

## Buzz Barton

Actor

Real name: William Andrew Lamoreaux



His filmography starts with his uncredited bit role in *The Knockout Kid* (1925) and concludes with his uncredited appearance as a horse wrangler in the popular movie *The Shootist* (1976) followed by his acting role as the Mayor of Addis in *Cross of Fire* (1989) on TV!<sup>1</sup>

Now that's impressive longevity!

At Answers.com we learn:

Russet-haired and with freckles, American juvenile actor Buzz Barton (born William Lamoreaux) began his screen career at the age of 11 as Billy Lamar, doubling child actor Frankie Darro and supporting Western star Jack Perrin. His studio, *Film Booking Office* [once a part of Joseph Kennedy's vast empire], changed his name to the spunkier Buzz Barton and publicized him, with reasonable accuracy, as "The World's Greatest Juvenile Rider and Western Star." The Red Hepner series he starred in for FBO was quite popular with children, but Barton faced an unsure future when the company stopped making B-Westerns in 1928. A rather gawky teenager, Barton kicked around Hollywood for a while and played Rex Bell's sidekick in four oaters [oater - A movie or television show about cowboy or frontier life; a western movie]<sup>2</sup> for Gower Gulch company *Resolute* before joining the ranks of supporting players. Barton's appeal did not survive adulthood and he left Hollywood in favor of the rodeo circuit around 1940. Barton was back in films by the late '60s, but strictly as a bit player. ~ Hans J. Wollstein, All Movie Guide

A fascinating illustrated biography of this actor, rodeo star and circus performer appears at [www.b-westerns.com/buzz.htm](http://www.b-westerns.com/buzz.htm)



(Courtesy of Les Adams)

Above from L-to-R are Buzz Barton, Rex Bell, Ruth Mix and Stanley Blystone in a scene from *SADDLE ACES* (*Resolute*, 1935). Barton was in his early twenties when he did these four with Bell and Mix

<sup>1</sup> Internet Movie Database [www.imdb.com/name/nm0059104/filmyear](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0059104/filmyear) downloaded on 31 Aug 2009

<sup>2</sup> <http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/oater> downloaded 31 Aug 2009