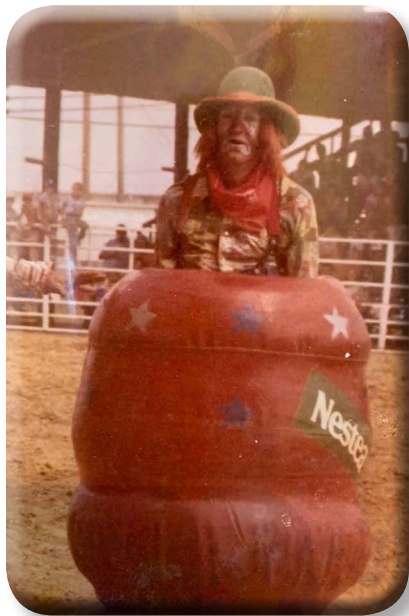




Tom "Hoot" Matthews

26 Years in Rodeo



Born in Crestview, Florida on April 3, 1944. Raised in central Florida. Graduated high school from Palatka High School.

Attend my first rodeo at four years old with my father who was a veterinarian and was on call at the rodeo. I road in the rodeo parade with Ike Tacker the clown/bullfighter. I knew then I wanted to grow up to be like Ike. That dream never wavered.

In 1964 I started working the barrel until my chance to fight bulls in 1966. After that I worked open rodeos around the Palatka, Florida area.

I worked rodeos in the PRCA for ten years and I was recommended for the PRCA by Kajun Kidd and Rick Young and also clowned with Rick Young.

I worked rodeos in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky for H-H Rodeo Co., Pat Hansel Rodeo Co., Eric Goolsby Rodeo Co., Matt Dryden Rodeo Co. and Bradford Ivy Rodeo Co. I also clowned the 'State Fair' of Kentucky, the Worlds Fair Rodeo and Arcadia, Florida, 'The Granddaddy of Them All' to name a few. Other PRCA rodeos in Paducah, KY, Paris, TN, Lawton, OK, Charleston, SC, Atlanta, GA and many others.



I also worked open rodeos all over Texas for Terry Wells, Ray Lancaster, Vic Garza, Maurice Champion, Larry Rice, Rawhide Rodeo Co. CT Rodeos, Charlie Thompson and Laredo International and clowned with Randy Daniel, Brother Taylor and Ralph Fisher.