



# Smoke Signals



APACHE RAIDERS  
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## CGA AND THE BEGINNER

Ever wonder where the CGA State Champions and Hall of Famers come from? They come from children competing in their first show, from children pushing for that Future Champion time, from the beginner who wins a ribbon, any ribbon in an event, from the child who finally gets his horse to break into a slow canter and is so surprised he forgets how to ride the course, or from the child who is to ask the judge which pole to go to next.

Everyone starts as a beginner and works up from there. Sometimes they can't get their horse to go fast enough, and other times a little too fast, but it's always fun.

We in CGA believe the beginner riders personify what CGA is all about. They are the Hall of Famers of tomorrow. These beginners are truly our future champions. They are the riders that the beginners five years from now will be emulating. That's why we have to teach all our beginning riders sportsmanship, horsemanship, and citizenship. We have to help mold these beginners into

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## WHAT'S IN A LOGO?

The CGA District 24 Apache Raiders has a distinctive logo, but what does it mean?

American Indians developed an intertribal sign language through a system of gestures by which intricate conversation could be conducted. Prior to this, the Indians placed pictographs or symbols on pottery, weaving, silver work, leather, rock and sand paintings. These symbols ranged from motifs of clouds and lightning, to birds, animals, and animal tracks.

The Apache Raiders logo has three traditional Indian symbols: sun rays meaning "constancy," thunderbird meaning "bringer of happiness," and lightning meaning "swiftness."

## ARROYO SIMI EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Simi Valley rides ahead into the equestrian age with the opening of its nine-acre Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center. The Center, operated by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, has a 300' by 150' main show arena and a 90' by 90'

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## GYMKHANA EVENT HIGHLIGHT

### The Barrel Race

The CGA has twelve events in which a rider may be rated. The Barrel Race, abbreviated BAR, is our Gymkhana Event Highlight for this issue.

The Barrel Race, usually referred to simply as "Barrels," has had a tradition dating back many decades with the rodeos. Three 55-gallon drums (the barrels) without sharp edges and with closed ends are used. The barrels may be of any color with a contrasting band around the center and a padded edge around the top. Plastic barrels may be used, but are weighted with about 30 pounds of sand or water to have the

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**Barrels (from page 1)**  
tipping characteristics of metal barrels.

The three barrels, set up at the points of a triangle, are circled one after another in a "clover-leaf" pattern. Horse (or pony) and rider begin and end at a line which would be at the bottom of the stem of the clover leaf.

One of the two barrels closest to the start/finish line is rounded first. The second barrel to be circled is the one which is in a line parallel to the start/finish line. The third barrel is farthest from the line.

The horse or rider may touch the barrels during their race, even with the intent of keeping a barrel from going down, without penalty. A two-second penalty is assessed, however, should a barrel be knocked down, even if the barrel is kicked back upright.

There are separate CGA rating levels for horse and pony racing times. The fastest riders/horses can negotiate the more than 138-yard course in less than 18.709 seconds without receiving penalties, while riders/ponies can do it in less than 19.179 seconds.

**CGA (from page 1)**  
the winners that other beginners look up to with pride. That's a pretty tall order when you remember that CGA is an all-volunteer organization.

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## COWBOY SLANG

The following excerpts, reprinted by permission, are from the "Cowboy Slang" chapter of the book by the same name reviewed in this issue. There are more categories in the alphabetical listing than we've shown below, and many sayings for each category. Have fun with these, then get Frosty's book and practice slangin' it with your friends!

**Actions** Reelin' 'round like a pup tryin' to find a spot to lie down.

**Afraid** It'd make the hair of a buffalo robe stand up.

**Awkward** As graceful as an elephant tryin' to use a typewriter.

**Big** Could take first prize at a bull show.

**Blind** So blind he couldn't see through a bobwire fence.

**Braggart** He had callouses from pattin' his own back.

**Brave** He'll fight a rattler an' give him first bite.

**Busy** Busy as a prairie dog after a gully washer.

**Calm** Settin' as calm as a toad in the sun.

**Cold** Shiverin' like a lizard lookin' for a hot rock.

**Complaining** Kickin' never gets yuh nowheres lessen yore a mule.

**Conceited** One of them fellers as thinks the sun comes up specifically to hear him crow.

**Contented** Purrin' like a kitten in a creamery.

**Courting** He soon had her tied to the snortin' post.

**Coward** He shore had cold feet for such a hot country.

**Crazy** Crazy as popcorn on a hot skillet.

**Crooked** Crooked as a snake in a cactus patch.

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

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## DIST. 24 OFFICERS

Need information about gymkhana, CGA, or the Apache Raiders? Here's how to get in contact with District 24 leaders.

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## Arroyo (from page 1)

warm-up corral.

An ample parking area has room for 85 trailers and 49 autos. A welcome bonus is the addition of large, modern, and *clean* public restrooms!

The center is also the trail head for the district's Arroyo Simi Equestrian Trail system. The Phase I trail to the Rancho Simi Community Park is now open to the public.

Happy trails to you . . .!



## NEW BOOKS AND OLD

Cowboy Slang by Edgar R. "Frosty" Potter, 128 pages, paperback. Frosty's humor-filled book has an outstanding collection of around 2,000 witty cowboy slang phrases collected over a period of some 70 years of western living. But this clever book has much more!

Frosty has added a page of "Horsetistics," a glossary on "Colors of Horses," a section on "Slang Names of Horses," illustrations of "Parts of a Horse," and a dictionary of "Horse Terms, Gear and Such." There are two chapters on "Cattle Brands"--background by Frosty himself, and one by Hobart E. Stocking which is all about how brands are read, made up, and used.

There is a two-page picture dictionary of cattle "Ear Crops," a large chapter on "Rodeo" (which includes Barrel Racing), and a well-illustrated part about "Bobwire." And there's a lot more--including an excerpt which we hope to reprint soon called "What is it, a handkerchief, neckerchief, bandanna, wipe or what???"

Cowboy Slang by "Frosty" Potter, is published by the nice people at Golden West Publishers, 4113 N. Longview Avenue, in Phoenix, Arizona 85014. This little book is available at book and curio shops (we bought ours at Colossal Caverns, Az.) for \$5.00, or may be ordered from Golden West for \$6.50, which includes postage and handling. And say you saw it in *Smoke Signals*!

## HORSE TERMS

**Horse:** a large, strong, four-legged, solid-hoofed mammal with a flowing mane and tail, of the animal species *Equus caballus*.

**Stallion:** a male horse.

**Mare:** a female horse.

**Foal:** a young horse.

**Colt:** a male foal.

**Filly:** a female foal.

**Stud:** a place where horses are kept for breeding.

**Stud Horse:** a stallion kept for breeding purposes.

**Hand:** a measurement equal to a hand's width, usually about 4 inches.

**Pony:** a small horse under 14.2 hands.

**Ass:** a four-legged, solid-hoofed mammal, smaller than a horse, with a short mane and long ears, of the animal species *Equus asinus*.

**Donkey:** another name for an ass.

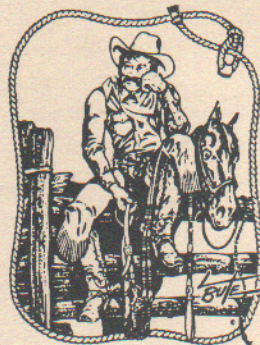
**Burro:** Spanish name for an ass.

**Jack:** a male ass.

**Jenny:** a female ass.

**Mule:** cross between a jackass and a mare.

**Hinny:** cross between a stallion and a jenny.



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## 1991 CGA DISTRICT 24 SHOW SCHEDULE

The CGA District 24 Apache Raiders shows for the remainder of 1991 are all planned to be held at the Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center, subject to any last-minute changes, according to president Ken Wallace.

The center is at the end of Trail Avenue, south of Royal Avenue. Heading toward the rising sun on Royal, the entrance to the center is one-half mile east of Sycamore Drive, just before you get to the arroyo (see map, page 4).

All shows begin at 10:00 a.m. (rider/horse registration is at 9:00 a.m.), and are expected to be held on the third Saturday of the month unless there is enough clamor from our friends to change the day.

With a warning to first call one of the Apache Raiders leaders to find out for sure about the date, here is the tentative 1991 schedule through October:

## Apache Raiders

Mar 16	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.
Apr 20	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.
May 18	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.
Jun 15	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.
Jul 20	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.
Aug 17	No Show (CGA State)
Sep 21	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.
Oct 19	Arroyo Simi Eq. Ctr.



