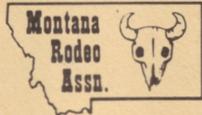




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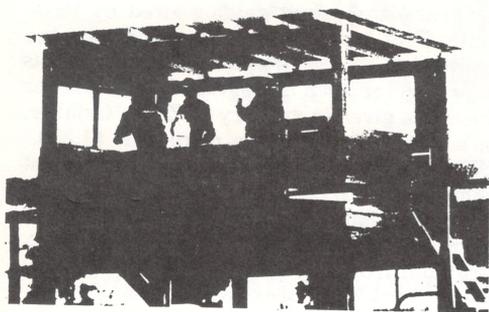
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From the Crow's Nest



In this issue you will find complete information on the 1983 Finals to be held Feb. 3, 4, and 5 in the beautiful Yellowstone METRA in Billings.

This rodeo is not for cowboys and cowgirls along, but is designed with the spectator in mind also. Under the watchful eyes of producer George Runquist and his right hand man Bob Teaff, the two hour rodeo opens with a spectacular grand entry, and clicks off like clockwork from the first bareback rider to the last bull rider. You will not be amiss if you schedule a min-winter vacation in Billings to cheer on your favorite cowboy or cowgirl, in the comfortable surroundings of the METRA.

Please read carefully all of the information crammed in this issue. It is the last information you will receive before the big rodeo. Entry blanks with entry fees (for the top 10) and voting ballots must be at the NRA/MRA office by Jan. 2, 1984. Please let Jann know **IMMEDIATELY** if you do not plan to participate in the Finals, so the next in line can be contacted.

Another year has flown by. This year, 1983, has marked the fifth year we have edited the NRA/MRA News, and begins our sixth year. We appreciate your contribution and suggestions as to improving the newsletter, and they have all helped in making the newsletter become a vital part of the association's workings. Keep up the good work; see you at the Finals.

Tootie and Stan Rasmussen
Editors

NOTICE — Jann Johnson will be out of the office from Nov. 18 to Nov. 28.

About The Cover . . .

This month's cover features Bodie Winters of Red Lodge on Small's "Mellow Yellow." The action took place at the annual Big Timber rodeo in June and Winters won the bull riding with a score of 74.

You Can't Spell Profit Without PR

"You can't spell PROFIT without PR" is an adage which is carried throughout every sector of the modern business world, and it is in this light that two of the more important public relations events have been scheduled to take place during the Finals.

One of the events scheduled that has proved an integral part of the workings of the association is the picture taking session scheduled for Sunday, 11 a.m. SHARP on the floor of the METRA. Photos will be taken of the contestants (both group and individual), junior contestants, stock contractors, directors, finals personnel. These photos through the years have proved to be an important part of the public relations of the NRA/MRA which is carried on 365 days of the year to promote your association. Don't forget the picture taking session, show up in proper western attire, and clad in your brand new Coors jacket. We'll all appreciate it. The pictures also spruce up the finals edition of the newsletter.

Also scheduled for Sunday morning is another important "PR" project, the brunch scheduled by Wendy's of hamburger fame. It is important that cowboys and cowgirls attend this, beginning at 11 a.m. so have your photo taken, then hustle up to the Zonta room and chit chat with the folks. It all helps sell tickets, and that is the name of the game!

To the Committees:

A sincere thank you is extended to your for your support, hard work, and dedication for making the 1983 NRA/MRA Board of Directors, cowboys, and cowgirls, **thank you**, and we look forward to 1984.

Putting on a rodeo is no easy task. It requires hours upon hours of hard work and effort by the committee and the community. Thank you for supporting the great sport of rodeo.

If you have any suggestions to help the 1984 rodeo season run smoother, please let me know. If you have any complaints, those too, I would like to hear. Your comments and complaints now will help us to better regional rodeo. Your contribution is appreciated.

The Northern Rodeo Association/Montana Rodeo Association Finals rodeo will be held in Billings, Mont., Feb. 3, 4, and 5, 1984. Watch for your ticket reservation form in December. We hope to see you there!

Once again, **THANK YOU!**

Sincerely,
Ed Waldhauser
President, NRA/MRA

J. Myllymaki Is 8 State Barrel Futurity Champ

Reprinted from Quarter Horse News

The 4th Annual Eight State Barrel Racing Futurity held Aug. 18-19, 1983 in Belle Fourche, S.D., named Judy Myllymaki from Arlee, Mont., the 1983 Champion. Judy rode Sonado Moon owned by Doug Smith of Arlee, to win the average and she also rode her own horse Care Free Moon which placed 3rd in the average. Both of Judy's horses placed in each go-around plus the average with total winnings of \$2,820.94, a saddle, buckle, and a cooler sheet. Sonado Moon is a five-year-old brown gelding sired by Top Moon out of Perfect Say So and Care Free Moon is a five-year-old black gelding sired by Bold Moon out of Moondance.

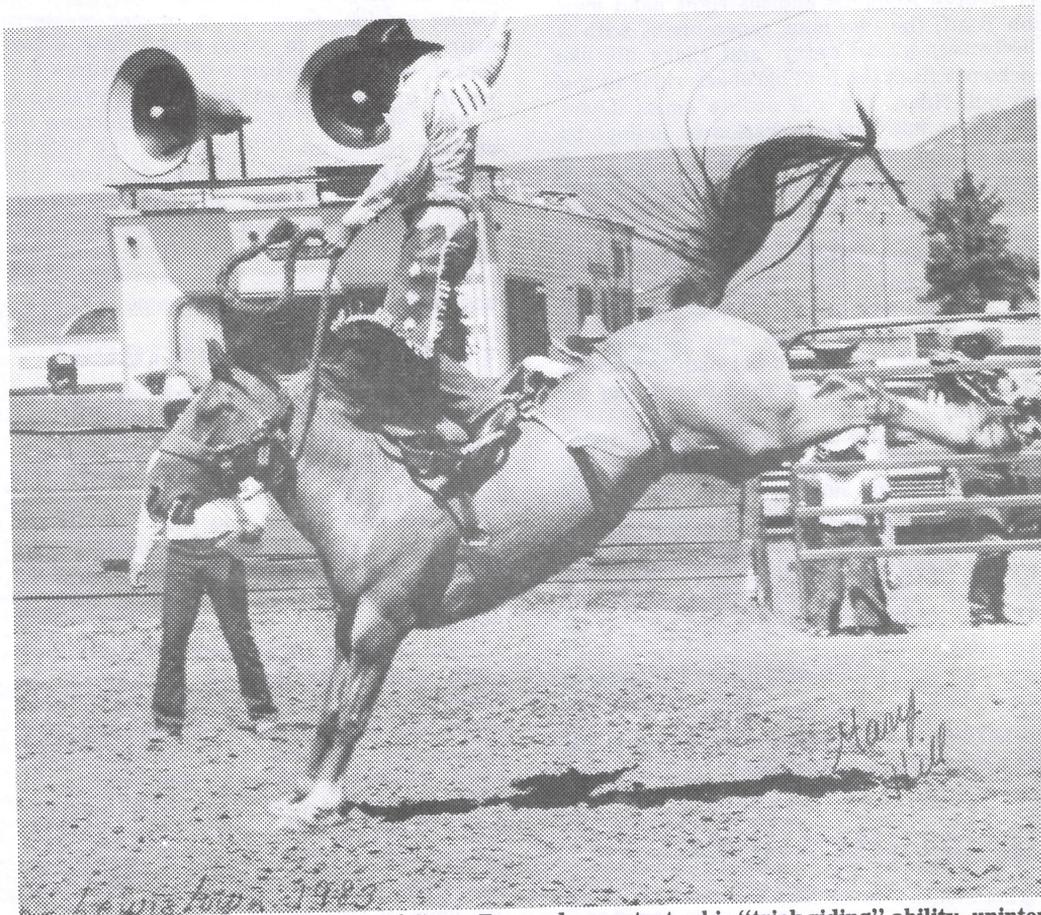
Jon Ottun, from Forsyth, took second place honors in the average besides winning the 2nd go-round and placing in the other two go-rounds. His horse, Pasam Jack, a

four-year-old chestnut gelding sired by Pasamonte Paul out of Senorita Good ran the fastest time of the whole futurity. For this honor, Jon received an engraved silver platter which was given in memory of Zoder Gollhier. Jon's total earnings were more than \$1,800.

Winning the 1983 Maturity, which is for past Eight State Barrel Racing Futurity horses, was Bunny Bail from Camp Crook, S.D. She rode Sonny, a six-year-old mare owned by Rex Burghduff from Camp Crook, S.D., to collect \$531, a buckle, a breastcollar and a cooler sheet.

The Open Barrel Race was won by Michele Werre, from Terry.

The Futurity had seven out of eight states represented with 63 paid up Futurity horses. Total payoff for the Futurity, Maturity, Open, Kids and Breeders purses was over \$13,000.



Saddle bronc rider Hank Olson of Grass Range demonstrates his "trick riding" ability, unintentionally of course, during the annual Central Montana Fair in Lewistown last summer. He bucked off the next jump, and was deemed no threat to the trick riding Steen Sisters who also performed during the rodeo. Record crowds and perfect rodeo weather contributed to a successful rodeo.

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Northern Rodeo Finals Schedule

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1 – Finals Stock arrives in Billings, between 4 and 5 p.m. Stock draw at 7 p.m., Zonta Room, METRA. Dinner afterwards at Spur Bar.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3 – Rodeo, 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4 – Junior Events, 9:00 A.M. General Membership Meeting 10:00 A.M. at the METRA; Board, Meeting, Zonta Room, METRA, 1:30 P.M.; Cocktail Party for officers, directors, donors, committee people, by reservation only, Zonta Room, METRA, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Rodeo at 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – Picture Taking Session, 11 A.M., METRA; Wendy's Brunch, 11:30 A.M., Zonta Room, METRA; Rodeo, 2:00 P.M. No-Host Cocktail Party, Holiday Inn West, 6:00-7:00 P.M. Banquet, Holiday Inn West, 7:00 P.M.

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NRA Finals Set for Feb. 3, 4 and 5

The twelfth annual finals is upon us. From its shaky beginnings in the Rocklitz indoor arena at Glendive in 1972, leading to the MSU field house in 1973, and finally to the Yellowstone METRA in 1974, the Northern Rodeo Finals has grown into one of the finest rodeos in the state of Montana. Pitting the top 10 contestants in each event against the top stock of the best stock contractors, the rodeo promises to be one of the more spectacular shows you will ever see.

Feb. 3, 4, and 5, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, are the days scheduled for the finals.

This association has been fortunate in its association with George Runquist under whose guidance in the past eight years the finals has grown into one of the largest grossing rodeos in Montana.

Besides the rodeo itself, with performances at 8 p.m. each night and 2 p.m. on Sunday, the weekend serves as an annual gathering for the association's members, donors, committee people and other supporters. The junior members have a chance to compete for year-end honors also when their two go-arounds are run at 9 a.m. Saturday in the METRA.

General membership and directors meetings have been scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The get acquainted cocktail party is before Saturday's performance. The annual picture taking session and Wendy's brunch

starts Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The awards banquet and dance begins Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn West. Don't forget The Wooden Nickel Inn (formerly Holiday Inn East) is offering a rodeo special that weekend of \$33 per night regardless of how many people occupy the room. Make your reservations now.

NRA/MRA Secretary Jann Johnson has estimated that the payoff per event may pay \$994.44 each go-around and \$1494.67 in the average. Total payoff for each event has been estimated at \$4484. With this amount of money, rodeo contestants will find it well worth their while to make the trip to Billings.

Timed event participant Danny Cross sneaked into the lead in the all-around standings at the end of the summer with his consistent performances in the steer wrestling, calf roping and team roping. He comes into the finals with \$9,009.90 in winnings, a scant \$403.89 ahead of Colin Murnion who is having his best year yet, although he has been a perennial contender. Murnion is only \$29.23 ahead of former Rookie of the Year, Mike Lenning, and Lenning stands a mere \$34.58 ahead of last year's all-around champion Britt G'ns. The race for the men's all-around championship could very well prove to be the most exciting of the 1983 Finals.



Danny Cross leads the NRA/MRA men's all-around standings going into the 1983 Finals and will compete in three events in his attempt to capture the title.

— Rasmussen Photos

In the ladies' all-around, Cinde Barthelmess has chalked up \$9,295.62 in her quest for another crown. Her 1983 winnings are \$285.72 ahead of the Cross' winnings, and \$1825.91 ahead of last year's all-around cowgirl Lisa Scheffer. Third in the all-around is MSU cowgirl Mary Melaney of Wolf Creek with \$6,117.87 in winnings, \$1351.84 behind Lisa.

With the large estimated payoff, it is conceivable that the lead could change hands during the annual Finals rodeo in several events.

The bareback riding is led by Colin Murnion with yearly winnings of \$4641.06, only \$680.29 ahead of Helena's Curt Pate, and \$901.39 ahead of last year's champ Joe Smith. Tracy Mikes and Kevin Kessler can also challenge the leaders in the bareback riding.

Defending steer wrestling champion Rod Lyman has plans to capture a second crown, but Bill Davis plans to give him a real run as he trails Lyman by only \$352.40. In fact, the money separation between the top six in the standings amounts to only \$1758.67, so theoretically, any one in the top six could win the championship.

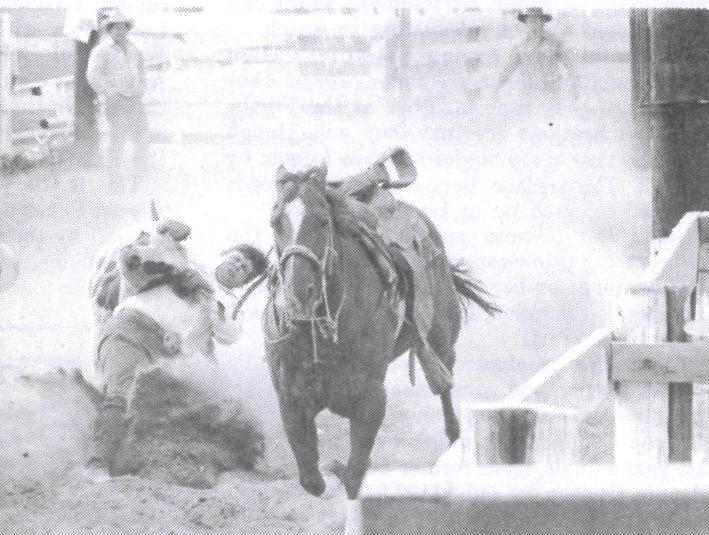
Jim Leatherberry hit the road hard this past summer for another crack at the bull riding crown, and leads the event by \$491.84 ahead of Big Timber's Scott Breeding. Last year's champion, Brett Givens, trails Breeding by \$260.59 and Leatherberry by only \$752.43, so odds makers aren't betting on this race which could turn into a real barn burner.

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Jim Walker has a \$753.08 lead over former champion Don Malli in the saddle bronc riding. The two Wyoming cowboys can expect Randy Brusett to push them hard.

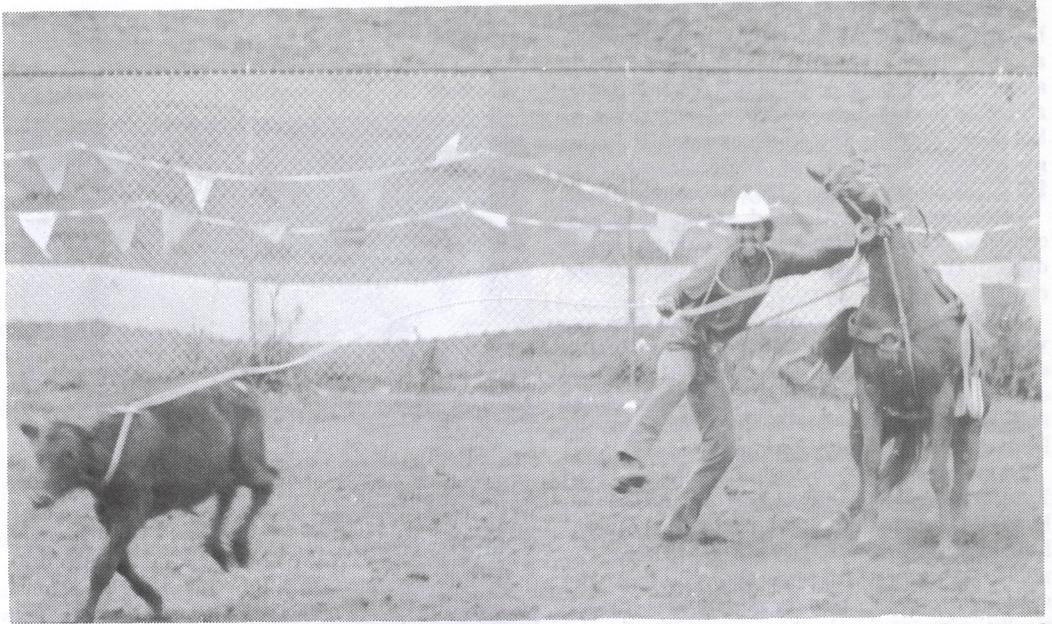


JIM WALKER



Rod Lyman, defending steer wrestling champion, is in the lead again in 1983, and has a championship at the Coors North American Finals to bolster his spirits. Lyman won the 1983 NARC championship on Saturday night with a 4.20 second run, good enough to make him the winner of the steer wrestling with a total time of 12.92 seconds. David Roy of Glentworth, Sask., Canada finished second. Lyman leads second place Bill Davis, also a former NARC champion, by \$352.40 in the 1983 standings.

— Rasmussen Photos



Defending calf roping champion, Mike Barthelmess is pictured in action during the annual Pioneer Days Rodeo at Ronan last August.
— Rasmussen Photo

NRA Finals

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Last year's calf roping champion, Mike Barthelmess, stands \$686.05 ahead of his nearest challenger, Greg Gentry, and only \$748.22 ahead of third place Danny Cross. Fourth place Kyle Kosoff lacks \$1178.57 to catch up to the leader, Barthelmess, so the calf roping could also be interesting to watch.

Perennial team roping champions Glen Hough and Phil Luman are looking for another title, but if they rope together at the Finals, and all indications are that they will, Hough would be the champion, for he leads Luman by \$145.93. Third place Bert Vermandel needs \$1740.82 to catch up to Luman.

Cinde Barthelmess appears to have the barrel racing title wrapped up with \$7500.21 in 1983 winnings on her speedy horse "Speedy." Last year's champion, Lisa Scheffer is behind Cinde by \$1878.41.

The Ladies Breakaway Roping traditionally creates tension and excitement at the Finals, and this year is no exception, as college cowgirl Kayleen Chaffee, who didn't even qualify for last year's finals, leads former champion Janie Glennie Carlson by only \$192.94, so Kayleen has her work cut out for her in Billings. A tight race exists among the top four, Kayleen, Janie, Shari Schall, and 1982 champion Peggy Collins, as only \$433.04 separates the number four contender from the number one contender. Mary Ellen Hill, also a former champ, needs only \$935.23 to catch up to the leader.

In the junior events an even tighter race has developed as Debbie O'Hern has only a \$42.10 lead over second place Patti Jo Wilhelm in the barrel racing. Debbie has won a total of \$1239.90 so far in 1983 in the barrel racing.

Patti Jo leads the all-around by a substantial margin and stands third in the breakaway roping. Leading that event is Billy Fields of Lewistown with a \$181.50 lead over Marcy Wacker of Delphia (a suburb of Roundup). Any junior members who have won any money throughout the summer are invited to compete in the two go-arounds on Saturday morning of the Finals.

This is the year to take advantage of the special ticket offer and the special room rate offered by the Wooden Nickel Inn, and head for Billings for the 1983 Northern Rodeo Finals, Feb. 3, 4, and 5, 1984.

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April 1, 2	Kalispell No. 2	208	450.00	218.85	7236.15
April 29, 30	Kalispell No. 3	184	450.00	196.80	6538.20
May 6, 7	Kalispell No. 4	174	450.00	187.35	6177.65
May 15, 16, 17	Trenton, N.D.	407	1400.00	217.73	14579.54
May 28, 29	Kalispell No. 5	329	2500.00	454.80	14905.20
June 4, 5	Absarokee	312	1900.00	402.00	13318.00
June 4, 5	Hamilton	194	1200.00	227.00	7163.00
June 11, 12	Gardiner	225	800.00	260.25	8414.75
June 11, 12	Hot Springs	155	850.00	177.30	5872.70
June 18, 19	Lolo Hot Springs	106	600.00	126.30	4283.70
June 18, 19	Hardin	373	1800.00	521.85	17513.15
June 18, 19	Wilsall	297	900.00	313.05	10216.95
June 18, 19	Poplar	271	1200.00	160.28	10364.44
June 25, 26	Whitehall	353	825.00	376.35	12403.65
June 25, 26	Big Timber	452	1900.00	552.00	18268.00
July 3, 4	Ennis	383	2200.00	466.65	15238.35
July 3, 4	Roundup	397	1050.00	521.26	17433.74
July 3, 4	Harlowton	382	1150.00	454.20	15045.80
July 8, 9, 10	East Helena	361	2000.00	420.15	14129.85
July 15, 16, 17	Polson	240	1700.00	324.00	10676.00
July 15, 16	Three Forks	316	875.00	339.75	11355.25
July 16, 17	Winnett	250	900.00	331.80	11158.20
July 23, 24	Medora, N.D.	350	900.00	187.35	13032.65
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Aug. 12, 13	Havre	300	2450.00	375.00	12420.00
Aug. 13, 14	Ronan	261	1625.00	307.65	10127.35
Aug. 13, 14	Superior	234	1550.00	282.30	9287.70
Aug. 15-18	Billings	682	10800.00	1858.37	60091.63
Aug. 21, 21	Deer Lodge	249	1050.00	270.45	7994.55
Aug. 27, 28	Red Lodge	170	800.00	202.50	6547.50
Sept. 1, 2	Hamilton	272	1200.00	308.55	10136.45
Sept. 3, 4	Plains	242	2750.00	324.15	10670.85
Sept. 4, 5	White Sulphur Springs	260	1700.00	308.70	10701.30
Sept. 11	Drummond	139	550.00	182.40	5897.60
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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear NRA/MRA members,

I guess I have one major flaw: I truly love the sport of rodeo, and for most of my 40 years it's fed and clothed me by one capacity or another. I remember as a lil' girl sitting on the laps of world champions and listening to stories of how it was to rodeo in the 20's, 30's and 40's, it's just as exciting to hear these stories today. It's taken a lot of years for rodeo to evolve into the major spectator sport it is today and tho a lot of people ignore the fact rodeo's roots started with the Wild West Show. People paid in the early days to go and watch cowboys, cowgirls, yeah, Indians pit their skills against wild animals. Basically that's what they want to see today.

Rodeo has always been a colorful sport. The rodeo personality dressed his unique way and merely by the fact he or she showed unsurmountable courage in the arena, set himself apart from the average working class person.

How many people would pay to sit and watch the average Joe attired in T-shirt, ball cap and Nikes, mow his lawn? Not many I'm afraid but this same Joe will let his little kid (who dreams of being a cowboy) drag him and his family out in 100 degree weather to watch a rodeo and see cowboys and cowgirls, not T-shirts and tennis shoes.

"Each and everyone of us rodeo people should strive to put something back into the sport we love," Karl Doering of Roseburg, Ore., one of the greatest clowns and bullfighters of all time, stated this in one of the last issues of World of Rodeo. Karl's a living example of a person who has always done just that; he's never been afraid to take a few extra steps to support and promote rodeo. To list his accomplishments would take another whole story, but knowing a committee for the Pendleton Roundup would hire him for 25 years is proof he's always been a cut above the rest in promoting the sport.

Each and everyone of us should take at least one extra step in preserving rodeo heritage and the sport, if it's only dressing the part of a cowboy or cowgirl. It doesn't involve a whole lot of effort to leave the tennis shoes in the truck and put on a colorful shirt.

Barrel racers, the next time you're not up at a performance take a few steps up high in the stands and watch your event, and be honest with yourself. Which would you rather see, a gal run those cans with lots of color or dressed in the drabby blahs? Your event was added for color. There isn't a lot of it in Montana. Pick up some rodeo history books and see what Tad Lucas, Alice Greenough or Lucille Muhall wore to ride broncs. Your event was added to

replace these great cowgirls of the past. I suppose it would have been easier for them to dress like men, instead of those big sleaved satin shirts, etc., but those gals knew what sold tickets, and let's face it, without those paying customers all you have is a glorified jackpot.

One of the main formulas to being a good clown is "pleasing the kids" why? Because kids sell tickets, they come to see funny clowns and cowboys not joggers.

I think if every NRA/MRA member would wile away the winter with some books on rodeo history, next spring we'd all have it in our hearts to preserve our rodeo heritage. Those folks rodeo'd hard and fought a lot of battles to see rodeo become the great sport it is, not with all the conveniences we have today. As you read you'll discover that a lot of the cowboys of the past were great, but simply by the fact they dressed the part and were colorful people added to their notoriety.

Casey Tibbs, one of the top bronc riders of all time, has left a lasting impression on fans by his lifestyle and the cut of his clothes, he is spoken of today many years after retiring from rodeo. Mahan was his own best promoter, Delvecchio isn't a champion yet, but every kid in my county knows him. He has promoted his career.

Personally what I saw of him in the IRA, I'd pit Leatherberry or Goyins against him any day.

I've been hardtided by some folks while running around in my Injun outfit, trying to put on colorful grand entries, like it should be, but that hasn't bothered me one iota, I'm proud of my Indian heritage and proud that I've been around enough to know how a good rodeo should run. Calgary, Pendleton, Cheyenne, got to be where they are today by maintaining the same formula. Each year people come from all over the world to witness these great shows.

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Thanks to all the girls that took their time to see we started our rodeos in an professional way as possible, a special thanks to you gals from Missoula up Jocko Valley and Ronan, you gals I know love this sport.

See you all down the road.

I'll be on my soap box preaching colorful professional rodeo.

Dee Biegler

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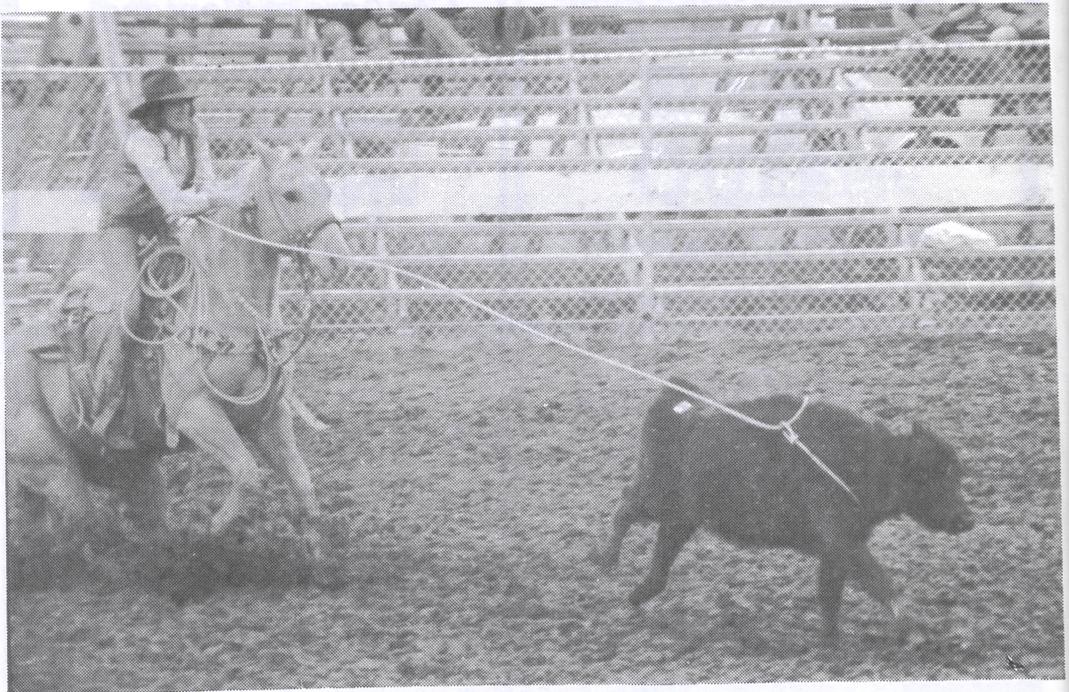
The Melaney sisters, Chris and Mary, have spent their lives as friendly competitors, and they continue to do so in college.

Both stand-outs on their college's respective teams, Chris is a senior at Western Montana College in Dillon, and Mary is a sophomore at Montana State University in Bozeman, they grew up on the family ranch on the Dearborn River between Wolf Creek and Augusta. Their parents, Chuck and Susie Melaney, former members of the MSU rodeo team, started the girls out riding on the ranch as soon as they could walk, and they began competing in horse shows and junior rodeos

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Chris is pictured at the left in the barrel racing at Dillon, and Mary, below, places in the breakaway roping.

— Rasmussen Photos





MSU cowboy Mark Salmond tackles his calf in the deep mud during the WMC Big Sky Region NIRA rodeo in Dillon in October. Salmond, a sophomore from Choteau, failed to make the short round.

— Rasmussen Photo

Friendly Competitors . . .

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at a young age. Both Chris and Mary led the Augusta High School girls basketball team to District titles, and both had qualms about going to college and not playing basketball.

They made the right choice, it appears, and they continued their winning ways at WMC's annual NIRA rodeo, with Mary winning all-around runner-up honors, third in the barrel racing, and first in the breakaway roping, and Chris winning second in the barrel racing and third in the break-away roping. Both are also tough in the goat tying.

Their newest protege is their younger brother, Bill, who will make his debut at the Finals this year in the Junior Breakaway Roping.

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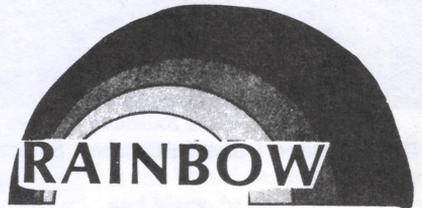
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Directors Meeting Airs Views

The Oct. 22 NRA Board of Directors meeting provided a peek into the workings of Montana's largest rodeo organization and was characterized by that balance which is so vital to the smooth operation of the association.

People from all facets of the sport sit down around a table and iron out the business before the board. When a competing cowboy suggests a new policy or rule, then stock contractors, committees, and management chip in with other suggestions to the policy or rule, and a viable balance is created. The lack of adherence to true parliamentary procedure could tend to drive a stickler up the wall, but the business of the association is readily taken care of in a manner that appears to be fair for all concerned.

Much of the business taken care of was clarification of some of the wording in the rule book. Ed Waldhauser and Glen Hough have agreed to serve as a committee of two and re-vamp the rule book, making sure that rule changes which appear in the minutes somewhere way back when, will appear in the 1984 rule book. This is a gigantic task, time-consuming and in most cases thankless, so call or write either of these men with your suggestions or ideas.

Bryon Lonski, executive secretary of the North American Rodeo commission, was present at the meeting, filled in the group with the latest happenings of NARC, including the NARC Finals, and fielded questions about the operation of the commission, including bearing on his shoulders some of the gripes and disappointments members have about NARC.

Al Brandon of Helena, manager of the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds, spoke at the meeting and indicated that the fair board was interested in having an NRA/MRA sanctioned rodeo at the fairgrounds sometime during the year, excluding the last week in July when the PRCA Last Chance Stampede is held. Nothing definite has been decided on, but the suggestion opens up the possibility of another NRA/MRA rodeo, either indoors or outdoors.

Arena Dust

Jann Johnson represented the NRA/MRA at the annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, held this year in Casper, Wyo. Also attending were Dale and Lucile Small.

At press time the NARC Finals Rodeo was being held in Denver. Unfortunately, any publicity that may have been released on the rodeo or results has not reached this far north.

Many other items of business were taken care of, the group enjoyed lunch together, and an opportunity to visit outside the pressure of rodeo season. Read complete minutes elsewhere in this issue.

Present at the Oct. 22 meeting besides President Ed Waldhauser and NRA Secretary Jann Johnson were Jay Linderman, Mark Norem, Danny Halvorson, Janet Endicott, Glen Hough, Butch Bratsky, Lois Hill, Dale Small, Bill Slovall, Cinde Barthelmess, Mike Barthelmess, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Rod Lyman, Brian Lonski, Sharon Martin, Newsletter Editor Tootie Rasmussen.

Feel free to attend these meetings of the board of directors at any time. It is an education all in itself.

Arena Dust

From far away Australia comes word that Ross Ford, 1982 NRA/MRA saddle bronc riding champion, was married last winter (or summer, depending on where you live). The ceremony included a ride in a horse-drawn carriage, according to Jim Farquhar of Queensland, Australia who spent 7 months on a ranch near Choteau as an International Agriculture Exchange trainee. Farquhar is from the same area as Ford, and is acquainted with him. It is a small world!

Cowboy church services are scheduled from 10 - 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Metra.

Barrel racers, Steve O'Hern announced that he will not be able to carry the electric eye for the 1984 season. He is warning you well in advance. Please keep an eye out for someone who will!

Joe Smith, Eddie Biegler and Mike Lenning were featured in an article in the Oct. 8 issue of the Tri-State Livestock News. The three gave their views on how to succeed on the rodeo circuit which included attending a rodeo school, practicing a lot and being serious about it. The article was written by Soozie Kincaid.

Carrie Munson lost another barrel racing horse, this one to a broken leg suffered in the deep mud in the arena at the Beaverhead County Fairgrounds during WMC's annual college rodeo.

Bodie and Mimi Winters are the proud parents of a baby girl, Meagan, born Oct. 3. No other information or vital statistics such as weight, etc., but the long-awaited baby girl arrived to be greeted by a host of loving parents, grandparents and other relatives in the Red Lodge area.

OVERALL STANDINGS

All 1983 Rodeos Included

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Colin Murnion, Jordan	\$4,641.06
2. Curt Pate, Helena	3,960.77
3. Joe Smith, Ronan	3,739.67
4. Tracy Mikes, Great Falls	3,634.34
5. Kevin Kessler, Cody, Wyo.	2,657.28
6. Mike Lenning, Billings	2,549.68
7. Nick Siebrasse, Havre	2,343.71
8. Scott Schall, Arlee	1,941.21
9. Pat Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo.	1,847.97
10. Deb Greenough, Fromberg	1,587.44
11. Bob Schall, Arlee	1,413.22
12. Rod Bevans, Cardston, Alta.	1,353.06
13. Tim Leland, Sidney	1,226.02
14. Monte Ostrum, Roscoe	1,099.95
15. Rod Sinclair, Pincher Creek, Alta.	1,096.98
16. Les Dunning, Ennis	949.98
17. Rick Anderson, Missoula	888.76
18. Wade Barkshire, Fort Shaw	777.60
19. Mike Daines, Innisfail, Alta.	776.16
20. Jerry Fowler, Conrad	547.85

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo.	\$5,455.62
2. Don Malli, Arvada, Wyo.	4,702.54
3. Randy Brusett, Brusett	3,408.31
4. Randy Clabaugh, Arvada, Wyo.	3,238.45
5. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis	3,143.71
6. Tom Wagoner, Buffalo, Wyo.	2,240.74
7. Eddie Biegler, Fortine	2,161.70
8. Kail Mantle, Pavillion, Wyo.	1,732.01
9. John Pinkerton, Ingomar	1,707.33
10. Buzz Cope, Bozeman	1,541.40
11. Mark Leggette, Innisfail, Alta.	1,374.07
12. Lonnie Hankinson, Kalispell	1,086.52
13. Bill Theriault, White Sulphur	1,025.84
14. Bill Stockton, Wise River	986.62
15. Allen Buck, Willard	948.23
16. Mike Noble, Columbus	882.98
17. Tim Schell, Camp Crook, S.D.	790.30
18. George Schneider, Bozeman	783.66
19. Zim Lytle, Ronan	783.03
20. Casey Fredricks, Marshall, N.D.	679.24

BULL RIDING

1. Jim Leatherberry, Absarokee	\$5,866.96
2. Scott Breeding, Cody, Wyo.	5,375.12
3. Britt Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo.	5,114.53
4. Mike Lenning, Billings	3,935.55
5. Colin Murnion, Jordan	3,901.48
6. Brent Powell, Arlee	3,780.54
7. Rodger Nordahl, Helena	3,075.45
8. Lloyd Ketchum, Miles City	2,816.11
9. Gary Reiser, Bozeman	2,569.43
10. Jim Bushnell, Helena	2,219.43
11. Stanley Johnston, Winston	1,751.59
12. Rick Theroux, Florence	1,666.79

13. Marty Penrod, Miles City	1,539.81
14. Clint Branger, Roscoe	1,537.67
15. Curt Pate, Helena	1,526.91
16. Ralph Thompson, Stevensville	1,307.01
17. Doug Heny, Powell, Wyo.	1,277.26
18. Vaughn Thurston, Havre	1,185.73
19. Monte Goodman, Ronan	1,094.88
20. Lucky Frost, Butte	1,058.66

STEER WRESTLING

1. Rod Lyman, Great Falls	\$4,322.84
2. Bill Davis, Belgrade	3,970.44
3. Bob Schall, Arlee	3,285.91
4. Danny Cross, Powell, Wyo.	3,123.81
5. Mike Collins, Philipsburg	2,577.18
6. Rodger Nordahl, Helena	2,564.17
7. Mike Germann, Belgrade	1,816.94
8. Bert Vermandel, Billings	1,810.15
9. Doug Daum, Pryor	1,781.65
10. Jay Linderman, Belfry	1,720.92
11. Kent Mosher, Augusta	1,650.07
12. Bruce Knight, Charlo	1,622.96
13. Mike Lenning, Billings	1,580.98
14. Tigh Cowan, Miller, S.D.	1,320.19
15. Herb Harris, Ronan	1,131.65
16. Mike Barthelme, Miles City	1,083.43
17. Steve Johnson, Custer, S.D.	992.42
18. John Nichols, Gallatin Gateway	964.39
19. Wes Stoops, Geraldine	932.17
20. J.O. Hash, Red Lodge	930.71

CALF ROPING

1. Mike Barthelme, Miles City	\$4,385.56
2. Greg Gentry, Ronan	3,699.51
3. Danny Cross, Powell, Wyo.	3,637.34
4. Kyle Kosoff, Ogden, Utah	3,206.99
5. Mark Cain, Voleberg	2,514.98
6. Bert Vermandel, Billings	2,251.69
7. Britt Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo.	2,154.36
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9. Herb Harris, Ronan	2,047.70
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12. Bryan Anderson, Jackson, Wyo.	1,339.30
13. Brad Waldhauser, Billings	1,335.50
14. Clay Robinson, Farmington, Utah	1,322.25
15. Bill Icenoggle, Cut Bank	1,242.18
16. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell	1,188.79
17. Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D.	1,160.87
18. Brent Bauman, Hardin	1,156.22
19. Jim LaFrance, Hardin	1,063.74
20. Mike Collins, Philipsburg	1,056.32

TEAM ROPING

1. Glen Hough, Shepherd	\$4,815.74
2. Phil Luman, Billings	4,669.81
3. Bert Vermandel, Billings	2,929.53

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Overall Standings

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4. Gary Sutton, Custer, S.D.	2,612.91
5. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell	2,510.56
6. Rod Lyman, Great Falls	2,479.36
7. Dan Harkalis, Arlee	2,446.34
8. Bob Herman, Niarada	2,398.50
9. Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D.	2,292.53
10. Tip Coleman, Cut Bank	2,277.17
11. Danny Cross, Powell, Wyo.....	2,248.75
12. Shorty Matt, Arlee.....	2,206.75
13. Mark Chaboyer, Cut Bank	2,129.73
14. Gary Poythress, Jackson. Wvo.	2,042.37
15. Bill Ayre, Glendive	1,994.98
16. Kelly Simons, Custer, S.D.	1,983.46
17. Larry Lucas, Jack Kingsbury	1,979.01
18. Owen Nulliner, Dave Johnson	1,957.66
19. Bob Lovejoy, Sheridan.....	1,874.31
20. Monte Sandvick, Williston, N.D.....	1,727.28
21. Tim Gress, Ennis	1,696.80
22. Lowell Black, Tim Black	1,650.25
23. Don Malli, Arvada, Wyo.....	1,607.47
24. Gary Hepper, Terry Selland.....	1,548.03
25. Kirk Norrell, Dean Norrell.....	1,537.16

LADIES BARREL RACING

1. Cinde Barthelness, Miles City	\$7,500.21
2. Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton.....	5,622.07
3. Vivian Mefford, Parkman, Wyo.	4,699.69
4. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek.....	4,642.76
5. Carrie Munson, Bozeman	3,113.63
6. June Tibbetts, Terry	1,929.59
7. Lisa Dupea, White Sulphur	1,562.87
8. Faye Haynes, Ronan.....	1,415.08
9. Bobbi Jo Fowlie, White Sulphur	1,379.79
10. Charlene Coleman, Cut Bank.....	1,131.84
11. Judy Myllymaki, Arlee	1,071.50
12. Missy Lytle, Arlee	1,035.96
13. Gaye Hill, Polson.....	949.60
14. Shelley Cain, Volberg.....	814.88
15. Jerri Downing, Helena	731.71
16. Debbie Dupea, White Sulphur	719.56
17. Cody Kelly, Bozeman.....	719.40
18. Mary Ketchum, Plevna.....	623.56
19. Shirlee Parini, Butte	528.58
20. Glenda Wiseman, Cypress, Texas.....	517.79

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Kayleen Chaffee, Billings	\$3,750.64
2. Janie Carlson, Two Dot	3,557.70
3. Shari Schall, Arlee.....	3,317.60
4. Peggy Collins, Philipsburg.....	2,653.21
5. Mary Ellen Hill, Geyser.....	2,151.02
6. Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton.....	1,847.64
7. April Francil, Brule, Neb.....	1,811.66
8. Cinde Barthelness, Miles City	1,793.41
9. Debbie Haugland, Belgrade.....	1,728.49
10. Shelli Rennaker, Hamilton.....	1,545.10
11. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek.....	1,475.11
12. Kristi Hersrud, Columbus.....	1,466.67

13. Lynn Clark, Sweetgrass.....	1,312.80
14. Joyce Bignell, Glendive.....	1,287.44
15. Debbie Burghduff, Helena	1,263.71
16. Shari Hargrove, Helena.....	1,198.22
17. Lori Warburton, Spokane, Wash.....	1,177.60
18. Karen Linderman, Belfry.....	1,176.37
19. Karen Miller, Absarokee.....	1,134.50
20. Kelly Gorrell, Beach, N.D.....	1,067.43

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1. Debbie O'Hern, Ronan.....	\$1,239.90
2. Patti Jo Wilhelm, White Sulphur	1,197.80
3. Marie Eblen, Belgrade	545.50
4. Tana Wilhelm, White Sulphur.....	463.50
5. Gina Ruhkala, Arlee.....	389.00
6. Trina Lewis, Townsend.....	256.00
7. Gina Icenoggle, Cut Bank.....	255.00
8. Rhonda Ragland, Bridger	251.00
9. Dana Parini, Butte	239.70
10. Tina Rabern, Winnett	171.50

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Billy Fields, Lewistown.....	\$420.00
2. Marcy Wacker, Delphia	238.50
3. Patti Jo Wilhelm, White Sulphur	202.00
4. Paula Nepine, Gallatin Gateway	196.50
5. Bill Melaney, Wolf Creek	175.50
6. Michelle Daum, Pryor.....	171.00
7. Matt Miller, Absarokee.....	155.00
8. Jody Wacker, Delphia	137.00
9. P. J. Nepine, Gallatin Gateway.....	134.00
10. Tana Wilhelm, White Sulphur.....	121.00

JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

1. Patti Jo Wilhelm, White Sulphur	\$1,399.80
2. Tana Wilhelm, White Sulphur	584.50
3. Billy Fields, Lewistown.....	493.50
4. Gina Ruhkala, Arlee.....	416.00
5. Missy Eva, Helena	210.00

ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

1. Cinde Barthelness, Miles City	\$9,295.62
2. Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton.....	7,469.71
3. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek.....	6,117.87
4. Janie Carlson, Two Dot	3,586.07
5. Shari Schall, Arlee	3,557.19
6. Kelly Gorrell, Beach, N.D.....	2,026.60
7. Lynn Clark, Sweetgrass.....	1,842.15
8. Joyce Bignell, Avon.....	1,506.89
9. Judy Myllymaki, Arlee	1,103.51
10. Staci Warburton, Missoula.....	450.51

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Danny Cross, Powell, Wyo.....	\$9,009.90
2. Colin Murnion, Jordan	8,606.01
3. Mike Lenning, Billings.....	8,576.78
4. Britt Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo.	8,542.20
5. Rod Lyman, Great Falls	7,410.65
6. Bert Vermandel, Billings	6,991.12
7. Mike Barthelness, Miles City	6,375.61
8. Don Malli, Arvada, Wyo.....	6,309.99
9. Rodger Nordahl, Helena	5,519.34
10. Bill Davis, Belgrade	5,454.85

WMC Hosts Annual NIRA Rodeo

Western Montana College at Dillon hosted its third annual fall Big Sky Region NIRA rodeo on Oct. 15 and 16.

Weather conditions were not ideal, as usual, with snow in the lower elevations and 1½ inches of rain creating a sloppy, muddy arena. Cold, cloudy weather on Saturday developed into sunny skies on Sunday for a good day for the finals.

Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Co. of Great Falls furnished the stock, Bob Burkhart and Mike Barrett were judges; Dick Lyman and Larry Johnston, pickup men; Johnston also served as bullfighter; Will Rasmussen was the announcer, and Shirley Williams and Debbie Barrett were the timers.

Dawson Community College won the men's team title while Montana State University won the women's title. Tara Olsen of Miles Community College won the women's all-around title and John Smith of Dawson won the men's all-around.

The Blackfeet Community College at Browning made its debut with a rodeo team in this rodeo.

Team Scores — 1. Dawson Community College 465; 2. Northwest Community College 215; 3. Montana State University 205; 4. Miles Community College 150; 5. Western Montana College 60.

All-Around — 1. John Smith, DCC, 190; 2. Brad Waldhauser, MSU, 135.

Bareback riding — 1. Troy Ward, DCC, 139; 2. Deb Greenough, NWCC, 137; 3. Jessie Beardsley MCC, 128; 4. Mark Schluter, MSU, 127.

Saddle bronc — 1. John Smith, DCC, 140; 2. Con Williams, MSU, 124; 3. Bill Theriault, MCC, 114; 4. Casey Fredericks, MSU, 68.

Bull riding — 1. John Smith, DCC, 147; 2. Bill Ward, DCC, 146; 3. Reed Brown, MSU, 144; 4. Joe Hedges, MCC, 132.

Calf roping — 1. Brad Waldhauser, MSU, 32.7; 2. Bob Herman, NWCC, 38.8; 3. Shawn Gleason, WMC, 41.4; 4. Les Best, MSU, 43.4

Steer wrestling — 1. Rich Jeffers, MSU, 14.4; 2. Marty Miller, DCC, 15.8; 3. Brad Burns, WMC, 16.3; 4. John Ballard, MSU, 17.6.

Team roping — 1. Rooster Reynolds and Judd McAfee, WMC, 26.6; 2. Steve McAmis and Bob Herman, NWCC, 27.3; 3. Steve Cutler and Charlie Briggs, MSU, 37.8; 4. Jim Vaile and Roy Whitford, BCC, 47.7.

Women

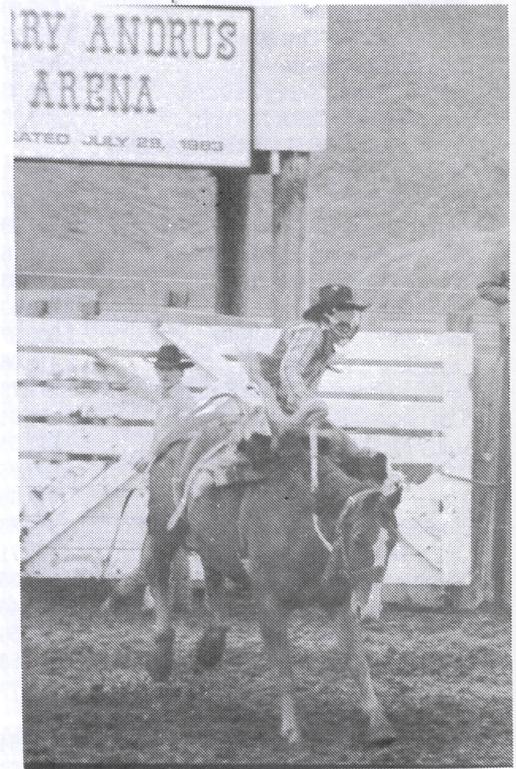
Team scores — 1. Montana State University 232.5; 2. Miles Community College 205; 3. Western Montana College 160; 4. Dawson Community College 75.

All-Around — 1. Tara Olsen, MCC, 180; 2. Mary Melaney, MSU, 177.5.

Barrel racing — 1. Susie Leighton, MSU, 34.35; 2. Chris Melaney, WMC, 34.40; 3. Mary Melaney, MSU, 34.57; 4. Stacey Waldhauser, MSU, 34.91.

Breakaway roping — 1. Mary Melaney, MSU, 5.8; 2. Tara Olsen, MCC, 6.6; 3. Chris Melaney, WMC, 6.7; 4. Sandy Jo Ray, WMC, 9.5.

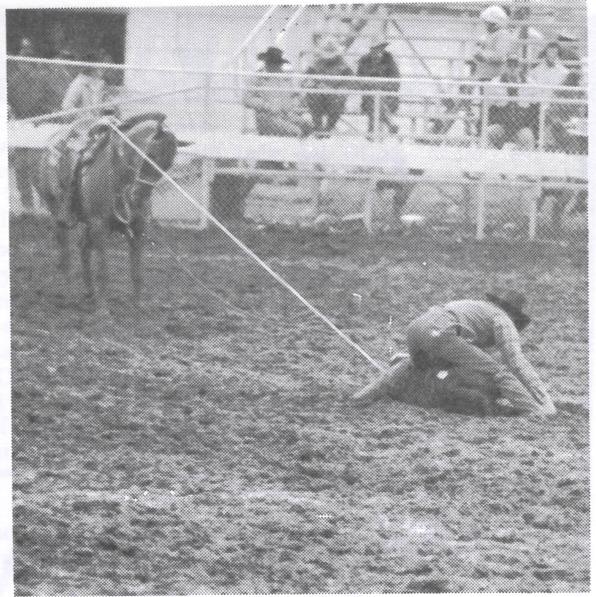
Goat tying — 1. Tara Olsen, MCC, 20.7; 2. Alice Burghdoff, DCC, 21.7; 3. (tie) Carrie Munson, MSU, and Becky Minow, BCC, 22.0.



Bill Theriault of White Sulphur Springs started rodeoing again on Labor Day weekend after he was kicked in the face by a bareback horse last summer in Cody, Wyo. Currently on the Miles Community College rodeo team, Bill is pictured above in the saddle bronc riding during WMC's annual NIRA rodeo. Riding with a plastic "mask," he placed third in the rodeo.

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SHORT TAKES



WMC Hosts Annual Big Sky Region Rodeo

The mud was deep and the fall air was crisp and cold, but the college cowboys and cowgirls performed well in the adverse conditions. Pickup man Larry Johnston traded his boots and hats for a pair of baggy pants and tennis shoes and took on the bullfighting chores for that rodeo.

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Jon Ottun Wins Barrel Futurity

Reprinted from Tri-State Livestock News

Miles City - Pasam Jack didn't have to travel far to capture the second annual Cow Country Quarter Horse Association Barrel Racing Futurity Championship Sept. 10-11. The four-year-old gelding sired by the late Pasamonte Paul and out of Senorita Good is owned and ridden by Jon Ottun of Forsyth.

The winning duo received a handmade silver buckle created by Miles City's own Cinde Barthlemess. This buckle was donated by the Feed and Fertilizer Depot of Miles City.

Conditions were near perfect for the two-day event held in Miles City, a total of 25 horses participated in the Futurity, most of which were from out of state.

The 1982 Futurity runner-up captured the title in the 1st Annual CCQHA Barrel Racing Maturity. Zip Quick Bob, owned and ridden by Becky Carson of Timnath, Colo., made a beautiful run to top the field of eight horses. Becky and Zip Quick were awarded a blanket presented by 1st Citizens Bank of Miles City.

Along with the Futurity and Maturity, a WPRA Barrel Race and a Kids Barrel Race were also on the agenda. Patty Ann Perry of Missoula, captured the title in the WPRA Barrel Race. Mickey Bickle of Miles City took top honors in the Kids Barrel Race and received a belt buckle donated by Morfords Togs and Tack of Miles City.

Plans are already underway for the third big year in 1984, tentatively set for Sept. 8-9. For more information contact Judy Tibbetts, Rt. 1 Box 2379, Miles City, Mont. 59301 (406-232-2349).

Cow Country Quarter Horse Association Barrel Racing Futurity Sept. 10 and 11, 1983 results:

Futurity, 1st Go

1. Care Free Moon, Judy Myllymaki - 18.01 - \$276; 2. Pasam Jack, Jon Otton, 18.22 - \$230; 3. Market Wage, Betsy Evans - 18.30 - \$184; 4-5. Senor Tandy Two, Dixie Berzal - 18.48 - \$115; 4-5 Lorenzo Lark, Vicki Donoho - 18.48 - \$115.

Futurity, 2nd Go

1. Pasam Jack, Jon Ottun - 18.02 - \$276; 2. Oven Peeker, Vicki Donoho - 18.26 - \$230; 3. Lorenzo Lark, Vicki Donoho - 18.27 - \$184; 4. Tesoro Jumbo Jet, Donna Baldwin - 18.33 - \$138; 5. Senor Tandy Two, Dixie Berzel - 18.46 - \$92.

Futurity, Short Go

1. Sonodo Moon, Judy Myllymaki - 17.68 - \$184; 2. Pasam Jack, Jon Ottun - 17.82 - \$138; 3. Tesoro Jumbo Jet, Donna Baldwin - 18.02 - \$92; 4. Oven Peeker, Vicki Donoho - 18.14 - \$46.

Futurity, Average

1. Pasam Jack, Jon Otton - 55.06 - \$414; 2. Sonodo Moon, Judy Myllymaki - 54.73 - \$345; 3. Lorenzo Lark, Vicki Donoho - 55.15 - \$276; 4. Senor Tandy Two, Dixie Berzel - 55.21 - \$207; 5. Oven Peeker, Vicki Donoho - 55.24 - \$138.

Maturity - 1 Run

1. Zip Quick Bob, Becky Carson - 17.49 - \$375; 2. Ravens Haven, Carolyn Vietor - 17.80 - \$225; 3. Flash That Deck, Linda Webster - 18.73 - \$150.

WPRA Barrel Race 1 Run

1. Patty Ann Perry, Missoula - 17.31 - \$344.59; 2. Becky Carson, Timnath, Colo. - 17.47 - \$285.19; 3. Vivian Mefford, Parkman, Wyo. - 17.60 - \$225.76; 4. Darcy Anderson, Circle - 17.61 - \$166.35; 5. Mary Ketchum, Plevna - 17.65 - \$106.94; 6. Lila Mae Stewart, Missoula - 17.66 - \$59.42.

Kids Barrel Race

1. Mickey Bickle - 17.80 - \$36; 2. Brenda Tibbetts - 19.06 - \$27; 3. Tori Woodard - 19.25 - \$18.



Pictured above is Mike Lenning at 10 tender young years winning a championship saddle. Mike is one of the leading all-around contenders in the NRA/MRA and has continued his winning ways throughout the years.

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Board of Directors Meeting

October 22, 1983 – Wooden Nickel Inn, Billings, Montana

President Ed Waldhauser called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the Aug. 17, 1983 Board of Directors meeting were read and approved. The financial statement was read and approved. Finances of the association were discussed.

Roll was called. Those members present were as follows: Ed Waldhauser, Mark Norem, Jann Johnson, Lois Hill, Bill Stovall, Butch Bratsky, Mike and Cinde Barthelmess, Bill Davis, Jay Linderman, Glen Hough, Dale Small, Janet Endecott, and Danny Halvorson.

The old business consisted of items tabled from the Aug. 17, 1983 board meeting. Turn outs: precedents on turnouts need to be set. Jay Linderman moved, "When a contestant turns out, if a contestant's fees are paid at the rodeo and included in the payoff for that rodeo, a fine will be assessed equalling $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) the entry fee. If a contestant's fees are not included in the payoff, he will be responsible for a fine equal to his fees, plus fees. Fine monies are not included in the payoff. All fine monies collected are to be sent to the NRA/MRA office." Butch Bratsky seconded. Motion carried.

A fining procedure for non-payment of entry fees needs to be set up. Too many contestants are taking their stock and "forgetting" to pay their entry fees. This was also tabled from the August meeting. Bill Stovall moved that, "Contestants are responsible for paying of entry fees prior to the payoff at the rodeo at which they compete. Non-payment of entry fees will result in payment of the fees plus a fine equal to the fees." Jay Linderman, seconded. Motion carried.

Both of the above stated rules will be added to the rulebook, page 19, following item number 6. It was brought up that a committee should be appointed to go through the rule book to add and delete the rules that have been changed or altered through board decisions. Ed Waldhauser and Glen Hough volunteered for the job.

Cinde Barthelmess brought up a problem concerning the electric eye in the barrel race. The electric eye malfunctions when the eye is set too far apart. On page 45, number 2. of the rulebook, the rule will be re-written to read: "The timer posts in the arena must be placed on permanently marked spots on the score line, a maximum distance of 140 feet (one hundred forty) apart. At no time will the electric eye be set inside the pattern of the first two barrels." Unanimous board approval.

The Ladies Breakaway Roping event rules were discussed. Further discussion if necessary at the February meeting.

Bryan Lonski of the North American Rodeo Commission was present at the meeting. Questions were directed to him in regard to the North American Rodeo Commission. Lonski will be invited back to our February meeting. It was requested of him that he have available at that time, firm commitments on corporate sponsorships for the NRA/MRA for the 1984 rodeo season. When available the North American Rodeo Commission financial statement will be sent to the NRA/MRA and distributed to directors and representatives.

Weather insurance for the Finals rodeo was discussed. The premiums are 10 percent of the insured value. Discussion followed and the board found it unfeasible at this time.

Jay Linderman presented his proposal on entry fees vs. added money. At present, added money makes up 15 percent of the purse, and entry fees make up 85 percent of the purse. The board discussed his proposal. Jay Linderman made the motion to accept his proposal as is for use as a guideline for committees. Mark Norem seconded. Motion defeated. The board decided that the proposal will be sent out to the committees in the spring along with their rodeo information as a suggestion only. The guideline is just a suggestion to the committee, not a rule.

Break.

Stock for the Finals was addressed. A contract will be drawn up and sent to each stock contractor bringing stock to the Finals rodeo as an agreement to bring the elected stock to the Finals, barring injury or death of the animal. The contract will be signed and dated, and returned to the NRA/MRA office.

Insurance for the contestants and rodeo committees was brought up. The information is available at the NRA/MRA office.

Lois Hill made a motion stating, "Time and place of the stock draw will be made available upon request to the cowboy at the time of call backs." Bill Davis seconded. Motion passed.

A letter will be drafted to the stock contractors, committees, and rodeo secretaries that the NRA/MRA rules are to be adhered to. The letter will be brought back to the board for their signature and approval at the February meeting. Much discussion followed concerning the following of the rules set forth by the rule book.

Al Brandon, fairgrounds manager from the Lewis and Clark County fairgrounds in Helena, spoke on the facilities available for an NRA/MRA rodeo in Helena. He answered questions in regards to an approved rodeo in Helena. They would like to see a sanctioned rodeo in Helena this coming year, perhaps held in the multi-purpose building. Much discussion followed. No dates were set and no agreements were made.

Nomination of the Finals Personnel was next on the agenda. Nominations for timers were opened. Nominated were Sharon Martin, Tootie Rasmussen. It was moved that nominations cease. Passed. Sharon Martin and Tootie Rasmussen will be the timers at the Finals rodeo. Nominations for arena director were opened. Dale Small was nominated. It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Passed. Dale Small will be the arena director at the Finals. He will be responsible for the chute help and timed event cattle. Nominations for the NRA/MRA announcer at the Finals were opened. Bruce Cornell and Stan Rasmussen were nominated. Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Stan Rasmussen will be the announcer at the Finals. The Board of Directors requested that Bruce Cornell handle media contacts.

Mark Norem will co-ordinate the awards with each director for the awards banquet.

It was brought to the board's attention that Stanley Johnston would like to be a trainer at the Finals. It was moved and seconded that medical services will already be available at the Finals and a trainer would not be necessary. Passed.

Each director must assist the office in the selection of the rookie of the year in their particular event.

Personality of the Year nominations were opened. Nominated were: Becky Tescher, Bob Glasgow, Ed and Karen Miller, Jann Johnson, and Dale Small. A ballot will be printed in the newsletter.

The Wyoming rodeos were brought up and discussed. The NRA/MRA has been contacted on co-sanctioning some rodeos in northern Wyoming.

Coors-sponsored awards at the Finals were discussed. There will be Coors jackets awarded to the top ten in each event at the Finals.

Year-end awards were discussed. A horse of the year award in the junior events was brought up. The board felt that there shouldn't be a horse of the year award in the junior events, however, if the event director wishes to accept responsibility for the awards, they will be graciously accepted. There are many standard awards at this time that have not been donated.

Nominations for the directorships up for election this year were opened: nominated for Calf Roping Director were Danny Cross, Kent Mosher, Tip Coleman; Ladies Barrel Racing Director, Vivian Mefford, Charlene Coleman; Ladies Breakaway Roping Director, Cinde Barthelme, Deb Burghduff, Karen Linderman, Lynn Clark; Saddle Bronc Riding Director, Don Malli, Buzz Cope; Bareback Riding Director, Bill Stovall, Colin Murnion, Mike Lenning, Curt Pate.

John Carpenter's winter rodeo series proposal was brought up and discussed. The idea is a good one, but the added money and the club aspect of the proposal violate the Association rule book. It was the decision of the Board of Directors that the proposal is not acceptable.

Glen Hough made the motion that, "Any stock contractor not participating in the year-end Northern Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo with all of their elected stock, will be ineligible to receive rough stock of the year awards. Jay Linderman seconded, Motion carried, unanimously.

The financial statement from the Montana Rodeo Association was made available to the board.

Meeting adjourned.

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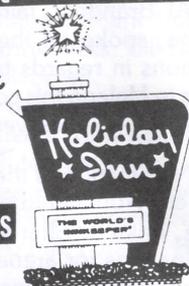
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By James Jennings

Between a boy's first horse ride and a tottering old man, we find a delightfully unpredictable creature called a RODEO COWBOY. Now, cowboys come in assorted sizes, but all of them have the same creed — to enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every rodeo possible, and to violently protest when the season ends and they must return to some steady employment. Cowboys are found nearly everywhere, on arena fences, bragging out behind the chutes, conservation meetings, Sunday schools, western stores, feed stores, backrooms, pool rooms, bar rooms and even at Board meetings. Young girls love them, mothers worry about them, older brothers and sisters tolerate them, the old man envies them and Heaven protects them.

A cowboy is truth with dirt on his hat and his spurs on tight, beauty with a wrap on his knee and a limp in his walk, wisdom when describing his every move and intention on his just-finished ride or run. The hope of the future with goodwill toward man and best wishes to his competition.

Now when you're busy, a cowboy is thinking of coming dates, calling in his entry and country roads that will save time and miles. His conversation among friends will be about how No. 8 will go into a spin, about the steer that will always set up, or how ole Bay works the rope. A cowboy is a composite. He's content with cheese and crackers for lunch at a country store, but his ulcer may have to be pampered with a special diet when he's at home and he will drink from any old well without question when on the road. He has the energy of a hurricane when he starts to set his rigger, although at home it tires him to sit and watch T.V. He has the imagination of a scientist as he sweats his stock before the grand entry. He shows the audacity of a steel trap as he spurs well, right to the whistle, with obvious pain in his shoulder and thighs. He has the enthusiasm of a fire cracker as he backs into the box, builds his loop, and hopes (just in case) he has not forgotten his spare pigger string.

You know what he likes: starched blue jeans, a sharp knife, long weekends, a good draw, comfortable boots, loud shirts and questionable companions who are also contestants. He's not much for social gatherings between April and September, doesn't like neck ties, educational books, weekend company or associates who don't rodeo. Without thought of race, creed, or color, he likes people who rodeo six months a year and talk about it 12. Nobody else is so early to leave home and so late to return. Nobody else would get enjoyment out of traveling a thousand miles, paying a \$50 entry fee for an 8 second ride. Nobody else suffers so silently with aching joints, twisted ankles and strained muscles. Nobody else could cram into one small duffle bag — a pair of chaps, a rusty knife, two worn-out taped up boots, four spurs, a bull rope, bareback rigger, one bell, three rolls of tape, two left hand gloves, rosin, canned ether, a ball of twine, one twisted coat hanger, several yards of ace bandages, an extra pack of smokes, a rule book and a bottle opener. You might get sore at his desire to keep trying when his luck is down and when he puts off the chores around home until the season is over, but you can never lock him out of your heart.

Yes, you might as well give up. A rodeo cowboy is a child of nature with a hopeless one track mind. He'll do his work with the best of them, but when spring rolls around he's on the road right along with the rookie and the old veteran. He's a simple, kindly man, who asks no more of life than to get a good draw, an honest marking, and another chance to prove that he's really a TOP HAND.

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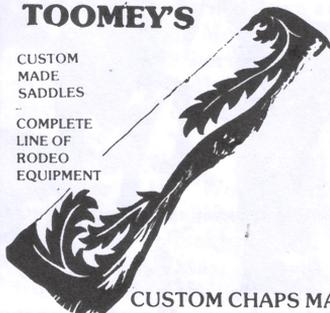
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Watusi - The New, Growing Breed

From September, 1983 "Agri West"

Immunity to disease, resistance to extreme temperatures and usefulness as rodeo stock are just a few of the traits Watusi cattle may contribute to the nation's livestock industry, according to two Watusi-Ankole breeders in the northwest.

Dean Drake of Penrose, Colo. is enthusiastic about one of the newest breeds of cattle to gain popularity in the country.

"There's so many areas that could be pursued," he said. "We need horned cattle for team roping and bull dogging, and these cattle are immune to things we don't even know about yet. If they could pass part of that immunity on to our native cattle, it would make them a heartier breed."

Drake also believes the Watusi-Ankole cattle can be of great value to the commercial cattle producer in a cross-breeding program because of their resistance to extreme temperatures, and the high butterfat content of their milk, on which calves thrive.

Watusi and Ankole cattle are native to South Africa where tribes of the same name regard the animals as sacred and a sign of wealth. The tribesmen milk the cows and occasionally let their blood to mix with the milk to produce a high-energy drink. The Watusi and Ankole tribes seldom butcher their cattle, and the meat is only eaten when the animal dies.

These cattle have been selectively bred for maximum horn growth. The larger the horns

of an animal, the higher the status it brings to their tribe.

In fact, many Watusi-Ankole breeders in the U.S. admit that their major interest in this breed is the horn size.

"Basically, everyone wants a set of horns to hang on their wall," said Willard Moore, a Watusi breeder in Columbus, Mont. "There has never been a breed of cattle that have such huge horns. They're a beautiful, rare, and colorful animal."

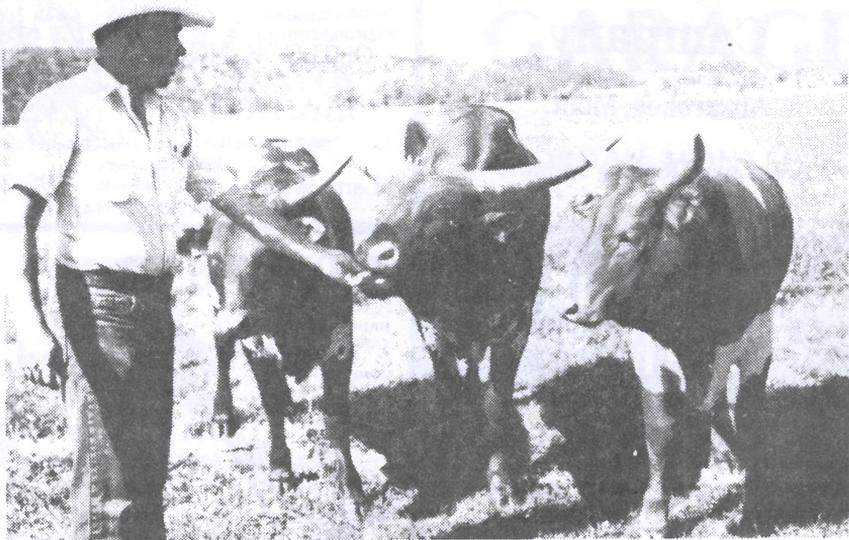
It is not unusual for horns on the Watusi or Ankole cattle to measure six feet in length, 17 inches in diameter at the base of the skull and as much as seven feet between the tips of the horns.

Moore is breeding his full-blood Watusi bull, Breakaway, to Scottish Highlander cattle, in hopes of developing a cross breed animal that will have the Watusi horn size and the ability of the Highlander to do well in colder climates.

"In Africa where the Watusi and Ankole cattle come from, it gets up to 120 degrees in the daytime and down to 20 degrees at night," Moore said. "I'm hoping the Watusi Highlander cross may have a little more hair on them and do better in this northern climate."

At present, there are about 125 to 150 purebred Watusi-Ankole cattle in the country. Federal regulations prohibit the breed being imported directly into the U.S., so the animals that are here came mostly from zoos or European countries.

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Columbus, Mont., rancher Willard Moore and his purebred Watusi bull, Breakaway.

North American Rodeo Commission

1983 Projected Budget

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Rent	\$500/month	\$6,000.00
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Postage	\$400/month	4,800.00
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By **Brian Lonski**
Executive Secretary

THE WORLD OF RODEO: The Attorney and his wife who purchased the World of Rodeo from me last December have apparently decided to quit publishing. They have terminated all Billings employees and just walked away from the office here in Billings. They didn't bother to disconnect the phone, close the mail box or anything.

I am sure there will be another rodeo publication which will fulfill all unexpired subscriptions.

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Northern Rodeo Association — Colin Murnion, Kevin Kessler, Mike Lenning.

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Northern Rodeo Association — Don Malli, Randy Clabaugh, Tom Wagoner.

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Steer Wrestling

Northern Rodeo Association — Rod Lyman, Danny Cross, Rodger Nordahl.

Montana Rodeo Association — Bill Davis, Bob Schall, Mike Germann.

Calf Roping

Northern Rodeo Association — Greg Gentry, Danny Cross, Britt Givens.

Montana Rodeo Association — Mark Cain, Bert Vermandel, Kyle Kosoff.

Team Roping

Northern Rodeo Association — Glen Hough and Phil Luman, Bert Vermandel and Bill Davis, Rod Lyman and Danny Cross.

Montana Rodeo Association — Richard Carpenter and Rick Tryan, Danny Harkalis and Owen Nulliner, Bobby Herman and Josh Staudt.

Ladies Barrel Racing

Northern Rodeo Association — Vivian Mefford, Carrie Munson, Mary Ketchum.

Montana Rodeo Association — Glenda Wiseman, Angie Schillinger, Julie Hevelone.

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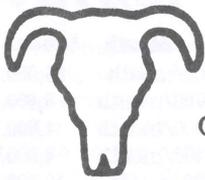
The cocktail party before Saturday night's performance at the finals is by invitation only, and you must produce that invitation before being allowed entrance. The party is for NRA/MRA officers, directors, committee people, and donors.

Watusi Cattle . . .

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The purebred Watusi females are valued between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Colorado breeder Dean Drake turned down an offer of \$75,000 for a cow named Mother Lode, who has set a world record for horn size. The animal is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as having a horn circumference of 19¾ inches at the base.

Editor's Note: Willard Moore is the promotor of the "World Championship Break-away Roping" held at his ranch, the "Up Front Outfit," at Columbus, Mont. each June, and featured his Watusi bull and some of his girl friends during the last roping. Moore is the team roping director in the NRA/MRA.



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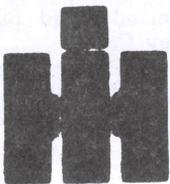
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The following have been nominated. Indicate your preference, or suggest any other names, giving your reasons why they should be selected.

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THE TOP TEN IN EACH EVENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE FINALS, AND ALL THE JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE WON MONEY DURING THE YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE. IF YOUR ENTRY FEES ARE NOT RECEIVED IN THE NRA-MRA OFFICE BY JANUARY 2, 1984, THE NEXT PERSON IN THE STANDINGS WILL BE CONTACTED TO COMPETE.

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NOTE: Stall space will be available on the fairgrounds at a cost of \$5.00 for the entire rodeo. Reservations must be made in advance and included with entry fees.

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Calf roper Mark Cain, who hails from the metropolis of Volberg, Mont., is pictured above during Ronan's Pioneer Days Rodeo last August. Cain goes into the Finals in fifth place in the standings.

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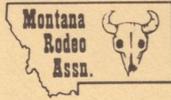
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