



WORLD'S LARGEST SPUR

Larry Houston, a retired master farrier, was living in Roswell, New Mexico when he saw a friend's son drive his toy truck under a real spur. With a lot of thought, Larry went to work, designing the 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet, 2,000 pound steel spur to put at the entrance of his and Kathy's driveway.

The spur's proportions match those of a real spur; one-eighth inch equals one foot. The rawl is a 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch fan blade off a swamp cooler and does spin freely in the breeze. When the spur is set up right, it stands on a 24" x 17" x 30 $\frac{1}{8}$ " steel body. The inside heel curve is 15' 2" x 16' 10" and 20' 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 18' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the outside.

You can drive a semi-truck through the spur but what really takes your breath away is to see the Purina eight horse hitch come thundering into the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo Arena, where the

spur proudly stands to welcome rodeo and demo derby fans yearly in front of the north entrance.

The base of the rawl shank where the spinning rawl sets measures 26" wide and it is 7' 3" from where the axle for the rawl sets. The spur strap buttons are made from two 18" plow disks and are hinged to move just like a real spur. It took Larry 450 hours to finish the spur.

The Houston's moved to Abilene, Kansas in 2002. Larry cut the large spur into thirds to haul on a trailer, and then re-welded it when they reached their new Kansas home. Larry went to Steve Karl's shop to get metal and was telling him about the spur. Larry also mentioned that he would be interested in selling it. When Steve went home and told his wife Jacque she thought "WOW! Just think how that would look as an entrance to the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds. Talk about tradition and fitting in with our theme "Hero's and Legend's"."

Recently listed in the Guinness Book of World's Records as the largest cowboy spur in the world, a 28-foot-high structure of steel. The Spur is located at the north entrance to the rodeo arena and grandstand at the Tom Smith Stadium, in Eisenhower Park.