursed for charge when submitted to NRA Office along with NSF check. PASSED.

Discussion concerning rule page 31 A.5.25. concerning rodeo office. Committee will be reminded of this ruling at the committee seminar.

It was moved and seconded: The one-time \$25 permit be eliminated. PASSED.

Discussion concerning Finals stock. It was moved and seconded: amend page 79 F.5.2: Any NRA stock contractor who meets the criteria to bring stock to the NRA Finals rodeo will choose ONE feature animal in the bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding

events that will automatically come to the finals...PASSED.

Board was updated on the Ft. Kipp rodeo.

Amendments/changes to existing program were addressed. It was moved and seconded: J.1.2 Level I: Is your seasoned rodeo judge and has several years of experience. Has a precise knowledge of the rules. Can enforce rules and is not intimidated by others. Judges without bias or inconsistency. Works well with committees, contractors, contestants, and fellow judges (not domineering or dictatorial).

Level II: Between a level I and III

Level III: Must have several years judging experience and has attended a judging seminar or conference within the past two years. Has a good knowledge of the rules and is an average judge.

Level IV: Between a III and V judge.

Level V: Has a minimal amount of judging experience. Has a fair knowledge of the rules. Must have attended a judging seminar and conference. Will be required to "third judge" two rodeos before judging his first rodeo with a #1 or #2 judges. Must have judged a minimum of two high school rodeos. PASSED.

Meeting adjourned.

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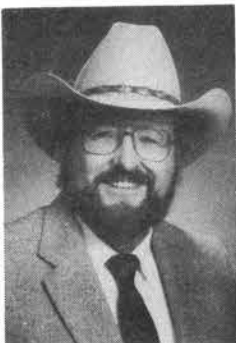
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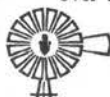
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