Guide to

Arizona State Fair Manuscript Collection, 1978-1995

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HISTORICAL NOTE, SCOPE & CONTENT
Gene Probasco, a Respiratory Therapist by profession and also owner/operator of “Gene’s American Flyer Train Service”, was an annual exhibitor to the Arizona State Fair, at least from 1978 to 1995. The documents in this collection indicate Probasco exhibited Fruits; such as, Lemons, Grapefruit and Oranges, and there are premium slips showing he won cash prizes for his entries. There is also some mention of Probasco collecting unusual pins and buttons.

The collection includes Premium Books and Programs for each State Fair from 1978 to 1995. The Premium Book shows details of all the entry regulations for the various exhibitor categories and the photos of Fair management personnel. Also included are ticket stubs and entry forms for Probasco’s participation at each Fair.

CONTAINER LIST
Box 1.
Folder 1: Premium Book(program) for 1978 Az. State Fair and publication showing performers.

Folder 2: Premium Book for 1979 State Fair.

Folder 3: Premium Book for 1980 State Fair, & assorted entry forms.

Folder 4: Premium Book for 1981 State Fair, & assorted entry forms and instructions.

Folder 5: Premium Book for 1982 State Fair, & assorted entry forms and instructions for Eugene Probasco.


Folder 8: Premium Book, Program, News Articles for 1985 State Fair and assorted entry documents for Eugene Probasco.


Box 2.

Folder 12: Premium Book for 1989 State Fair, & assorted documents related to the Fair and Gene Probasco, including a letter from Probasco requesting consideration of greater prize awards for exhibitors.


Folder 14: Premium Book, Program for 1991 State Fair & assorted documents related to the Fair and Probasco. There is a “premium” stating indicating Probasco was awarded $26.00 for a Fruit exhibit.


