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AN OPEN LETTER OF THANKS TO OUR CGA SISTER DISTRICTS

What does the term "Sister District" mean to you? Sure, it means those CGA districts that surround you--but it goes far deeper than that! CGA Districts aren't some nebulous political entities; they are groups of dedicated individuals working hard toward accomplishing common goals. And "Sister Districts" are made up of those individuals who can't help but lend a helping hand, when needed, to another district.

If it weren't for people like Frank and Clara Hyde, Tom and Debbie Martin, Richard La Valle, and Cathy Van Houten of CGA District 11 Hyde's Trybe, to name a few, your CGA District 24 Apache Raiders could not have gotten off to the great start it has enjoyed. With the gracious loan of electronic timers and poles, through the generous donation of their personal time (as in judging), to the expert advice in such areas as needed equipment and announcing, these individuals personify the ideals of helpful friendship that have made the CGA what it is today.

Yet, it's not just the District leaders who have given of their time. All of the riders in our shows, along with their horses and ponies, whether members of Apache Raiders or of our Sister Districts, have contributed immensely toward our success. We mustn't forget the parents of those younger riders who do the buying, driving and paying, for without their encouragement, the sport of gymkhana could not continue. As we all know, without riders, there is no show!

We of the Apache Raiders, CGA District 24, toss our hats at the sky with a big cheer of gratitude to all of our friends in all of our "Sister Districts!"

Apache Raiders DIST. 24 SHOWS

Better and Better

As the year progresses, it appears that the Apache Raiders gymkhana shows are gaining in rider numbers and riders' praise for a fast arena. In March, for instance, Robyn Bush, riding Fatima, placed first in seven AA Horse events while posting six move-up

Arroyo Simi
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Center
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praised as
fast arena

times to AAA. In her first show, Terri Yanez, riding Toddy, captured AA second-place ribbons in both Poles II and Single Stake Race, while Amy Miller, on Kirby Que, narrowly missed an AA Speed Barrels first place which was snatched away by Crystal League on Dandy's Pumpkin Pi.

Lisa Allen also rode Trace to some fast AAA Horse first place times in Barrels, Quadrangle, and Single Stake, narrowly edging out Rachel Bush, on Billie Boy, and Dina Leafdale, on Captain (who took a strong first in AAA Speed Barrels).

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WHO'S WHO IN CGA

It's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it! In the CGA, the job is Rules Committee, and the chairperson of the committee is this issue's "Who's Who," **Ted Bowler**.

Of course, we all know that when you have another job to do, and you want to get it done on time, you naturally give it to one of the busiest people. That's why Ted is also the CGA Treasurer, a CGA Board Member, and co-chairperson of the CGA State Championship Show. But you'd expect that he'd have the organizational skills required, knowing that although his majors in college were political science and economics, Ted has a Masters degree in public administration and administration of justice, and has a background as a special agent with the FBI.

Ted has lived in our Apache Raiders District 24 area since 1980. In addition to a full-time job, he puts in a minimum of eight hours weekly for the CGA, whose headquarters is 350 miles away in San Jose. While Ted's family is still first when it comes to leisure hours, he manages his remaining time to allow for water skiing, riding, fishing, riding, boating, riding, shooting, riding, hiking, riding, camping and riding (not necessarily in that order).

Ted isn't one to shy away from more work either, if it will benefit the CGA. That's why Ted and the CGA are doing a special show here in Simi on the 8th and 9th of June.

The Apache Raiders has benefitted from Ted's valuable time as Judge and mentor at our shows, and we join the CGA in a "salute to Ted Bowler for all of the effort that he has put forth on behalf of our organization. Thanks, Ted." ■

COWBOY SLANG

The following excerpts, reprinted by permission, are from the book Cowboy Slang, reviewed in our last issue.

Dirty Looks like he's plumb water shy.

Dress He was all ragged out in his fancy doodads.

Dude Closest he's been to a cow is a T-bone steak.

Dumb His thinker is plumb puny.

Eating Hungry 'nough to eat a saddle blanket.

Family Man Has 'nough offspring to start a school.

Fast Faster'n chain lightnin' with a link snapped.

Fat Not overweight--just a foot too short.

Frame of Mind He's so hen-pecked he moults twice a year.

Friends Friends close 'nough to use the same toothpick.

Grub Chili so hot it had to be kept on ice.

Hair When he took off his hat, he looked like a full moon on the rise.

Happy Grinnin' like a weasel peekin' in a henhouse door.

Hard To Do Like tryin' to scratch yore ear with yore elbow.

Homely About as handsome as a sack of horse-shoes.

Horses He can turn on a biscuit and never break the crust.

Hospitality Beans are a bilin'--ankle in an' put yore feet under the table.

Hot Hot as the underside of a saddle blanket after a hard ride.

Hungry So hungry I could eat a folded tarp.

Reprinted from Cowboy Slang by "Frosty" Potter, published by Golden West Publishers, 4113 N. Longview, Phoenix, AZ 85014. (Available at book stores for \$5.00 or direct from publisher for \$6.50.)

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Shows (from page 1)

Honors for A Pony class were taken by **Tanya Williams**, riding **Princer**, who placed first in all eight events. **Staci Yanez**, also riding in her first show on her Pony, **Mitzy**, placed first in FC Barrels, Speed Barrels, and Single Stake. **Darleen Traval** reigned her new steed, **Prince Stormy III**, penalty-free through all eight FC Horse events, and will be moving up when the Prince settles down.

The Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center's knowledge that a well-prepared arena is a safe arena, means that our shows have been enjoying some fairly quick runs recently. Come out to our next show and give our arena a try. You'll love the large trailer parking area and the modern facilities. You could get used to our chuck wagon too! ■



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COWBOY'S NECK SCARF

Ever since we've had our copy of Cowboy Slang by "Frosty" Potter, we've been "grinnin' like a weasel peekin' in a henhouse door." Here, excerpted by permission, is why.

What is it, a handkerchief, neckerchief, bandanna, wipe or what???

Once a feller asked me why a cowpoke always wore a red or colored bandanna around his neck. So I told him what for, such as . . .

- Tie down hat as ear laps
- Face mask - for homely fellers
- Pull over nose when cold
- Table cloth - on the trail
- Napkin for under yore chin
- Carry water to yore hoss
- Clean your sixshooter with
- Face towel - to wipe yore face with
- Wrap yore leg if yore boot chafes yuh
- To protect back of neck from sun, bugs
- Makeshift for handkerchief
- Spread on water to drink through
- Tie up a sore hand or leg
- Keep mosquitoes away
- Rinse out horse's mouth
- Toilet paper in a pinch
- Leave on a bush for a sign
- Write a note or letter on
- Wrap up a little animal, maybe
- Start a fire with in a pinch
- As a belt around yore belly
- Hang under Stetson as a sun shade
- Feed oats to yore hoss in
- As a compress for a wound
- Hogtie a critter with it
- Use as pants if you wet yours
- Wave as a signal
- As a hackamore
- Wrap up a lunch, if you got one
- Wash cloth - should yuh ever

wash

- To set in the sand on
- A makeshift piggin' string
- Catch rain water to drink
- Tote firewood in
- Keep mosquitoes or bugs out of nose
- For yore gal friend to set on - or yore lap
- Carry mud to chink yore shack
- Stake out a sand turtle
- Gather wild fruit in
- Tie a calf on yore saddle
- For a screen on yore shack window
- Tie a splint on a broke arm or leg
- Hold yore hot spider (frypan) over fire
- Dish rag - to go along with yore towel
- Wipe yore nose on, even
- Use for mittens on a cold day
- Net to catch a fish in
- Mask if holdin' up a bank
- Rabbit snare - case yuh are real hungry
- To play "old woman" with a poke bonnet
- Tote cowchips - better than in yore pocket
- Charlie Russell used his to paint on
- As a broke spur strap
- Wrap up a chunk of venison - after you get it
- Shine up yore boots
- Dish towel - different from face towel
- They make good hip-pocket insurance

Well, at least I gave the feller a few things a neckerchief is handy for.

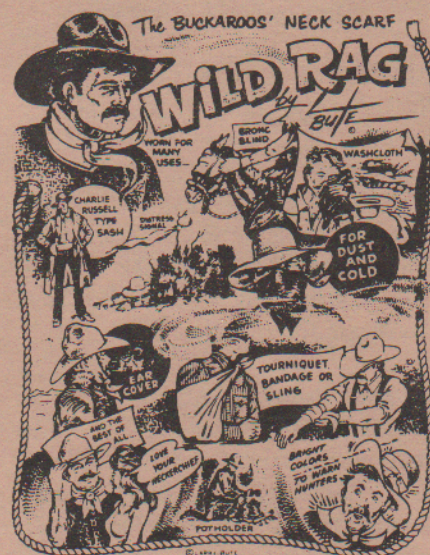
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NEW BOOKS AND OLD

Tonto Rim Trading Co. 1-800-242-HATS. You say that sounds more like a catalog than a book? Well, you're right. So, why review a catalog? Wait 'til you've seen yours!

This 8-1/2 x 11-inch twenty-pager combines the slick look of a coffee table book with great information and art (there are five beautiful paintings available by Lisa Lorimer and Thomas Lorimer). The drawings by Larry Bute alone are worth the price of admission (see below).



With a phone number like that above, you have to know that Denny Shewell's catalog has hats--more than 20 kinds. Page four shows over twenty types of hat creases and five brim styles. And without even seeing 'em, you just know what hand-creased custom hats with such names as "Hoppy" and the "Duke" will look like. He also has 45 hat bands shown in living color, five different hat carriers and a bunch of hat accessories and hat pins.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

CGA District 24 is pleased to have the support of our newest Associate Members **Community Feed Store**, **MAVERICK'S**, *Equine Byline*, and **Paul Gross Horseshoeing**.

Community Feed Store is just east of Yosemite, on the south side of Los Angeles (enter at Oak Rd. which is unmarked), 5916 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93063, (805) 526-1364. **Larry Lagatta** or **Theresa & George Venti** will be glad to help you with feed, tack, vitamins, pipe corrals, buckets, feeders, and salt blocks—just to name a few items.

MAVERICK'S is the area's newest Western style outdoor-BBQ-pit restaurant, now open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They're at 5225 Cochran St. (at Stearns), Simi Valley, CA 93063; phone is (805) 526-6748. They also cater barbecues. **Gail & Tom Carter** and **Annette & Chuck Gallo** are the owners.

Equine Byline, "Ventura County's Horse News Publication," has information on the best trails, maintaining your horse's health, training tips, coming events, and more, in a really nice publication. **Gail Matz** is the Editor. Pick up your free monthly copy at your local feed store!

Paul Gross Horseshoeing is back in the Southland! Paul brings with him over 12 years experience. He is a graduate of the Santa Cruz Horseshoeing School and apprenticed with Tige Hinckley, former U.S. Army farrier. From Canyon Country, he'll travel to you to take care of your horseshoeing needs in the Ventura and Los Angeles counties. Best of all, he meets appointments and arrives on time (we have it from the horse's mouth on this one!).

GYMKHANA EVENT HIGHLIGHT

Pole Bending



When is a pony faster than a horse? When the pony is negotiating tight turns around sets of poles laid out in a single line. In the sport of gymkhana, the twin events of Pole Bending I and II are naturals when it comes to racing ponies. These two events, commonly referred to as **Poles I** and **Poles II** (abbreviated P1 and P2) are this issue's Gymkhana Event Highlights.

To the "untrained eye," Poles I and II course layouts are very much the same. The two poles on either end of both start/finish lines are 30 feet apart, and both courses have six poles in a line through which the rider must weave. However, P1 poles are 20 feet apart, while P2 poles are 21 feet apart. Also, in P1, the first pole sits midway on the start/finish line but in P2, the first pole is 21 feet beyond the start/finish line.

Though the P1 and P2 course layout differences seem small, it is the way in which the courses are run that differentiates them. Here, in the words of the CGA rules book, are the course pattern descriptions: **Pole Bending I** "Go through the timing line, pass the first pole on either side, pass the successive poles on alternate sides, turn the last pole and return in the same manner." **Pole Bending II** (aka: Washington Pole Bending) "Go through the starting line, go along either side of the poles to the last pole, turn around the last pole, pass successive poles on alternating sides, turn around the first pole, continue to pass successive poles on alternate sides, turn around the last pole and go along the side of the poles through the timing line." It is important to note that a knocked-down

pole does not change the pattern of either course.

As in all gymkhana events, the horse or pony must be brought under control before beginning and after completing the course to show that the rider has complete control.

And just how much faster is the pony than the horse? Well, in AAA class, for instance, a fast pony should be able to out-race a fast horse by as much as four-tenths of a second. And that's fast when you figure that time differences are electronically figured in the hundredths of a second! ■

CGA DISTRICT 24 SHOW SCHEDULE

The CGA District 24 **Apache Raiders** shows for the remainder of 1991 are all planned to be held at the Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center (see map, pg. 8) on the third Saturday of the month, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with rider registration at 9:00 a.m. The June 8-9 CGA show starts at 9:00 a.m. with rider signups at 8:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, give our **Apache Raiders** show manager, Wendy Wallace, a call at (805) 527-8605.

May 18	Arroyo Simi Equest. Ctr.
Jun 8-9	Special CGA Benefit Show Arroyo Simi Equest. Ctr. (Setups only, time only)
Jun 15	Arroyo Simi Equest. Ctr.
Jul 20	Arroyo Simi Equest. Ctr.
Aug 17	NO SHOW (CGA State)
Sep 21	Arroyo Simi Equest. Ctr.
Oct 19	Arroyo Simi Equest. Ctr.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE APACHE RAIDERS

Since the last issue of *Smoke Signals* was published, the Apache Raiders membership has increased substantially! The new individual and family Regular Members are: **Ted Bowler Jr.** and **Kristy Koch**, the **Edwards family** (**Kathy**, **Doug**, **Jenny**, **Jackie** and **Jason**), **Amanda Konzelman**, the **Sahagian family** (**Donna**, **Bob**, **Kirsten** and **Dannielle**), **Darleen Travali**, and the **Van Houten family** (**Kirk**, **Cathy**, **Erin** and **Elysia**).

How to become an Apache Raiders Member:

The Apache Raiders, CGA District 24, has two types of membership: Regular and Associate. Regular membership is for show riders and their families. Associate Membership is for businesses, organizations, or individuals who are interested in furthering the aims and purposes of the Apache Raiders and their promotion of gymkhana. Associate members may receive a one-third-page ad in an issue of *Smoke Signals* at no extra charge.

Regular Membership is \$15 for individuals or \$25 for families. Associate Membership is \$15 for individuals or \$25 for businesses and interested organizations. Donations are also accepted (we have California non-profit status).

Please send your check to **Apache Raiders**, P.O. Box 4437, Simi Valley, CA 93093.

P.S.: The Apache Raiders, like the Marines, is also looking for a few good men and women to help us with the ongoing operation of our group, including helping out at shows. If you can give of some of your time, we'd surely love to have you join us. ■

APRIL SHOW-ERS

No, not the April showers which bring May flowers, but who were the riders who were show-ers at the April Apache Raiders Show . . . get it? I know, if you have to explain it, it wasn't any good in the first place, right?

Speaking of first place (hey, très segue, eh?), new Apache Raiders member **Amanda Konzelman**, riding **Zhivago** for **Show High Point** honors, gathered in seven A Horse first place ribbons in Barrels, Figure-8 Stake, Keyhole, Poles I, Poles II, Speed Ball and Speed Barrels. Congratulations, Amanda! Some impressive rides were also turned in by **Brittany Blanton** on **Mandy**, who took five FC Pony first place ribbons riding in her first show. She had AA times in Keyhole and Speed Ball, and A times in Figure-8 Stake, Poles I, and Speed Barrels. Good riding, Brittany!

Robyn Bush, on **Fatima**, rode to five AAA Horse first places in Figure-8 Flag, Keyhole, Poles I, Poles II and Speed Ball, and placed third in Speed Barrels. **Rachel Bush** took four AA Horse first places in Barrels, Figure-8 Flag, Figure-8 Stake and Speed Barrels, riding **Billie Boy**, and also placed second in Poles I.

Three first place ribbons were awarded to new member **Jenny Edwards**, on **Barely Legal**, for AA Horse Poles I, Poles II and Speed Ball; she also captured two second place ribbons in Figure-8 Stake and Speed Barrels. Sister **Jackie Edwards** had to leave early for a softball game, but will be back, we're sure, riding **Magae**.

Another first place win was turned in by new member **Ted Bowler Jr.**, on **Poco**, with a good AAA+ Horse time in Figure-8 Flag, while **Kathy Koch**, also a new Apache Raiders member,

had some good runs in AAA+ Horse competition.

Yet another new member, **Darleen Travali**, riding **Kalema** in AAA Horse, took first in both Figure-8 Stake and Speed Barrels, second in Barrels and Figure-8 Flag, and third in Poles II. Riding **Impressive Image**, new member **Erin Van Houten** took AAA Horse first place honors in Barrels, second in Speed Barrels, and third in Figure-8 Stake. **Elysia Van Houten**, also a new member, riding **Goldminers Dreamquest**, took second in AAA Horse Figure-8 Stake.

Riding **Jets Cruisin Star**, new member **Kirsten Sahagian** placed second in AAA Horse Poles II and third in Poles I, while her sister **Dannielle Sahagian**, also a new member, took third in Figure-8 Flag on **Quincy Sunrise**. AAA Horse second place honors in Poles I went to **Brandie Martin** on **Midnite Express**, and **Darleen Travali**, this time riding **Sir Gray**, took third place in Barrels. ■



"Book" (from page 3)

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CORRIGANVILLE MOVIE RANCH RESTORATION



Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Corriganville Movie Ranch Restoration presents a **CELEBRITY COWBOY REUNION & INDIAN RENDEZVOUS** at the original movie ranch site on Kuehner Drive in Simi Valley. According to the organization's president, **Marjorie Heeg**, more than fifty celebrities are expected at the old movie ranch location. Among those expected to be on hand are **Tommy Ray Corrigan** (who is the Vice President), **Iron Eyes Cody**, **Lee Horsley**, **Jimmy Rogers**, **Eddy Dean**, **Lee Aakers**, **Alex Cord**, **Jim Brown**, **John Hart**, **Rick Tucker**, **Pierce Lyden**, **Ancel Cook**, **Peter Brown**, **John Mitchum**, and **Cliffe Stone**. There will be music, food, and shows, high-

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Apache Raiders is our name; gymkhana is our game! But how did we come by the name?

When CGA District 24 needed to drop its birthname for its adult handle, the group turned to its vice president, **Gene Rinehart**, for his advice. Well, now, Gene is part Apache and he knew that the Apaches were never a pastoral people, but roamed New Mexico, southern Arizona and northern Old Mexico on horseback as raiders.

Always on the move, the Apaches were able to quickly weave in and out of tight rock fissures, wheel and bolt back out of blind canyons, and jump low-lying desert obstacles with amazingly practiced ease. So, it was only natural that Gene suggested the name that accompanies CGA District 24 into gymkhana's future--the **Apache Raiders**. ■

lighted by the Jimmy Rogers 50's & 60's Show.

The Corriganville Movie Ranch Restoration, a California non-profit organization, was formed on July 26, 1990, to promote interest in, and appreciation of the history of Western films, to pay tribute to the careers memorializing The Old West, and to educate the general public in the history of this unique American art form in an exciting and interesting way. To fulfill these purposes, they are establishing a Docent Program and are working toward restoring the Corriganville Movie Ranch so that future generations can come, see, understand, and appreciate the hard work and sacrifice that went into the making of classic American Western films. The group hopes to rebuild Corriganville as Ray "Crash" Corrigan had originally dreamed and built it.

IS THAT A FACT?**Gymkhana in *Stranger***

If you're a fantasy and science fiction fan, and you've read Robert Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land*, then you just might have run across the term "gymkhana" before. In the newly uncensored reissue of "*Stranger*," gymkhana is used on page 231, in paragraph 3, to mean "sporting event."

According to Webster, the term "gymkhana" is probably a modification of *gend-khāna*, a Hindi term for "racket court," and denotes a "meet featuring sports contests or athletic skills." In India, the British used the term to refer to their "**competitive games on horseback**." "Gymkhana" is used also to indicate a **timed** contest for automobiles featuring a series of **events** to test driving skill.

Taking all these definitions together, the California Gymkhana Association uses the term "gymkhana" to mean "timed events on horses and ponies." So, that's the rest of the story. ■

For more information, they may be reached at P.O. Box 3688, Simi Valley, CA 93093. Their phone is (805) 581-5537.

Ray started the 2,000-acre ranch the same year that he adopted his name "Crash Corrigan." He had first worked as a physical culturist for Hollywood stars, then as a stuntman in the Johnny Weissmuller "Tarzan" series, and finally as an actor in such serials as "Darkest Africa," and "The Three Mesquiteers" in which he starred as Tucson Smith along with John "Duke" Wayne and Max "Alibi" Terhune.

(To be continued next issue.)

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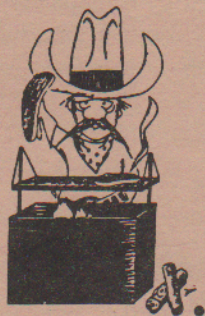
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Events start at 9:00 a.m. (or thereabouts)

EVENTS - BOTH DAYS (IN ALPHA ORDER)

Barrels	Hurry Scurry	Quadrangle
Birang	Keyhole	Speed Ball
Figure 8 Flag	Poles I	Speed Barrels
Figure 8 Stake	Poles II	Single Stake Race



Events will not be in this order, however the first and last events each day are:
 SATURDAY: First event = Barrels, Last event = Quadrangle
 SUNDAY: First event = Quadrangle, Last event = Barrels

- EVENTS ARE SETUPS ONLY
- RIDES FOR CGA TIME ONLY •

INFORMATION

Ted Bowler (805) 529-2163

- Overnight Trailer Parking
- Saturday Night Bar-B-Que
- CGA HAS FIXINS, BRING OWN MEAT
- Sunday Morning Breakfast
- Proceeds for loan equipment

This is a major step forward for the CGA, and, according to Ted Bowler, may become an annual event to raise funds for equipment purchase. The equipment will be loaned to new CGA Districts to help them get started. More than that, this show will attract numerous riders, many state champions. Come, socialize, and meet new people from all over the state. Talk about technique, training, and what makes a state champion. Many a lifetime friendship has developed at these state shows, so don't miss it! Be sure to see *the world of GYMKHANA* for details.

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