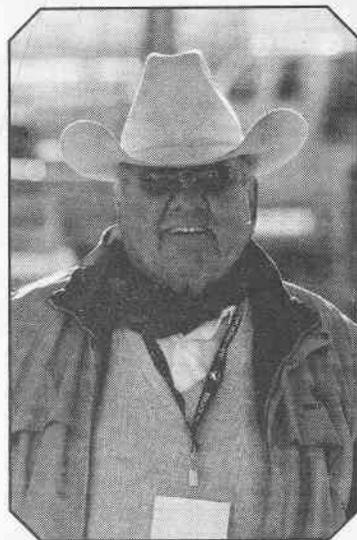


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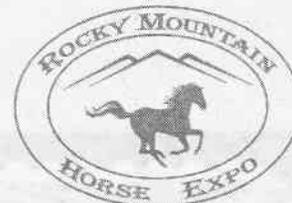
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Harry Vold of Avondale, Colorado, was the bucking stock contractor for the 2009 Denver Championship Ranch Rodeo. Vold is an enthusiastic supporter of the founding principles of the Work-

The 2009 edition of the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in Denver was even better than last year. It had more exhibits and more training by some of the top clinicians in the business. To be able to attend clinics by Debbie Gibb, Craig Cameron, Art Kiger, Jason Patrick, Glenn Ryan and Karen Scholl, all for only the price of admission the Horse Expo, was a horse lover's dream.

There was plenty for the kids this year, as well. The Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in Denver teamed up with Cowboys for Kids to raise money for a good cause and to offer some fun and prizes for the younger cowboys. It was a great fit for the two organizations, as Cowboys for Kids believes in the old-fashioned virtues of the American cowboy and the Western way of life. Using these solid values as a foundation, the organization offers therapeutic and character-building programs to physically impaired, underprivileged and at-risk children.



Some of the top quality Harry Vold bucking horses wait to go to work at the 2009 Denver Championship Ranch Rodeo.

There were plenty of different breeds on hand for the Breeds, Stallions and Sale Horse presentation, but this year's star had to be the Norwegian Fjord. Striking in its coloration, the Fjord is the historic draft horse of Norway and is equally capable of pulling a heavy wagon in the field or an elegant carriage on a Sunday drive, but this tough little horse can do a lot more. At the Rocky

Mountain Horse Expo in Denver, members of the newly formed Rocky Mountain Fjord Horse Club put on a display that was certain to convince the audience that the Fjord is a horse for all activities.

Executive Director Brian Kitchen and the folks at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo are constantly trying to make each year better than the last. Last year, they



The Horse Expo is a very family-oriented event, with activities for all ages.

tried something new in the form of a sanctioned Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA) Ranch Rodeo. It was a non-ticketed trial event, but the response from fans was so great that this year Ranch Rodeo returned as a ticketed event.

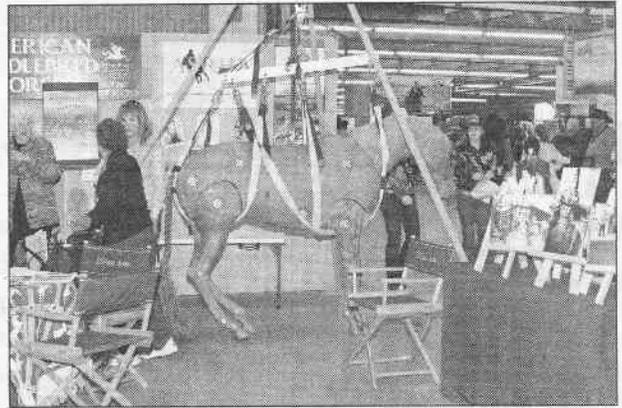
Having to pay did not seem to matter, as even more enthusiastic fans attended this year. Mark Bukowski, WRCA Director said, "It was a great event. There were even more fans this year and they were loud and very knowledgeable. Brian Kitchen and his staff really made us feel welcome. Harry Vold is a big supporter of the WRCA and he was here with some great bucking horses. Ranch Rodeo is really growing in popularity and I think that the fans can expect us back next year."

New this year to the Denver Horse Expo was the Extreme Cowboy Race put on by Craig Cameron. Competitor Paulette Marshall from Elizabeth, Colorado, describes the Extreme Cowboy Race: "It's like a trail class on steroids. It has lots of obstacles that you have to perform perfectly, but it is also a race, so you have to move from obstacle to

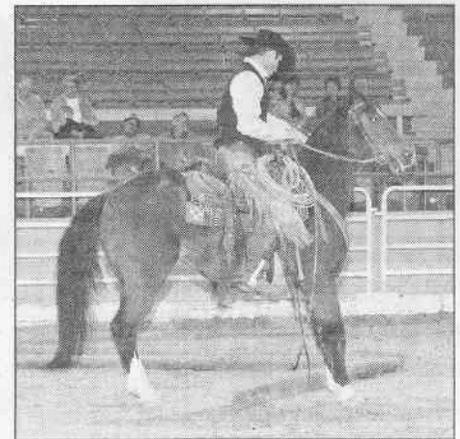
obstacle as fast as you can. There are 13 obstacles plus the time element."

You don't need a specialized horse to compete in this event. A working ranch horse would be ideal, but as Marshall put it, "any horse that has a brave heart can be trained to compete in this event." Paulette's horse, Gunner, is 9 years old and an AQHA gelding.

Craig Cameron says, "The thing that people like about this event is that people look out there and think 'I can do that.' Plus you don't have to have a specialized horse — any horse, any age, any gender. We have mules, ponies, walking horses, quarter horses — shoot, you think



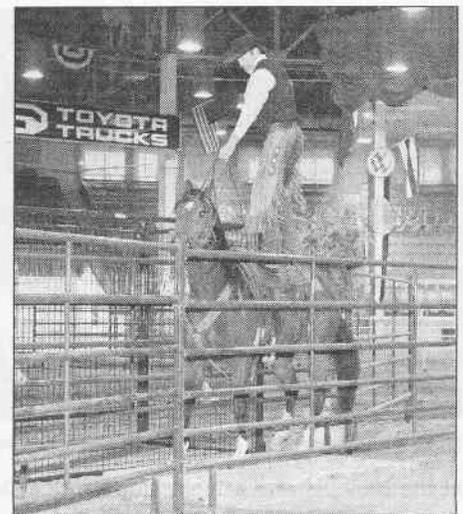
Products of all types were on display at the 2009 Denver Horse Expo. This is a device for safely getting a horse into water for physical therapy.



Horses were required to side-step around these logs. This turned out to be the most difficult obstacle at the Extreme Horse Race.



The Extreme Horse Race at the 2009 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo presented horse and rider with a number of obstacles that had to be completed perfectly and quickly.



Cliff Schadd puts a little extra showmanship into the bridge obstacle at the Extreme Horse Race held at the 2009 Denver Horse Expo.

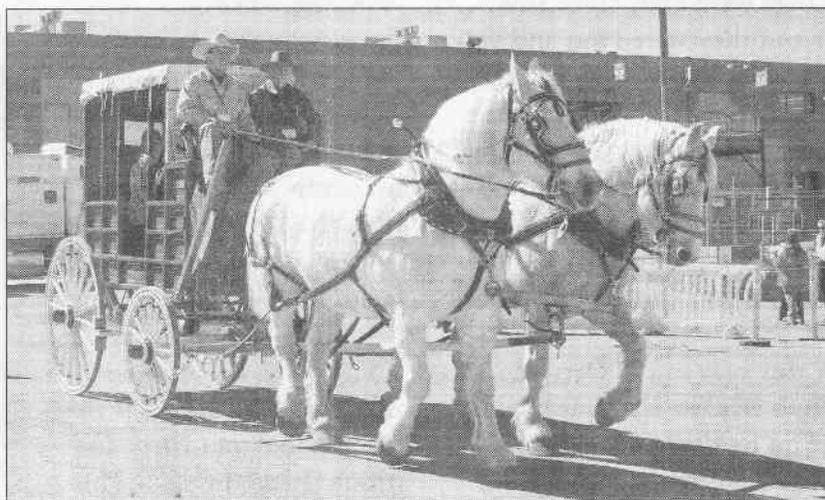
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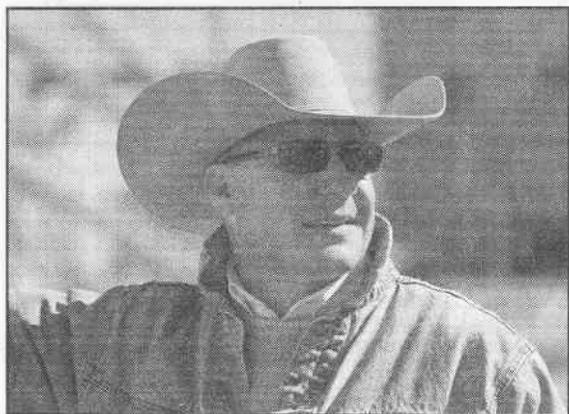
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Craig Cameron came up with the Extreme Cowboy Race concept about three years ago. Cameron describes the concept: "There wasn't a cowboy event where we do the things that we actually do on the ranch. I thought why not have an event where a cowboy can really show off his horse and the extent that it is broke? Thus came the Extreme Cowboy Race."

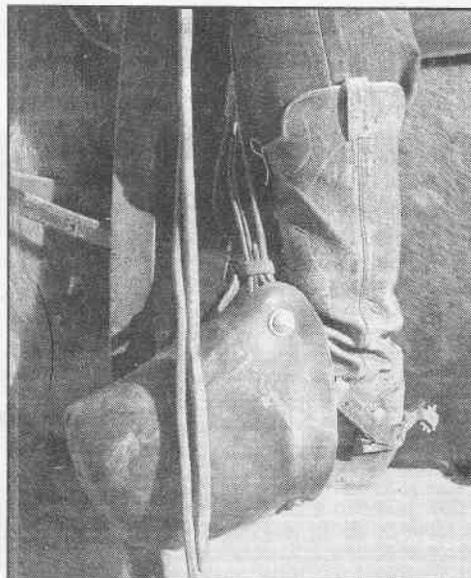
Extreme Cowboy Racing has grown to the point where there are circuits all across the country and a year-end finals. If Extreme Cowboy Racing looks like something you and your horse would be interested in, please visit the Extreme Cowboy Association web site at www.ExtremeCowboyAssociation.com. ❖



Colorado Carriage Company's historic 1868 stagecoach, drawn by Doc and Ranger, was part of the Cowboys for Kids charity events at the 2009 Denver Horse Expo.



Mark Bukowski of Falcon, Colorado was the Producer of the 2009 Denver Championship Ranch Rodeo. Mark is also the producer for the famous Ride for the Brand Ranch Rodeo that will be held in Colorado Springs over the July 4th weekend.



No fancy frills at this rodeo. Ranch Rodeo is all about the cowboys competing in what they work in everyday.

SCENES FROM THE WORKING RANCH RODEO



It is "Ride as Ride Can" for 8-seconds during the Saddlebronc event at the 2009 Denver Championship Ranch Rodeo. Two hands are allowed and this cowboy has a firm grip on the night latch on his saddle.



Cowboys from the combined team of the T-Cross and Norris Cattle Company of Colorado compete in the Ranch Branding event. The branding fire is simulated with a bucket of chalk.



A cowboy from the famous Singleton Ranches, near Santa Fe, New Mexico, moves in to sort out a numbered cow during the Ranch Sorting event.

