



# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME

### James "Jim" Liles

61 Years in the Rodeo Circuit

IPRA #7564



Started rodeoing in 1959. Quit in 1980. I founded the Gilbert Days Rodeo in 1978 and managed it for the next 10 years.

In 2007 I invented the Bucking Chute Crash Pads used around the country and formed Lazy J Rodeo Safety Equipment. We have been contributors to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund for many years as well as the Rider Relief Fund/Western Sports Foundation in the PBR. Wesold Lazy J Rodeo Safety Equipment in 2014.

I have been collecting rodeo equipment for many years and formed the Riggins-n-Rhymes Museum; a history of rodeo equipment. We have what is probably the largest collection of vintage bareback riggings in existence dating from the mid-teens to present riggings. We also have a good start on the bull riding equipment and bronc riding equipment. Many spurs are part of this collection with what I believe is one of the first pair of spurs Bob Blackwood made. Also in the museum is a bull riding exhibit with a few very old ropes and an exhibit donated by Joe Frost which includes the



rope he retired in 2015, his dad Shane's rope, and one of Lane Frost's ropes.

I formed the National Bareback Hall of Fame and Museum in 2020. I am sculpting some of the more prominent pieces in the museum in bronze, as well as other bronzes connected to the sport of rodeo and ranching.

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