

HAPPY TRAILS: A REPORT FROM THE RODEO ROAD

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2012 Miss Rodeo America

Hello again,

Since my last article, I have been to two very different states, South Dakota and Florida. I spent five days

in Rapid City, South Dakota for the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo. While there, I had the honor of carrying the American flag. This time, there was an added element that made the whole experience so much more exhilarating. Strapped to the top of the flag were fireworks. I ran the flag in a dark house, fireworks shooting off the top, and more pyro going off behind my horse as I ran around the arena. It was AWESOME! I have to admit that the thought of lighting my hair on fire was always in the back of my mind. Thankfully, I made it through without any burns.

I also did some sightseeing while I was there. I visited Mount Rushmore and of course had to get a picture. Since I've been there before, I didn't want the



Mackenzie at Mount Rushmore with Miss Rodeo North Dakota.

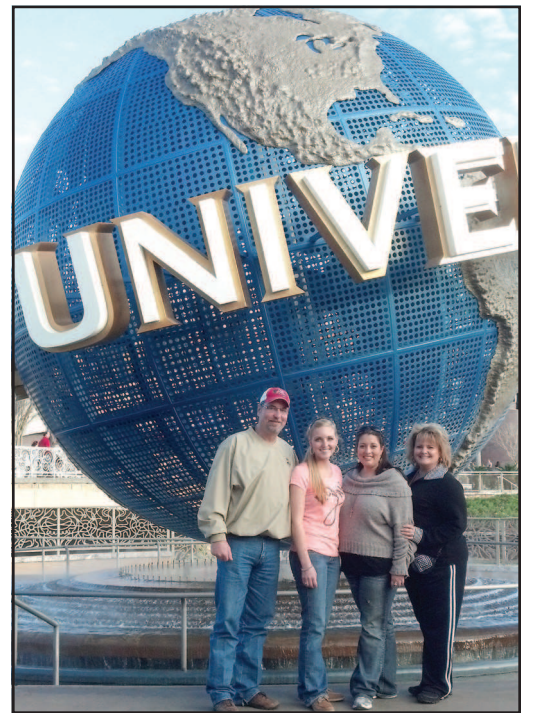
traditional shot. I'll let you be the judge, but I think President Lincoln appreciated me scratching the 85 year old itch. I was also tricked into climbing on top of a 60 foot concrete dinosaur. The state queens told me, "We've all climbed on top and slid down his tail." They were pulling my leg and I believed them. Thankfully, one of them spilled the beans before I slid down.

I came home from Rapid City to fly to Kissimmee, Florida only a few days later. I spent almost two weeks there and had the time of my life. I judged the Little Miss and Miss Silver Spurs rodeo

queen pageant. Some of the answers the other judges and I received were hysterical. I learned that the reason people in the South like funnel cakes so much is because, "They're joyful goodness!" Oh the things that come from a nine year old's mouth. I also shot skeet, rode around on a swamp buggy, visited Universal Studios, talked to a ton of different elementary school

classrooms, went to the beach, and of course rode at the rodeo. I met so many people that I now consider part of my family. Thank you again for all of your hospitality!

Since I am the official spokesperson for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, I take my job very seriously. Not only do I represent a sport that I love, I represent a lifestyle that people live. I feel the most important aspect of my job is to educate the public about the rodeo industry. Not only on the rules and regulations, but more importantly on the cowboys and cowgirls that keep the spirit of the Old West alive today. With today's changing society, fewer people are familiar with the western way of life. It is so rewarding to share a part of my life and the cowboy culture with them, ultimately creating new rodeo fans.



Mackenzie at Universal Studios in Florida.

fans.

I will be heading to Utah for their Rodeo Queen Boot Camp, where I will be one of the clinicians. I'm excited to share my knowledge and hopefully bring something new to the table. Immediately following the Utah trip, I'm off to the Lone Star State for the Houston Rodeo. I am the first Miss Rodeo America to attend this rodeo and I cannot wait! I will be sure to fill you in on any adventures that I have.

Until next time.



Dinosaur riding at Dinosaur Park South Dakota.

An Interesting Letter Arrives

Rick Hobart received a phone call in Vernonia the other day that led to an unusual surprise.

Hobart received the call from Dr. Chris Scheuerman, asking if he was related to Dr. Thomas Hobart. Apparently a letter was recently delivered to Dr. Scheuerman's dental office at 622 Bridge Street in Vernonia, that was addressed to Dr. Hobart who had his practice in the same building. The only problem was Dr. Hobart hadn't practiced there for over thirty-five years.

It turns out the letter, originally postmarked in Miami, Florida in 1972 and bearing an eight cent stamp, apparently had been lost in the mail. The envelope contained a new postmark from Eugene dated January 26, 2012 and arrived at 622 Bridge Street a few days later. After some research, Dr.

Scheuerman located Rick Hobart, a local relative and nephew of Dr. Thomas Hobart, or Mac, as many people knew him.

The letter, envelop and stamp, sent from Wyeth Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company that Dr. Hobart did business with, was a First Day Issue from the US Postal Service to honor seventy-five years of osteopathic medicine.

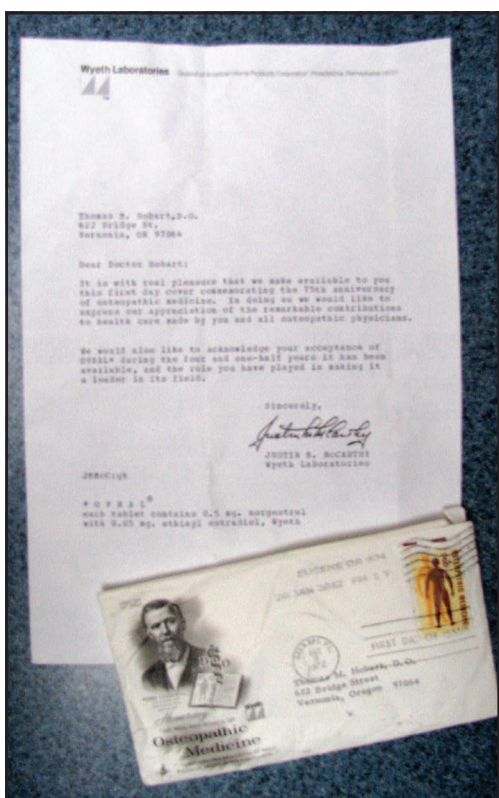
"Evidently the letter got caught in a machine or lost behind a desk or something," says Hobart. "But forty years later it finally arrived."

According to Rick Hobart, his uncle practiced medicine in Vernonia from 1958 to 1976. After selling the practice in Vernonia, Dr. Hobart worked for the VA Hospital in Roseburg



for twenty years. Ironically, says Rick Hobart, his father, Dr. Thomas Hobart's younger brother worked for Wyeth Laboratories for thirty-eight years.

Dr. Thomas Hobart passed away in 1996.



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