

OUT ON THE RANGE

The Silver State Stampede, Elko, Nevada © Cynthia Delaney



Bucking horse and bronc rider leave the chute for an eight-second ride at the Silver State Stampede. TOP RIGHT: Wild horse roping is an uncommon event but has its roots in traditional horse breaking. BOTTOM RIGHT: Participants attempt to rope a running horse in the wild horse event.



The Elko Silver State Stampede is one of the oldest professional rodeos in Nevada. It was started in 1913 by G.S. Garcia, a famous saddle maker, who thought the rodeo would be good competition for area cowboys and provide local entertainment.

He was right. This three-day rodeo is an annual happening in Elko. Some of the West's best cowboys and cowgirls come to compete in a sport that has its roots in rugged ranching work.

In 2007 the stampede will be hosted July 12-14 at the Elko County Fairgrounds. ■

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