

# ZANE GREY (the mule)

## Bio

Twenty-three years ago, in 1989, Thomas Firth saw an ad in the Horse Trader about a rope horse for sale. He drove to Yucaipa and came home with a mule; that mule's name was Zane Grey. Although Zane talks with a New York accent, don't be fooled. He was born in Bishop, California, and spent all but his first 6 years right here in Anza. Zane Grey, the mule, is a habitual liar, and highly untrustworthy, he is the perfect choice to enter politics as Anza's Deputy Mayor.

When Thomas and Cathy bought him he was a six-year-old saddle mule. Zane immediately began training as a pack mule, and soon he volunteered for the Forest Service, packing trail tools, food, and whatever other supplies trail crews needed in the back country. He is currently the longest serving animal volunteer in the San Jacinto District of the San Bernardino National Forest. He also volunteers for the Pacific Crest Trail Assoc., The Bureau of Land Management, and the Back Country Horsemen of California, helping to build and maintain forest and wilderness trails throughout Southern Calif. and in the Anza area.

Zane has considerable roping experience in a calf pen, and has even stared down a large black bear in the Sequoias, where, after a lengthy standoff regarding who had the right-of-way, the bear blinked and went about his business elsewhere.

Recently Zane was written into, and was one of the cast members of Stephen Savage's new western series, Tucker's War, and has a recurring role. As if Zane's head weren't big enough, he is also a cast member in The Ramona Play.

Zane recently capped off whirlwind travels with an appearance in The Rose Parade, again as part of the Ramona Pageant entry. Disappointed when he discovered he wasn't going to be the center attraction on a float, he threatened to go on strike, but later agreed to participate when he was promised a generous feed bag of senior feed upon completion.

Zane Grey has the morals of a rutting elk, and is as trustworthy as flatulence the morning after chili night. He is the perfect politician!