



## HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

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### Salt Grass Trail Association Story Ideas and History

#### Story Ideas

- The Salt Grass Trail Ride has won the Division 1 award (Largest Trail Ride) for many years in its history,

most recently in 2018.

- They also award annual prizes within their ride for Best Trail Rider, Youngest Boy and Girl Riders (a

highly sought after and a family tradition for some!), Most Experienced Woman Rider, Oldest Rider,

Furthest Traveled Rider (inside and outside the United States) and Best Trail Horse.

- Members began the Salt Grass Trail Ride for love of the animal, fellowship and the camaraderie of

family and friends, bringing them closer to the history of the ride. Salt Grass is "The Grand-Daddy of

'em All'!

- Salt Grass Trail Rides' Wagon #13 was voted Best Appearing Group in the 2015 and 2017 Downtown Parade and Wagon #7 was voted Best Appearing Group in 2016.

- On Saturday, February 16th, 2019, there will be a cook-off between the wagons as well as a favorite drink competition.

- Salt Grass Trail Association sponsored a scramble calf for the Austin County Fair Association

- Salt Grass Trail Association donates to the Houston Farm and Ranch Scholarship Fund.

#### History

- Salt Grass is the original trail ride from which all others were inspired. It created a whole new

generation of organized trail riding.

- Since its inception, trail riders in other Texas cities, and even in countries as far away as Spain, have

followed suit and started similar trail rides.



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- The first Salt Grass Trail began in 1952. Original participants were Brenham Mayor Reese Lockett,

Barker Rancher E. H. Marks, KPRC Newsman Pat Flaherty and LH7 Ranch foreman John Warnasch. All

of the original riders are deceased.

- The ride began as a publicity stunt inspired by Reese Lockett and grew to 2,000 riders and 100 wagons

before groups began to spin-off.

- Salt Grass is a grass that grows green throughout the winter in the Gulf Coast where old-time cowmen

took their cattle.

### Unique Attributes

- Salt Grass Trail Association is recognized as the largest Trail Ride in the world!
- Several wagons have many generations riding on them
- Many members flooded during the tax day flood and then the entire office was lost during Harvey, including historical files and pictures.