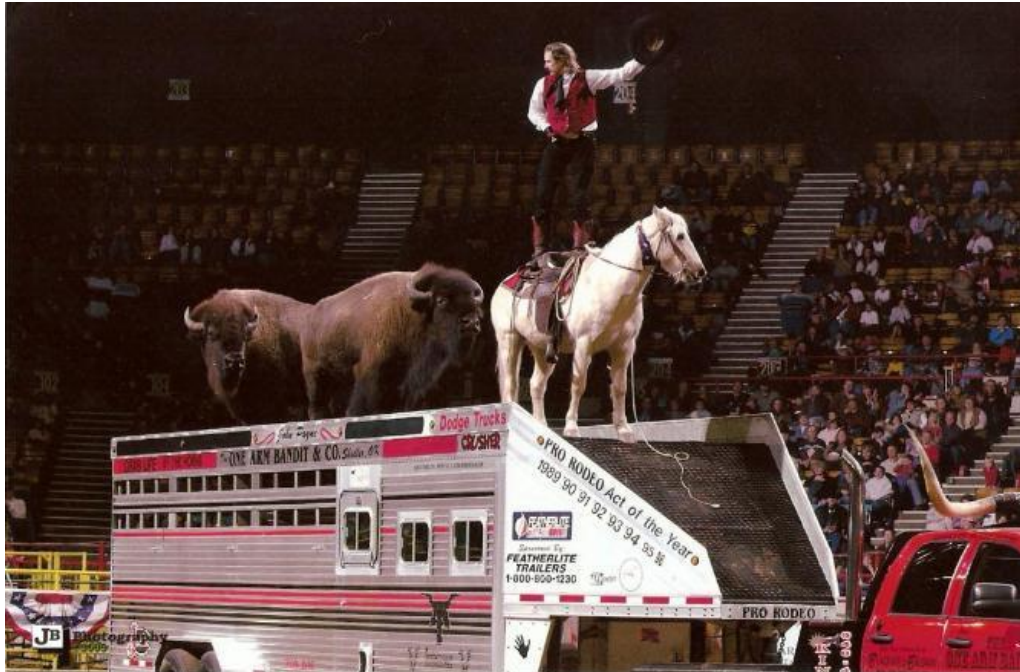


THE ONE ARM BANDIT & COMPANY



John S. Payne, the notorious **One Arm Bandit**, was born to a rancher in the oil rich town of Shidler, Oklahoma on April 4, 1953.

On June 12, 1973, after grabbing a hot wire, 7,200 volts of electricity ran through his entire body for an unbearable 10 seconds. John was killed. With fingers nearly burnt off, John fell 25 feet to his death. His intestines were exposed and his left thigh burnt to the bone; but John was given C.P.R. and was brought back to life. The doctor's report read, "Not much brain damage". After 5 weeks in the Tulsa burn center, John checked himself out and went home to start breaking a horse he had bought during his time in the hospital.

In 1975 John took a liking to Judy Crabtree and they married. John and Judy are responsible for what is now the most sought after gang in the rodeo world today, **The One Arm Bandit Gang**. John has headlined the most wanted list since 1988.

Ranch life with four brothers taught John to "Get out of the way or get ran over" and "Get tough or Die". His occupations have included: Rancher, Saloon Owner, Gambler, Wild Cattle Puncher, and Professional Rodeo Entertainer! Nine time, Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) "Specialty Act of the Year"

