



ACWA's mission is to preserve the heritage of the Chuck Wagon.

ACWA President's Message September 2021

Hello Folks,

I hope this message finds you doing well. It has been a hot and crazy August around the world. As I am writing this, Hurricane Ida has passed through Louisiana leaving massive damage and flooding. I have a brother and his wife who live east of Baton Rouge, LA. They had to remain because her job is considered critical. They are without power, and a tree has fallen through the roof of their home. I'm packing up supplies and equipment to assist them in the recovery phase. We want to ask everyone to keep all those affected by the storm in their thoughts and prayers.

At the same time, the hurricane is crashing through our country; we are watching the last planes fly out of Afghanistan. The young soldiers who were murdered trying to help people escape the brutal Taliban have been identified and brought home to the United States. Our hearts are broken to see the events unfold over there. So again, Jo Anne and I ask you to keep the families of these military service members in your thoughts and prayers.

All these events remind me of how challenging and fragile life can be—the heartbreak, loss of loved ones, and obstacles to overcome. But we come together as family, friends, and neighbors to help each other through these life events.

I don't want to leave you with a lot of negative news, so I want to share with you the events that are going on with ACWA.

First, the ACWA Board of Directors nominations have been made and have been sent out for you to vote on by September 9th!

The Awards Committee has received nominations for the annual awards that ACWA presents to our outstanding members at the annual meeting.

We have some significant chuck wagon events coming up as well. Please check out page 9 of this newsletter for more information on those upcoming events.

Hopefully, these events will not be impacted by the increase in COVID-19 cases. Please check the ACWA Website for the latest information on each of these events.

Don't forget to start planning for the 2021 ACWA Annual Meeting to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 5-6, at the Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North at Fossil Creek. Would you please make your room reservations and ask for the ACWA member's discounted room rate?

This member meeting will be the kick-off event to start celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the American Chuck Wagon Association! Would you please do everything you can to come to the 2021 ACWA Annual Meeting in Fort Worth?

I want to remind you again that beginning November 01, 2021, the new membership rates will increase to \$35.00 for an individual membership and \$50.00 for a joint membership.

Don't forget to support ACWA by purchasing the great looking ball caps, aprons and banners. These make great gifts for your family, cooking team and anyone else who has a passion for chuck wagons and chuck wagon cooking!

I hope you all have a great September. I am looking forward to seeing you at the ACWA Annual Meeting in November.

Bobby Mims
President