BULLSHEET

The official newsletter of the Reno Rodeo Association VOL. 2 NO. 12 July 2016

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY ACCOLADES TO OUR ASSOCIATION FROM OUR FANS...

A huge thanks to Reno Rodeo volunteers Mark and Tyler who got good and dirty as they helped us get on the road after not one, but TWO blown air canisters on our motorhome. Reno hospitality is alive and well!!!! See you next year!!!" Susie Thompson

Nick Glatthar wrote: "Favorite rodeo to go to, and the time of the year is great for an event like this. Awesome way to kick off the summer."

"Best rodeo I have ever been to. Helpful and courteous volunteers and an overall awesome show."

Thank you again for the honor of being a Grand Marshal of the parade, I had a great time! Best of luck with the rest of the rodeo and thank you for putting on such a great event for our community.
Thank you again!
David *(David Farahi)*

Lita Scott: Yes we are looking forward to next year!! Thank you to the Reno Rodeo Committee and all the volunteers that make this great show happen.

Had a great time at my first rodeo. Ken Williams

Kirstin Eash-Warren: "Lasts night's rodeo was so fun! Thanks for making our 15th wedding anniversary a fun evening!"

Judy Gray: Thank you to the Reno Rodeo for all the good things they do for Foster Children in the Reno area. You are so appreciated.

Cheryl Moline, "My first time going this year to the Reno Rodeo. I loved it! A great friend invited me, I will never forget this fun trip."

A few of the many for Fred Cornelius: "Great photos, Fred! Thank you for sharing!
Leticia Thomas: "Ditto!! Some Great Shots as always."
Dru Faucett Ryan: "Excellent photos!!!"

"What a wonderful night. We loved the event, and being from Las Vegas we are used to the NFR. You match the excitement and just brought out the Old West style of the rodeo. Amazing what was done with those Wild Ponies." Ronald Hill

WELL DONE RENO RODEO ASSOCIATION!

Take off your boots, settle back, and we'll be back with more news next month!

SAVE THE DATE

BBQ – JULY 23, 3 – 9 pm
PINOCCHIO'S SPARKS

AWARDS BANQUET – AUG 13, 6-9 pm, GSR

FINANCE COMMITTEE MTNGS
JULY 12 & 26, AUG 9 & 23
4:30 pm, Rodeo Office

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTNGS
JULY 12 & 26, AUG 9 & 23
5:30 pm, Rodeo Office

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Rodeo is in full swing as I write this letter. Everyone is working hard on all committees and I would like to convey my great appreciation to everyone's efforts, time, and commitment in making this year's Rodeo another great event as in years past.

It just keeps getting better every year as we try new items. Mid Town parade was a grand slam and we will build on that into the future, Double R bar has been well attended, Members bar new ticket system is working good and the wrist band system for alcohol beverages has helped everyone that works at all bar locations.

Thanks again for making this year a great success. Hope to see everyone at the BBQ in July.
Take Care,

Scott Peterson
2016 President

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Wow, what a whirlwind few weeks leading up to the beginning, middle and end of the 2016 Reno Rodeo!! Everything came together in the end beautifully and I am very grateful for All of Your Efforts and Cooperation with not only myself but each other. Give yourselves ALL a round of applause and a big Thank You!!!

We had a new Coors Double RR Bar Tent along with the continuation of new events from last year (Branding Room, and Mustang Makeover). These drew some good attendance and the usual hiccups, so we will be looking into their continuation for the coming years. The move of the parade to Mid-town was a lot of work, but I hope it was worth every minute. We will see as time goes by and I get all the feedback.

I believe the new parking plan with free parking and shuttle service from the UNR was a great help and will be continued with the campus partnership into the future.

From my observation of the general look and feel, sights and sounds of things, we made a lot of people happy! The numbers were up, stands were packed almost to capacity most nights and the vender areas looked full of nice booths selling a variety of products. The weather generally cooperated and the carnival did quite well. Later in the month, we will have a more complete picture of the overall statistics for those of you interested and we will make them available.

As some of you know because you saw me touring around the rodeo grounds and the events areas, I tried to make an appearance and check in with all the committees as the days were progressing. I may have not have been able to see everyone in action but I believe I made contact in some way with most of you. All in all we had very few glitches, issues, or complaints.

Again, thank you so Much for all of Your Help!

George Combs
General Manager

Executive Committee

Donald Crank **Kevin Rose** **Craig Downie**
Jim Lindsey **Paul Gordon** **Steve Teserio**
Bill Johnson **Greg "Lightning" Williams**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Torvinen **Alex Bybee** **Jim Neil**
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LETTER FROM THE QUEEN

T'was the night of Coronation,
anticipation in the air.
After all that preparation, what
poor timing, for my dress to tear.

"I'm a short story kinda gal", I
said quick and clear.
Now that the pageant was won,
let me tell you about my year.

As Lady in Waiting, I helped bring
the cows into town,
I waited all week, so Gabby could
pass on the crown.

Riding in the Percheron Thunder was the highlight of my week,
Now when I see the poster, it's a memory I will always keep.

Finals night arrived, the rain came in swirls.
Lucky for me Delaney was there, to help me with my curls.

Magic ran a fast lap, I waved and I smiled.
This was the beginning of a year, that would be quite wild.

A Thank You to Greg Goss, for encouraging me to run
I knew right then my year would be fun.

With countless hours spent at Rogers Supply
Needing some hats shaped, Ty offered to give it a try.

With the girls in the shop, I always stayed too long.
Ty would show up, and shoo me along.

As my short story continues, but definitely not slow.
We started off in Salinas, where the Sheares' horses know how to go.

With the queen run on the track there's no end in sight.
Ashley warned me, just hang on tight!

Now it's a Hot August Night, we went cruisin' in the Cadillac.
Tom and Maggie at the wheel, I sat in the back.

Fernley, Truckee, Elko and more.
Then came the Reno Rodeo Campout, where the rain came down in a pour.

Yippee yi yay, off to Oregon we go, after 9 hours sleeping in the truck
Ashley and I were excited to Let 'er Buck,

Hands down the best parade I've ever seen,
And the Indian races there, are a must see thing.

Poker and Shoes, Denim and Toys.
Rhythm and Rawhide, Golfing with the boys.

Hip Hip Horray to Clara this year.
355 and the Foundation bring the community good cheer.

To Wilderness Finals in Utah we go,
Presenting the Reno rodeo saddle, to the bull rider who won the show

With an early morning flight, we paced at the gate,
No surprise to us all, when Brad was late.

Utah is dry, dry as bone.
If Seven Troughs was there, it would have felt more like home.

NFR in Vegas, the highlight of the year.
Everyone's excited, Cowboy Christmas is here.

With Heather as my chaperone and my Mom in tow,
I dumped them both, to see the Scotty McCreery Show.

The best of the best are here to compete.
Thanks to Janelle, we had front row seats.

Winter arrives for a much needed rest,
Lucky for us this winter was the best.

With no rodeos to attend, the members relaxed,
Finding fun on the slopes, we cut some fresh tracks.

Those Torvinens, they came out to play,
Bummer for them, the Carries and I swept them away.

He's a grandpa you know. . . our President here
Tried his best to keep up, but was only first, to go get a beer.

Reading Round Ups are fun, the kids are so dear.
Scream as they might, Buck has no fear.

K-Bull and their competitions, I had the tickets all sewn up.
Then Bob realized it was me, and quickly hung up.

But he gave me those tickets, to shut me up at last.
Sorry Bob I've got your number, and my speed dial is fast.

I never thought I would be a model, I think Fred would agree.
It's a good thing he's so good, to compensate for me.

A big Thank You, to Triggers Boutique.
Anyone who shops there, is sure to look cowgirl chic.

Now it's time for rodeos back to back.
Oakdale, Red Bluff, and Clovis, all in a stack.

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Two New Asses Join the Rodeo Family

Meet Dolly and Molly, the new wheel team, who join Gyp and Jude, who together will bring the Reno Rodeo Chuck Wagon in the area. Sitting on the seat is driver Ralph Atkinson and Eric Dalen. Dolly and Molly are made available to us by Grant Dalen.

FROM THE QUEEN *continued*

With Oakdale first in line.
All would agree, we had a pretty good time.

It rained all day, and it rained all night,
Leaving the arena quite a sight.

Bulls and cowboys, horses and queens,
All left the arena, a muddy shade of green.

George gave us his truck, all shiny and black.
Man on man, you should have seen it when we brought it backK...

Next comes Red Bluff, with Chuck Wagon in tow.
Jenny, Jim and Steve, showing off our precious cargo.

40 people to dinner, including Wayne and Bob.
After a long hot day, we looked like an unruly mob.

The big check came and we heard a muffled scream.
It was only Bill Summy saying, "Who ordered all this sour cream?"

Next comes Clovis... what can I say?
Dancing in the arena, with a Corporal and JJ.

I had instructions, "Don't make him look bad."
The videos now gone viral, I think I've been had.

Bishop Mule Days, my last trip of the year.
Although at times it was chaos, I sure enjoyed all those long ears.

Tom and Phyllis, Heather and the team,
I think they would all agree, Yeti is a dream.

All year long Ralph's team pulls steady and slow.
But in Bishop they won, because of their get up and go.

Kudos to Spencer, who taught me to pitch,
Honestly, I'm just thankful Sydney's daughter, didn't need a stitch.

There's no place like home, unless you're with the office staff
With all my crazy questions, I'm sure they had a laugh.

Denise and Melissa making sure I'm well fed.
Sometimes Debbie's there, "Wear the Black Hat" she said.

With 10 days ahead, I'll be lacking on sleep.
What good's a Queen, who's tired and dead on her feet?

Instead of walking, and risk being later
I think I'll copy the keys to George's Gator.

"Go Oliver Go!" the flag girls yelled.

Thanks for letting me come to practice, and teach him to run like.... you know, really well!

Without a committee there is no Queen.
None of this could have happened, with out that team.

It's almost the end of the rodeo year, 2016.
Spurring on the Western Legacy, it was a perfect theme.

Scott's been a great President, always there by my side.
Soon to be called "has beens" after we take our last ride.

My reign is almost over, and I have no regrets.
But try as you may, you can't get rid of me yet.

Eva Werschky
2016 Reno Rodeo Queen

Rhythm & Rawhide – Where French Horns Meet Longhorns - A Fun Event for a Great Cause

On May 20, 2016, over 500 people enjoyed a fantastic and memorable evening listening to country music performed by artists Rachel Potter, from the X-Factor, and Patrick Thomas, from the Voice, accompanied by the amazing Reno Phil Orchestra conducted by the incredible Laura Jackson. The fundraiser raised nearly $150,000 and will support both the Reno Phil and the Reno Rodeo Foundation programs. The RRF Board of Trustees voted to designate half of the proceeds to fund educational scholarships and both boards approved holding the event in May 2017. We are grateful for such a strong partnership with the Reno Phil in order to support kids in our community. Heartfelt thanks to Don Weir's Reno Dodge for being the 2016 Presenting Sponsor and for agreeing to support the 2017 event.

Special thanks to Reno Rodeo Team 355 Chair, Dan Bybee and his wife Donna for being our bankers; the Reno Rodeo Flag girls & Miss Reno Rodeo Eva Werschky for line dancing and helping with the raffle; Olivia Swearingen – one of the Rodeo Idol Winners – for beautifully singing the National Anthem; Fred Cornelius – photographer extraordinaire; and Jim Hay who did an amazing job as the auctioneer for the evening. Special recognition to Mark Elston, RRF 2016 President, and Jack Westermeyer, Reno Phil Board Chair, who were wonderful emcees. The overwhelming feedback resonated with "what an incredibly fun evening", "best event I've ever attended, and "can't wait until next year!" Watch for the Rhythm & Rawhide 2017. Save the Date.

Reno Rodeo Charitable Golf Tournament Successful – Save the Date

June 3, 2017

Thanks to Reno Rodeo Golf Committee Chair, Jim Carpenter and Co-Chair Phil Salerno, the Golf Committee members, players, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone for making the 2016 Reno Rodeo Charitable Golf Tournament a great success. We had a waiting list of five teams this year so register early for the June 3, 2017 tournament. The Reno Rodeo Charitable Golf Tournament is a joint partnership between the Reno Rodeo Association (RRA) and the Reno Rodeo Foundation (RRF).

This year's tournament raised over $20,000, with the proceeds being equally split between the two organizations. Incredible team work with incredible results! The support helps fund RRF programs that directly benefit children and families throughout our Northern Nevada community. 100% of the money raised stays local.

Last Day of Reading Roundup for the Year

Clara Andriola
Executive Director

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THANK YOU to each and every one of you that was a part of making this the "Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West".

Special thanks to Terry Donshick that gave his time at several luncheons, the Wrangler meeting and other venues to take photo's of some of us that had "grown up". Flag girls too! Terry – Thanks a million!

Special thanks to Ben Shelton for keepin' the lines moving on badge pick-up day. Thanks Ben!

Special thanks to Karen Gallio and Kourtney Sidener for helping with badge distribution on Work Day. With one extra step in the distribution process your assistance made it extra smooth.

Craig Downie - You're the best! As the Committee's liaison, you were there for us to answer questions and provide guidance. I think we were able to make better decisions in a more timely manner with your guidance.

Troy Gardner – we couldn't have done this without you! Even with constant maintenance and membership changes throughout the year – when it comes time to prepare the badge runs – it gets hectic. You were there! Grazie mille!

Thanks to the Reno Rodeo Association office staff: George, Denise and Melissa! You are champs. I do not think that there are enough cookies, donuts or M & M's to compensate you for all you do!

And the biggest thanks of all goes to my fellow Nominating Committee members. Without you – all this – wouldn't happen! Thanks to the n-th degree!

2017 Nominating Committee: If you are interested in serving on the 2017 Nominating Committee please send your letter to manpower@renorodeo.com.

The mentorship program is off and running. The "team" will be meeting soon to discuss the possibilities for recruiting, retention and training for the 2017 rodeo year, which, by the way, starts in August.

Members and Wranglers please be looking for the survey that will be coming out soon. Your feedback is vital to the growth of the Association.

Team RRT is also looking to add additional committee members. If you have time to contribute during the rodeo (We're kinda like Team 355 – all year long) please contact Chelsea Sidener at **cmsidener@hotmail.com**.

Sharon DeSimoni
Chairman

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Congratulation Scott, Execs, Board of Directors, Members, Wranglers and Staff!

From our perspective, each of you has helped make this year a howling success for the MAP committee – and every other committee in the association, which translated into an unprecedented success for the Reno Rodeo. How can we express our gratitude to all our rodeo family, for working together like a well-oiled machine, grinding on when exhaustion doesn't begin to express the physical condition we are all feeling?

How can we express our gratitude for another close to totally sold out rodeo, fantastic concert, well attended and newly recreated parade, a wonderful kids' day, exciting rodeo performances, safe grounds, and happy guests?

One wonders if there is another rodeo committee that begins to have the trust, mutual respect, skill, drive, and passion that is just standard operating procedure for our membership. We doubt it.

It's almost time to take that great pat on the back, then close the books on this chapter, and start writing the next.

Giddy Up!

Bill Price and Marjie Swiatek
MAP Committee Co-Chairmen