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**Chamber Networking Breakfast:
McDonald's, April 30th, 7:30 am
Chamber Mixer: 34584 Aspen St., May 13th, 6:00 pm**

Chamber Mixer/Membership Drive

On May 13th Compucare+, Premise Keepers and The Pit Stop BBQ are hosting May's Chamber Mixer. In helping to build the Chamber, this mixer will be a great way to bring potential and new businesses into the Chamber. If you know of a business that isn't already a member, or is thinking about becoming a member, talk to them about joining us for this Mixer. It will give them an opportunity to meet other businesses in the Chamber and to see some of the fun we have. The address for the mixer is at the home of Pam Gram and Pete Weaver, owners of The Pit Stop BBQ: 34584 Apsen St., Acton.

Current members who recruit a new business will get 10% off of their next renewal fee. Recruit ten new members and get your next year's membership for FREE!

At this mixer, membership forms will be available for anyone who wants to sign up. In addition, all kinds of appetizers will be served featuring BBQ, Italian, tropical, and american food themes. The Chamber will also be offering wine and beer. Everyone is encouraged to donate a raffle prize to promote their business. So don't miss the fun and bring a new face with you!

Here are pictures from out last mixer!



March Business Breakfast

We had a great turn out for March business breakfast. It is very important that we all network each other during these hard economic times. April business breakfast will be at McDonalds. We would like to thank the local eating establishments for having us all. They have done a great job. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Annette Lane at 661-942-2345. We welcome any new members and new faces to join in the fun and raffles. Thank you all for your participation.

Sincerely,
Annette

Mixer Hosts Wanted!

Offer to sponsor a chamber mixer! Mixers are a great way to promote your business to other businesses and the Community. Chamber mixers are open to anyone wanting to come and can be structured any way you want, since you are the host. The raffle prizes add to the fun of the mixer and help the Chamber raise money for our various events that the Chamber supports. Raffle prizes are typically donated by businesses that come to the mixer, so you don't have to do anything special to have the raffle. Food and drinks can be anything you choose. If you are worried about the costs, remember several things, you can host a mixer with another business to keep costs down AND the cost of hosting the mixer can be written off as a business expense! When the mixer is over, your business will be the talk of the town! Contact Annette Lane for more information: (661) 942-2345

The Acton Chamber of Commerce and the EXCA Presented The EXTREME COWBOY HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS CHALLENGE March 20th Results

This Acton Chamber / EXCA event was held on March 20th at the Ride "N" Easy Ranch in Acton instead of the Vincent Hills Meadows as advertized. Advance registration was down considerably from last years March race so the move was made to simplify setup and cleanup.

The results were as follows:

Youth:	1st Place = Joseph Visser
Non Pro:	1st Place = Joseph Visser
	2nd Place = Vinnie Muselli
	3rd Place = Mike Tarrant
Ride Smart:	1st Place = Vinnie Muselli
Novice:	1st Place = Toni Haigh
	2nd Place = Mike Tarrant
	3rd Place = Stephanie Visser

As a result of the poor turn out for the last two EXCA races, the Chamber Board voted to remove the two remaining events from this years calendar in order to focus on other activities that may be better aligned with the objectives and needs of the businesses in Acton and of the Chamber.

Save These Dates For Upcoming Chamber Events...

- April 30th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at McDonald's
- May 13th** — Chamber Mixer, 6:00 p.m. at 34584 Aspen St., Hosted by The Pit Stop BBQ, Premise Keepers and Compucare Plus
- May 15th** — 4th of July Fundraiser: Car Show, 3:00 pm; Dinner Dance, 5:00 - 10:00 pm
- May 28th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Sue Bee Cafe
- June 25th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Perkin Up
- July 3rd** — 2nd Annual 4th of July Dinner/Dance
- July 5th** — 4th of July Parade
- July 30th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at 49er Bar & Grill
- August 27th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at McDonald's
- September 24th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Sue Bee's
- October 2nd** — Fall Festival
- October 29th** — Chamber Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at Perkin Up

To keep track of everything from Mixers and Networking Breakfasts to our upcoming events, you can now find everything on the website at www.actoncoc.org/special_events.html. As news and applications become available for each event, they will be posted on the website along with additional information, so be sure to check it out! The forms/applications can be downloaded to your computer, filled out using Adobe Reader, and then printed or emailed to the concerning member, saving you time from filling the form in by hand. And of course, we are always looking for volunteers to help us with these events! If you can help, contact the person in charge from the website.

Now available online are the following flyers and application forms:

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4th of July Parade Fundraiser May 15th!

This year's parade theme is "**Acton: Community with a Heart**". In order to make this parade happen, we need to raise more funds to defer the costs of the permits, law enforcement and other incidentals associated with putting on the parade. On May 15th, the Chamber has put together a family fun event to help raise the money needed. The afternoon begins at 3:00 pm with a car show. At 5:00 pm, dinner will be available for sale by The Pit Stop BBQ and live music will be played by Debra Lee & Trigger Happy throughout the evening until approximately 10:00 pm. The Chamber is asking for a \$5.00 per person donation to join in the fun. The Pit Stop BBQ will be donating sales proceeds to the Chamber for parade costs. Hope to you there!

4th of July Volunteers Wanted!

The Chamber Board is looking for volunteers that can help us organize the 4th of July Parade. The parade will be held on Monday, July 5th this year. To participate in the parade, you can download the application form online at http://www.actoncoc.org/special_events.html. **If you can help in any way, please contact Pam Gram at 269-2866 or Ellen Murphy at 269-8406!**

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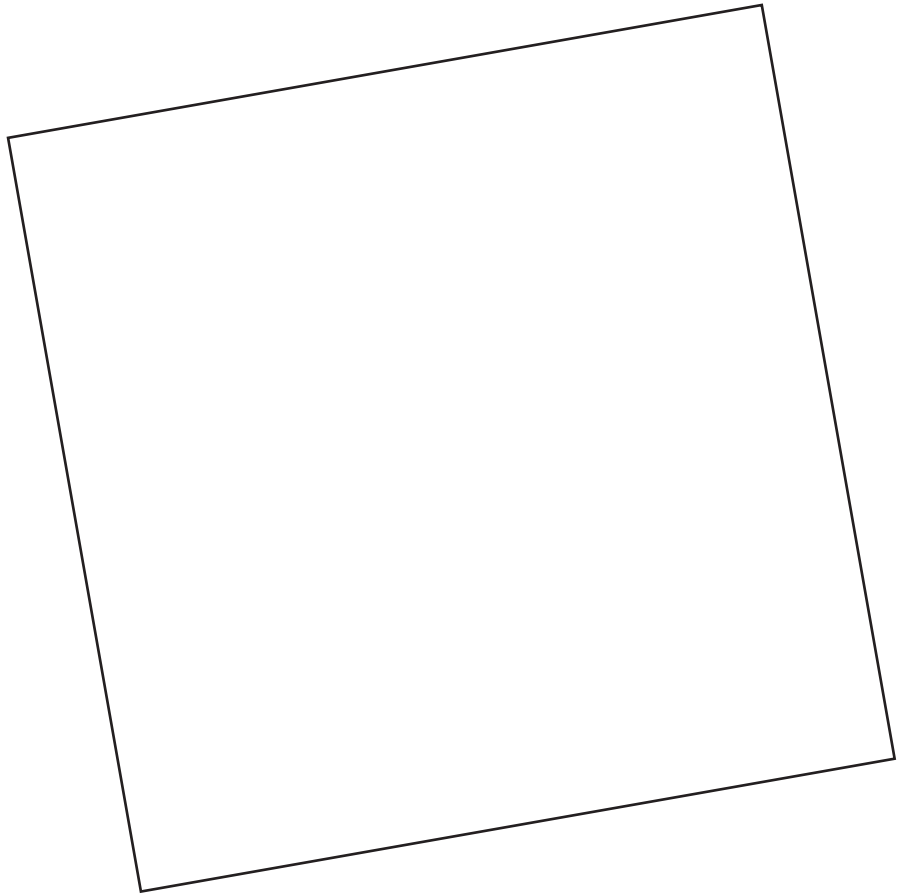
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