



ARIZONA COWPUNCHER'S REUNION ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

SPRING ROPING – MEMBERSHIP FORM –

SCHOLARSHIPS – SPONSORSHIP –

WRCA RODEO – RAIL 3 RANCH RODEO

IMPORTANT DATES –

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES – March 1st, 2026

2026 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DUE – March 1st, 2026

PICTURES & STORIES – March 15th, 2026

WRCA RANCH RODEO – March 20th, 2026

SPRING ROPING WICKENBURG – March 21st & 22nd, 2026

ANNUAL REUNION RODEO WILLIAMS – June 25th – 28th, 2026

2026 is upon us and the rain has been a blessing. It is a beautiful sight to see the landscape change from brown to green. Keep praying for rain, understanding and peace for this great country we call home.

RODEO DATE CHANGE!!! Please mark your calendar and be aware the Annual Reunion Rodeo will be held the last week of June this year. Due to scheduling conflicts, the rodeo moved to June 25th through June 28th, 2026, Williams Rodeo Grounds. The actual schedule of events will stay the same with the Gymkhana and Jackpot on Thursday followed by the rodeo events Friday & Saturday morning. Rodeo entries will be in the April newsletter and due the end of May.

The Spring Roping will be the same as last year with the Ranch Bronc Riding, Friday evening estimated start time 5 p.m. at Rancho Rio and the Jackpot at Horns and Hooves Arena, Saturday and Sunday. Spring Bronc Riding and Jackpot flyer included in this newsletter.

Working Ranch Cowboy Association

WRCA Ranch Rodeo will be held March 20th, 2026, the Friday before the Spring Roping. Contact Logan Anderson to enter and for more information – 928-301-7296.

Sponsorships

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

2026 ACRA Officers & Board Members

President – Logan Anderson

Vice President – Ethan Crockett

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Dr. Jim Lytle Rural Area Veterinary Scholarship

Our industry lost a huge supporter, friend and icon when Doctor Jim Lytle passed away this fall. The knowledge, humility and understanding Doc Lytle had for the ranching community will never be matched. Doc Lytle had set up a scholarship program for Veterinary students in Arizona prior to his passing. The scholarship fund will help to defray student debt for their Veterinarian Rural practice. This scholarship is very important to many ranchers and livestock owners considering the need for large livestock veterinarians in the rural area. All funds will go directly to the funding of the Dr. Jim Lytle Rural Area Veterinary Scholarship to be disbursed to graduated rural Veterinarians.

Donations are always being accepted for the Vic Howell Integrity Scholarship, the Bill Owen, Cowboy Artist, Memorial Scholarship as well as the Dr. Jim Lytle Rural Area Veterinary Scholarship. These three scholarships benefit the children of our ranching community. What an amazing way to support the agricultural youth of tomorrow while remembering some very influential and remarkable gentlemen.

If you would like to donate, please send a check made payable to BOCA (in the memo note which scholarship you would like your donation to be applied to) and mail to: Dallas Laone Accounting, Attn: BOCA, 7380 S. Eastern Ave., Ste 124-365, Las Vegas, NV 89123.

PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES – STORIES & POEMS

PLEASE SUBMIT PICTURES!!! Are you proud of your ranch and your family? Do you want to make this year's Reunion Rodeo Program a keepsake for years to come? Send in all your ranch photos so we can place them in our annual rodeo program. We love all kinds of ranch photos, kids, branding, riding, funny, it does not matter. Everyone loves looking at all the pictures from different outfits and families. Member pictures are what makes the program so special and a collector item. We need all your photos submitted by March 15th, 2026. Nothing is better than photos coming from our members. The email address is **acrapics@outlook.com** for pictures and stories.

2026 Reunion Rodeo Trade Show

Space for vendors at the rodeo is limited. If you would like to be on the list to reserve a spot for the 2026 ACRA Reunion Rodeo Trade Show, please contact Shannon Cavalliere, by email at **vendors.acra@outlook.com** or by phone at 928-530-3890.

Membership Information

2026 ACRA Membership Dues can be sent now or any time before March 1st, 2026. Please use the form enclosed when sending your dues. Dues sent by March 1st, 2026, are \$40. If your spouse will be competing in the rodeo, please send an additional \$40 for their dues. If dues are received after March 1st, they will be \$75 each and if dues are not received by June 1st, 2026, you will be dropped from membership and need to reapply.

New membership application can be printed from azcowpunchers@outlook.com under forms. The cost to apply for ACRA membership is \$75. New membership applications **MUST** be **RECEIVED BEFORE March 1st, 2026**. New members are voted on during the March Board Meeting.

2026 ACRA Spring Bronc Riding & Team Roping

Rancho Rio Arena – Wickenburg, AZ

Friday – March 20th, 2026

Ranch Bronc Riding at 5 p.m.

Pre-Enter – Text – 602-510-4940 – Books close March 10th

\$125 entry – \$500 added money – Open to Everyone

Horns & Hooves Arena – Morristown, AZ

Saturday – March 21st, 2026

Books close at 9 a.m. for first roping

Century w/#9.5 inc. – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

Pick One Draw One w/#9.5 inc. – \$80 per roper, enter 2X (for 4 runs)

16 & Under Mixed w/#9.5 inc. – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

*****3 p.m. Team Tying Books Close*****

Sunday – March 22nd, 2026

Books for the Century close at 8:45 a.m.

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

Team Tying w/#9.5 inc. – \$50 per roper, enter 3X – Books Close Saturday 3 p.m.

Century w/#9.5 inc. – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

12 & Under – \$10 per roper, enter 5X

All Girl w/#9.5 incentive – \$30 per roper, enter 5X

16 & Under Mix w/#9.5 inc. – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

Pick One Draw One w/#9.5 inc. – \$80 per roper, enter 2X (for 4 runs)

****CASH ONLY**** – NO Tabs, NO Checks - ALL ROPINGS ARE CAPPED AT A #13.5

Buckles will be awarded in the Bronc Riding, Team Tying and Team Tying Incentive.

Bronc Riding books are pre-enter and close March 10th, 2026. Text your entry to 602-510-4940. All ropings are 3 steer progress except the Team Tying, 12 & Under and All Girl which are 2 steer progressive. Food vendor will be available on the grounds.

Directions to Horns and Hooves Arena – Turn West at MM 121, Gates Rd., cross the railroad tracks, turn left at the Horns and Hooves sign.

Dummy Roping Saturday
3 age groups
11:30 a.m. - Saturday

Rail 3 Ranch Rodeo
March 19th, 10 AM
Florence, Arizona

\$10,000 ADDED MONEY



Out of State Teams
Welcome
WRCA Team Card
Required

Stray Gathering - Cow Milking
Bronc Riding - Night Latch Allowed
Sorting - Maverick Branding

Team Entry Fee : \$1,500
Pre-Entry Mandatory
520-705-7063
rail3ranchrodeo.com

Additional Events @ 8 AM
Team Tying - Open w/ #10 Incentive
\$100 a Man - not capped
PreEnter or enter on site

Stray Gathering - \$100 a Man
Enter Once - PreEnter Mandatory

Capped @ 8 Teams - Pyramid Style
Short Round in WRCA Perf at end

2026 ACRA Membership Dues Invoice/Renewal Form

Please complete this form and return along with your membership dues to: **Make Checks Payable to ACRA**

Carrie M. Gross – ACRA Secretary
P.O. Box 6733
Kingman, AZ 86402

Member Mailing Address:

Phone#: _____

ONE FORM PER MEMBER/FAMILY

Please Print

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

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

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

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

Minor Children: **Turning 18 before June 25th need to apply for own membership!**

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

Please check all that apply:

Before March 1st, 2026 - \$40

2026 membership \$40 _____ 2026 competing spouse \$40 _____

After March 1st, 2026 - \$75 – Dues will not be accepted after June 1st, 2026.

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Gold Card or Associate membership donation \$ _____ - Thank you!

*****If your child will be turning 18 before June 25th, 2026, they must apply for their own membership. Membership application MUST be received before March 1st, 2026. If they do not apply for membership and turn 18 before June 25th, 2026, they will not be able to compete at the Annual Reunion Rodeo. Applications can be printed from the ACRA website azcowpunchers.com under Forms, New Membership Application.**

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Who Doesn't Love a John Wayne Quote

Slap some bacon on a biscuit and let's go! We're burnin daylight!

Courage is being scared to death – but saddling up anyways.

Life is getting up one more time than you've been knocked down.

You're short on ears and long on mouth.

I have tried to live a life so that my family would love me and my friends respect me. The others can do whatever the hell they please.