The year was 1983. The location was Kingsville, Texas. Two brothers bitten by the team roping bug decided to try their hand at producing a roping. The two brothers were George and Buddy Strait and that first 200-team roping was the foundation that the George Strait Team Roping Classic has been built on. That event was basically a local South Texas jackpot, with both the Strait boys and their families doing all the work. After the dust had settled and the roping was done, they quickly got to work transforming the J.K. Northway Coliseum from an arena to a concert venue, so George, who was on his way to fame, could entertain the locals that night. Jack and Jacky Stephenson won that first roping and picked up a pair of saddles.

Fast forward 30 years to 2012. The location is the San Antonio Rose Palace. One brother has passed on, but the championship legacy built in 1983 lives on through one of the richest, most prestigious roping events in the free world.
It’s no longer a couple of saddles up for grabs…it’s a total cash and prize payoff of over $700,000, and this year 545 teams had their eyes on it.

The format of the GSTRC is unique. Contestants pay a $500 per man entry fee and have the option of entering three times. Each team competes in a two-head, progressive preliminary on Friday with the fastest 50 teams on two head starting over on Saturday for three full rounds. This year it took a 15.83 on two head to advance to Saturday’s finals, but then the slate is wiped clean and all 50 teams start from scratch.

World Champion Clay Tryan came back on Saturday with all three of his runs, qualifying with Travis Graves, Jade Corkill and his former World Champion partner, Patrick Smith. Tryan and Graves took a no-time in the first round but he and Corkill split the first round with a 4.87 and his run with Smith resulted in a clean 5.26. After another no-time in the second round with Corkill, Smith was the only partner keeping Tryan’s hopes alive. A 5.84 on their second steer gave Tryan and Smith a time of 11.10 on two and put them in the driver’s seat heading into the final round.

Nineteen teams out of 50 had two steers caught but the big money would be decided by a handful at the top. Matt Sherwood and Cory Petska entered the final round in fourth place but a no-time on their final steer seemed to open some doors for other teams. The third high call team of Casey Hicks and Jake Pianalto took the lead of the roping with their final run of 6.63, then waited with two to go. The second high team Garrett Tonozzi and Dugan Kelly, who entered the round with an 11.66, took a penalty for a leg, leaving Tryan and Smith the chance to win the roping with a 7.68 or better. They pulled off their championship in convincing fashion with a 5.57 for a total of 16.67 on three head.

As awards, sponsors and families were assembled for photos, Tryan was overheard exclaiming, “I just won the biggest team roping there is! It is unbelievable!” Coming from a Montana team roping family, Tryan, the 2005 World Champion Header, has qualified for the Wrangler NFR 10 times. He ended the 2011 season as the runner up to the World Championship with partner Travis Graves.

Smith, who didn’t start roping until 1998, is a two time World Champion Heeler, winning in 2005 with Tryan and in 2010 with Trevor Brazile. Since joining the PRCA in 2003, Smith has qualified for the Wrangler NFR eight times. “The way the competition is here today, I am so very grateful for the win,” he said during the award presentation. “To God by the glory.”

Tryan and Smith really cashed in at the 30th Annual GSTRC, taking home a pair of Chevy trucks, a pair of Bruton trailers and $203,800 in cash from the average alone. Hicks and Pianalto finished second with their 18.79 and claimed $81,520 and a pair of beautiful saddles.

Winning the buckles for Friday’s fast time this year were Tyler Waters and Wesley Moss for their 4.04. The buckles for the fastest qualifiers on two head went to Brandon Beers and Ryan Motes, who finished Friday with 9.12 seconds on two.
This year’s re-wrapped steers on Saturday were sponsored by Wayne Wright and offered $10,000 per round if the fast time was won on a red-wrapped steer. Sherwood and Petska claimed $10,000 of that cash for their 4.87 in the first round. Tryan and Corkill tied that time, but on a regular steer, so they split the regular $3,000 round payout. Luke Brown and Martin Lucero won the second round with a 4.31, while Colby Siddoway and Caleb Twisselman took round three with a blistering 3.83.

Since moving from Kingsville in 2000, the GSTRC has just gotten better every year… better for the ropers and better for the fans. Selling out months in advance, it is a crowd favorite and attracting every top name in team roping proves it’s a roper favorite.

Just as he continues to crank out number one hits, the King of Country Music continues to crank out one of the best open ropings in the world. In a 2007 Daily Times article, George Strait was quoted, “My goal is, and has always been to make the GSTRC the best roping out there. I won’t be satisfied until I know it is.”

Well, Mrs. Striat, that South Texas Jackpot has definitely joined the elite… your satisfaction can’t be very far off.

Preliminary Rotations. 1st rotations. 1st (tie): Kolton Schmidt/John Robertson, Tate Kirchenschlager/Will Woodfin, 5.21, $5,000. 2nd rotation. 1st: Joshua Torres/John Paul Lucero, 4.96, $3,000. 2nd: J.D. Yates/Caleb Twisselman, 4.99, $2,000. 3rd rotation. 1st: Chace Thompson/Tommy Zuniga, 4.71, $3,000. 2nd: Keven Daniel/Chase Tryan, 5.12, $2,000. 4th rotation. 1st: Lane Ivy/Shain Sproul, 4.51, $3,000. 2nd: Cord Crowell/Bret Beach, 5.69, $2,000. 5th rotation. 1st: Luke Brown/Martin Lucero, 4.06, $3,000. 2nd: Derek Ashley/Kody Beach, 4.52, $2,000. 6th rotation. 1st: Justin Yost/Bucky Campbell, 4.66, $3,000. 2nd (tie): Clay Tryan/Jade Corkill, Chris Lawson/Dee Rampy, 4.91, $2,000. 7th rotation. 1st: Coleman Proctor/Jake Long, 4.65, $3,000. 2nd: Cody McMinn/J.C. Williams, 4.82, $2,000. 8th rotation. 1st: David Key/Martin Lucero, 5.02, $3,000. 2nd: Marcus Battaglia/Kyle Lockett, 5.05, $2,000. 9th rotation. 1st: Tyler Waters/Wesley Moss, 4.04, $3,000. 2nd: Brandon Beers/Ryan Motes, 4.44, $2,000. 10th rotation. 1st: Brad Hamilton/Mickey Gomez, 4.66, $3,000. 2nd: Blaine Vick/Kent Nixon, 4.81, $2,000.
George Strait Returns To The Houston Rodeo

Houston, TX--- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials announced changes to the 2013 Show schedule on May 10th, with a surprising twist. The 2013 Show will be one day longer, running for 21 days — Monday, Feb. 25, through Sunday, March 17 — with a special concert-only performance on the final day by George Strait in Reliant Stadium at 7 p.m.

Strait’s performance will be a full-length concert, with opening performances by the Randy Rogers Band and Martina McBride. All carnival, shopping, livestock and horse show, food, and other exhibits throughout the grounds will be open on this day.

“George has had a lot of special moments in the 30 years since he first appeared at the Show,” said Leroy Shafer, chief operating officer of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. “I remember the day we flew him in as a replacement act an hour before his performance. He took the stage and quickly stole the hearts of our Rodeo fans. And, George has been here for all of the Show’s major milestones since that first performance in 1983. We are extremely excited that he is going to close our 2013 Show with this special concert.”

GEORGE STRAIT AND RODEO HOUSTON

In 1983, when scheduled Rodeo entertainer Eddie Rabbitt became ill, a newcomer on the music scene named George Strait filled in for him at the last minute, debuting to a crowd of 34,599 Rodeo fans. Since that first performance 30 years ago, Strait has become a household name among Houston country music fans. He has played to more than 1 million RODEOHOUSTON fans and was inducted into the Show’s Star Trail of Fame in 1996.

On March 3, 2002, Strait closed the Show with the last Rodeo concert in Reliant Astrodome, with a record attendance of 68,266 in the Astrodome, a record that will never be broken. In 2003, he opened the Show as the first performer in Reliant Stadium. Strait is easily one of the most famous country music entertainers in the world and holds some of the highest titles and honors in the business. With the most number one, gold and platinum albums in all of country music, Strait is third to Elvis Presley and The Beatles for the most gold and platinum albums in the history of music. He is the seventh best-selling artist in American music and was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2006. His string of number one hits now equals his age of 59.

This performance at the 2013 Show will mark Strait’s 21st appearance at RODEO-HOUSTON.

TICKET INFORMATION

Individual tickets for this special concert and the other 20 RODEOHOUSTON performances will go on sale in January. With no Rodeo performance on the final day of the Show, stadium floor seating will be an option for this concert. Season Ticket holders will have the option of retaining their seats and adding this concert as the 21st performance.

2013 RODEOHOUSTON SCHEDULE

| Monday, Feb. 25 | Super Series I, Round 1 |
| Tuesday, Feb. 26 | Super Series I, Round 2 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 27 | Super Series I, Championship |
| Thursday, Feb. 28 | Super Series II, Round 1 |
| Friday, March 1 | Super Series II, Round 2 |
| Saturday, March 2 | Super Series II, Championship |
| Sunday, March 3 | Super Series III, Round 1 |
| Monday, March 4 | Super Series III, Round 2 |
| Tuesday, March 5 | Super Series III, Championship |
| Wednesday, March 6 | Super Series IV, Round 1 |
| Thursday, March 7 | Super Series IV, Round 2 |
| Friday, March 8 | Super Series IV, Championship |
| Saturday, March 9 | Cinch RODEOHOUSTON Super Shootout®: North America’s Champions presented by Crown Royal |
| Sunday, March 10 | Super Series V, Round 1 |
| Monday, March 11 | Super Series V, Round 2 |
| Tuesday, March 12 | Super Series V, Championship |
| Wednesday, March 13 | Semifinal 1 |
| Thursday, March 14 | Semifinal 2 |
| Friday, March 15 | Wild Card |
| Saturday, March 16 | RODEOHOUSTON BP Super Series Championship |
| Sunday, March 17 | Concert-only – George Strait, Martina McBride, the Randy Rogers Band |
Fan Collectable Column

- 2012 Yearbook Country Weekly. 5/21/2012. Cover photo, inside cover, Wrangler ad with photo, page 2 name mentioned with photo, pages 5-9 name mentioned with photo. Nashville, TN.

The following George Strait Fan Club Members submitted to the Collectable Column...

And We Thank You!

As a GSFC member, you can join in and earn Strait Cash, receive your Strait Talk 1st Class and 2 Collector's Cards. We are also selecting one name from the list and sending them a George Strait Goodie Box. This is all you need to do - collect magazine or newspaper articles, photos or reviews - send them in and if we use them, your name is added to the list. It's easy. Remember to enclose the article, where it came from, date, page #, issue and your name and address. Thank You!!!

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2. Casey Hicks
   Jake Pianalto
3. Casey Mahoney
   Joe Espy
4. Kaston Peavy
   T Luttrell
5. Cooper Wimberly
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The Strait family congratulates the Tryan and Smith families on winning the 2012 GSTRC Championship.
Anita’s Notes

Welcome to the summer issue of Strait Talk. George and the Ace in the Hole Band have completed their 2012 tour and are taking a long summer break. So, sit back and listen to a little Strait music in anticipation of the next tour dates. We do want to note that the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo just made a major announcement that George Strait will return next year for a special appearance closing the event on March 17th of 2013. He will be joined by Martina McBride and the Randy Rogers Band. All the details can be found in a separate story in the newsletter. Many of you have inquired about fan club seating for that show and we want to let you know that we are working on setting something up. It is important to note that the Houston Rodeo sells season tickets to all of their shows. Tickets for individual shows are not available until season ticket sales are completed. We hope to have fan club seating after the season tickets are completed and before the individual tickets go on sale. Please keep checking the George Strait website at www.georgestrait.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/georgestrait for any other major announcements.

The 30th annual George Strait Team Roping Classic was a huge hit! Clay Tryan, the header and Patrick Smith, the heeler, took the championship honors on March 10th at the San Antonio Rose Palace. Please read the fantastic story by Kent Lynch of Dally Times in the front section of Strait Talk. It was great to see our friends that come out each year to watch the top ropers compete. It was also awesome to meet so many new friends at the Annual event. You all make the roping so much fun for us. Many of the fans travel for hundreds of miles to see the event. They share their George Strait stories about concerts and special events with each other as they sit with patience in the cold and wet weather to cheer on King George. We always look forward to the next roping and the time to meet and visit with our friends.

We have had many entries for the GSTRC Sponsors puzzle in the last issue of Strait Talk and the top two winners are listed in the box to the right. Congratulations and enjoy your prizes. We also have a Fan Collectable column winner for this issue and she is also listed in the box to the right. Congratulations! Your package is on the way.

If you would like to participate in the search game, please check out the puzzle in this issue and submit your entry. Good Luck!

We would like to thank each and everyone of you that sent in Baby cards and gifts for George and Norma’s new grandbaby, George Harvey Strait, III. The proud parents, Bubba and Tamara Strait appreciate the well wishes and the gifts. Also thanks to all of you who sent well wishes and Birthday cards for George and Bubba during May. All of the cards were forwarded to them.

With the summer months here, we start looking for new merchandise for the next tour and the General Store. Please find new items that appear in the catalog and on the website and watch for our weekly specials that run on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/georgestrait. If you have a suggestion for a new item, please drop us a note. You can reach us at the following ways:

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Thank you for all your correspondence. We hope you enjoy the summer. Please try to keep cool while enjoying a little Strait Music. As we close this issue of Strait Talk, we ask that you continue to pray for the safety of our service men and women and their families. God Bless to you and yours.

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