

### Why a Reunion every two years?

The Rucker Family Society has a reunion every two years alternating locations to keep in touch and share the latest in genealogy and family history.

### Why was the theme “Rucker Roundup” chosen?

We will have special events with Western and Native American fare that you will want to attend. We’ll visit a western town and see a western show. We may even get our pictures taken in old west outfits.

### Where is Phoenix-Mesa- Gilbert, AZ ?

Gilbert/Mesa are southwestern suburbs of Phoenix. Two Tennessee Rucker brothers hopped a train from Washburn, TN to the West and settled in this area. Barton Rucker had no children, Simeon had 7 children and a LOT of posterity here in the Phoenix area and in the Western states.

### How do I get to the Reunion? You may fly into either:

**Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport** (25 minutes from Hotel)  
You may rent a car, take a cab, or a hospitality committee member will pick you up if you make arrangements by February 20th.

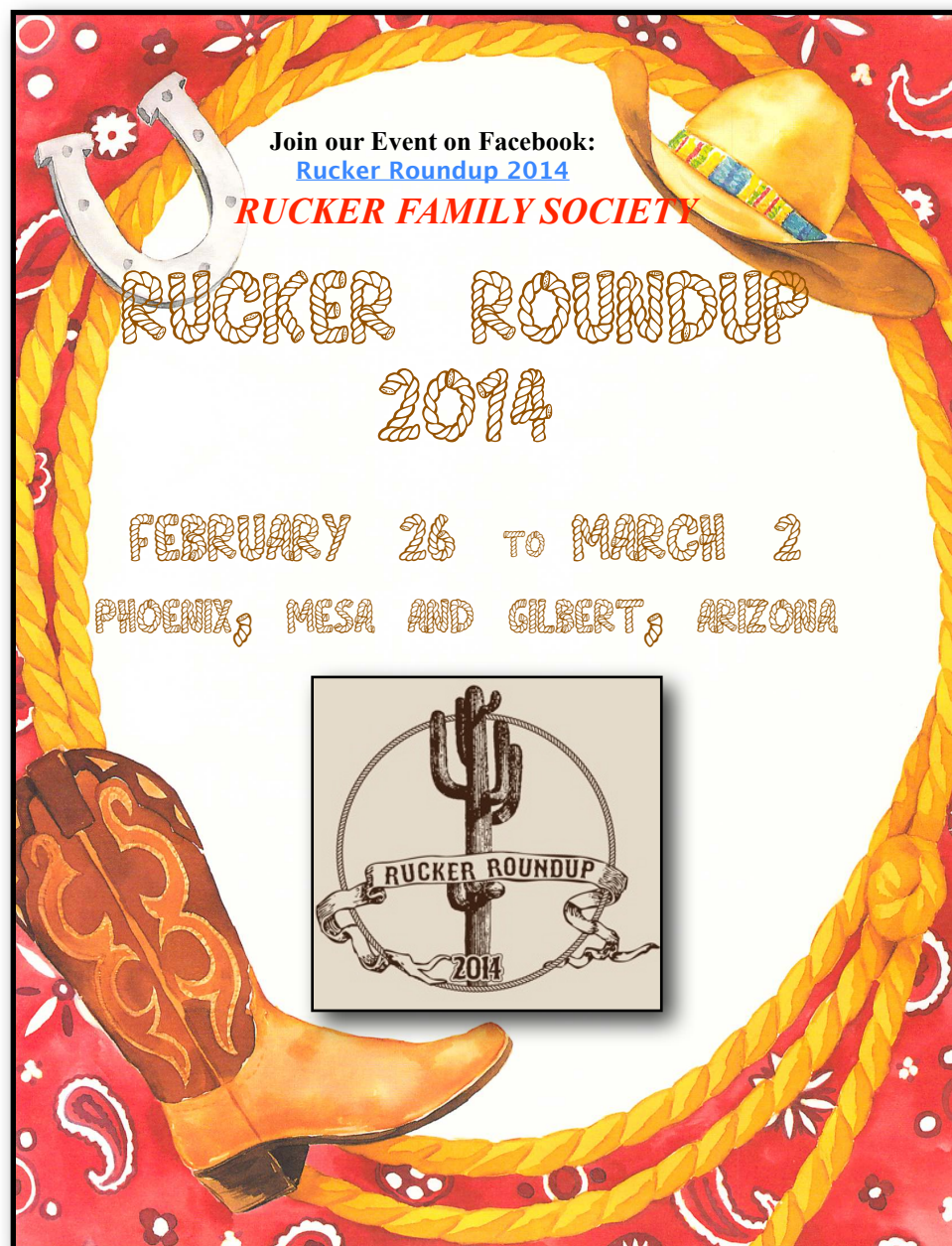
**Phoenix-Mesa Gateway** (10 min from Hotel) Low cost Spirit Airlines and Allegiant fly into Gateway and service many smaller cities. Check their websites. A free shuttle to the hotel is provided.

### Where is the reunion hotel located?

Double Tree by Hilton Phoenix-Gilbert, 1800 S. San Tan Village Parkway Gilbert, AZ 85295 Hotel number 480-809-4100 DoubleTree Phoenix-Gilbert.com Single rate \$134 Double \$134 Triple \$144 Quad \$154 (includes breakfast) **Reservations MUST be made no later than Tuesday Jan 26, 2014. Request Rucker Family Society.** The rate is good three days before and three days after. This is peak tourist season in Arizona and these are very reasonable rates and the reunion hotel is also within 30 minutes of all the places we will be going during the Reunion dates.

### What should I bring?

1. A family history chart that shows how you are connected to Peter Rucker. Also, any written family histories you are willing to share with others--verbally or in writing.
2. Please bring fun and interesting items for our fundraising auction ...anything is great but “Rucker” memorabilia are extra special. Check Ebay and Amazon. What? A cactus garden for auction??? A metal saguaro cactus??? Ruckers are so creative.
3. A desire to meet new relatives and socialize with the ones you already know. Swim suit? Warm jacket? Golf clubs???



**Rucker Family Society 2014**

**“RUCKER ROUNDUP”**

**Committee**

*Karen Rucker van der Werf, Chairperson (480)-241-3426*  
*Hospitality-Welcome : Verona Flint, Ruth Pillow, Nell Cordick*  
*Events: Mary Ann Laurence*

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

- 4:00** Let's get acquainted activities in Hospitality Room  
**6 :00** Dinner decided by group at nearby restaurant

**Thursday February 27, 2014**

- 8:00** Breakfast included at Hotel (\$11 if not staying at host hotel)  
**9:00** Welcome meeting-Hospitality Room: Christopher Rucker  
**9:30** DNA project Update by Alice Rucker  
**10:30** Genealogy groups organized by Relative:  
Share your generation charts and written histories and research  
**12:00** Lunch --your choice/group choice  
**1:00** Visit Hohokam Indian Ruins -Mesa Grande or Casa Grande-depending on time. (free)  
**2:00** Family History Library-- (Next to Mesa LDS Temple)  
Make a genealogy fan chart, Instructions, if needed, about how to use the library, research time, how to access this information where you live. **NOTE:** Before you come go to familytree.org and create a non-lds account and password and bring this with you to create a fan chart of any of your deceased relatives. This is private information.

- 6:00** Rucker Brothers BBQ (\$20 Adults \$5 children) (Gilbert)  
*Beef, chicken, pork (add spicy BBQ sauce if you want)*  
*Dutch oven potatoes,ranch beans, coleslaw,*  
*lemonade,chocolate cake*  
**7:00** Peter Rucker's History by Jean Brydon

**Friday, February 28, 2014**

- 8:00** Breakfast (\$11 if not staying at host hotel)  
**9:00** Some Sudie Rucker Wood updates by Jean Brydon  
**10:30** Lt. John Rucker's Apache Campaign by  
Marshall Trimble, Official Arizona State Historian  
**12:00** Lunch --your choice or group choice

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**Friday continued.....**

- 1:00** Bashas' Western Art Gallery in Chandler (free)  
Research at the LDS Family History Library, Mesa (free)  
Visit Gilbert LDS Temple Grounds, Gilbert (free)  
(The Gilbert LDS Temple has a Rucker connection:The architect is  
is married to a Rucker and the interior is by Don Rucker.)  
(Open house for public to view inside of temple: January 14-February 15)  
Golf, shopping, napping, swimming???

- 4:00** Optional genealogy groups by relative in Hospitality Room

- 6:00** “Mexican Fiesta” (\$18 Adults \$5 children) (Chandler)

**Jason and Angela Rucker Home**

*Carne asada, fresh tortillas, chips and salsa,*  
*guacamole, lettuce, tomatoes, black beans, churros*

- 7:00** Arizona “Rucker” slide show (Jason's home)

Mike Rucker: Rucker Fort, Rucker Canyon in AZ

- 8:00** Famous Fundraising AUCTION!! (Jason's home)

*Bring your STUFF for display before dinner.*

“Cowboy Poetry” by Mike Rucker

**Saturday, March 1, 2014**

- 8:00** Breakfast (\$11 if not staying at host hotel)

- 9:00** A billion graves project by Dick Rucker

- 10:30** Interesting Rucker family stories as told by any members of  
the Rucker Family Society. Bring one to share-in writing too?

- 12:00** Navajo Tacos and Native American Indian Dancers (Gilbert)  
\$12 adults \$4 Children (Edwin Lamoreaux Residence)

- 4:00** To be Announced

- 5:30** Rockin'R Ranch Tour small western town, watch gunfight, have  
group picture taken in western wear -(Wear western outfits if you desire.)

- 6:30** Rockin'R Ranch Dinner and Show (\$35/pp) (Mesa)

- 7:30** Rockin'R Ranch Show

**Sunday, March 2, 2014**

- 8:00** Breakfast (\$11 if not staying at host hotel)

- 9:00** Business meeting and adjournment

- 10:00** Optional genealogy groups by relative or additional tours  
will be listed in your welcome packet.