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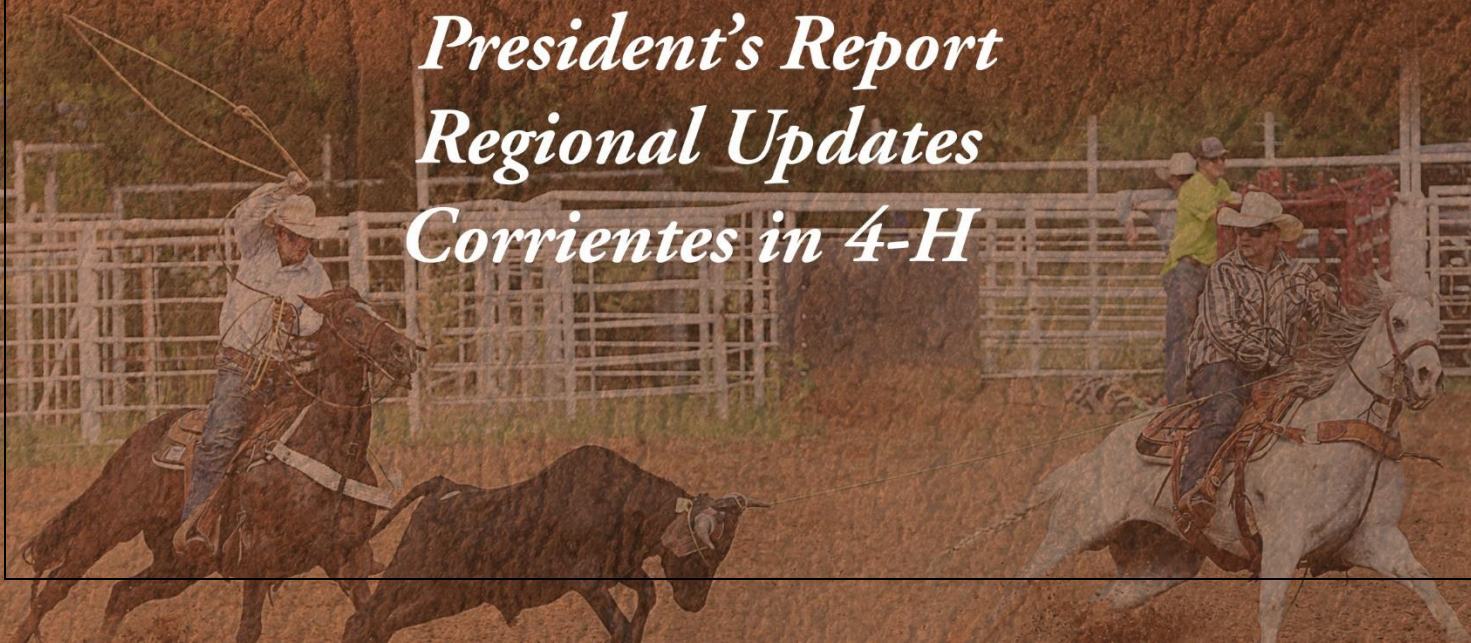


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Hello Again,

This is continuing to be one of the strangest years in history. From devastating wildfires in the west to drought in the north and Midwest and floods in other areas across the country. Not to mention the resurgence of the Covid virus. Through it all, Corriente cattle continue to provide recreational opportunities to hundreds of thousands of people across the country. From backyard jackpots to the largest ropings and rodeos in the country. In times like these, people need to relax, have some fun, and destress. When that is over, they also provide food and fiber for hundreds of thousands of people.

For many of us in the NACA, they also give us the opportunity to live out our dreams of a western lifestyle and make a living by having a working cattle ranch.

On to business – We finally have an official trademark and logo. I believe this will help make our group stand out from all the others and to help protect the businesses of the members selling meat. Now we just need to use it and get the information out to the consumers.

We just finished up with the 1st virtual show. It appears that it was a success. We had more than the anticipated number of entries. The mechanics of it seemed to work all right and the participants seemed to be happy. One thing I noticed was that the entrants seemed to come from much broader parts of the country. I think this means that there are quite a few people out there that want to show their cattle and maybe they just didn't have the time or resources to haul half way across the country. I'm pretty sure we will be seeing more of this in the future.

The website is up and running. It is not completed yet. We would still like to have some additional information on it and some other add ons. I believe we will get there, we just need to keep plugging away.

Next year is the 40th anniversary of NACA. If anyone has any ideas about what to do to commemorate that, please get in touch with Nikki or any of your Board of Directors.

That's all for now. Remember, you land where you look, so keep your head up and your eyes forward.

See you down the trail,

Rick Schlutz, NACA President

2021 Board Members:

Vice President, Audie Morris, TX
Secretary, David Woodham, TX
Ray Radford, TN

Joshua Martinez, MS
Monte Alkire, IL
Calvin Schwartz, NE



Dear NACA Membership:

Can you believe it is September already? The years keep flying by and with that so many changes in life. In the past month, I have fielded plenty of calls from people looking for corriente cows for their beef bulls to contractors looking for anyone that has a surplus of roping steers. I'm not sure what the future holds for the market of corriente cattle, but just listening to what is going on, my gut feeling is telling me that roping cattle will be a hot commodity this next spring. I sure wouldn't be leaving any money on the table; and if you need help marketing your cattle, please contact me in the office. I usually have some leads across the United States.

We had a great turnout for our First Annual Virtual Show. Thank you so much for all that entered the show, and thank you for your patience as we put it all together. We will definitely have one every year as we had members that participated that we hardly ever see at regular shows. If you have any input on how we could do better, please let me know. Look for the full results further on in this newsletter.

You know it's September when we start talking about the annual PACA show in Gillette, Wyoming. This year the dates are September 16-18, 2021. Sounds like the guys have a full calendar for those days. There will also be a regular membership meeting along with the yearly election. An email has been sent out about the election, if you did not receive it, please let me know so you can vote!

As always, please contact me if you have questions, concerns, or need anything.
Happy Trails ~ Nikki

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Updates from Our Regions



Greetings from the great state of Texas, we're enjoying a milder summer with more rain than normal for this time of year; so for us in Texas it's been a great season so far. We're all calved out down here and looking forward to selling some great roping cattle soon.

We just had our members meeting and while we would have enjoyed the opportunity to all sit together for the meeting, we chose this year to do it over the phone. We went over our budget for the year and other updates but most importantly we elected our new board. David Rose came off the board this year, he's been a great asset to our group but with his work and family commitment he chose not to run again. Our newest board member is Scott Backer from Bowie Texas. Scott has had some Corriente cattle for a while and he recently purchased some replacement heifers from Ruby Rose and Uno Cattle Co. Scott's been in the oil field business for 35 years and is married to his wife Shannon. They have two sons and two grandchildren. Those of us in the TCCA are excited Scott's joined our board and are looking forward to his input in the future.

Immediately after our members meeting, we had a board meeting to elect officers for the 2021-2022 year, David "Uno" Woodham is remaining as President, Audie Morris is the Vice President and Tim Raley is our secretary. Our other board members besides the listed officers and Scott Backer, Kinnan Goleman, Russell Barham and Jonathan Holder.

At our board meeting we discussed the possibility of the TCCA holding a show in 2022. It's still a preliminary discussion with nothing decided as of yet. We're looking into it and may have another, like we've done in the past, yearling show or go ahead and do a full show. We'll keep the NACA posted on what we decide, but should we have a show. We are hoping to see all our NACA friends show up with cattle and enjoy the fellowship.

That's about all we have to update right now, but I'm hoping we can continue with small articles in the future in upcoming issues of the "Corresponder". If you're ever in our area please give us a call, we'll show you a good time while you're in the great state of Texas! -written by David Woodham, TCCA President

The Midwest is the land of infinite variety going from a great hay year last year to the worst hay year of my "38" year career. It got so bad, I saw two rattlesnakes sharing a canteen of water. On the bright side, we sure have the right breed of cattle for a drought as they are just as fat as they normally would be. The whole west part of the United States is burning up with fires and drought, it isn't just a concentrated place, it covers quite an area. So hang in there, it could get better. See you in Gillette at the PACA Show.

P.S. Don't pet a wild buffalo. -written by #5, Tucker Ashley, Complaint Manager at the PACA Show



In the Southeast we came out of winter with 30 % of our hay crop to carry over. Rains have been abundant. At the end of Aug we are 9 in above our average. Cattle sales in the Spring were slow, about the second week in June someone opened the gate and cattle sales have been at an accelerated pace. New and repeat customers tell us that because of Covid they have been on solitude. Customers are happy about getting out and back in the groove. As we enter September pastures are lush, green, and cows mud fat. We have been pricing roping steers at \$600.00 and are seeing some activity. The stage is being set for a great fall in the Corriente business. - written by Ray Radford, Smyrna Tennessee



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NACA 1st Annual Virtual Show

The NACA sponsored its first annual sanctioned virtual show this summer. As we move forward thru the COVID year and trying to keep members involved, it was decided to throw an online virtual show on the schedule. All I can say is, the NACA is still very much alive throughout the country! We had some outstanding entries that were sent in from all over the United States-Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Idaho, Colorado, California, Montana, South Dakota and Oregon. There were seventy-seven entries from fifteen different ranches. The NACA should be proud of the quality livestock that we are producing.

We tried to keep the format the same as a regular in person show. In regards to sanctioning there still had to be over six entries in a class from three different showmen. There were ten classes that received entries, with six of them being NACA sanctioned. The entrant was to send in their form with four different angles of the animal and also a video showing the animal moving. There were some technical difficulties with some of the videos, so that was not counted against the entry if they weren't able to get it to the office. All photo entries were then uploaded to an online gallery where our NACA judges were given first look. The judges were then sent a spreadsheet with all of the entries to start the viewing. Russell Drury from Mississippi judged the bull and performance entries and Dusty Schwartz from Nebraska judged the females. The judges were given a week to finalize their results. The results were then loaded on our website and on Facebook for the public to view.

If there was an overall showman award to be given out, it would have gone to Turkey Track Corrientes from Farwell, Texas. They won the mature bull and mature cow class along with the junior heifer class. Californio Cattle Co, Pierre Paquelier from San Jose, California, on the west coast also had a good showing winning the two year old bull and female class. The Midwest was well represented with #5, Tucker Ashley, Pukwana, South Dakota with his winning junior yearling bull and senior yearling heifer. And the northwest had entries from Seven Bros Ranches from West Linn, Oregon, that brought home the senior yearling bull class. There was one showman that took the time to send in entries for our commercial roping class. Monte Alkire at 3 Hat Cattle, from Low Point, Illinois had the lone entries in the roping bull and roping steers class. We appreciate him sending in those entries as a good example of what we can do for the future. The NACA would like to build on this class, which would get more of the commercial stock contractors involved.

Mature Bull Class-11 entries

- 1st-Turkey Track Bull 406, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX
- 2nd Hoffman Bull 601, Broken Circle Ranch, ID
- 3rd-BudLight, Barham Cattle Co, TX
- 4th-Mud Creek Bull 407, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 5th-Rose Bull Amigo 716, Excalibur Cattle Co, TX
- 6th-Turkey Track Bull 671, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX



2 Yr Old Bulls-6 Entries

- 1st-Pierre Bull 923, Californio Cattle Co, CA
- 2nd-TT Bull 921, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 3rd-Hoffman Bull 901, Broken Circle Ranch, ID
- 4th-TT Bull 916, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 5th-Diamond W Bull 97, Weber Corrientes, CO
- 6th-Radfords Bull 9615, Radfords Ranch, TN



Senior Yearling Bulls (prior to March 31st)-3 entries

- 1st-Seven Bros Bull 2007, Seven Bros Ranch, OR
- 2nd-Sunny Brook Bull 10, Cassens Family, SD
- 3rd-Sunny Brook 30, Cassens Family, SD



Yearling Bulls-5 entries

- 1st- Diamond A Bull 03, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 2nd--Diamond A Bull 01, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 3rd- Lazy R 104, Lazy R Hay & Livestock, MT
- 4th-3 Hat Bull 06, 3 Hat Cattle Co, IL
- 5th-Mr Dot 9, Horseshoe Dot Ranch, AR

Mature Cows-27 Entries

- 1st-Turkey Track Cow 219, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX
- 2nd-Turkey Track Cow 806, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX
- 3rd-Seven Bros Cow 462, Seven Bros Ranch, OR
- 4th-Diamond A Cow 86, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 5th-Mud Creek Cow 604, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 6th-Radford's Cow 3312, Radfords Ranch, TN



2021 NACA virtual show



1st place 2years old bull



1st place 2 yr old female



2nd place 2 yr old female



Californio Cattle Co.

2 Yr Old Females-7 entries

- 1st-Pierre Cow 911, Californio Cattle Co, CA
- 2nd-Pierre Cow 912, Californio Cattle Co, CA
- 3rd-Silver Bit Quinta 95, Weber Corrientes, CO
- 4th-Hazel Radofrds Cow 9616, Radfords Ranch, TN
- 5th-3 Hat Cow 97, 3 Hat Cattle Co, IL
- 6th-Mrs Dot 94, Hardway Ranch, AR



Jr Yearling Heifer-6 entries

- 1st-Turkey Track Cow 015, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX
- 2nd-Excalibur Cow Prickly Pear 064, Excalibur Ranch, TX
- 3rd-Turkey Track Cow 091, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX
- 4th-Excalibur Cow Hula 062, Excalibur Ranch, TX
- 5th-Lazy R 57, Lazy R Hay & Livestock, MT
- 6th-Pierre Cow 037, Californio Cattle Co, CA



Sr Yearling Heifer-7 entries

- 1st-Diamond A cow 014, Diamond A Cattle Co, SD
- 2nd-Turkey Track Cow 019, Turkey Track Corrientes, TX
- 3rd-Seven Bros Cow 11, Seven Bros Ranch, OR
- 4th-Diamond A Cow 018, Diamond A Cattle Co SD
- 5th-Seven Bros Cow 2099, Seven Bros Ranch, OR
- 6th-Seven Bros Cow 2098, Seven Bros Ranch, OR



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BACK IN THE DAY.....

The NACA has a very rich history. When I inherited the office, I received each and every Corriente Corresponder that was printed for the association. From the very first that was mailed, which was a couple page pamphlet typed on an old typewriter, to the magnificent professional looking magazine. Each an every one of these contains the association's history, stories of our members, and are also an educational tool for its members. I'm so very awe struck each time that I crack one of these publications open to look at it....so here is your peak back in history...enjoy....

10 YEARS AGO..... FALL 2011 Ron Long was acting President of the NACA. The National Show was in Clovis, New Mexico. The judges for the show were Tucker Ashley and Dusty Ray. The Grand Champion Bull was from the Ready 2 Rope Ranch. The Grand Champion Cow was from Wagon Mound Ranch.



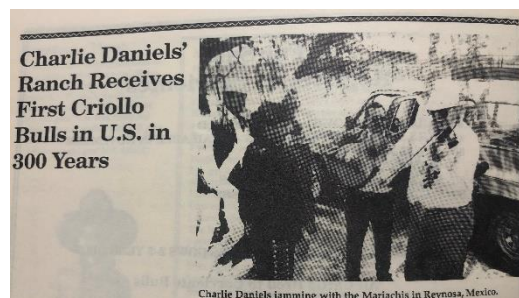
20 YEARS AGO...FALL 2001



Mel Gnatkowski was the acting President of the NACA. The National Show was held in Prineville, Oregon. Dusty Ray was the judge of all male and female classes. Craig Nichols won the saddle in the Breeder's Roping. Grand Champion Bull was "PICO" from Roy and Connie Elsner. Grand Champion Female was "CRC 9024" from David and Roberta Murphey.

30 YEARS AGO...FALL 1991 Marvin Knutson is the NACA President. Member spotlight was on Mike and Cindy Bowling. Plans were being made for a December show in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. An article on the Montana Band of Canada supplying the best bull-

dogging steers in the world at the Calgary Stampede.





2021 NACA Fall Election

Fall is in the air! It's also PACA Show time along with the Board of Directors Election. A few months back, the board of directors decided to move the number of directors from seven back down to five. We have several board members with terms that are expiring-David Woodham, Calvin Schwartz, and Monte Alkire, which leaves one spot open on the board. We certainly do appreciate all of their hard work for the last few years. Without the work of our board, we would not have an association.

We have one candidate that is running for that seat. Please read thru Miss Colleen Walker's bio and send a vote (remember that we still have a write in line on the ballot as well). All ballots will be accepted by email, calling the office or voting in person in Gillette. If you are voting by email or phone, please do so by September 15, 2021.

Name: Colleen Walker

Occupation: Real Estate Agent/Xray Technologist

Education: AAS in Radiologic Technology

Regional Shows Attended: 2

National Shows Attended: 1

Organizations: TCCA, NACA; TSCRA

Hello, I am interested in running for the NACA BOD because I have a passion for this breed succeeding in the national sport and beef market. Our breed is so beautiful and strong—they are super hardy, and can survive a lot. They have a great history of coming from Spain, through Mexico, and being brought to the States. They just have a fantastic and unique history!



We need to promote our breed's taste and hardiness, ease of calving, feeding/keeping and are easily tamed. I was told once by an Angus breeder that "Corriente Breeders are down here with the cowboys, and not up here with the Beef Men". Umm excuse me, my cattle have been around a lot longer than yours, don't have a mixed heritage, and if Cowboys are where I am, then I'll stay there, because you will never meet a more honest person. This conversation occurred at a TSCRA show, and I am determined to make everyone there see how wonderful our breed is. I am excited to represent this outstanding breed of cattle, and am very passionate about them. If I have the opportunity to be on the Board, I will do everything I can to keep this breed and association running strong. I am married to the love of my life, Jon, 30 years in 2022!! We have a daughter who is a police officer, and run about, give or take, about 30 head on our ranch outside of Decatur. I haven't been running Corrientes very long, but I am building my herd with quality lineage.

Goals for NACA/Why you are interested in being on the Board:

More members only content on the website

More representation at TSCRA

Promote quality lean and reduced fat beef

Take the association ahead to 2022 with recruiting more members and those to register more calves

Try and get regional Corriente Groups to come back on board in under represented areas



Corriente Cattle Getting a Start in 4-H

I get some very interesting calls at the office, but this one was one that I thought was worth sharing with the membership. A few weeks ago, Lee LaFolier from Confederate Cattle Company called to let me know of a program that he set up thru his local 4-H club. His son, Matthew had wanted to start in 4-H and showing, so he found some corriente cows for sale which came from Durango lineage and purchased those. Out of those cows were the future show calf string. Lee knew that there wasn't a class set up for these special cattle, so he talked to the local advisor to see how they could form a class at the next show. To sanction a class, there must be at least three or more heifers or steers in a class, so the paperwork was filled out and sent in, then the work began.

As soon as the calves were old enough, they were haltered and drug a lead rope for two weeks. They were also tied for a couple hours a day and walked to their food and water. It didn't take much to halter break the calves as they were so docile.

For the first year, there were just the three calves shown by Lee's daughter, his son Matthew, and Matthew's friend. There was a lot of interest on show day, people were amazed at how docile and easy they were to handle. Onlookers were also impressed to know about the lean



beef that corriente cattle offer after their time in the performance pen. Because of the interest, Lee has set up a program to get other kids involved. Next year he will donate a calf to use for that 4-H member to take care of and show. At the end of their show career, that 4-Her has the opportunity to either buy the animal at fair market value or give back to Lee.

While Confederate Cattle Company is in the herd building process, they are finding out that this breed has a purpose when they are born. He supplies breakaway calves, has a few junior bucking bulls for junior rodeos, is hauling stock to ranch rodeos, and then will be able to market corriente meat in the end. Just another story that proves that corriente cattle are a versatile breed!





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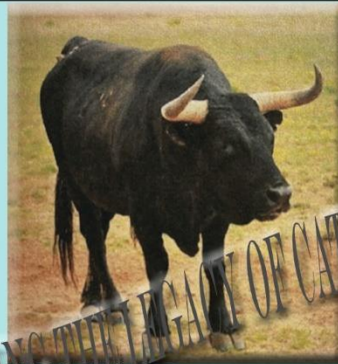
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Obituary for Glenn Smith

NACA Life Time Member #1254

Thomas Glenn Smith, 80, of Redfield, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 after a lengthy battle with Covid-19 at Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas. Glenn was born on July 9, 1941, at the home of his parents, Thomas and Ruth Smith of Arcadia, Kansas.

Glenn was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Lorna May (Johnston) Smith. He is survived by his daughter Glenna Hendrickson (Kevin) of Osceola, Missouri and son Craig Smith (Cathy) of Leavenworth, Kansas; siblings Ruth (Lester) Waring of Garland, Kansas, and Donnie (Kathleen) Smith of Miami, Oklahoma along with 5 nieces and 5 nephews.

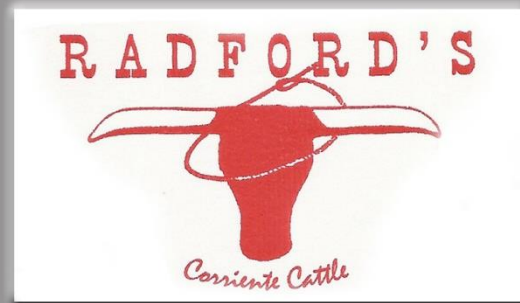
Upon Glenn's graduation from Arma High School in 1958, he participated in collegiate sports at Fort Scott Community College while receiving his Associates of Arts Degree in 1960 before graduating from Pittsburg State University in 1963 with a BSED in physical education.

Glenn worked as a ranch foreman for many years for local ranchers and farmers in the Bourbon County area. He also worked at Fort Scott Livestock sales, in housing construction, and as a welder helping build horse trailers for Twister Trailers. Glenn was also a member of several community organizations including the Fort Scott Jaycees and the Bourbon County Fair Board. Glenn was also an active member of the Cherry Grove Baptist Church throughout the years.

Glenn is probably best known for participating in rodeos as a calf roper and team roper in the PRCA and various other rodeo organizations. While team roping, Glenn has won numerous saddles, buckles, and other awards including having been a National Champion while roping with partner Larry Martin at the 1992 USTRC Team Roping Shoot Out in Guthrie, OK. Glenn also participated in numerous ranch rodeo events as was also a judge for many rodeo events throughout the years. Glenn also enjoyed raising his award winning Corriente cattle including his National Champion Bull.

Prior to his cowboy days, Glenn could be found playing competitive softball and basketball for Whiteside's IGA. He also enjoyed fishing and quail hunting. Glenn could also be found quite frequently supporting the local sporting events and assisting the FSCC Rodeo teams.

The family will hold a private inurnment in Memory Gardens Cemetery. A public memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Cheney Witt Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Glenn's name to the Fort Scott Community College Rodeo Team and/or Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Garland, Kansas, and may be left in care of Cheney Witt Chapel, PO Box 347, 201 S. Main, Fort Scott, KS 66701. Words of remembrance may be submitted to the online guestbook at cheneywitt.com.



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