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Chasing the Dream

1948

A compilation of Glennville Round-Up Rodeo history



This book is dedicated to the men and women who serve and have served our Country

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Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association Ist Rodeo Parade - June 1949

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Foreword

Strength, Triumph and Inspiration

This book honors the people and communities who built the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association (GMVA) into the organization it is today.

The original Board of Directors' dream of giving back to the community they loved is the foundation of the GMVA. With the long-term vision to preserve the sport of rodeo and provide an area for the community to come together, the original members charted a clear path to achieve their goals and dreams of creating the GMVA Rodeo Arena and Community Hall.

People have come and gone, but the mountain lifestyle, community spirit, and respect shown to one another by the original Board still holds true today.

This photo gallery, reflecting the past 75 years of the Glennville Round-Up Rodeo, is a tribute to all those who embody the enduring spirit of our community.

Susan E. Stone GMVA Historian





Original Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association Flag bearers l-r: Lawrence Snow, Donald Martin circa 1949

The Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association (GMVA) was conceived on September 29, 1948 by O. R. "Bob" Robinson and Hal Duvall when many young Veterans were returning home or settling in the mountain area after World War II. Their first official meeting was held in Hal Duvall's home in Glennville and was attended by Bob Robinson, Hal Duvall, Roger Young, Cliff Hipes, John Hitchcock, Jack Lavers, Fred Hockett, Bob Williams, Jack Olds, Jan Weringer, Hugh Craford, Thomas Brown, Glenn Gaasch, Donald Downin and Floyd Bosworth. Cliff Hipes, from the Kern River Association of Isabella, California, gave a presentation on the benefits and accomplishments such an association can accomplish. He presented the new organization with a gavel from the Kern River Association. They ended that year with 100 members. Membership was not limited to the Greenhorn Mountain area, but open to Veterans in Bakersfield, Woody, Delano, and Porterville.

Since its inception that Fall of 1948, the GMVA has been a non-profit organization seeking to promote social activity and community welfare in the mountain communities of Woody, Granite Station, Posey, and Glennville. This aim has taken many different directions over the last 75 years, but one action has remained constant, the GMVA Glennville Round-Up Rodeo! The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Round-Up Rodeo has brought the community together to provide top-quality rodeo entertainment to Kern County for 75 years.

Charter members included: Hal Duvall, John Hitchcock, Jack Lavers, O.R. Robinson, Roger Young, Robert "Bob" Williams, Fred Hockett, Hugh Craford, Henry Record, Dale Alexander, Jan Weringer, Benton Martin, Dick Weringer, Jack Olds, Walt Plaskett, Chet Moore, Charles Maltby, Cliff Hipes, Ted Brown, Glenn Gaasch, Don Downing, Floyd Bosworth, Charles Smith, Q. H. "Red" Maples, Tom Steward, Gerald Maltby, Bill Owens, B. J. Bishop, Del Mar Pease, P. W. Hickerson, C.A. "Bill" Williams, Bill Carver, Otis Williams, Tom Brown, Merle Parrish, Jack Harries, Eddie Kambick, Jack Williams, Del Moore, A. R. Foster, Leon Wooley, Marion Dickerson, Morris Smith, F. W. Dickey, Ralph Stockton, Leonard Short, Don Gordon, Carl West, George Boettler, Felix Bertrand, Fred Rush, Howard Bolender, Charles Weller, Harry Gregor, Hugh Smith, Glenn Record, Don Martin, A.D. Munden & T. J. Clanin.

The Early Years



During the winter and spring of 1948, the men of the young organization talked, dreamed and made plans. The majority of those meetings were held at the Woody fire station. The goals and aspirations of those early meetings still guide the members and the association today.

The second meeting was held October 7, 1948, and was mainly taken up in a

discussion of the Harvest Moon Dance, and also in appointing committees for various functions of the association.

In a meeting held November 4, 1948, a discussion of the Charter was held, and it was agreed that District Attorney Tom Scott should handle the details for them. It was decided, at that time, that the Trustees of this association should be known as the Board of Directors. It was also agreed that Jack Olds, who had recently passed, be given the first membership card which was framed and put with the Charter.

The first social activity was held on November 20, 1948. The Harvest Moon Dance was held at the Woody Dance Hall with music provided by Johnny Blanco and his Ranch Pals. Attendance was sizable and door prizes were given away which had been donated by various merchants. Dinner was served, consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee. A total profit of \$301.70 was made on this dance and the treasury was established.

At the meeting held November 25, 1948, it was decided that the Board of Directors should consist of five members, one to hold office 24 months, two for 18 months, and two for 12 months

At the December 2, 1948 meeting, the business consisted only of making plans for the future.

In the January 6, 1949 meeting, it was brought to the attention of members that the Elks Lodge #266 of Bakersfield had given the association \$20.00 towards acquiring the "colors". Three members from the District Attorney's Office, James Meek, Tom Daly, and Bob Farrell, attended this meeting and assisted in a discussion concerning the Charter and what it should embody.

In January 1949, a far more ambitious project was proposed - the first GMVA Glennville Round-Up Rodeo. Lawrence Snow was selected as Rodeo Chairman with Benton Martin as Rodeo Grounds Chairman.

At the February 3, 1949 meeting, it was approved to insert into the By-Laws and Constitution, a new office of Historian. The association had intentions of a long term plan.

volonterily essociated ourselves together for the p forming a monprofit corporation under Title XII, Article I "General Corporation Law" of the state of California, provided by Section 593 of the State of Celifornie and tion 594 of the Civil Code of the State of California, and the name of the corporation shall be ORREWSCRN MOUNTAIN VETERANS ASSOCIATION. That the purposes of the it is incorporated for the following purposes: defend the Constitution of the United States corporation shall be as oultivate social intercourse principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and e and enhance the heppiness of the Military Services of the United States of America, epirit of comredeship; to mutually help the

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Hal Duvall John Hitchcock Jack W. Lavers O.R. Robinson Benton M. Martin Roger Young Robert A. Williams Charles F. Hockett Hugh Craford Henry H. Records Dale E. Alexander Jan Weringer

The meeting of February 17, 1949 was attended by John and Pauline McNally, from the Kern River Valley, who answered questions concerning their participation in the first GMVA rodeo.

A dance was given April 2, 1949 at Balance Rock Resort and another one on April 19, 1949, to help finance the upcoming rodeo.

The next few meetings were mainly taken up in discussing plans for the rodeo, and in seeing that each committee was performing its duties. It was also decided that a rodeo dance be given at Balance Rock the night before the rodeo. Member Bill Franz made a drawing which was readily accepted by the association to be used for the front of the rodeo programs. The insignia for the caps was decided on, and they were ordered at cost, and were to arrive in time to be worn at the rodeo.

The parade and rodeo were held Sunday, June 5, 1949 and the beginning of an annual rodeo was born.

It was at the picnic held at Evans Flat on August 8, 1949, that Charles Gann presented an offer to the members to sell 24 acres of his land, in the heart of Glennville, to the association to use in building their dream. The price was \$7,000. Mr. Gann graciously donated \$500 back to the organization to be used for improvements..

At a meeting held October 20, 1949, Bob Robinson, Benton Martin and F.A. Rush were authorized to sign the necessary papers for the organization to put the property into escrow. The very next month, plans were afoot to build an arena. The Glennville Round-Up Rodeo was here to stay. Between planning and completion lay many years of hard work, a lot of money and a lifetime supply of worry and problems. The arena was

finished in time for the 1950 rodeo. Grandstands were started in 1950 and the hall in 1953. The grounds were completed by 1956. Improvements, of course, are constantly being added.

The story of the rodeo grounds would not be complete without some discussion of financing. One wonders how a small group of people in a small community can build so much with so little. The answer is simple — hard work. Money— \$5,000 for the arena, more for the grandstands, \$29,000 for the hall, and more every year for maintenance and improvements was raised in many ways. The income from monthly dances, the yearly rodeo, and other social activities were poured into the project. The vast bulk of the labor was done by the men and women of the GMVA. Almost everyone who had lived in the area in those early years helped in one way or another. It didn't take long before the members realized that their wives were doing a good share of the work. In 1952, the Ladies Auxiliary was formed and played an essential role of the work and life of the Association.

The GMVA has a solid history of community involvement and achievement. In those early years of 1948 and 1949, the young organization took on the Kern County Sheriff Department and was instrumental in having a resident deputy assigned to the Glennville area. Later, they encouraged the County Highway Department to improve the road between Woody and the Greenhorn Summit; this is now the beautiful State Highway155. The Kern County Board of Supervisors worked with the GMVA to establish a county waste facility in the Glennville area, and Glennville's historic fire station has often been the recipient of donations for repairs and new equipment, compliments of the GMVA.

Prior to the formation of the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association, the concept of building a community hall to provide a gathering place for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes, was a dream of many in the mountain community.

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"A five-man board of directors today was studying plans for construction of a proposed community hall here, cost of which was estimated at between \$12,000 and \$16,000.

"Henry Bowen, chairman, Roscoe Martin, Charles Gann, Dr. Beverly Young and William Lavers were recently appointed to the board at a meeting held at the Linns Valley School.

"Benton Martin, Mr. Lavers and Mr. Bowen were appointed to meet with District Supervisor Roy Woollomes in an effort to obtain county aid for the project."

The Bakersfield Californian March 9, 1946

In 1946, after requesting financial aid for their community hall from the Kern County Board of Supervisors, the men representing the community were denied financial support. With great pride and perseverance they developed a plan, rolled up their sleeves determined to bring their plans and dreams to fruition.

When the GMVA was formed in 1948 and with the outpouring of assistance and donation of time, equipment, and the labor of hard working men and women, they began building that dream. For this group they were proud to tell anyone who asked that they fulfilled this dream without the assistance of any taxpayer money.

The Year 1948 A Landmark Event



Major O. R. "Bob" Robinson (left) was born in Topeka, Kansas May 14, 1897. The family moved to Los Angeles when he was 6 years old and at age 19 he enlisted in World War I. After the war he came to Kern County to live until WWII when he returned to the service. At the end of the war the family built a home in Woody, California.

One of the Major's most enjoyable and rewarding experiences was organizing the dedicated and enthusiastic group of Veterans and served as their First Commander.



INVITED TO GLENNVILLE - These boosters of Glennville from the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association, sponsors of the rodeo and celebration there, extended an invitation to Bakersfield and Kern County folk recently to participate in the mountain festivities Sunday. In the group from the mountain were Bill Williams, Rodeo Chairman; Benton M. Martin; O. R Robinson of Woody; Mrs. Bill Williams, Dolores Klein and Barbara Bates of California Hot Springs; and Florence Queen, Poso Creek. Seated extreme right, is E.H. Kreyenhagen, Chamber of Commerce Director. *The Bakersfield Californian*

"The Rodeo Association sanctioned the Glennville Round-Up Rodeo for September 1948. Unfortunately the Association sanctioned another rodeo in Bakersfield for the same day and there was a gas shortage scare to boot, and the first Glennville Rodeo was a financial bust. It was enough of a success to develop interest in having another rodeo. Bob Robinson suggested forming a Veterans association in Glennville for that purpose and the rest is history."

> Lawrence Snow, 1998 1949 Rodeo Chairman



Lawrence Snow also reminisced about the first rodeo in Glennville. He, John and Pauline McNally, and Rae Duvall joined forces to "make some money" and sponsor a rodeo in 1948.

They were unable to obtain a license to sell beer. "What's a rodeo without cold refreshments, especially in June?" The committee solved the problem and obtained the assistance of the Kernville Veterans organization to sell refreshments.

"Now there was the matter of stock cattle and horses. The cattle were trucked in from McNally's ranch in Kernville. However, they had to drive the 35-40 horses over the mountain from Isabella," remembered Snow.

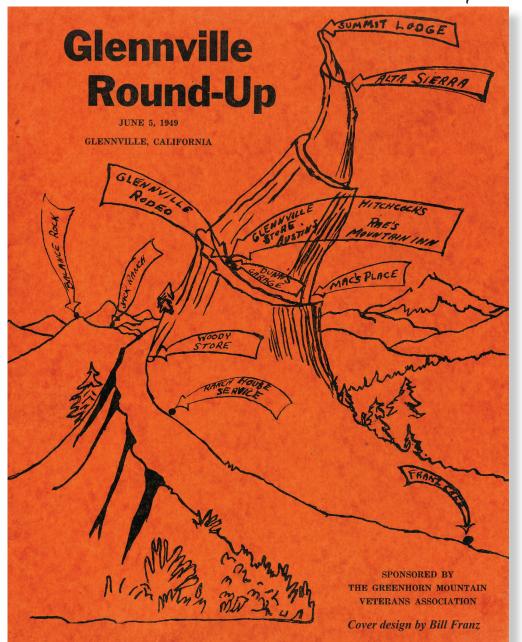
At rodeo time in 1948, the GMVA had been formed to head the rodeo. Don Martin chaired the event with Snow as his assistant. In subsequent years the permanent arena, grandstand, and hall were built.



"The GMVA is one of the most active veterans organization in the state, and in the past several years has accomplished much of community benefit in the Glennville-Linn's Valley area where most of the members reside. The annual rodeos sponsored by the association have become known throughout the rodeo circuit and they are sanctioned by the Rodeo Association of America."

> The Bakersfield Californian June 5, 1948

The Year 1949 Saddle Up





"There wasn't an arena in Glennville, so we would have to use a portable arena. I went to Glennville to try and find a place to set the arena. We finally found the spot, and it is in the same area where the arena is today."

John McNally, Rodeo Stock Contractor, 1998



Commander: Bob Robinson 1948-1950 Stock Contractor: Johnny McNally's Stock, Kernville Purse: \$500 - 5 events





"Greenhorn Mountain Veterans' Association is sponsoring a dance in the Jack Ranch Resort Saturday night. Music will be furnished by the Balance Rock Orchestra. Money raised by this dance will be used for the benefit of the community."

The Bakersfield Californian Sept. 21, 1949





First Parade Held in Glennville

Woody School 49ers

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1949 Parade: Cowbelles - Alice Martin driving Helen Carver leading cow



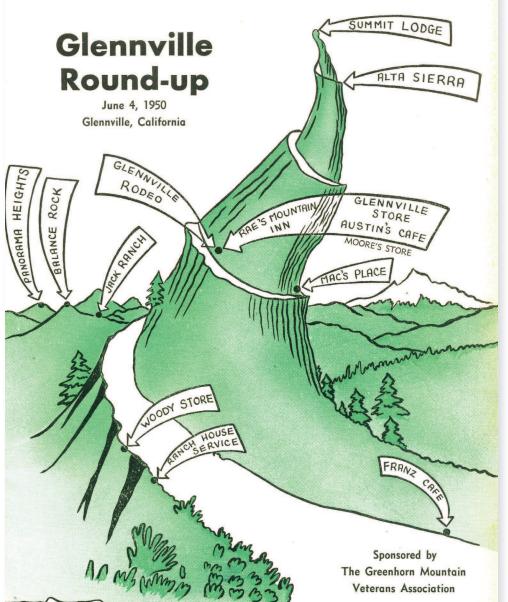
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June 1949 First Parade





The Year 1950



"At a meeting held by the GMVA in Woody, CA, the business session was devoted largely to discussion of the development of the recently purchased property on which the association's annual rodeo is held at Glennville. In the opinions of officials and members, the public response to this yearly event warrants further development of the property, the better to entertain the increasing audience."

> The Bakersfield Californian January 1950

"To finance local improvements, the citizens of Glennville are planning a rodeo to be held June 4, to which they have invited all the people in the valley.

"The day's program will include a dance, barbecue, parade and rodeo, with all the western embellishments and the promise of a real western good time.

"The Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association, a progressive group of men interested in community development, is sponsoring the events of the day with the entire town joining in the welcome.

"The money received from the days program will be used to establish a permanent recreation area which will include eventually a swimming pool and veteran's hall.

"In addition to a good time, the visitors to Glennville on June 4 will be helping a community help itself to recreational facilities and this is most commendable.

"Glennville, an old-timer among Kern communities, has seen considerable growth in population and development in recent years and is facing the usual problems but chooses, as far as it is able to do so, to solve these problems itself and in its own way. This view will be praised widely and should be strongly encouraged."

> The Bakersfield Californian May 26, 1950

Commander: O. R. "Bob" Robinson Stock Contractor: Johnny McNally's Stock, Kernville Purse: \$500 - 5 events R.C.A. Point System Rodeo

Building the Rodeo Arena





"One of the best equipped mountain rodeo grounds in California has come into existence through the joint efforts of the men of the Greenhorn Mountain Veteran's organization under Commander O. R. "Bob" Robinson.

"There are about 130 men in the organization which has acquired 20 acres of land in Glennville. On this property using donated materials for the most part and donated labor and equipment, the veterans organization has constructed it's rodeo installation.

"Dick Droege, Greenhorn District Ranger, told me it is one of the best equipped outfits he has ever seen. They have used steel posts, cables, gates and have built solidly and for keeps. There is a good arena for the accommodation of the crowd and plenty of parking space has been provided.

"This week I had the pleasure of meeting D. B. Martin who heads the dance committee for the association. Mr. Martin said that the first rodeo at the new grounds will be offered to the public on June 4.

"Money raised through this rodeo will go into the veterans' fund for further improvement of the mountain plant. The rodeo will be repeated annually and, as those directing it, plan to make it a first-class show. The money accruing from this entertainment should add considerably to the success of the veterans in making further improvements at the site.

"In addition to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Martin, some of the others of the unit who have worked hard to the end of an already appreciative success are: Bill Franz, Benton Martin, Perry Hickerson, Lawrence Hickerson, Glen Record, Andy Anderson and Jack Lavers.

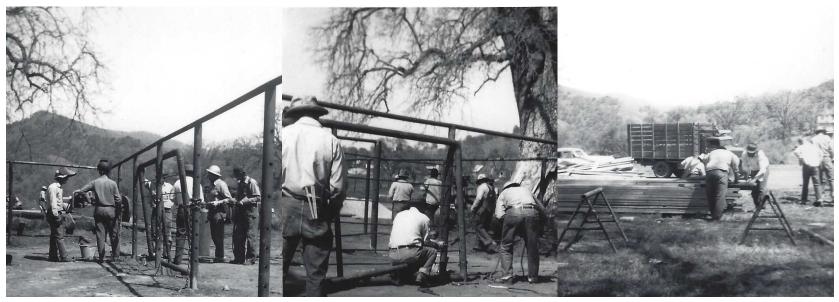
"Bakersfield people who like rodeos will probably see a good one if they hop into their cars and make the pleasant trip to Glennville for this first show on the new grounds."

> The Bakersfield Californian May 24, 1950

"The Association intends to complete plans for selling lots in the lower part of the grounds, and they will be sold only to members of the organization, and all of the houses must be built under certain restrictions."

> O. R. Robinson 1950 Commander





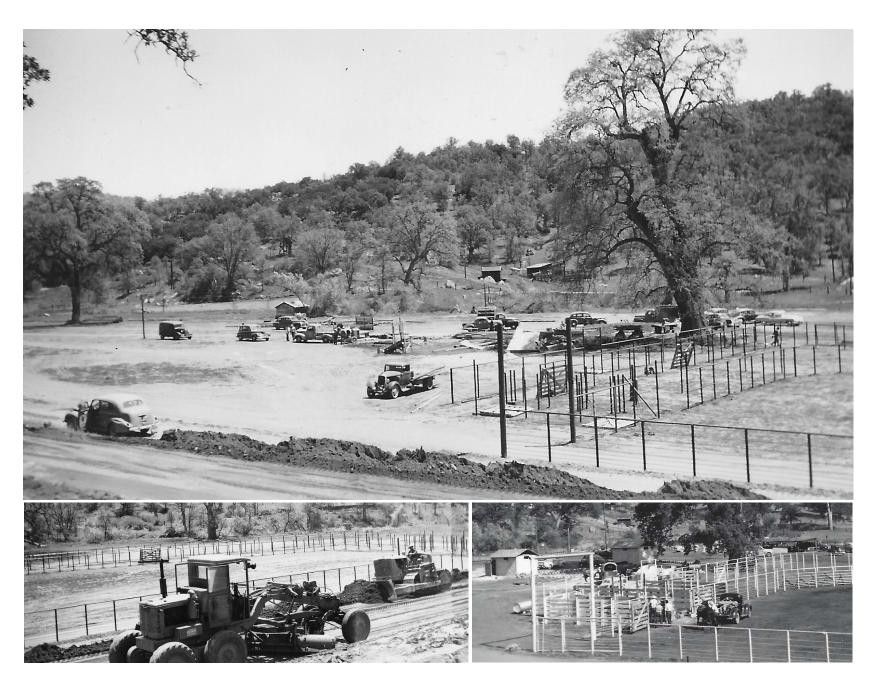
Ted Brown & Benton Martin (below) working to get the arena ready for the 1950 rodeo







Big Changes



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The Year 1950

"The peaceful little mountain town of Glennville on the road to Greenhorn Mountain will take on an air of excitement Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, when the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association stages its annual Glennville Roundup. A cowboy dance, a big parade and a barbecue will be the events leading up to the big RCA-approved rodeo Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Top cowhands will be on hand to put beef and Western fare for 75 cents. Saturday night the GMVA will put on a cowboy dance in the rodeo arena. Admission will be 75 cents. Spencer Bros. Orchestra will provide the music. The rodeo arena has been designed with a special chute to bring the stock back to pens after they have appeared in the ring. This aids in clearing the arena quickly and allow the events to be run in more orderly fashion. Admission to the rodeo

Johnny McNally's rodeo stock through its paces in five big prize events. A sixth event, a team-roping contest, will give the amateur rodeo stars from the Greenhorn Mountain area a chance to perform. Each of the five professional events will be for \$100 purses. Entry fees for bareback horse riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping and team roping will be \$15. Cowhands who want to enter the Brahma bull riding competition will be required to post a \$20 entry fee. Competition in Glennville will give PRCA points to the performers. The 1950 Glennville Roundup will be staged in the new rodeo arena built by the association. The veterans



will be \$1.20, tax included, for students from 12 to 16 years old. All under 12 years of age will be admitted free. In a separate article by Roy Adams dated June 6, 1950 we find the following.

"I have just returned from a jaunt to Glennville, and folks if you want to get a new slant on life and be convinced it isn't all a mercenary affair, be sure to get up there next Sunday and see for yourself. I was amazed at the progress made since my last visit. It seems that there are over eight hundred steel posts and about 20 thousand feet of steel cable stretched for the arena enclosure. It is so planned that the used stock can be returned to the pens

purchased the ground last fall and have worked to get it in shape for the forthcoming events. Many permanent seats have been put in and more are scheduled for the future. The arena is built in a natural amphitheater. The slope adjacent to the arena will afford seats for a huge crowd of rodeo fans. The sponsors are anticipating a crowd of between 5,000 and 10,000 this year. Chances are good that you will see a familiar face among the performers, because a great many on the program will be the best rodeo riders in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. The Sunday morning parade will start at 10 o'clock. Last year's parade was the first such event ever held in Glennville. Among the entries in the parade will be the Delano Saddle Club, Delano High School band. Delano's Co. K of California National Guard, Porterville High School Band, Porterville Canter Belles Orange Belt Saddle Club, Taft Trail Riders, Bakersfield American Legion drum and bugle corps, Bakersfield American Legion Rough Riders, Kern County Sheriff's Posse, Oildale Saddle Club, Bakersfield National Guard contingents and Bakersfield Eagles drum and bugle corps. Following the parade there will be a barbecue where all comers will be served barbecued

without bringing them back through the arena. Those of you who attend these shows know what a difference that will make in speeding up the show. There are eight chutes for the contestants to come out of, so there should never be a dull moment, The arena itself has been covered with a deep layer of sawdust which will be worked into the ground and wet down, that will take care of the dust situation. One interesting item is that all around the top of the fence a 2-inch water line has been run for added strength and convenience to keep the arena wet. Restrooms are being built convenient to all activity and it just looks to me like that gang has thought of everything. I wondered how the number of people they expect were going to eat cause I didn't see how the cafes up there could handle it all. Well, seems like there is going to be a big barbecue at the arena and for those who don't like meat, the ladies from the Woody group are having a sandwich stand, then if you still want something else there are some good spots to eat in Glennville, (I know, I've been there.) It took a lot of prying around to find out who was responsible for planning the grounds up there, but I finally figured out that Benton Martin was head of the committee. I

The Year 1950

talked to Benton and he said, "Oh, everyone helped on it." He eventually admitted that he had made trips and looked at every arena in the state for ideas and took the best of them all and with the help of the fellows came up with the plan they are using. I walked up to the top of the seating site and noticed that every seat will be a good one. From up there it was really an inspiration to watch the crowd of workers just like a bunch of ants preparing for an early winter. All the workers weren't men either, one little gal just about as big as 45 seconds was carrying lumber and a dozen other things. I got the idea that she was really the "little boss" cause she knew as much about the deal as anyone else. She is Mary Stone and I'll tell you for sure, you sure gotta move to keep up with her. It really isn't fair to pick out any certain names in connection with that project because if you started listing them all who have done a splendid job, it would take a whole newspaper. I just happened to hear those and remembered them. I did talk to the foreman for Fibber McGee and Molly who had been up since daylight shipping cattle then came over to work all day for the Association."



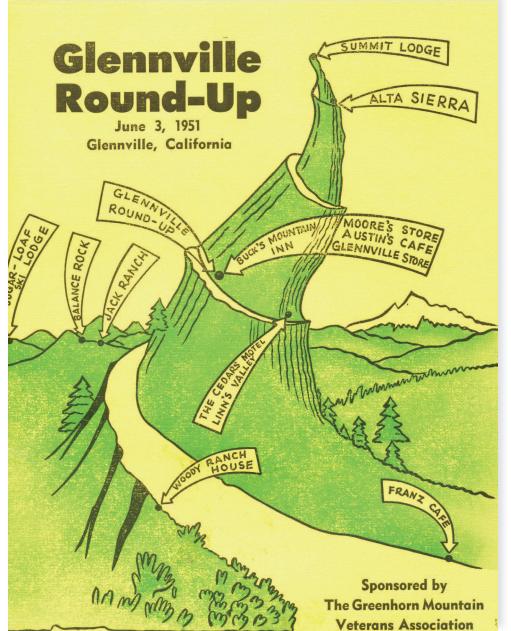
The Bakersfield Californian June 1, 1950







The Year 1951





Sign hung over current California State Highway 155 heading towards Glennville at Jack Ranch Road turnoff

"Glennville was a lively place last weekend, with a riproaring rodeo and western time engaging several hundred persons. Everybody had a good time and the promotion of the event indicated that the Glennville people are alive to the times."

The Bakersfield Californian, June 5, 1951



Before the shade tarps were made to cover the grandstands, rodeo programs were put to good use as sun hats

Commander: Jack W. Lavers Stock Contractor: Cuff Burrell's Stock, Hanford Purse: \$500 - 5 events R.C.A. Point System Rodeo

The Year 1952

"The Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Auxiliary was organized in March 1952 with Betty Lavers as President. Meetings were held at homes, school houses, church and fire departments until the Veteran's Hall was built. Their objective over the years since that time has been to earn money to help the Veterans with their work on the grounds and to be of help to the community.

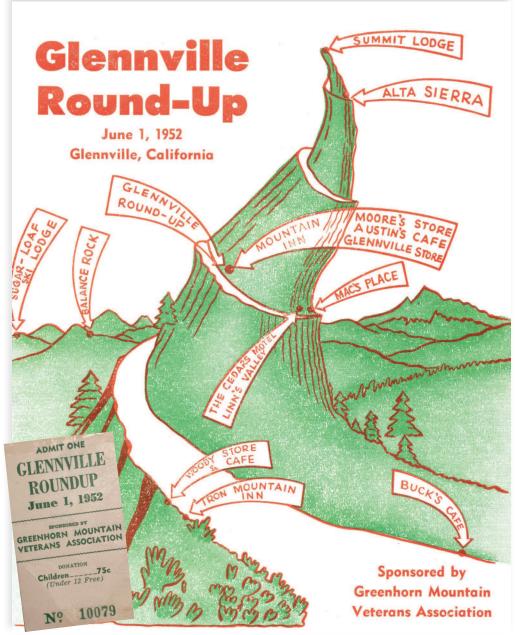
"The Auxiliary has served food each year at rodeo time for the roping on Saturday and the rodeo on Sunday. Through the years they have put on dinners, Easter breakfasts, fashion shows, rummage sales, etc. to help raise money for expenses and improvements.

"They have also donated to the March of Dimes, Braille Center, Porterville State Hospital, Woody and Glennville churches and they gave \$100.00 scholarships each year to a boy and girl in the community who goes on to college after graduating from high school." Mary Stone, 1997 Womens Auxiliary President

"Plans for the development of the GMVA Park in hopes that with each passing year some progress would be made towards their goal. A community hall and picnic grounds were being laid out for the use of everyone. These grounds were being planned and developed by Veterans as a Veterans Memorial Park, dedicated to those men who offered themselves in the service of their country."

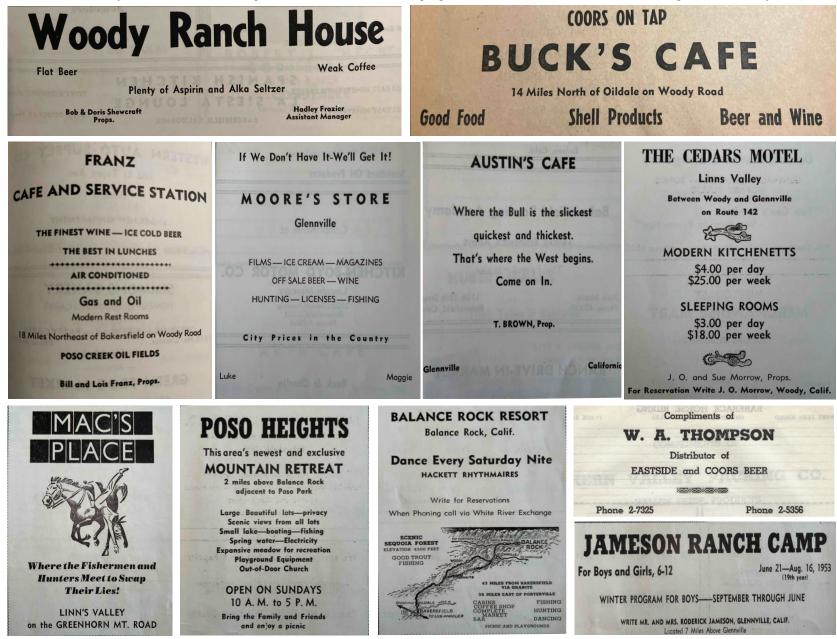


Commander: Jack W. Lavers Women's Auxiliary President: Betty Lavers Stock Contractor: Johnny McNally's Stock, Kernville Purse: \$900 - 6 events



Sponsorship Ads in the Early Years

Below you will find W.A. Thompson's ad from the 1949 rodeo program. The owner continues as a friend and sponsor to this day.



Early Fundraisers

Telephone 3-7671

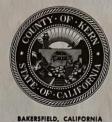
Room 115 Court House

"The Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association is sponsoring a benefit dance at the Woody hall Saturday night, January 28, to help two hospitalized veterans, one of whom has polio and is in a Bakersfield hospital, and the other in the Sawtelle Veterans' Hospital.

"All proceeds of the evening from the ticket sale and the auction will go to help these two veterans and their families."

The Bakersfield Californian County of Kern Jan 20, 1950 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPLICATION FOR PERMIT OR REGISTRATION Appeal or Solicit for Charitable, Patriotic or Philanthropic or Ordinance G-56 of the County of Kern recognizes two classes of solicitation for funds: The first class Stor charitable, patriotic or philanthropic purposes and the second class is for religious purposes. Beto constable, particitie or philantifrapic purposes and the second class is for religious purposes be-fore solicitation for funds for either purpose can be made application must be made to the Board of Supervisors on the following form. In the first class (non-religious) the application must be filed at least 15 days prior to the solicitation and requires a permit from the Board of Supervisors if it is satteast 12 days prior to the solicitation and requires a permit from the bound of supervised in this sure isfied as to the proper purpose of the solicitation. For religious solicitations the application is not for a Permit, but for certificate of registration and, although no solicitation can be made unless registrapermit, our for certificate of registration and, atmough no succession can be more unless registra-tion is previously had, the proper execution and filing of the following application will entitle the re-Fill in all blank spaces or else, at the end of the application, state reasons why the requested information cannot or should not be given. Make sure the application, state reasons why the requested information cannot or should not be given. Make sure the application is as complete as possible and have it signed by two officers of the organization. Where blank space provided herein is insufficient, you may supply the requested information on separate sheets and attach hereto. When Organized April 3, 1952 (1) Green Hern Mt. Ulater and Havildery Incorporated (X,) (no) (1) Meddy Blennilla, California porta zone recentore (2) Meddy Blennilla, California porta zone 4-21.30 Hostor J. 2018 or what Address field of the second correct of the secon Patrie the the organization (chartable patriotic, philanthropic or religious) (4) Hereby notifies the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern of its intention to Conduct. Conduct R.off. le for Dois tion Durposet

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE



April 28, 1952

Franklin W. Lille

Mrs. Jesslyn M. Weringer 330 Lincoln Street Bakersfield, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Weringer:

The attached application for Charity Permit is returned inasmuch as the purpose appears to be conducting a lottery by selling tickets on a quilt.

Lotteries are illegal, therefore, a Charity Permit cannot be issued for such purpose.

Yours very truly,

Franklin W. Lilley

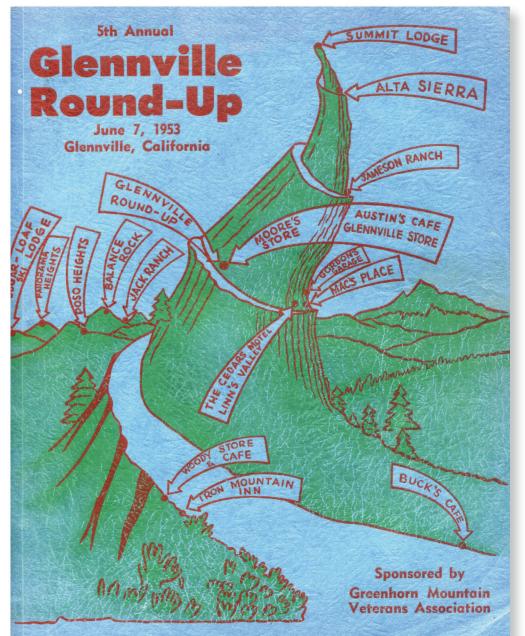
Acting Adm. Officer

Greenhorn Veterans to stage dance tonight

A public dance at McCann's Service Station at Linns Valley will follow the meeting of the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Assn. at Glennville Fire Station tonight (Thursday). There will be an orchestra to provide music. Proceeds will go to the building fund of the organization.

circa 1952

The Year 1953



"Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association has taken out a building permit for the construction of a \$36,960 Community Hall at Glennville, according to a Kern County Building Department report."

> The Bakersfield Californian May 9, 1953

The year of 1953 was a year of achievement and success for the GMVA under the competent leadership of Commander Bill Williams and his fellow officers. Starting the construction on the community hall was a much heralded event and it was hoped that the years to come would see the completion of the building. Thus they would achieve the vision that inspired the first meeting and the formation of the organization.

"Glennville, normally a quiet, serene community tucked away in the western approaches to Greenhorn Mountain, will bustle with excitement this Sunday.

"On this date, the picturesque Kern County mountain town will stage it's annual Glennville Roundup with such festive trimmings as a parade, barbecue and rodeo." *Kern County Chamber of Commerce*

"Sponsored by the GMVA, the two-day roundup is expected to attract 5,000 enthusiasts from throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

"Highlight of the rodeo, to be held at a natural amphitheater will be the appearance of Slim Pickens, official clown who will amuse the crowd by his famous antics and charging bulls and horses."

> The Bakersfield Californian June 6, 1953

Commander: Bill Williams Women's Auxiliary President: June Winslow Stock Contractor: Andy Jauregui's Stock, Newhall, CA Purse: \$900 - 6 events

The Year 1953

"Christmas trees are going to be cut by the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association. A work party has been organized for Nov. 29. It will cut as many trees as possible, to be sold at the Glennville and Woody fire stations.

"The proceeds will go for Christmas toys and candy for the children of the communities.

"Other points discussed at a recent veterans meeting were the moving of a warehouse to the GMVA park and the construction on the Veterans Hall.

"A nominating committee was appointed by Bill Williams, Commander. On the committee are Jack Lavers, Russ and Bill Carver."

> The Bakersfield Californian November 27, 1953

"Great strides have been taken by the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association and Auxiliary in the last year. The 25 acres of ground purchased by the Veterans a short time ago for \$7,000 has been paid off.

"This non-profit organization had the main concrete slab poured for a new hall. The slab is 40'x 80'. A "masterplate" surface was used. Plans for the studding were included in the construction. The building is in the GMVA Park near Glennville and will serve as a community building for the mountain area.

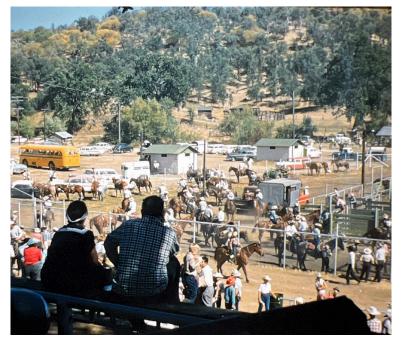
"The building is being built in stages. It will be frame stucco construction. The steelwork phase of construction will start in the near future.

"The building will consist of a main auditorium with a T at one end. The T will contain a meeting room, kitchen and lavatories.

"A dance was held on the new floor of the community building the evening before the annual Glennville Rodeo. The veteran sponsored parade and rodeo was held in June. Andy Jauregui furnished the stock.

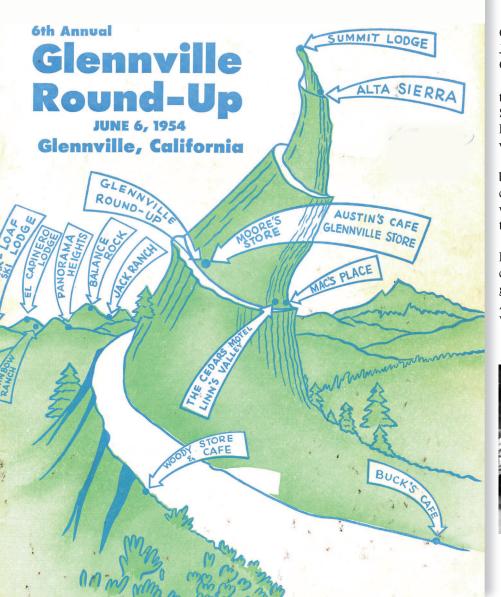
"The ladies auxiliary of the group has sponsored many social events during the year. Members work with the vets, taking over the serving of food and other activities."

> The Bakersfield Californian December 31, 1953





The Year 1954



Ride'em Boy Being Shouted at Glennville

"This weekend the community of Glennville and the GMVA are hosts to the rodeo fans from throughout the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California at the sixth annual Glennville Round-Up.

"Between the local rodeo and the big professional rodeo, there will be a cowboy dance today, a giant Western parade Sunday morning at 10 and a barbecue at noon Many Bakersfield, Delano, Porterville, Wasco, Shafter and other valley towns will have entries in the parade.

"Wilbur Cline will furnish the stock for this year's big event. Last year some of the nation's best cowboys competed at Glennville. Ben Johnson and Eddie Yanez, who topped all team ropers in the nation, garnered part of their season's points by winning first at Glennville.

"Darrel Degler is general chairman of the Glennville Round-Up. Assisting him are Herb Queen, parade chairman; Benton Martin, concessions; Floyd Bosworth, gate; Grant Grisedale, traffic; Jerry Parsons, publicity; Albert Darling, tickets; Bill Franz, advertising; and Bob Williams, finance."

> The Bakersfield Californian June 5, 1954



Commander: Bob Woody Women's Auxiliary President: Trudee Wible Stock Contractor: Wilfred Cline's Stock, Lone Pine Purse: \$900 - 6 events

The Year 1955

"Following the 1954 Round-Up Rodeo, work was started on the main building which is the auditorium (community hall). This work has been going on right up to the present time so as to make it possible to have our annual dance inside."

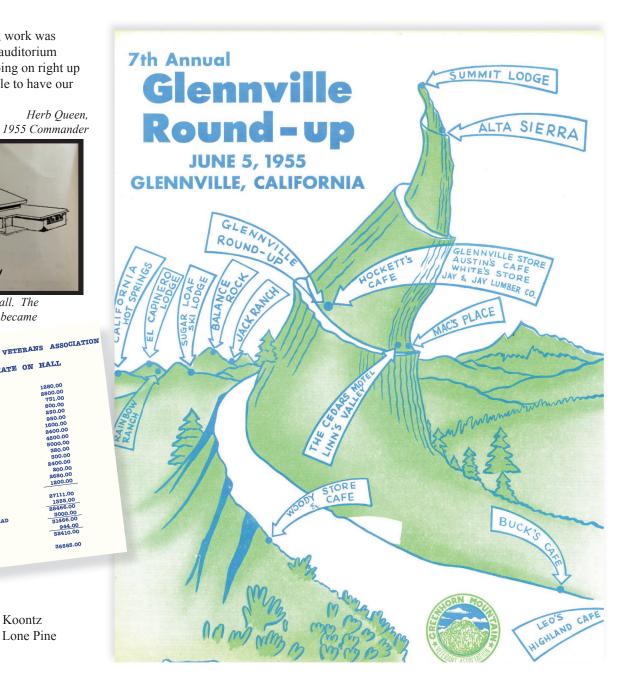


Architect's conception of new community hall. The structure was to be built in stages as funds became available.

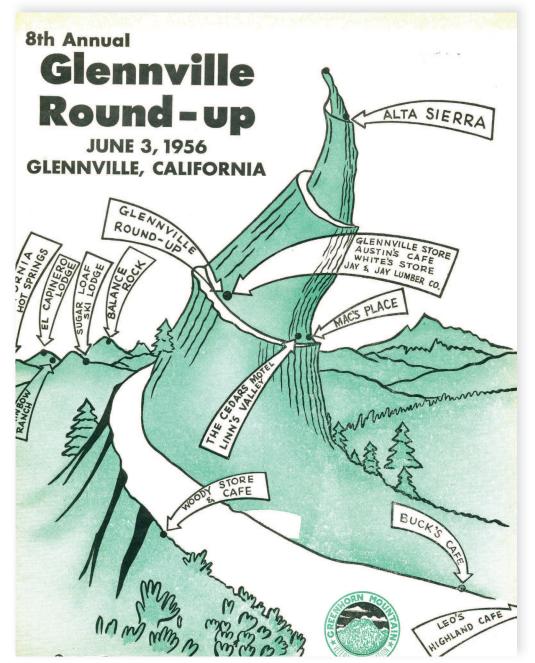
The Glennville a' Round-Up Rodeo is the principal source of revenue for the building, but private contributions from Granite Station, Woody, Glennville, Jack Ranch, Balance Rock, and White River helped make it possible. The Veteran's Hall would serve all the mountain communities a community hall.

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Commander: Herb Queen Women's Auxiliary President: Audree Koontz Stock Contractor: Wilfred Cline's Stock, Lone Pine Purse: \$900 - 6 events



The Year 1956





True community effort gave Glennville one of the West's finest rodeo grounds. The new grandstands were completed out of steel and wood, providing seats for 5,200 fans in time for the 1956 rodeo at a cost of about \$10,000. The labor that went into the new stands was furnished through community effort in the Glennville area. Along with the grandstands acoustical tiles were placed on the ceiling of the auditorium in the community hall and roofing. Also the entire barbecue area was refurbished under the direction of Herb Queen, Commander.



Commander: Herb Queen Women's Auxiliary President: Jesslyn Weringer Grand Marshals: Bob Woody & Sam Crawford Stock Contractor: Wilfred Cline's Stock, Lone Pine Purse: \$900 - 6 events

The Year 1957

"At the planned work party this year, the men of the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association will paint the rodeo arena grandstands and put in a new 2 inch main water line to service the clubhouse kitchen. A baseball diamond has been laid out on the west end of the rodeo grounds, where teams sponsored by the Glennville Merchants' Association play." *The Bakersfield Californian*

September 9, 1957

Ronnie Dilday, local cattleman, reminisced about his days competing at the Glennville Rodeo. His team roping partners included Billy Hampton, Jesse "Cookie" James and even Cotton Rosser of the Flying U Rodeo. He would ride with Cotton when they needed to fill spots in the lineup.

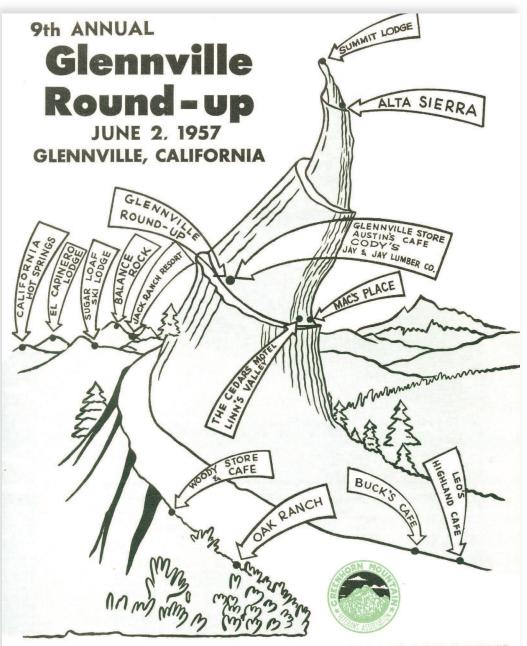
He rode bulls, "was terrible at it," but remembers a bull he rode in 1957 or 1958. Darlene Klein, a gorgeous young 4th generation local rancher, was an official timer for that bull ride.

Ronnie was attempting to stay on that bull for the qualified ride of eight seconds, waiting to hear the buzzer all the while hanging up over the neck of that bull. Darlene was so impressed by Ronnie and his ride that she forgot to stop her timer, allowing the ride to last 50 long seconds.

Ronnie and Darlene married in 1958.

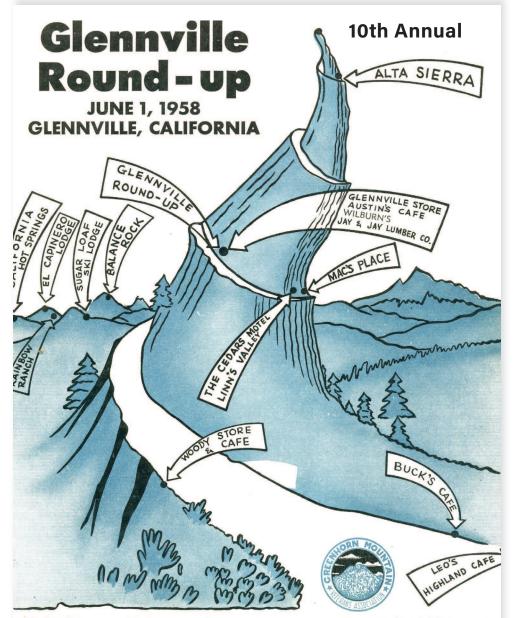


Commander: Grant Grisedale Women's Auxiliary President: Evelyn Woody Grand Marshals: Joe Weringer Stock Contractor: Dick Pascoe & Flying U Rodeo Purse: \$900 - 6 events

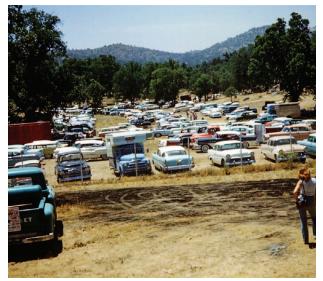


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The Year 1958



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Parking on the grounds



Bull Riding - always a fan favorite

Commander: Grant Grisedale Women's Auxiliary President: Evelyn Woody Grand Marshals: Guy Hughes & Fred Lavers Stock Contractor: Dick Pascoe & Flying U Ranch Rodeo Purse: \$900 - 6 events

The Year 1959



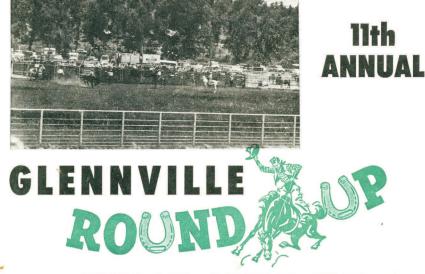
Glennville Parade entry



1959 Grand Marshals: Roscoe and Benton Martin

In 1959, the GMVA Ladies Auxiliary built and furnished the kitchen which made the community hall more serviceable.

Commander: Grant Grisedale Women's Auxiliary President: Florence Queen Grand Marshals: Benton Martin & Roscoe Martin Stock Contractor: Dick Pascoe & Flying U Ranch Rodeo Purse: \$900 - 6 events



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1959 GLENNVILLE, CALIFORNIA



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Parade Line-Ups

Glennville Round-Up Parade Line-Up The Year 1956

U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard & Staff Sgt. Lee McCoy GMVA Color Bearers - Frank & Grant Grisedale Herb Queen, GMVA Commander -Grand Marshals - Bob Woody & Sam Crawford Rio Bravo Union School - Director Susan Giese Kern County Regional Group - Horseless Carriage Club Individual Riders - Sandra Farnsworth & Della Vizzard Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse - Joe Eyraud, Capt. GMVA Auxiliary Float "Futurama" Junior Individual Riders (Boys) Connor Jameson - 14 years Ross Jameson - 10 years David Olds - 16 years Dieter Wolff - 17 years Oaxel Wolff - 14 years Floyd Lynn Bosworth - 8 years Stage Coach - Kernville - Ruby Low Western Family - Benton Martin Individual Woman Riders Faye Smith, June Uhalt, Jo Ann Parker, Barbara Barnes, Jo Ann Arnett, Bunny Bogle Junior Riding Group - Porterville Canterbelles CA Rodeo Inc - Salinas - Eric Coster, Publicity Director Kern County Charros Assoc. - Joe Alvarez, Leader R. L. Draper and his parade horse "Glamor Boy" Golden Palomino Stallion, American Saddle Bred, Taft Standard Warrior Band - Dick Grubbs, Director

Oildale Saddle Club Coberly-West Co. - Wells Fargo Stage - Doug Silicz, driver



Glennville Round-Up Parade Line-Up The Year 1958

8th Automatic Weapons Battery Color Guard - 4 men GMVA Flag Bearers - Frank Grisedale & Darrell Degler Grand Marshals - Guy Hughes & Fred Lavers Commander of the GMVA - Grant Grisedale & son Larrv Rodeo Chairman - Robert Woody GMVA Men Flying U Rodeo Producers - Dick Pascoe, Cotton Rosser & Riders Delano High School marching band H.J. & Mrs. Bartell - silver mounted matched pair Horse drawn vehicle (Lil Hunt) Sylvia Vizzard, Sweetheart of Kern River Roundup & Mrs. Della Boynton GMVA Auxiliary Float - President Evelyn Woody Gloria Woody (9 yrs.) & Kathy Olds (9 yrs.) single Myron Juan Knecht (5 yrs) single rider Mr. & Mrs. Paul Morris, Porterville A Sunday Ride (Vickie Wilburn) Pair Riders: Janice & Mary Bosworth -Kay & Gayle Isaacs, Joan Schneider & Judy Webb - single riders Sierra Mountaineers 4-H Club Float. Jerry Woody & Corky Crawford flag bearers. Kern County Coroner & Mrs. Stanley Newman matched pair Nancy Albitre & Margaret Belongia - singles 11-17 **Rosedale Majorettes** R. L. Draper and his parade horse, "Glamor Boy" Rio Brave Union Elementary Band Judy Mebane - single (11-17 yrs.) Betty Jo Fields' group Benton Martin, Mary Stone & son Gregory Porterville Canterbelles Lawrence Snow & son Rangerettes (Betty Turner, Joe Russell & Tootsie Fleming)

Glennville Round-Up Parade Line-Up The Year 1959

Chet Wright - mule and cart Dan Albitre (18) John Avilez (17) Chuck Beagle (12) 8th Automatic Weapons Battery Color Guard - 4 men GMVA Flag Bearers - Frank Grisedale & Darrell Degler Grand Marshals - Benton Martin & Roscoe Martin Commander of the GMVA - Grant Grisedale & sons. Robert & Larry Rodeo Chairman - Herb Queen GMVA Men Flying U Rodeo Producers - Dick Pascoe, Cotton Rosser & Riders Indian Chief - Rain in Face - Joe Rusieka Kay Heart Ranch Riding Group Sierra Neighborhood Club - Float - Woody, CA Fred Lavers Family - one of the first settlers in the Glennville area Guy Hughes Family - one of the first settlers in the Glennville area Kern County Coroner & Mrs. Stanley Newman Joan Schneider (ages 11-17) Judy Webb (ages 11-17) Delano Saddle Club - Leader Frank Geisler Coberly West Stage - Driver Frank Schneider Stage and harness are from collection of Mrs. Ethel West Marlyn Bridger (ages 11-17) American Legion Rough Riders McFarland Elementary Band - Duane L, Miller Mark Sutherland Sheila Sutherland



Parade Entries The Early Years



Roy & Ysabel Fetterman



Hadley Frazier & Louis Monotti



















"[he 'Year 1960

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"The 12th annual GMVA Glennville Roundup, scheduled for Sunday, June 5, will again be staged by Dick Pascoe and Cotton Rosser, Flying U Ranch rodeo producers.

"Festivities begin at 10AM Saturday, June 4, with a jackpot roping contest to be followed by a dance Saturday night. Festivities continue at 10AM Sunday with the big parade, which will be led this year by a Marine color guard. A huge mountain style barbecue will get underway at noon. Prizes for this big feed will be the same as when the event began 12 years ago.

"The Roundup will climax the fun-filled weekend. The big rodeo will be held in a natural arena that has been called one of the finest in the west. The arena is different than most in that the mountain people have themselves constructed it and the community hall, in which the dance is held, without county or state aid. The arena's grandstand is constructed on a hillside and boasts a seating capacity of 5,200.

"Herb Queen is once again rodeo chairman. Other GMVA officials for 1960 are Bill Majors, Commander; Harry Gregor, first vice commander; Sam Crawford, second vice commander; Rick Kambick, adjutant; Ed Miner, quartermaster; Dick Hitt, administrative officer; Charles Weller, historian; Russ Carver, chaplain, and Darrell Degler, sergeant at arms.

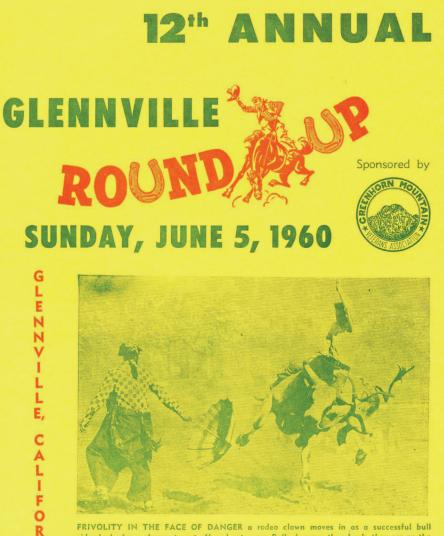
"Association committee chairmen for this year are Ed Miner, steer raffle; Carl West, buildings and grounds; Rick Kambick, dance; Roger Meng, concessions.

"Most of the members of this group are working cowboys with a first-hand knowledge of how a real roundup should be staged.

"Each year finds more and more people reserving the first weekend of June for a gala outing in historic, picturesque Glennville."

Porterville Evening Recorder, May 26, 1960

Commander: Bill Majors Women's Auxiliary President: Florence Queen Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$900 - 6 events



FRIVOLITY IN THE FACE OF DANGER a rodeo clown moves in as a successful bull rider looks for a chance to get off and get away. Bulls do more than buck, they are on the prod to kill their riders any way they can. With cowbay bravado, the life-saving clown tries to hide the danger of his job under his antics and silly props. But the foolishness of his costume is betrayed by the baseball cleats for sure footedness.

The Year 1961



IN MID-FLIGHT — The camera catches this bronc and cowboy in the air as they part company during the saddle bronc riding, classic event of the cowboy sport. Bucking horses are radeo personalities as much as are cowboy athletes. Rodeo stock contractors keep a constant vigil for horses with talent for action like the above, and the rankest broncs in the United States and Canada are picked for the National Finals, pro rodeo's season ending playoffs in December. The braided rein attached to the bronc's sheepskinlined halter is the rider's only leverage during the horse's high-kicking antics. It wasn't enough this trip.

13th ANNUAL GLENNVILLE ROUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1961



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Commander: Bill Majors Grand Marshal: Henry Bowen Women's Auxiliary President: Claire Gregor Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$900 - 6 events

The Year 1962



"During the Glennville Rodeo in 1962 my uncle, Bob Russell, was loping his horse outside the community hall and lost a .22 karat gold Spanish doubloon that he always wore on his belt. After

a long search, he solicited help, offering a substantial reward but it was never found, although most of the rodeo crowd assisted in the search."

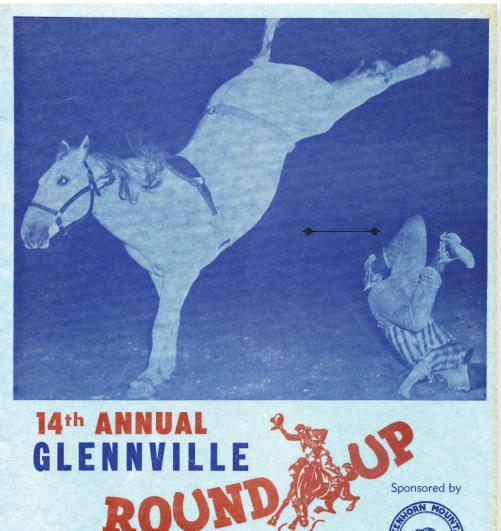
Nancy O'Kane

"We welcome new members and our organization is unique in that you do not have to serve in the armed forces to be eligible for membership - and we fervently hope that the only members we receive from now on come under that category - for that means peace."

Rick Kambick, 1962 Commander



Commander: Rick Kambick Women's Auxiliary President: Claire Gregor Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$900 - 6 events



SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1962



Parade Line-Up

Glennville Round-Up Parade Line-Up The Year 1962 41 entries

U.S. Marine Corp Color Guard GMVA Color Bearers - Don Maltby & Bob Woody Grand Marshal - Terry Wilson GMVA Commander - Rick Kambick Flying U Rodeo Producer - Cotton Rosser Kern County Shriners - Cpt. Art Mason R. L. Draper & Parade Horse (Taft Chamber) Lakeside School Bank & Drill Team Janette & Patti Wermuth - Students of the Coleman Music Co., Bakersfield. Irene Sanders, Instructor April Dahl - Baton soloist, Bakersfield Coroner & Mrs. Newman Gold Minners of "the old west" - Porterville Girl riders under 10 years of age Loretta Samorco. Porterville Karen Ann Stramm - Johnsondale Ingrid Beard - Glennville Jeanie Howlet Becky Holmes Kern Cty Charros Assn. - Capt. Smiley Moreno Cub Scout Troup #910, Glennville Mr. & Mrs. Jim Arp Boy Riders under age of 10 David Lavers, Glennville Charles Howlett, Bakersfield Brandy Ward Mitch Holmes & Robert Grisedale (matched pair) Sierra Neighborhood Float Kincaid wagon & donkeys - Bill Kincaid (pilot) & Chuck Miller (co-pilot) Jess Henandez - Spanish mount - Wasco Rio Bravo School Band Joe Ruzicka & Squaw (Indian chief in full regalia -71years old) Terra Bella, CA Kern County Rangers Color Guard Female Riders: Mrs. Bud Waters, Sylvia Vizzard, Darlene Yaeopetti, Faye Sarret, Bulu Jamieson, Barbara Bates

David Fields - Float (Glennville) Boy Scouts Troup #910 (Glennville) Fraternal Order of Eagles 93 Drum & Bugle Corp. Delano Saddle Club Roaring Twenties (Mr. & Mrs. Jim Beard, Lil Hunt & Marie Straight) George Moore & Remick Albitre (matched pair) Carver Bowen & Family Boy riders - Ages 11 - 17 Floyd Bosworth, Larry Grisedale Mike Lake, Michael Healy, Fred Beard **GMVA** Auxiliary Float Greenfield School band and drill team (Mr. Nagel) Bakersfield Barbara-ettes (majorette drill team) A. M. Willis (Fresno) American Legion Rough Riders (Johnnie Elliot) Jim Bowling horse drawn vehicle sponsored by O. K. Tire, Co., Bakersfield Girl riders - Ages 11 - 17 Vera Morrow, Laura Cole, Linda Graham Karen Mebane, Monica Stockton, Cookie Yacopetti, Diedre Lavers, Jody Lavers, Julie Ann Queen, Judy Webb, Marsha Sarret, Kathy Olds, Lois & Carol Howlet, Gloria Woody, Karen Heely Pony & cart (Anderson girls) Male Riders Bud Waters, Carl Bates, Fred Jamieson, Tom Stockton. Ceto Cemental

Tom Stockton, Ceto Cemental Irma's Gallopin Garter Gang (Oildale) Honda Ranch Brush Busters (Ducor) Rancho Riverside Jr. Riders (Oildale) Al's Big Rig (1918 Moreland Truck) Janet Austin Float Bee Russell & Hunter



Robert (Kyle) Williams & James (Bedge) Williams



Sisters, Clara Engle Williams & Callie Engle Wiseman riding side saddle



California Junior Cattleman Association





Lining the street - ready for the parade

The Years 1963 - 1965

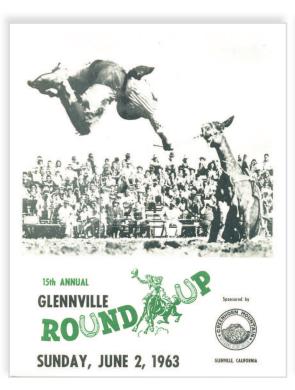
Joaquin Sanchez, a graduate of Delano High School in Delano, California, became one of the nation's best known rodeo clowns whose trademark was the small donkey he would ride into the arena. Joaquin and his donkey are pictured performing one of their acts at the Glennville Round-Up Rodeo on the cover of the 1963 and 1964 rodeo programs.

With spectators and fans going to the rodeo for the action, adventure and entertainment they provide, each year the GMVA Board of Directors work hard to present unique, creative and exciting acts to their rodeos.



"Each year a few more improvements are added to the arena and buildings. This year the restrooms and meeting room have been added to the GMVA Hall. The majority of the maintenance work is done by volunteer labor and the Ladies' Auxiliary, bless'em, does a tremendous amount of volunteering."

Harry Gregor 1964 Commander



Commander: Rick Kambick Women's Auxiliary President: Bea Williams Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events Commander: Harry Gregor, Jr. Women's Auxiliary President: Bea Williams Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events

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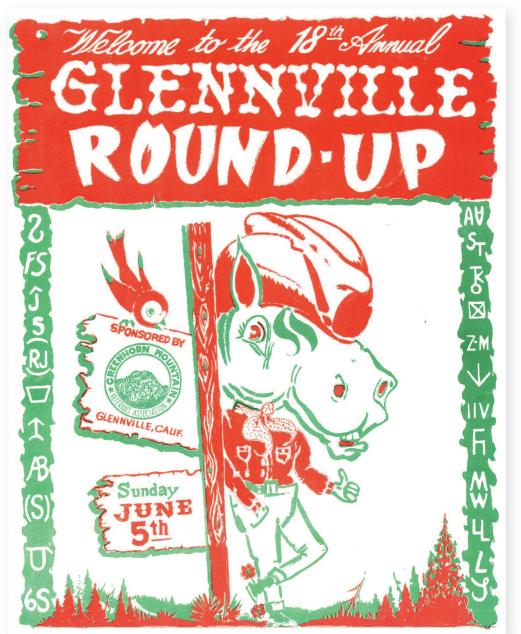
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Commander: Harry Gregor, Jr. Women's Auxiliary President: Maggie Hickerson Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events

The Year 1966



The 1966 cover was designed by Frank W. Percival, Jr., a well known Bakersfield artist and outdoor advertising sign man. The brands appearing on the covers of some of this and the following programs, are actual brands of some of the cattlemen members of the GMVA at that time.



First GMVA Rodeo Queen Contest I-r Gloria Woody, Shelley Fetterman and Queen Diedre Lavers

Engle Sisters Callie Engle Wiseman, Clara Engle Williams, Mary Engle Lavers, Jim Beard - driving

Commander: Jack Davison Women's Auxiliary President: Eleanor Baker Queen: Diedre Lavers Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events

The Years 1967 - 1968



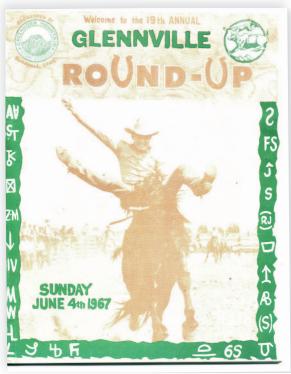




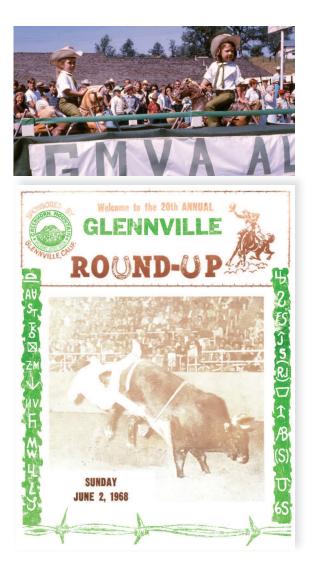
Grand Marshal Jim Ben Williams

Continued improvements were made in 1967 with a new floor in the community hall. One more forward step in building a better GMVA.

Shellie & Kellie Snow (r) from Woody, California, participate in the 1967 parade.



Commander: Jack Davison Women's Auxiliary President: Eleanor Baker Grand Marshal: Jim Ben Williams Queen: Julie Ramos Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events



Commander: Don Maltby Women's Auxiliary President: Doris Shewcraft Queen: Trudy Demings Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events

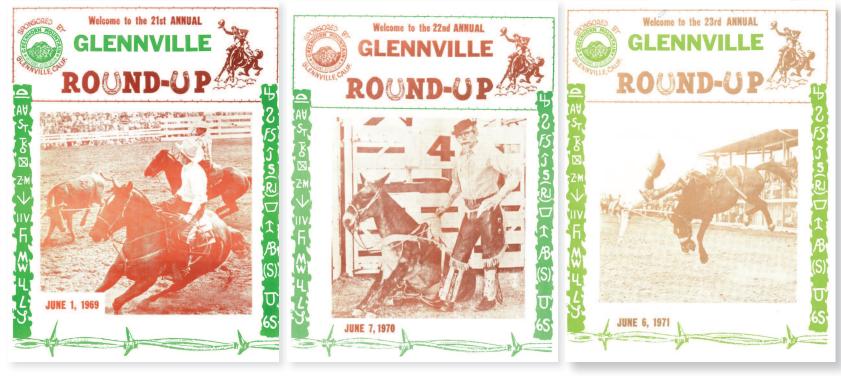
The Years 1969 - 1971

"1969 improvements included drinking water for people and livestock in the camp grounds, a new pump at the water well, sanding the rodeo arena, grand stand repairs, rebuilding the calf roping chute and repairing the barbecue pit."

> Don Maltby 1969 Commander



On the right side of photo the BBQ Committee unearths 1500 pounds of "native beef" from the deep pits to serve lunch to the rodeo crowd.

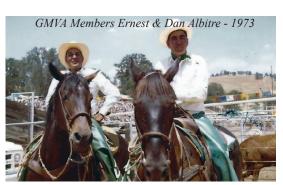


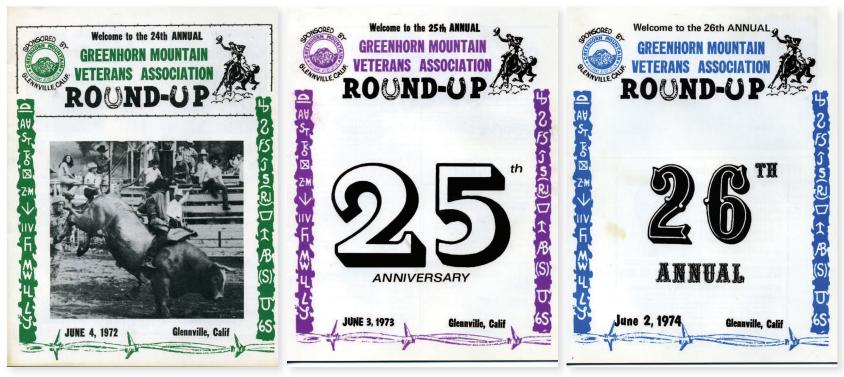
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The Years 1972 - 1974

The Veterans Community Hall is donated freely to school, church and community functions, such as graduation exercises, 4-H activities, and Christmas programs. Weddings, dances, dinners, meetings, reunions, funerals and receptions have all graced the hall. Horse shows, roping clubs and junior rodeos have stirred the arena. From skydivers landing in the arena to kick-off another rodeo, music videos filming in our bucking chutes, to church programs and community dances, the GMVA has been around to create a safe place for families to come and celebrate the beauty of the Greenhorn Mountains and the legacy of the American West.



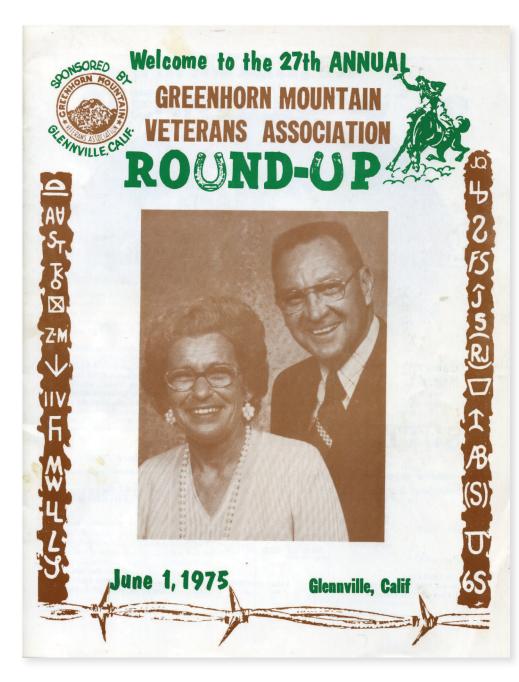




Commander: Gerald Maltby Women's Auxiliary President: Danzel Maltby Queen: Becky Holmes Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,000 - 6 events Commander: Chet Majors Women's Auxiliary President: Nancy Piercy Queen: Yolanda App Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,025 - 6 events

Commander: Harry Gregor, Jr. Queen: Robin Williams Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,025 - 6 events

The Year 1975





"Wildflowers are at the height of bloom in June, making the trip to Glennville a scenic weekend drive."

The Bakersfield Californian March 16, 1975



The 1975 Glennville Round-Up Rodeo Program cover featured Bob & Dorothy Williams, charter members in both the GMVA and the Women's Auxiliary. Working together they were the bookkeeping end of the rodeo weekend.

> Commander: Marvin Cunningham Grand Marshal: Bob and Dorothy Williams Queen: Lisa Holmes Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,025 - 6 events

"[he 'Year 1976"

"Toby Rean Minter, 39, third generation member of the pioneer Franklin Minter family born in Linns Valley, will preside as grand marshal at the 28th annual Glennville Roundup. The Minter family arrived in Linns Valley in 1864 during the later Gold Rush days. Minter Field bears the family name.

"Verna Vincent of Bakersfield told *The Californian* of her brother's background. To pioneer Franklin Minter was born a son, John, who - at the time of his death in 1948 - was believed the oldest Kern County native still living in Kern. John's son, Floyd "Toby" was born in Glennville in 1896.

"During WWII, the Minter family was acclaimed when Minter Field was named for Hugh Minter, an Air Force pilot instructor. Hugh was the son of "Chub," brother of John Minter, the grandfather of Toby Rean."

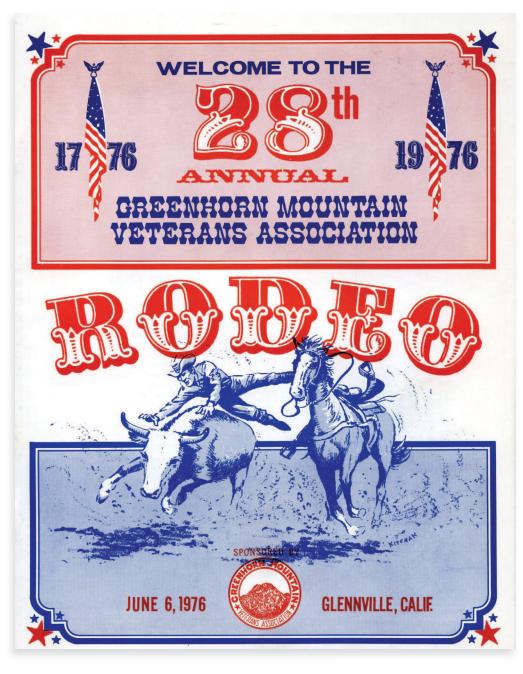
> The Bakersfield Californian June 4, 1976

"Members of the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association and Auxiliary are readying the building and grounds for the rodeo weekend June 5 & 6. This year's Glennville Roundup will mark the 28th year for the veterans. Jim Franks of Bakersfield is Commander of the GMVA.

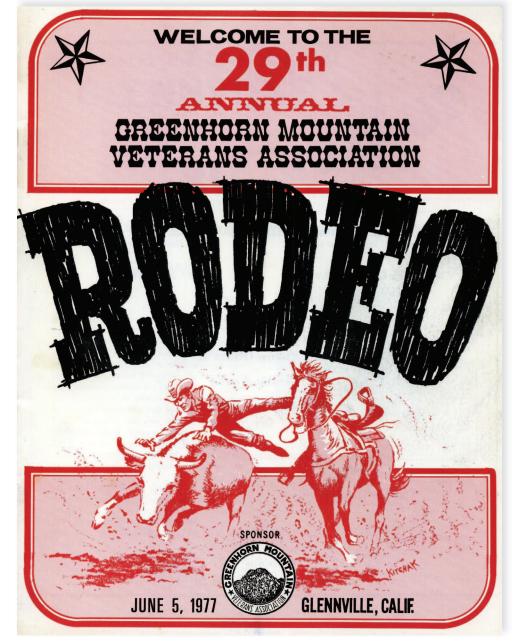
"Rodeo chairman Ken Snyder and Marvin Cunningham point out extra bonuses are offered this year. Merchants of Glennville have donated \$800, designating a \$100 bonus for the top winner of each of the six events in the Sunday rodeo. Another \$500 bonus for the "Outstanding Cowboy of the Day" has been donated by Jim Lanier of Lanier's Bicycle Shop, Oildale.

> The Bakersfield Californian May 25, 1976

Commander: Jim Franks Grand Marshal: Toby Rean Minter Queen: Janice Dodson Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$1,025 - 6 events



The Year 1977



Going back over seven decades, the official rodeo souvenir programs, shown in this book from the GMVA archives, were once the number one source for GMVA rodeo news, events, schedules, past results and other rodeo-related information. For the first 10 years of the annual GMVA Rodeo, the program cover called out the communities and businesses or "stops" along the way as you traveled up Greenhorn Mountain. It is interesting to see the changes as icons came and went throughout the years.

Beginning with the first program in 1949, and continuing through 1977, GMVA committee members were able to create memorable programs showcasing their loyal sponsors and rodeo events. Beginning in 1978, the GMVA rodeo information and local sponsor advertisements were inserted inside the Rodeo Magazine published by the Flying U Rodeo Company.

> Susan Stone GMVA Program Coordinator

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Eleanor Heiskell, a long time GMVA supporter asked the GMVA to consider constructing a helipad on the GMVA grounds. Doing so, would benefit the community through improving patient transport, and saving lives. With Eleanor's financial support, the decision to build the helipad was realized, allowing emergency services to better serve the local area communities.

> Commander: Jim Franks Women's Auxiliary President: Mary Stone Grand Marshal: Darrell Degler Queen: Dawn Bryan Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Stock Purse: \$1,980 - 6 events

The Year 1978



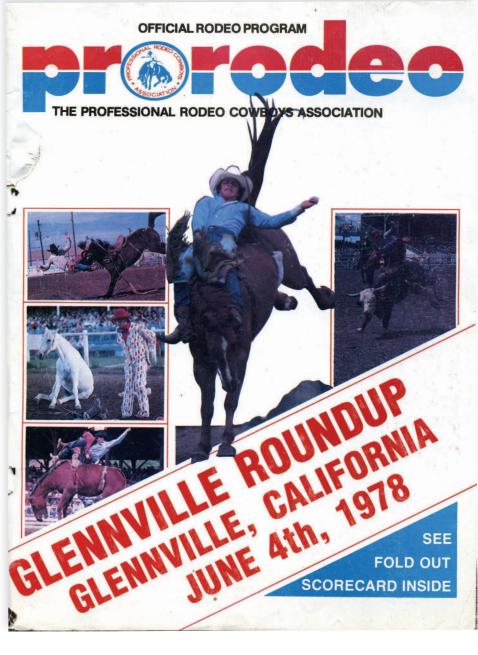
"For 51 weekends out of the year, this small community, snugly nestled at the base of Greenhorn Mountain, remains a quiet place, too small even to be called a cow town.

"Instead it is more a cluster of ranches that dot the hillsides and catch the eyes of those who wheel up and down the winding country roads.

"But for the first weekend in June, the town is no longer quiet. Instead, it becomes a gathering place for people from all over the country."

> The Bakersfield Californian June 10, 1978

Commander: Frank Shearer Women's Auxiliary President: Mary Stone Grand Marshals: Lawrence Snow, Rae Duvall & John McNally Queen: Peggy Dorsett Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$2,010 - 6 events



The Year 1979



When one of the giant oak trees fell on the rodeo grounds, members and volunteers got the job done by getting the 6'3" wide x 90' long tree removed.

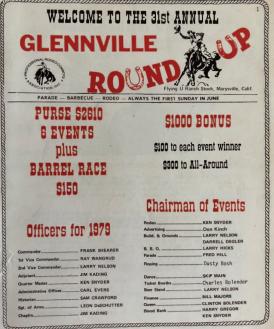
l-r: Dave Provincio, Easy Bernard, Bill Williams, Ken Snyder, Howard Bailey, John Wagy, Frank Shearer, Charles Bolender, Larry Nelson



"I was snapping out broncs for the old Flying U At forty a month, a plum good buckaroo... ...But I 'notices' something don't seem to be true But the brand on his hip Was the old Flying U."

Capital records Album BD "Bad Brahma Bull" written by Curly Fletcher sung by Tex Ritter





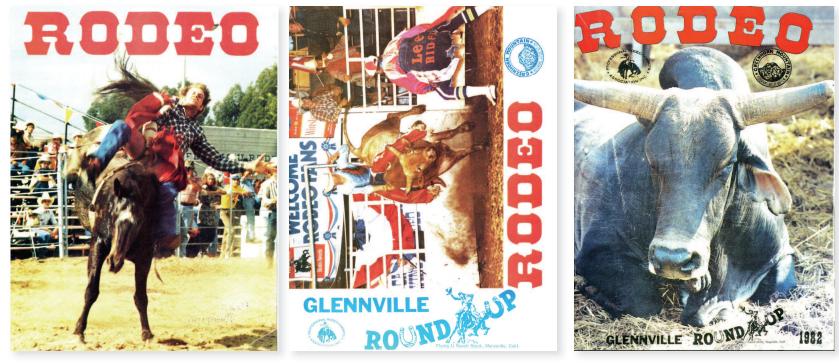
Commander: Frank Shearer Grand Marshal: Sam Crawford Queen: Kellie Jo Snow Stock Contractor: Flying U Ranch Stock Purse: \$2,610 - 6 events + \$150 Barrel Race





The Years 1980 - 1982





Commander: Ray Wangrud Grand Marshal: GMVA Women's Auxiliary Queen: Holly Heath Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$2,610 - 6 events

Commander: Ken Snyder Grand Marshal: William "Bill" Franz Queen: Lisa Mebane Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$2,610 - 6 events + \$150 barrel race

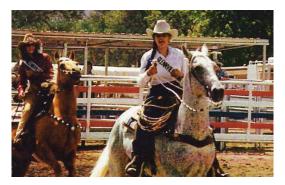
Commander: Ken Snyder Grand Marshal: Herb Queen Queen: Danette Albitre Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$2,610 - 6 events + \$150 Barrel Race

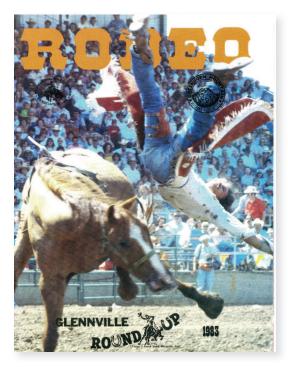
The Years 1983 - 1985



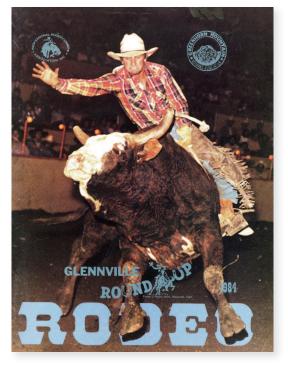
In 1984 patriotic sky divers, Ron Durham (native of Glennville) & LeRoy Howe, made perfect landings in the GMVA rodeo arena to kick off the events ranging from bareback riding, barrel racing and a fan favorite, the wild cow milking contest.

1985 GMVA Rodeo Queen, Andrea Albitre (r) enters the rodeo arena.

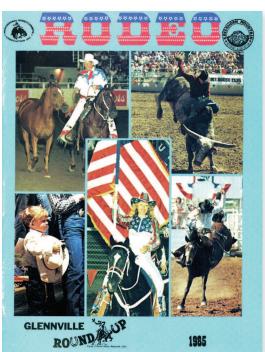




Commander: Ken Snyder Grand Marshal: Larry Nelson Queen: Suellen Penfield Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events +\$400 Barrel Race + \$1,000 Bonus



Commander: Jim Ferguson Grand Marshal: Howard Rogers Queen: Patti Knopf Stock Contractor: Flying "U" Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$400 Barrel Race + \$1,000 Bonus

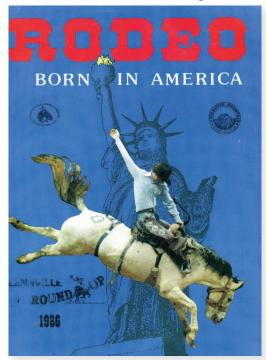


Commander: Larry Nelson Grand Marshal: Harry Gregor Queen: Andrea Albitre Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$400 Barrel Race + \$1,700 Bonus

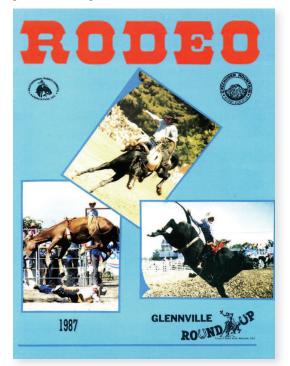
The Years 1986 - 1988



Dan Albitre & Marvin Cunningham

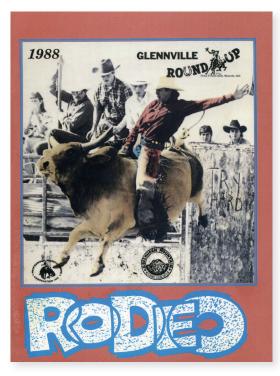


Commander: Dan Albitre Grand Marshal: Bill & Irene Majors Queen: Gina Handy Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race + \$1,000 Bonus It is the grand entry at any rodeo that some contestants say is more nerve-wracking than competing. It is the exciting opening to each and every performance. When the gate opens and rodeo officials, contestants, dignitaries and rodeo royalty appear on horseback, the performance has officially begun. Dan Albitre, carrying the American flag and Marvin Cunningham carrying the GMVA flag, will long be remembered for the speed with which they rode around the arena to present the flags front & center.



Commander: Charles Bolender Grand Marshal: Howard Bolender Queen: Tami Guidotti Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race + \$1,000 Bonus "I remember Ken Snyder and I cutting up an old oil tank we found in the oilfields outside of Bakersfield. We used that metal to weld sides on the steer chute area at the rodeo arena, replacing the old wood siding. Every night after work we would go to the rodeo grounds to weld and work on the arena. We had a lot of fun down there."

> Charles Bolender 1987, 1988, 1992 & 1993 GMVA Commander



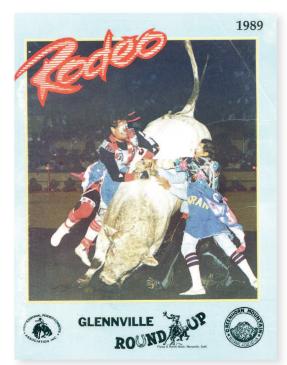
Commander: Charles Bolender Grand Marshal: Art Strong Queen: Christine Ingram Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race + \$1,000 Bonus

The Years 1989 - 1991

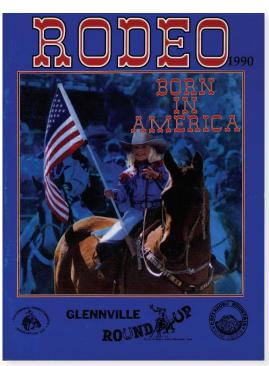


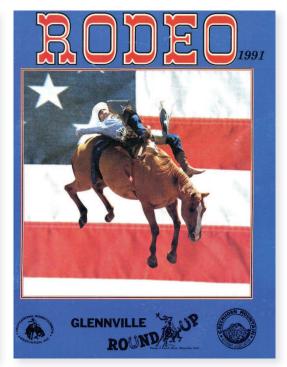
"Glennville has become so popular over the years that people have begun showing up two days in advance to garner a choice camping spot. The same people come year after year and ask for a spot to be saved for them. The professional part of the Glennville rodeo has become one of the largest one-day sanctioned rodeos in the area."

> Lois Henry. Bakersfield Californian June 3, 1990



Commander: Sam J. Ryan Grand Marshal: T. V. "Mitch" Mitchell Queen: Misty Pizzino Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

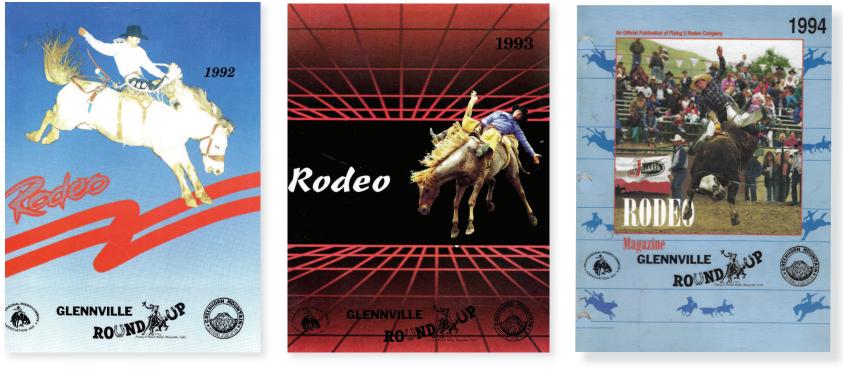




Commander: Sam J. Ryan Grand Marshal: Mary Stone Queen: Michelle Lynn Taylor Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race Commander: Sam J. Ryan Grand Marshal: Grant Grisedale Queen: Rachel Hickerson Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

The Years 1992 - 1994

The song and video "Red Rock," by the group Smokin' Armadillos, is a story about the 1987 world champion bull rider, Lane Frost, and the 1987 bucking bull of the year, Red Rock. The video was filmed in Woody, California and the GMVA Rodeo arena and bucking chutes in 1993. In 1994, GMVA Commander Howard Bailey knew the organization had to do something to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance and improvements of both the hall and grounds at that time. The rodeo was not able to generate enough funds for the growing needs of the GMVA facilities. After investigating many options, he decided the community would support a reverse drawing dinner and dance ... and history was made. The annual GMVA Reverse Drawing Dinner and Dance continues to put forth their best efforts to present an evening of great food, fellowship and fun, all while raising the much needed funds for GMVA projects. This annual fund-raiser has helped the GMVA purchase a new heating and cooling system, new bathroom flooring and fixtures, new kitchen flooring, appliance improvements, grandstand needs, back patio paving, outdoor sink, and update the plumbing.



Commander: Charles Bolender Grand Marshal: Russ Carver Queen: Brenda Pitts Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race Commander: Charles Bolender Grand Marshal: Bill Carver Queen: Kim Kleinman Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race Commander: Howard Bailey Grand Marshal: Dorothy Albitre Queen: Brenn Burtch Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

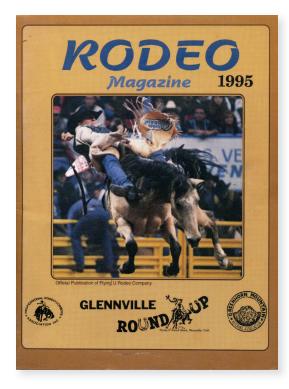
The Years 1995 - 1997

"We were just hard working men and women that didn't know how to ask for money. Friends like Bill Hampton donated GMVA their first water truck. The sprinklers that were originally installed on top of the perimeter fence would not reach the middle of the arena. We had people staying up all night moving sprinklers around before the rodeos in order to keep the arena wet. Tommy Boyd, a welder from Bakersfield, would never join the association but would take a week off of work each year and bring his trailer up to the GMVA Park and help us prepare for the rodeo. So many people volunteered to help us maintain the Community Hall.....the rodeo being one important event for raising those needed funds."

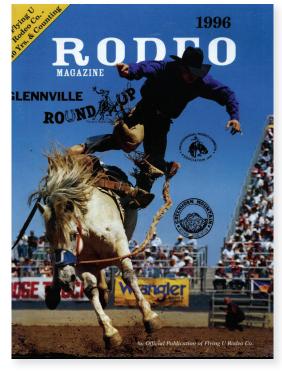
> Howard Bailey 1994 -1995 Commander



To celebrate the rodeo's 30th Anniversary, 15 former GMVA Miss Glennville Rodeo queens gathered for the rodeo parade



Commander: Howard Bailey Grand Marshal: Albert Darling Queen: Melissa Moore Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race



Commander: Gerald Knopf Grand Marshal: Floyd Burcham Queen: Amanda Grace Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race Commander: Jim Hixson Grand Marshal: Daniel "Augie" Aughinbaugh Queen: Shannon Gummere Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

The Years 1998 - 2000

"Our 50th annual rodeo was cold, rainy with snow skirting the mountains around us. The steer wrestlers looked like they were on water skies when they performed. Attendance was down but the show went on."

> Clinton Bolender, 1998 - 1999 Commander

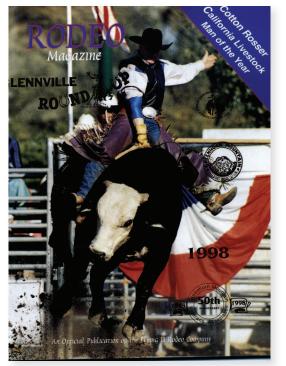
"It takes generation after generation to make this event happen and I sincerely hope that the upcoming generations will be able to do just that...keep it happening." Jerry Vincent - 2000 Grand Marshal

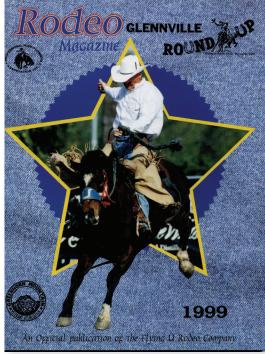
"Fifty years ago we put the first two shows on with the portable arena. Then the GMVA built the arena that is still used in Glennville today." *John McNally, 1998*

"The little mountain community of 131 residents has hosted the event for 50 years. The rising costs and declining profits threatened to end the GMVA annual rodeo. It all depends on how our finances look and sponsor support is needed to keep the 50-year tradition going."



Parade participants Zack & Garret Blanton





Clint Bolender, June 1998



Commander: Kirk Mouser Women's Auxiliary President: Cathy Houchin Grand Marshal: Jerry D. Vincent Queen: Maddi Wheat Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

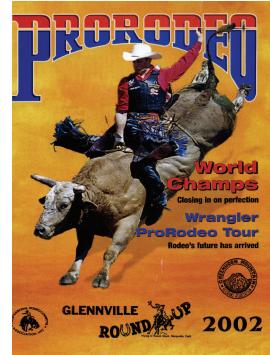
Commander: Clinton Bolender Grand Marshals: John McNally & Lawrence Snow Queen: Krisha Nielsen Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race Commander: Clinton Bolender Grand Marshal: Sam J. Ryan Queen: Amy Harl Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

The Years 2001 - 2003



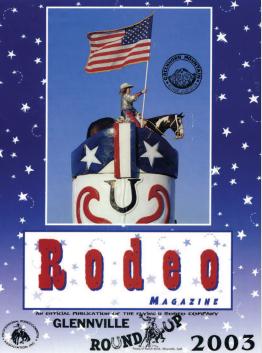
Rain or Shine its RODEO Time!!!

Hours of labor go into making the dirt just right for any rodeo arena. "We work on our arena all year long," said Joe Trahan, Rodeo Chairman. "If we don't get it right, the barrel racers have trouble with it, the team ropers have trouble. It has to be good for the contestants, the animals and for the cowboys alike." Local area equipment companies donate tractors each year to help the GMVA insure that the grooming and raking continues throughout the rodeo between events.

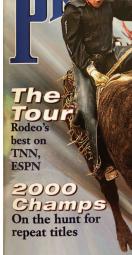


Commander: Kirk Mouser Women's Auxiliary President: Sharon Hixson Grand Marshal: Harry Gregor Queen: Danielle Nielsen Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race





Commander: Clinton Bolender Women's Auxiliary President: Sharon Hixson Grand Marshal: Tommy Boyd Queen: Tamari Cawley Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race



GLENNVILLE

Commander: Kirk Mouser

Women's Auxiliary President: Cathy Houchin

Grand Marshal: Paul Thompson

Oueen: Michelle Bertrand

Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co.

Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events + \$500 Barrel Race

2001

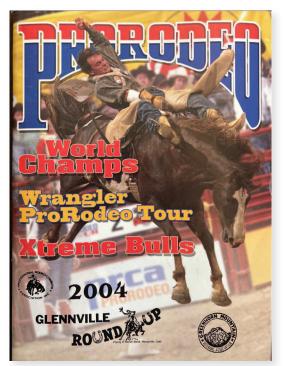
The Years 2004-2006

"As I reflect on my time as GMVA Commander, I have two particularly fond memories. One is the fact that GMVA members Grant Grisedale and Joe Trahan asked me to be Commander. It was, for me, a significant compliment. The second memory that rises to the top was the huge American Flag we unfolded in the arena prior to the rodeo itself as part of the opening ceremony. There were perhaps forty of us involved and I remember holding my part of the flag and looking up into the grandstand and seeing all the crowd with their hats off honoring the flag. To me it was chilling and unforgettable." *Karl Johnson, 2004-2005 Commander* "The sign outside Glennville says the population is 131. By the end of this weekend, the little mountain town will have welcomed some 4,000 visitors -- and the locals are ready."

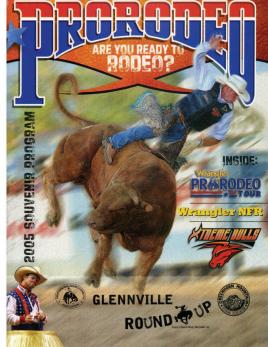
The Bakersfield Californian 2006

"The GMVA became a big part of my life and some of the best memories are with my friends working side by side to help bring people to Glennville to enjoy rodeo at it's best in this beautiful, natural setting. May your loop find its mark, may you never miss your dally, and may you have a winning time today."

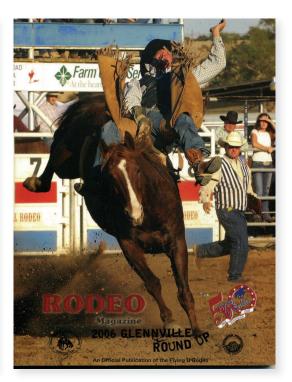
> Howard Bailey 2006 Grand Marshal



Commander: Karl Johnson Women's Auxiliary President: Lou Glick Grand Marshal: Charles Bolender Queen: Ashley Anne App Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$3,000 - 6 events Barrel Race \$500



Commander: Karl Johnson Women's Auxiliary President: Cherie Ayers Grand Marshal: Claire Gregor Queen: Misty Jauch Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$10,500 - 7 events

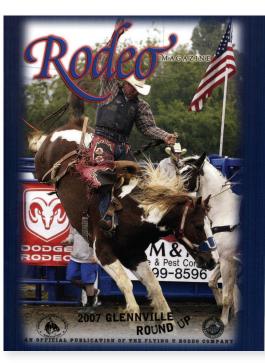


Commander: Ken Kisor Women's Auxiliary President: Ramona Barnett Grand Marshal: Howard Bailey Queen: Samantha Lozano Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$7,000 - 7 events

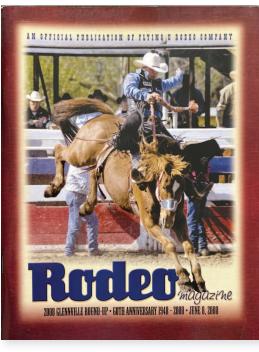
The Years 2007-2009



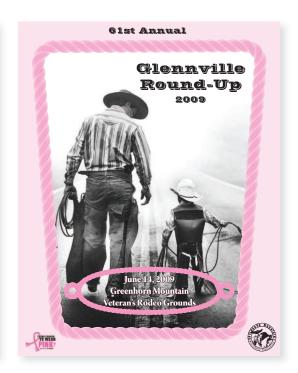
In 2008, the Ken Kisor Patio was erected in the area behind the community hall creating a covered outdoor area for food service and seating. Named in honor of Ken Kisor, 2006-2008 Commander, the mastermind behind the idea and who was active in its construction. In 2009, improvements were made to the beer stand next to the rodeo arena as well as to the observation deck above it, creating excellent views of all the rodeo action. In 2009, the GMVA Board made the decision to bring the creation of the rodeo souvenir program back in-house, no longer being an insert in the Flying U Rodeo Company magazine. By doing so, they were able to add local information, more sponsorship ads, and customizing the programs.



Commander: Ken Kisor Women's Auxiliary President: Lynn Maas Grand Marshal: Grant Grisedale Queen: Ashley Ledbetter Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$14,000 - 7 events



Commander: Ken Kisor Women's Auxiliary President: Lynn Maas Grand Marshal: John App, Sr. Queen: Jennifer Pewitt Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$14,000 - 7 events



Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Ken Small Queen: Tyana Hawker Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$16,000 - 7 events

The Years 2010-2012

Prefiert bucking chutes were purchased in 2011. These chutes are the same used in the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) and the PRCA National Finals Rodeo. Having these chutes gives our livestock and competitors the very best in safety and comfort in the high intensity sport of rodeo. These chutes also allow GMVA Glennville Round-Up Rodeo to host a Professional Bull Riders event in the future.

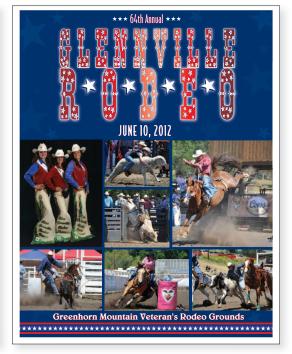


GMVA member, Jeff Stone, along with Wells Fargo Bank, sponsored a \$2 gold coin scavenger hunt in the rodeo arena Youngsters filled the arena searching for that shiny coin. Waving at their families cheering them on from the grandstands as they searched the very arena floor the rodeo stock and rodeo cowboys would soon be competing on. Missed \$2 gold coins were found the following year as the arena floor was being prepared for the 2013 show.



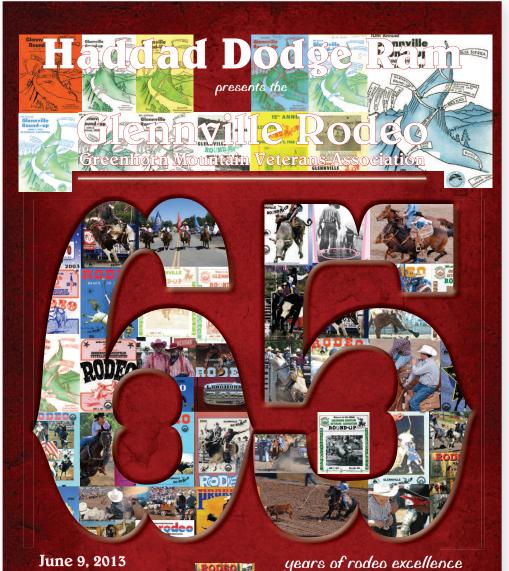


Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Eleanor Heiskell Queen: Sophia Fisher Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$16,000 - 7 events Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Mona Carver Queen: Abby Grisedale Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$16,000 - 7 events



Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshals: Jack Trapp & Augie Aughinbaugh Queen: Lindsey Kaiser Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$16,000 - 7 events

The Year 2013



Greenhorn Mou Greenan's Rodeo Grounds

l-r Dee Jaspar, Gary Watt, Ken Kisor, Joe Trahan, Mike Manny, Commander Bret Rogers

In 2013, Joseph Trahan and the GMVA Board of Directors received thanks from the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, California Circuit, for their safe, fair and consistent ground.



Glennville Rodeo (l-r) Kammie Varley, Little Princess, Cassie Varley, Princess, Amanda Bassett,

Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Arnold "Smitty" Smith Jr. Queen: Callie Bassett Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$16,000 - 7 events

The Year 2014

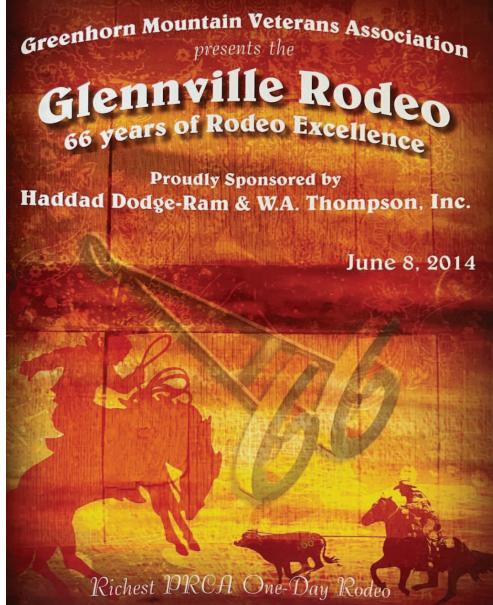


In 2014, the GMVA Legacy Award was initiated, recognizing individuals or businesses who made game-changing contributions to create a better

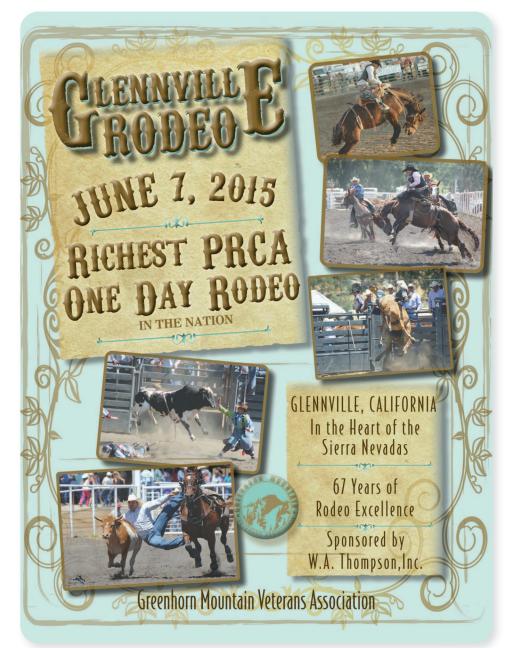
Glennville Rodeo year-after-year. Legacy Award Spurs were awarded during the rodeo. With the support of sponsors, the rodeo and community hall will continue to provide services to our local communities. Mary Trichell and her son, John, accepted the first Legacy Award from Commander Bret Rogers.



Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Stanley Haught Legacy Award: Mary Trichell Queen: Calli Grant Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$22,000 - 7 events



The Year 2015





Color Guard Rodeo Parade l-r Ethan Francis, Caden Grisedale, Brant Grisedale, Jacob Rogers, Drew Francis

"Glennville Rodeo is this small town's biggest weekend. Don't let the 5,000 or so guests and 200-plus competitors fool you. The Glennville Rodeo might be big, but its organizers haven't forgotten its humble beginnings as a small, local



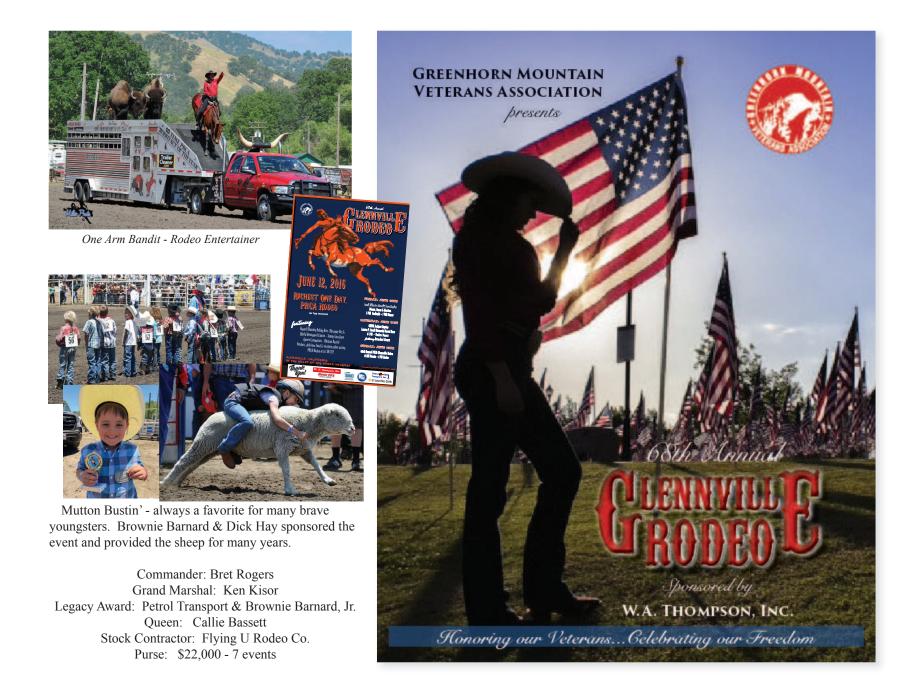
event 67 years ago. The crowds are bigger, the stock animals tougher, but it's still the same rodeo, put on by the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association, that generations have come to know and love. 'The small-town feeling is still

there,' said Erin Rogers, GMVA quartermaster. The people who put it on are still the people who live there." *The Bakersfield Californian*

June 4, 2015

Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Joseph Trahan Legacy Award: Emporium Western Store Queen: Dominique Mantel Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$22,000 - 7 events

The Year 2016



The Year 2016 The Cedar Fire

Two months following the GMVA Glennville Round-Up Rodeo in 2016, the Cedar Fire broke out in the Cedar Creek campground 10 miles east of Glennville. When evacuation precautions were issued for the areas of Panorama Heights, Balance Rock and Posey, the GMVA grounds and community hall were put into full action as it served the needs of 30 residents from those areas, and over 900 firefighters and emergency personnel.

Fire command center was set up on August 20, 2016 at the GMVA grounds. Donations of food, water, pet supplies and personal supplies were among the many items donated by the communities to assist those impacted by the fire.

The Cedar Fire destroyed over 29,000 acres in Kern County. Bret Rogers, GMVA Commander, his wife Erin and daughter Lora were the backbone of organizing the volunteers and the rodeo grounds to care for anyone in need.

Members of the Glennville community and the GMVA were put into service. They quickly learned that the





Cedar Fire Command Center GMVA Rodeo Arena



Cedar Fire Command Center Firefighters Camp - GMVA grounds



GMVA facility was more than adequate to accommodate the needs of evacuees and fire personnel. "It made me proud to see our community come together to serve the evacuees and the firefighters," stated Bret Rogers, 2016 Commander.

The GMVA rodeo grounds and hall are a designated emergency evacuation site for residents and livestock.

In 2021 the rodeo grounds were once again providing water and resources to help fight the French Fire burning in the Greenhorn Mountains. The rodeo grounds welcomed families and animals impacted. RV campers, trailers were also welcomed. GMVA Commander Gary Watt, along with volunteers from the community were instrumental in once again providing essentials for the community and firefighters.





The Year 2017

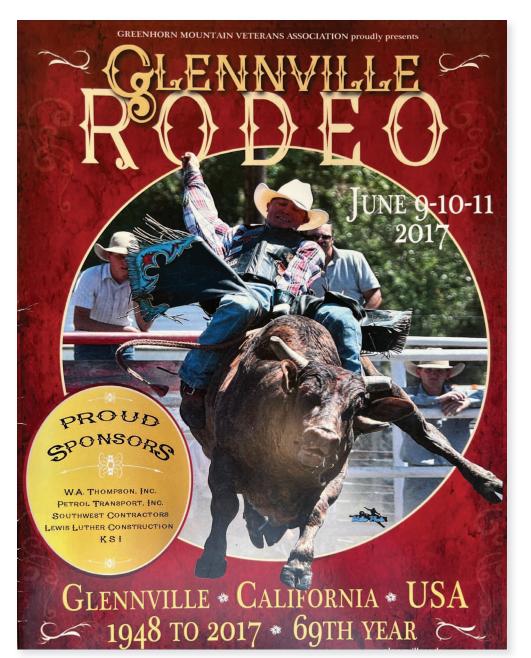
The GMVA grounds took a hard hit after the Cedar Fire with so many large trucks, constant traffic, and watering to control dust, that all the roads in and around the facility had to be repaired and repaved. With reclamation funds received from the Cedar Fire, GMVA was able to repave and seal all the roads—ready for the 2017 rodeo.

The amazing rainfall that started on January 1, 2017 had been an answer to many a rancher's prayer. The newly paved roads in the GMVA grounds were no match for the force of water flowing down Angel Creek. The culvert and road in the campground area were completely washed away with the power of five inches of rain in one 24-hour period.

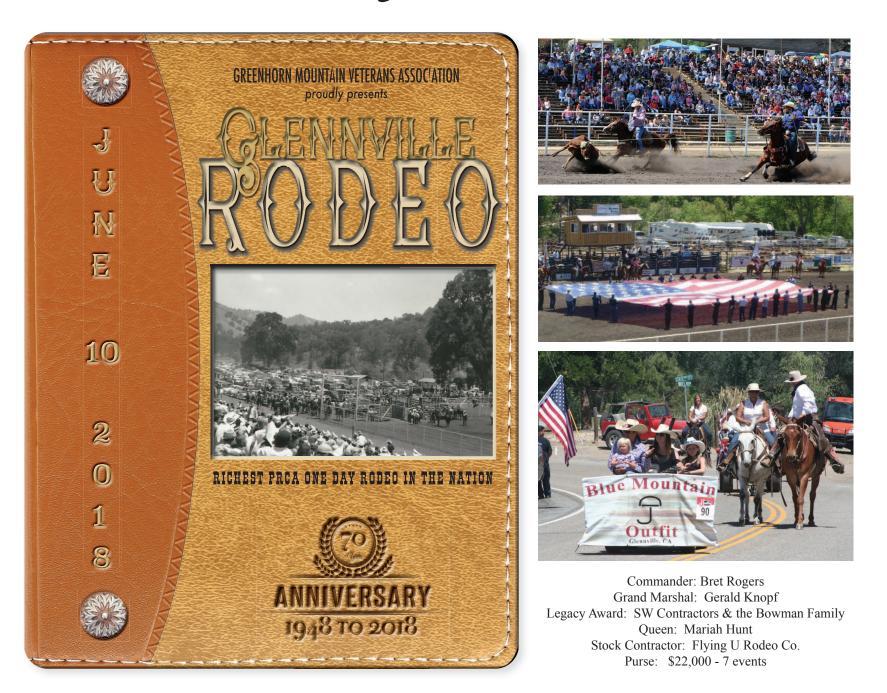
Additionally, the 2017 annual GMVA Reverse Drawing raised \$10,000 which was designated by the Board to go directly to improvement of the facility. New energy efficient lighting and ceiling fans improving air flow in the hall was completed.



Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Howard & Joanie Bailey Legacy Award: Schwebel Petroleum & David Etter Queen: Skyler Brown Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$22,000 - 7 events



The Year 2018



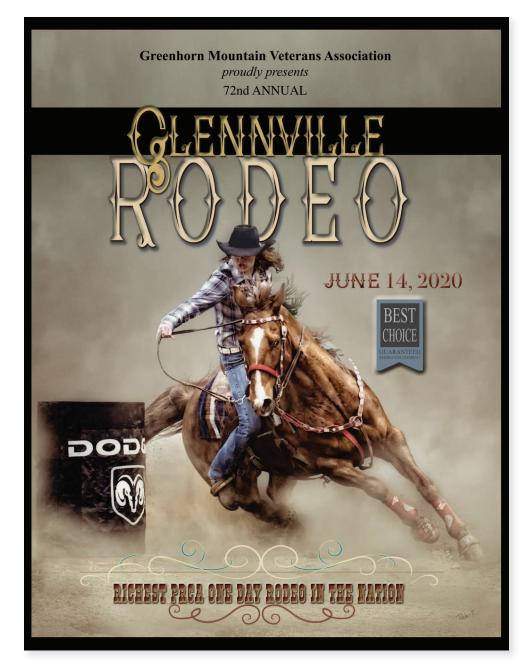
The Year 2019



Commander: Bret Rogers Grand Marshal: Lannah Stockton Legacy Award: Ken Small & KSI Queen: Megan Winkler Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$22,000 - 7 events



'[he 'Year 2020



With everything 2020 and the pandemic threw at the GMVA, this cover never made it to final print. The loss of the 2020 Glennville Rodeo was a big deal for this not-forprofit organization. Many local businesses were a part of this rodeo, from restaurants, bars and hotels, to retailers, stock contractors and sponsors who support Western culture throughout our community.

It was a difficult decision to make at the time, but Commander Gary Watt and the GMVA Board of Directors felt that to do their part in slowing the spread of the virus, the 2020 GMVA Rodeo needed to be canceled. We applaud the Glennville Rodeo Board for putting the safety of all participants, family, friends, and spectators first.

Megan Winkler, 2019 Miss Rodeo Glennville Queen, represented GMVA for two years due to the pandemic and the canceling of the 2020 rodeo.



The young ladies representing the GMVA through the Miss Rodeo Glennville competition travel to different PRCA rodeos such as Tehachapi, Kern County Fair, Springville



Rodeo, Bakersfield Stampede Days, and many more.

> They also visit children recovering from cancer treatments at the Lauren Small Children's Center at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, the first

comprehensive pediatric program in Kern County. Their visit brings a smile to everyone's face.

Commander: Gary Watt 1st Vice Commander: Jeremy Koop 2nd Vice Commander: Jake Brubaker Board of Directors: Dee Jaspar, Ryan Winkler, John Thomson, Pat Shreffler, Jeff Stone

The Year 2021



Presley Watt, Miss Rodeo Glennville Princess waves to the crowd.

"Girls vying for princess, junior princess and queen at the annual Glennville Rodeo Round-Up must have



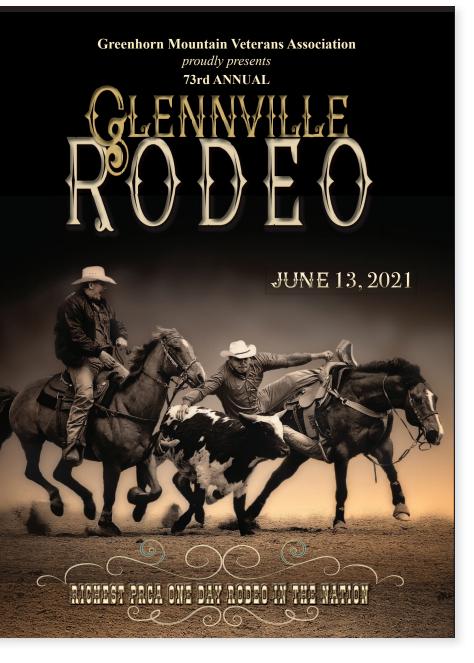
a firm knowledge of horsemanship plus public speaking skills. With Wranglers and blazer, shiny belt buckle and boots, a cowgirl's dress is a bit more practical than Miss USA and her evening gown.

"The queen's spoils include a two-horse trailer and a crown, of course. Winners also receive saddles, jewelry, spurs and buckles. After the

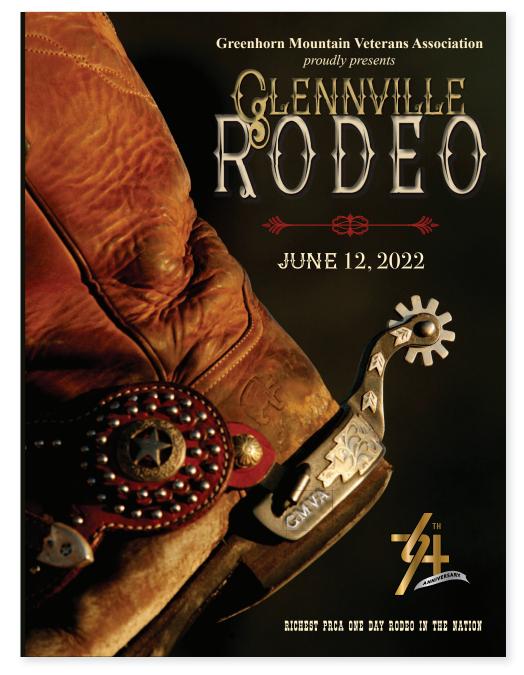
downtown parade and cowboy church service held in the GMVA community hall on Sunday, you can watch the queen's grand coronation during this little town's big rodeo, a Glennville tradition since the end of World War II."

The Bakersfield Californian 2021

Commander: Gary Watt Grand Marshal: Mary Trichell Legacy Award: Joe Trahan Queen: Taylor Brown Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$23,000 - 7 events



The Year 2022





A Cowboys Cowboy Cotton Rosser 1928–2022

"I never imagined my rodeo career would be like this. I'm the richest guy in the world with memories and friends. I've loved every minute of the rodeo business and I would do it all over again. It has been a great experience." *Cotton Rosser* 2019 ProRodeo Sports News



In 2022, an additional covered pavilion was constructed at the south end of the grandstands to better facilitate the viewing.



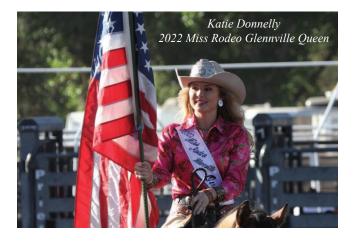
Commander: Gary Watt Grand Marshal: Jim & Dianna Lewis Legacy Award: Howard Hay & Courtney Howard Queen: Katie Donnelly Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co. Purse: \$30,000 - 7 events

The Year 2023

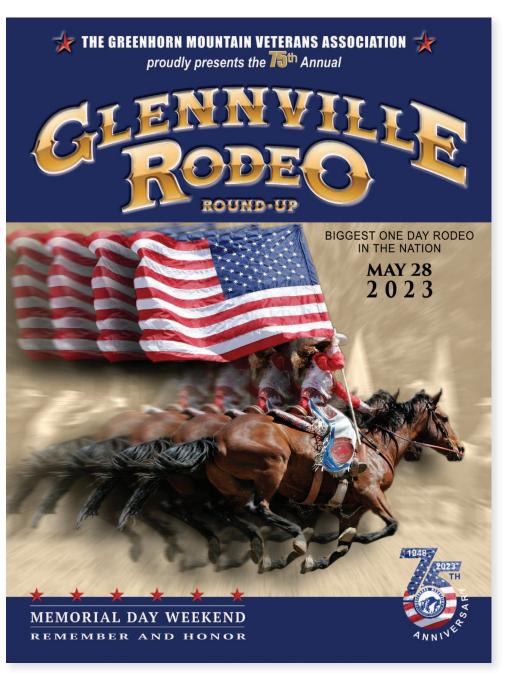
"As a teenager in the 1970's, the anticipation of what was to come at the annual Glennville Rodeo made the rodeo one of the highlights of the year for me and this little community. We couldn't wait to dress up, see our friends, and dance the night away."

Gary Watt, 2020-2023 Commander

The GMVA Board, under the leadership of Commander Gary Watt and 2nd Commander Jeremy Koop, seized the opportunity immediately following the 2022 rodeo to make changes and improvements. With the 75th anniversary approaching in 2023, ambitious decisions were made. One of those being the changing of the rodeo date to Memorial Day weekend, the first time in 73 years that the rodeo would not be held during the first half of June. With the new date moved to a holiday weekend, the GMVA sponsored rodeo will currently be the only rodeo held in California during that weekend, drawing a great crowd and a larger number of contestants to enjoy the 2023 GMVA Round-Up Rodeo.



Commander: Gary Watt Stock Contractor: Flying U Rodeo Co.



Community Events Throughout the Years

In 2007, the GMVA facilities were donated for the Thomas Midnight Pewitt "TMP" Memorial Ranch Rodeo. The Pewitt Family created this non-profit organization to honor their son, "Midnight," by helping hard working students of agriculture and athletics pursuing higher education, while showcasing various ranching skills of the American cowboy." Scholarships were presented each year to deserving students. The weekend event was held a few weeks prior to the GMVA rodeo and continued to grow and prosper as they provided children with a weekend full of ranching and rodeo activities. The GMVA Board, committee members and volunteers once again came together for the benefit of the community for this event.





GMVA partnered with the Small Miracles Foundation in 2010, providing the Community Hall for a fundraiser dinner and auction. Small Miracles Foundation is a way to help families cope with the financial, emotional, and physical strain of having a child with cancer. Since its inception, the Foundation has given many local families the "small miracles" that make a big difference as their child fights cancer - such as providing transportation to treatments, meals, and financial assistance. One hundred percent of funds raised locally, stay local!

In honor of Lauren Small and the courage she demonstrated throughout her cancer journey, the Lauren Small Children's Center at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital is the first comprehensive pediatric program in Kern County and is fully approved by California Children's Services.

In 2015, a small publication called, "*In the Loop*," was published twice a year and contained information about past and future rodeos, local stories, current and upcoming events. and editorial pieces from members of the community. These were handed out free at local restaurants and stores. Another example of the GMVA holding to their commitment made in 1948 to promote social activity and community welfare.



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"The GMVA, along with local businesses, joined together to raise money for Honor Flight Kern County, an organization that sends World War II and Korean War Veterans back to Washington D.C. to see their memorials. It is a life–changing experience that every veteran should have the opportunity to experience. Another one of the many events the GMVA is involved in."

> Bret Rogers 2009 - 2019 Commander Longest serving Commander to date



Community Events Throughout the Years





Future cowboys and cowgirls have a chance to shine, compete and have a lot of fun at junior rodeos held several times a year in the GMVA rodeo arena. Today the GMVA Board of Directors and its officers look back with pride and forward with hope and confidence as a new generation carries on the work so well advanced by the old. Building a solid foundation for the future of professional rodeo, the youth of today will carry on that legacy.



Acknowledgements

The sport of rodeo is representative of the path our ancestors forged, and may be one of the last mass cultural events that connect us to the animals who helped us form our lives today. However, the West is changing. Urbanization, drought, and public land growth threaten the livelihoods of the past, forcing many residents to seek work elsewhere.

However, the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association continues to work together to keep the rodeo tradition and community camaraderie alive. Every individual is important and needed to pull off this small town rodeo and community events. Confident in the future, the GMVA volunteers of prior years have passed the rodeo's reins to a new generation as they strive to continue what the founding members of this proud and hardworking association set out to achieve in *The Year 1948.....*

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and so many more

"Fellow Veterans, we are assembled again to promote social and community welfare. Do not let petty grievances or trivial personal conflicts influence our lives. Let us always be unselfish toward, and loyal to, the Government of the United States". *Major O.R.* "Bob" Robinson - 1948 GMVA Commander

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