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True friendship exhibits itself more
in solitude than in the presence of
others. -Rousseau-

Friendship demands the ability to do
without it. -Ralph Waldo Emerson-

CALENDAR OF STANDING EVENTS

2nd Thursday	7:00 Board Meeting
	8:00 General Membership
2nd Tuesday	7:30 Rodeo Events Comm
2nd Thursday	7:30 Entertainment Comm.
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PR-Fundraising Comm
4th Tuesday	7:30 Membership Comm.
4th Thursday	7:00 Board Meeting

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 4	Mr/Ms/Miss Cocktail Party
Dec. 17	Function of the Month
	CGRA 13 Days of Christmas
Dec. 18	CGRA Member Christmas Party
Dec. 23	IGRA 13 Days of Christmas

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DECEMBER

CGRA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				BOARD MEETING 7:00pm CHARLIE'S		
MR. MS. MISS. C.G.R.A. COCKTAIL PARTY CHARLIE'S				BOARD MEETING 7:00pm GEN. MEMBERSHIP 8:00pm		
		RODEO EVENTS COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30pm THE METRO		ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30		FUNCTION OF THE MONTH... C.G.R.A. X-MAS PARTY. 5:00-9:00 13 DAYS OF X-MAS
C.G.R.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY DICK AND BOB'S		P.R. FUND- RAISING COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30pm CHARLIE'S		BOARD MEETING 7:00pm CHARLIE'S	I.G.R.A. 13 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS	
MERRY CHRISTMAS 		MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MTG. 7:30pm CHARLIE'S				NEW YEARS ROCKIN' EVE !!

MERRY CHRISTMAS &
 HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM: THE "REALLY BIG C.G.R.A. NEWS" STAFF



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

November was an exciting and eventful month. Congratulations to the new Mr. CGRA, Rob, Ms. CGRA, Laura, and Miss CGRA, Bunny, and to first runners-up Roger, Carolyn and Amanda. The board of directors look forward to a productive year ahead working together with you. The competition gets tougher every year and all the competitors made an excellent showing this year.

The first rodeo of the new rodeo season was held in Austin. Fortunately, we were lucky to be almost free of the problems we had faced in Reno. Colorado was well represented and we enjoyed watching the growth of the new contestants. Even though we brought back a number of ribbons, none of us were lucky enough to bring back a buckle. We must try to direct some time and expense, before Great Plains Regional Rodeo, into education and training for our contestants to give them the edge to bring back those belt buckles!

Finally, to each and everyone of you, have a joyous and happy holiday season. Please come up to Dick and Bob's on Sunday, December 18, for our membership's Christmas party. This is a wonderful time to enjoy the feeling of family around us.

-Jeanie Nelson
President

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Artical not submitted

I NEED HELP! I NEED HELP!

The term "December" means different things to different people. To some, Christmas is quickly approaching and New Years Eve is just around the corner. Other people do not get excited at all about the holidays.

Then there are those members who know that January follows December and those members know what that means: updating that gigantic master mailing list! Three new different editions of the guides have been purchased so that we can begin checking every address we have on file. By the way, I still want to thank all of those members (and Charlie's bartenders) who helped create the initial input a year ago. There were many late nights spent in the basement while they could have been upstairs dancing!

I need your help with this process. Two years ago, David updated this list on a very antiquated system. A year ago I wrote and managed a brand new system. Currently, it has over 2,700 addresses from across the U.S. and Canada. When the file is printed out, it will cover more than 57 pages; the BIG computer pages!

I know we are all busy getting ready for the holidays, but if you have any spare evenings during the month to help out, I can give you a section of the country and you can check addresses, even while watching television in the comfort of your home!

Remember, I sold the other states on this concept and to date we have made over \$100 on the sale of labels.

-Larry Lindstrom
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS-
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Coming into the holiday season, we wish all of our CGRA members and friends a very safe and festive season. The past few months have been "really" hectic with all the activities we have either put on or have been involved with. This month seems to be just as busy but January will give us a little more breathing room.

First of all, I would like to thank all those people who helped out during the Fall Gymkhana and the Mr., Ms., & Miss Competitions. It was a very successful weekend. Congratulations to Rob, Laura, and Bunny. You do us proud.

For those of you who made it down to Colorado Springs for the weekend mountain retreat, it was fun. The Columbine Lodge is a very nice place to party and relax.

For those of you who went to Austin for the TGRA Rodeo, we understand that everyone had a wonderful time. We are always proud of our Colorado contestants and spectators at other rodeos. I wish more people would have shown up for the "Welcome Home From Austin" party the Wednesday following the rodeo. Oh well!

The Function of the Month, which we had at B.J.'s on Thanksgiving evening, was a great time. We raised \$80.00 in a nine number show, for the Prom Court's Travel Fund. Our Function of the Month is "really" starting to make a statement in the local community. Other organizations and other club owners are really beginning to talk very positively about what we are trying to do.

Although the month of December is traditionally a

month of partying, we have several things coming up which are of special importance to CGRA

On December 4th, Mr., Ms., & Miss CGRA will be hosting a cocktail party at Charlie's from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. They are sending out invitations to all other bar owners and other organizations' V.I.P.s to come and have a good time with them and to introduce themselves to the community. Wayne will be providing "Satin and Lace" to entertain through the party.

December 17th is our day for the 13 Days of Christmas at Charlie's. It is also our Function of the Month. Our open Christmas party (for the public) is from 5 to 9 p.m. with the actual function from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a show, drinks, and fun. Come out and support your organization!

On Sunday the 18th, we will be having our annual CGRA Christmas Party at Dick and Bob's house from 11 a.m. until sometime in the afternoon. Bring a covered dish and join in the spirit of brother and sisterhood with all the CGRA members and guests. There will be a map to Dick and Bob's in the back of the newsletter.

December 23rd is the night set for the IGRA night during the 13 Days of Christmas. I'm not real sure what we'll be doing on that night at this time, but I'm sure we will come up with something.

So you see, this month has not a lot of different things, but added to all your other parties and functions, your time is quickly filled up. Have a safe and happy holiday!

-Buddy Sojourner
Public Relations-
Fundraising Chairperson



SANTA IS COMING!
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Once again I find myself in front of this marvelous little computer screen watching the little yellow letters bounce along as my fingers fly across the keyboard. It is a crying shame that this is not as much fun as a piano. "Oh well, oh well," as our other bitchy columnist would say. Now on to the news.

November was a busy month for all of us. If you thought you just could not take or do any more, just hang on to your pillboxes and put your pumps in high gear because December will prove to be a zoo!

First of all, PLEASE do not forget the general membership meeting on the 8th. It makes all of us tired and weary board members smile with renewed vigor to see all of your smiling faces at the meetings. Besides, now that Tommy is handing out those special voting instruments, it's a lot more fun to come in and make your voice heard!

On the 4th of December, our new Mr, Ms, and Miss will be holding a "get acquainted with the rodeo royalty" cocktail party from 5 to 7 p.m. All of the leaders and dignitaries from the other organizations and groups in town are being invited. So let's all come out and help support our spokespeople as they get acquainted with their counterparts in our community.

Yes, once again that season is upon us. Only 28 shopping days left till Christmas. Of course, as always, we will be getting in our fair share of the yuletide partying beginning with the community Christmas party on the 17th. This is the day that Charlie's has given CGRA in their 13 days of Christmas. We will be holding a Christmas party open to the entire membership and the rest of the public starting at 5 p.m. and running until 9 p.m. There will be some marvelous entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. (when the dancers are all ancy). Then later in the evening, during the time allotted to us by Charlie's at which time we will receive 13% of all the money they take in, there will be two very, very special performances guaranteed to knock your pumps across the room and leave your pantyhose tied up in knots!

DON'T MISS THIS PARTY!

Now on the next day, Sunday the 18th, we will be holding our private (members and guests only) Christmas party at Dick and Bob's. Gosh doesn't that sound exclusive? The festivities will begin at noon and we will plan to eat around 2 p.m. This party is a pot luck, so everyone will need to bring a hot dish, and B.Y.O.B.!

The 23rd of December is the IGRA night of Charlie's 13 days of Christmas. I am sure that our Trustee, Larry Lindstrom, will be planning an excellent evening in honor of International Gay Rodeo. Please come out and support this terrific organization,

and help keep rodeo rolling around the world!

SANTA IS COMING!!!
SANTA IS COMING!!!

Of course, December 25th is Christmas day, and all of us here at the "REALLY BIG CGRA NEWS" and all of the "REALLY BIG CGRA VIP'S" want to wish you and yours a very warm and merry holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

-Russell Forrest
Entertainment Chairman

RODEO EVENTS

Article not submitted

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Hello from the Membership Committee! We made it back from the Texas rodeo in full color! There was a good turnout from the Denver area and from what I saw at the arena, Denver had a very good time, especially Micheal Elder.

Thanks to all of you members who are dues current! The membership drive is going great. There will be an update at the general membership meeting December 8. Please make note of this meeting and make sure that your dues are paid through December if you plan to vote on any issue that night. There will also be 50 pounds of feed raffled off at the end of the meeting.

The Second Annual Winter Park Ski Trip is under way and is scheduled for February 12, 1989. There will be a free breakfast buffet served at Charlie's at 7 a.m. The buses will leave Charlie's parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. The bus fare is \$12 a seat. You will be responsible for your ski equipment and lift ticket. Look forward for a good time and you do not have to be a CGRA member or be able to ski to go on the trip. All that is required is that you have a good time.

There will be a surprise at the end of the ski party you won't want to miss. Get your bus fare paid as early as possible to ensure a seat on the bus.

If you are a beginner or do not ski and would like to learn, beginner lessons will be available for \$10. These lessons will be available only to the first 10 people who sign up for them. Your ski instructor will be Hank Diaz, a certified ski instructor, and yes, has been seen often at Charlie's...AND let me tell you the way he moves around that dance floor! I cannot wait to see him on the slopes! So let's go to Winter Park and have FUN!

-Tommy Channel
Miss Blue Moon Lake
Membership Chairman

COLORADO SPRINGS SATELLITE

Article not submitted

NORTHERN COLORADO SATELLITE

Artical not submitted

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I.G.R.A. BOARD MEETING

The first board meeting for the 1988-89 rodeo season was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Gerald Ford at the Austin Sheraton Crest hotel. All states were represented except for Oregon and Wyoming.

Reading of the minutes was waived due to the absence of the Recording Secretary. The Treasurer's report was tabled due to being incomplete.

Four committees reported to the board: Judges, Membership, Secretaries, and Finals Rodeo. The Judges report would later be discussed in the Trustee's meeting.

In regards to the Membership Committee, Utah was recognized as an association by phone and will be seated at the annual convention. Louisiana and Idaho are working on their papers. States in the distant future include South Carolina, Illinois, and Iowa.

At the final 1988 quarterly board meeting in Reno, the following items of importance to contestants were discussed by the Secretaries Committee.

In regards to duplicate state abbreviations, the computer program cannot handle a GSGRA for California and another GSGRA for Utah. The decision was made to use the standard two-letter postal Code plus the letters "GRA" in distinguishing one association from another and still stay within the 5-letter limitations that have already been programmed throughout the system. The member associations will appear as follows for computer purposes only.

Arizona - AZGRA
 California - CAGRA
 Colorado - COGRA
 Kansas - KSGRA

Missouri - MOGRA
 Nevada - NVGRA
 New Mexico - NMGRA
 Oklahoma - OKGRA
 Oregon - ORGRA
 Texas - TXGRA
 Utah - UTGRA
 Wyoming - WYGRA

The committee recommended and was approved to proceed with tracking bad addresses per contestant. After a rodeo is complete, that hosting association will forward to Denver all contestant addresses which have been returned due to bad addresses. After three rodeos (approximately six months), the contestant is not deleted from the database but rather is flagged and is not permitted a mailing label until a "good" address is submitted to the Rodeo Auditor at P.O. Box 2258 Denver 80201.

The Rodeo Secretaries also presented the final 1988 rodeo year results.

Division 1

1. Greg Olson, Ariz.	2090
2. Jerry Hubbard, Calif.	1345
3. Gary Newman, Ariz.	1170
4. Larry Jones, Ariz.	930
5. Keith Thompson, Ariz.	800

1. Cindy McCormick, Cal.	1160
2. Bonita Bennitt, Ariz.	360
3. Donna Bell, Ariz.	350
4. Grace Popoff, Ariz.	310
5. Debby Root, Ariz.	310

Division 2

1. Bill Sanders, Tex.	1100
2. John Beck, Colo.	885
3. Glen Hostetler, Tex.	840
4. Larry Brandon, Okla.	790
5. Rick Gilbert, Colo.	535

1. Lisa Freeman, Okla.	950
2. Sheryl Kanaga, Tex.	630
3. Sande Miller, Okla.	460
4. Joyce Myers, Okla.	410
5. Retha Taylor, Okla.	360

The Finals Rodeo Committee distributed copies of the official press release. Also, law firms in New York and in Washington have been added to the case as well as the one in San Francisco. They request that we submit names to the Silver State association for the questionnaire.

Bids were then accepted for the 1989 finals. California proposed to accept Arizona's proposal; the only submitted. In order to follow the bylaws, the board reinstated Nevada's bid for the rodeo finals. Nevada will in turn delegate the finals rodeo to Arizona on behalf of SSGRA and delegate all authority to AGRA. More on this issue in the following article.

First Hand Publications of Teaneck, New Jersey, is in the process of creating a magazine called First Hand Events to be issued quarterly. One edition will be donated to leather, one to rodeo, and so forth. For New Business, the editors presented to the board a rather rough informal proposal for supplementing the finals rodeo in Phoenix.

First Hand Events will...

- o donate \$2,500 to be split for all-around cowboy and cowgirl.
- o donate all-around cowboy and cowgirl belt buckles.
- o carry a full page B/W ad.
- o display their "First Hand Events" banner at finals.
- o be the official magazine of IGRA.
- o provide ad space in First Hand publications at a 50% discount.

After much discussion by the board, the word "official" was dropped and the board accepted their proposal.

The following list is your International Board of Directors for the 1988-89 year.

Executive Board

President	Gerald Ford
Vice President	Rick Hembree
Rec. Secretary	Dave Watkins
Treasurer	Jeff Coon
Cor. Secretary	Frank Martinez

Directors

Arizona	John King
California	Jeannine Tuttle
Colorado	Larry Lindstrom
Kansas	Linn Copeland
Missouri	Bonnie Oliver
Nevada	Sam Koe
New Mexico	Charles Finley
Oklahoma	Linda Short
Oregon	Jim Chambers
Texas	Mark Fridan
Wyoming	Keith Evins

PHOENIX TO HOST FINALS

The Valley of the Sun will be host for the 1989 I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo October 6, 7, and 8, 1989. Representing AGRA and its members, John King gave a very thorough presentation to the International board. The following points highlight the proposal.

IGRA will provide...

- o a list of the eligible contestants.
- o a list of desired rodeo officials.
- o for the selling of event and champion buckles.
- o the Rodeo Grand Marshall.
- o for the supervision of the Mr., Ms., and Miss competition.
- o that no board member or officer interview or discuss the 1989 rodeo finals with media without prior approval of AGRA.

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AGRA will provide...

- o the promotion, posters, fact sheets, and program.
- o the arena, livestock, equipment, forms, and ribbons.
- o supervision of the dance festival.
- o suitable space for rodeo registration, Mr., Ms., and Miss competition, entertainment, and the awards ceremony.
- o to pay IGRA \$1 per paid ticket within 30 days of the rodeo. VIP's, rodeo volunteers, contestants, entertainers, and dance groups will not be charged admission.
- o to pay contestants a one-time payoff at completion of the rodeo:

All-Around	\$750.00
Res. All-Around	250.00
1st place event	175.00
2nd place event	125.00
3rd place event	75.00

Contestants will...

- o pay a charge of \$15.00 a person per event per day.
- o make their own arrangements with the arena for horse stalls.

The host hotel...

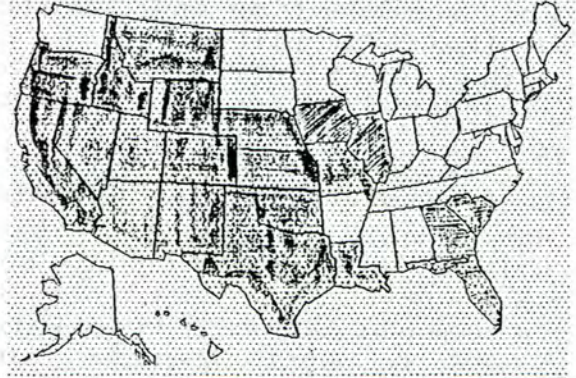
- o is the Days Inn Phoenix Camelback.
- o will cost \$38 + tax for one to four persons.

The following associations endorse AGRA and the finals.

- Camelback Business and Professional Association
- Community Aids Council
- The Western Express
- Flex Complex
- Durangos
- The Club
- K.C.'s
- Stixx

In addition to this support, AGRA has a 5 year contract for their arena so there is no doubt in my mind that Arizona will produce a very basic, but enjoyable finals rodeo!

-Larry Lindstrom
Colorado Trustee



Shaded states either have assoc or are inquiring!

NEW STATE ASSOCIATIONS

For the state of Utah, paper work has been filed with International and the official vote to seat Utah will take place at the July 1989 convention. Idaho has filed for Incorporation in their state and are expected to seek membership at the 1989 convention.

Louisiana is working on their papers to incorporate in their state. Nebraska picked up copies of Colorado's bylaws to work from to prepare their application.

Montana's inquiry was made by The Corral Bar in Billings to get their state association started. North Carolina is planning a meeting in February to seek interest.

The states of Iowa, Illinois, Georgia, and Florida are showing great interest.

A map is enclosed for existing state associations or future states.

FALL GYMKHANA REPORT

It was our second one for this calendar year, and what a smash success. Even with the cooler weather coming on, we still had a wonderful turnout, both in contestants and spectators. Everyone there had a great time and cheered on their favorites.

The list of winners is varied and takes a full range of our contestants line-up. In advanced men, we had John Beck taking first in barrels, Rob Hart in poles, Rick Gilbert in flags and Don Dorn in scurry. The first placers in women's advanced were Paige Wiley in both barrels and flags, Jonny Van Orman in poles and Vicki Landers took scurry.

Novice events brought some other familiar faces to the winner's circle. In men's, we saw again, Don Dorn, this time in barrels, and John Beck in flags. Uncle Paul took first in poles and Roger Elfgren follows with first in scurry. Women's novice saw Shelley Pohl win the barrels, Whitney Craig take the poles and R. C. Cuellar whip the flags. Mary Amos placed first in scurry.

The novelty horse contests, which are always entertaining, saw the team of John Beck and Rob Hart take the blue in the rescue race. Our own Tommy Channel bagged the ribbon in the potato race. Jonny Van Orman crawled her way to success in the barrel crawl, with Rick Gilbert taking the number one stab at rings and spears.

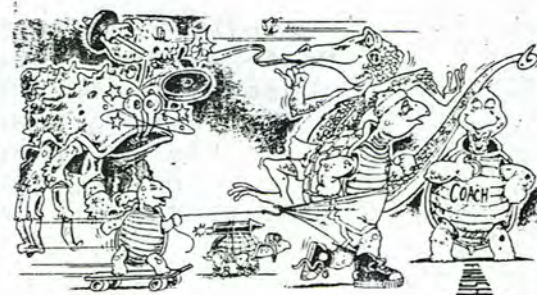
Now we are on to the hilarious people events, where those who don't have horses can take part and have fun at going for the ribbon and feeling the thrill of

competition in the gymkhana. The team of Rusty Barker, John DesGrosslier and Suzy Green took a change for the best in the Martha Washington Drag race. Rusty and Craig took the tissue to the winner's ring in the ribbon race. Michael Fregia and Keith Berckmann took our favorite "veggie" home in the carrot race.

Finally, as the gymkhana was coming to a close, we tied things up with jackpot events. John Beck spun first in barrels and rounded up the poles to take first there, and John Nelms took the flags contest.

As always, we wish to thank our gracious hostesses, Jody Johnson and Laura O'Neil, for allowing us use of their facilities at J & J Stables for our gymkhana, and all those people who came out to enjoy the show. If you missed this one, be sure to look for our Winter Gymkhana, coming up in February '89. Come have fun with all your friends! Until then, Happy Holidays and best wishes in the New Year!

-Tim Stanley



C.G.R.A. NEWS

MR., MS., AND MISS CGRA

We would all like to thank everyone for their love and support. This has been a very hectic, but fabulous couple of weeks.

Mr., Ms. and Ms. Runner-Up made their debut at the Columbine Lodge in Colorado Springs to a warm reception. Thanks to the owners, Marty and Barb, for their enthusiasm and generosity. We have been asked to return in January and will let you know more as dates and plans are finalized.

The Texas Rodeo was great; special congratulations to the competitors for a job done with Colorado pride and style, like John Nelms roping his first calf! We are looking forward to many new competitors in OKC.

A special thanks to Wayne Jakino and the staff of Charlie's; our Turkey Feed raised \$378.00 to benefit CAP Food Bank. Everyone enjoyed the festivities and helped make it a successful first fundraiser. A special thank you to Pat and Mel...you are the greatest!

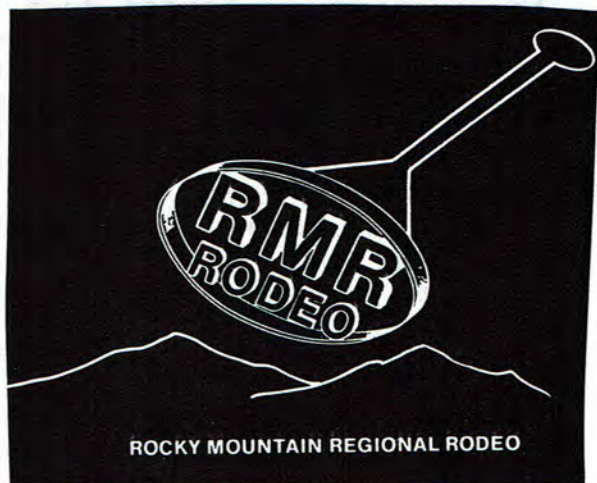
Mr. and Ms. Runner-Ups, Roger and Carolyn, are the best help and support and without their continual assistance, these two weeks would have been unbearable. "Thank You!" To everyone who brought food, "Ya'll sure can cook and cook and cook!" To Russ and Jessica, when we need their help, we just turn around and they never fail to rally for us. "Thank You!"

We hope to see you at the Mile Hi Freedom Band Concert on December 3rd.

Mr., Ms., and Miss will be introduced at an Out Reach to the Community Cocktail Party on Sunday, December 4th from 5

p.m. until 7 p.m. Entertainment sponsored by Charlie's will be Satin and Lace. Please join the festivities and support us as you always have.

Mr. CGRA Rob Hart
Ms. CGRA Laura O'Neil
Miss CGRA Bunny Barton



DON'T FORGET...A REMINDER

The next General Membership Meeting will be December 8th at Charlie's at 8 p.m. Be sure to be there so you can use your "New Vote Tool" if you are a dues current member! I hear Tommy is in charge of the "tools".



RODEO LOSES IT'S MIND...
GOES PROM COURT IN NOVEMBER

The November function of the month was a wild and wooley evening full of some utterly insane activities!

We were at BJ's Carousel on Thanksgiving evening to benefit the Prom Court Travel Fund. The entertainment for the evening was handed down in true Prom Court style, including performances by your new Mr and his runner up as Roberta and Regina Jugg, doing working in a coal mine. From the looks of their gowns, I think that's where they went shopping. The ever popular Jimetta was thankful for her country, and gave us a rendition of "God Bless America" that I am sure most of us will be unable to forget for quite some time. Also appearing were Miss Mexico Earthquake, Jessica Scott (who provided us with some relief from the uglie's), our new Miss CGRA Bunny Barton who gave new meaning to impersonation that evening, and our own president Ms Jeanie Nelson. Jeanie is now the most popular new chorus girl in Denver. She really was the "ONE"!

All in all the evening was a wonderful success. Prom Court was there in force to cheer us on and we raised \$80.00 for their travel fund!



FUNCTION OF THE MONTH

The December function of the month will be a real doozy! It is scheduled for the 17th of the month beginning at 5 p.m. with our community Christmas party. There will be another fantastic show starting at 7 with some special surprises later in the evening. This particular function of the month is a benefit for CGRA. YES...THAT'S RIGHT...A BENEFIT FOR CGRA so let's all come out and support our organization. In addition to the rest of the festivities the 17th is also the night that Charlie's benefits the rodeo association during their 13 days of Christmas. We will receive 13% of every dollar put into their registers between 7 and 11 p.m. SO DON'T WE REPEAT DON'T MISS THIS EVENING. It will be great fun for everyone and will also help us get going on the big financial strides we need to fund our upcoming rodeo!



The embarrassment of riding off
into a fake sunset

INTERNATIONAL RODEO
FINALS UPDATE
(or the rodeo that wasn't)

The individuals who made the trip to Reno for the 1988 Finals Rodeo and intend to take part in the planned class action suit against Churchill County for losses incurred must wait a little longer. The intitial questionnaire that was prepared was deemed inadequate by two of the three law firms involved in the suit on our behalf. A more detailed questionnaire is being prepared and tentative plans have it arriving in Colorado approximately December 10th. We will have 30 days to respond with the suit being filed in late January.

At present the attorneys are also still preparing additional briefs in their effort to have the Nevada Supreme Court which issued the restraining order that closed down the rodeo. To this date, court records of the hearing in Fallon still have not been turned over to the Supreme Court. The attorneys are also preparing briefs for the Churchill County District Attorney's new suit to obtain a permanent injunction to block a "GAY" Rodeo from "EVER" taking place in his county.

-Wayne Jakino



THE DENVER COUNTRY CLOGGERS

The Denver Country Cloggers did not participate in the Austin rodeo, but had their "Turn 'em Upside Down Night" anyway. They donated their tips (almost \$400) to go toward food for the CAP Food Bank. Jim Vela sang live for the entertainment, in spite of the fact that he was ill. He did a wonderful job and will be asked to sing for us again.

DCC's "13 Days of Christmas" is scheduled for December 16th this year. They plan to have a show, but also keep it short so that everyone can enjoy their Friday night dancing.

DCC will be dancing for Colorado Springs CGRA "50's & 60's Night" in January. We will have some new material. It would be a shame to miss their contribution to the show since they plan to keep it to that "era" type of music. Come and support the Colorado Springs satellite.

The event at the Columbine Lodge was a lot of fun. Next time you have the chance to go there, make a point to put it on your calendar. I also hope everyone supports the "13 Days of Christmas" for all of the organizations.

More next month...I can't keep up with Marybelle but I'll try to think of something cute!

-Pat McNeal
DCC Public Relations





MARYBELLE

DEAR EDITER,

Now lookie here, Mr. Editer, you cain't be so perticuler with ole Marybelle, by tellin me how to spell and sech. It is very hard to try to misspell these words, as I do so very well! And for you to seggest that I put my artikle on a "BIG" floppy disk, well I only have one thing "BIG" and iffing you knew who I really wuz, you'd agree as you did that one lonely night in the back of my car. It's true, it's true!!

Howeversome, Mr. Editer, iffing you are gonna have to recopy my colomn ever month, then I'd appreciate it EVER SO, iffing you'd try to copy it the way I write it. You misspelled my misspellin sooo bad, that it wuz shameful. It wuz, it wuz!!

Now onto this months tids and bits, and who do you suppose we should start with for all our C.G.R.A'ans to laugh and giggle at behind thair back???

Well, hon's and honie's, let's jest start with RENO? Oh no, spare me from that! The only thing funny bout RENO, wuz when they made the announcement in the ballroom that all the people in "DRAG" had a bathroom all to thairselfes, and to PLEASE stop usin the ladies bathrooms in the casina, cuz all the little ole ladies wuz havin a hissy. Oh my, oh my!!

And then thair wuz ole Mr. WAYNE hisself. That man has such nerve that my sourcers tell me that he went up to the SHERRIFF's house in FALLON and SHIT right on that mans doorstep, then rang the bell and ast iffing he could have some toilet paper!! He did, he did!! He really did!!

Hon's and honie's, iffing you wuz out to the gymkahna at JODY and LAURA'S you'd have spit your limes onta the ground like I did when you saw that DICK B. couldn't control his hourse and fell off slickern shit. He's tellin everone that he jumped off in self defense to keep from goin inta the fence, but we all know that he wuz just tryin to get some attention like JONNIE V. tries to get when she falls offin her hourse. It's true, it's true!!

My sourcers tell me that CLOGGER MEL wuz drunk again the other night, and wuz askin everone iffing they knew why she scratched her eyes in the mornins, and when they wuz stupid enough to ast, she'd tell um that it wuz cuz she didn't have any BALLS to scratch in the mornin. SICK, SICK, SHE'S really SICK!!!

Well hon's and honie's and all you C.G.R.A'ans, I know that you have just been waitin to come to the PUBIC SERVICE MESSAGE of the month. Well hon's and honie's, your PUBIC SERVICE MESSEGE IS: Don't ever talk to DAVID HILL when he is commin outta a gymkana porta-potty, cuz at JODY AND LAURA'S, his breath stank somthin awful when he come out, so the next time he wuz in thair, I peeked through a crack and thair DAVID HILL wuz, sittin on the stool, and eatin the BIG WHITE MINT outta the urenal. He wuz, he wuz!!!

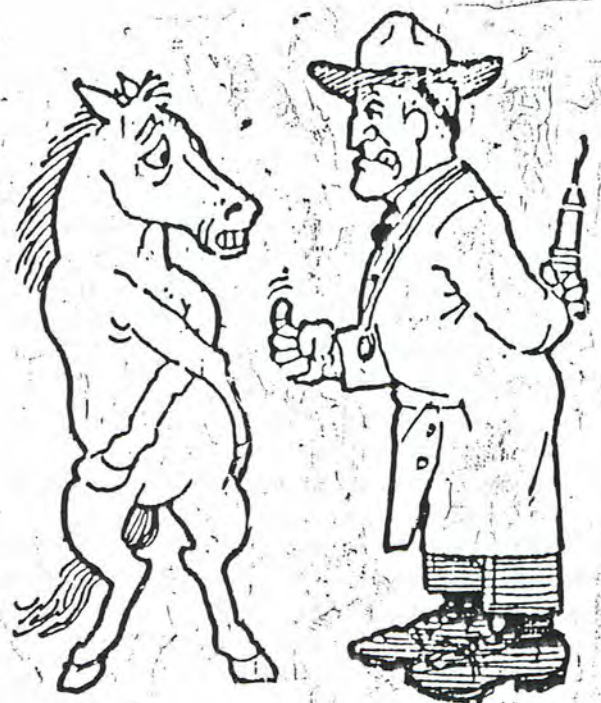
Well, guess that outta get a laff or two outta some-o-you deadbeats, so until next month, this is your DEAR sweet Marybelle, wisshin you to have a EVER SO VERY GOOD DAY!!

MARYBELLE.

AROUND OUR STATE

The Denver Women's Chorus will be hosting a "Celebrating the Spirit" program on December 17th at 8 p.m. You will find an enclosed flier with all the details. Please check it out.

The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is made up of many men and women from all walks of life. Many of our members are also members of other organizations. If any of you have any functions/activities which you feel our other members would like to know about, please let the PR-Fundraising committee know so we can include it in our next letter.



HORSE SCENTS

STABLE VICES AND OTHER
BAD HABITS

Horses in confinement often develop habits that may be annoying to their owners and even harmful to themselves. Most stable vices result from sheer boredom.

"Bolting" is a horse's habit of eating its concentrate feed very rapidly and without chewing it properly.

"Cribbing" refers to a condition in which the horse bites the manger or another object while sucking in air. It sometimes causes a "bloating" condition, and the horse is more likely to deve-

lop colic. This condition may be remedied by buckling a strap snugly around a horse's neck in such a way that it compresses the larynx when the neck is flexed or extended. If properly placed, such a strap will cause no discomfort at other times.

"Halter Pulling" refers to the habit of pulling back on the halter rope or bridle reins when tied. The halter or/or strap may be broken, allowing the horse to run away.

Some horse develop a habit of "kicking" or "striking" the stall or other objects with their rear feet. They apparently do this for the satisfaction derived from striking something.

"Tail Rubbing" is a habit of persistently rubbing the tail against the side of a stall or on another object. This may result from parasites.

"Weaving" is a condition in which a horse weaves, or sways from side to side, while standing in a stall.

Draft horses may develop the habit of "balking" when hitched to heavy loads. Thus they refuse to push their shoulder against the collar. Such a habit sometimes develops because of a poorly fitting collar, which causes a sore on their necks or shoulders.

A horse may develop the habit of "rearing" on its hind legs when an attempt is made to lead it. Others may rear when mounted. Some horses develop the habit of "striking out" with the forefeet when they are being led and/or when they rear up on their hind legs. Other horses develop a habit of "shying" when ridden and may even unseat their rider. Draft horses sometimes

develop the dangerous habit of "running away" when hitched to a wagon or other moving vehicle. Riding horses, especially cow ponies, may "cold jaw", a habit of taking the bit in their teeth and running at top speed. Pulling on the reins or other methods commonly used in stopping them are often unsuccessful. Once these runaway habits develop, little can be done to correct them.

Another undesirable habit horses develop is that of playing "hard to catch" when their owners try to drive them into a stable or catch and bridle them in a pasture or pen. Other horses object to being harnessed or saddled. Gentle horses may develop the habit of expanding their chest cavity (breathing deeply, commonly called "swelling up") when the saddle cinch is tied or buckled. They exhale air after the cinch is fastened and thereby cause the saddle to be loosened. Some cow ponies, probably because of the manner in which they are first broken and handled, develop the habit of "bucking". This habit marks some horses as unsuitable for riding; others seem gentle, but they may "break in two" and throw their riders when least expected.

Most vices (bad habits) of horses are difficult to correct once they are developed. Preventing the habit is much more desirable than trying to correct it. Older horses, however, can be broken of many undesirable habits and taught new tricks. It should be remembered that horses are not generally considered "pals", as is often the relationship of dogs to man. Rather, horses must be taught to serve and respect their masters.

DETERMINING THE AGE
OF HORSES

A mature male horse has 40 teeth, whereas a mature female has only 36. Foals of both sexes have 24. Frequently, a small pointed tooth, sometimes called a "wolf tooth" may appear in front of each first molar in the upper jaw, thus increasing tooth numbers by two. The mature male (usually not the female) commonly has tusches, or pointed teeth, located between the incisors and molars. The appearance of teeth is used to determine a horse's age, which is important when purchasing horses. Age is determined by noting the time of appearance, the shape, and the degree of wear of temporary and permanent teeth. Temporary (milk) teeth are easily distinguished from permanent teeth because they are smaller and whiter. Even the novice can recognize a "smooth-mouthed" horse (normally considered a horse 10 or more years old). A description of the teeth of horses at various ages is given in Figure 20.7.

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Fig. 20.7 The teeth of horses at various ages. (Redrawn from *Light Horses*, USDA Farmers' Bull. 2127, 1962.)

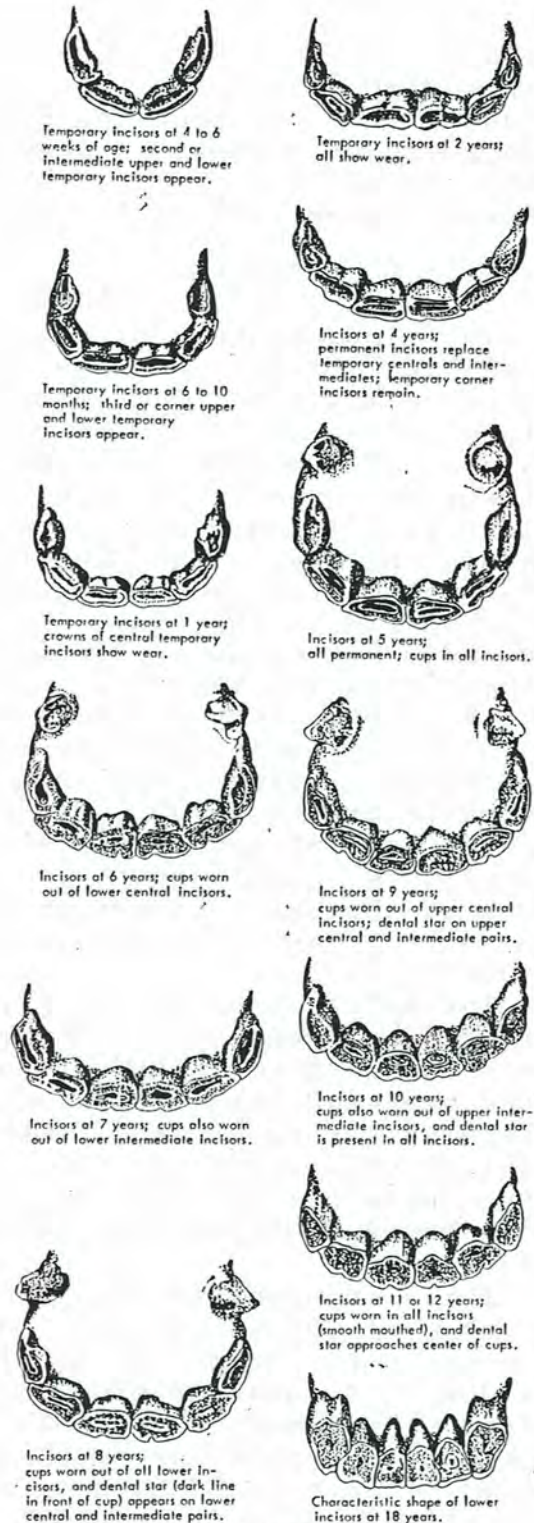
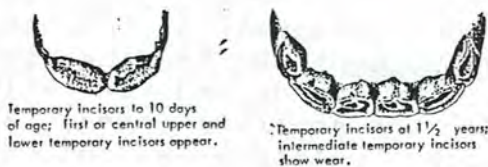


Fig. 20.7 (Continued.)

HORSE SCENTS CONTINUED
FROM J & J STABLES

This is a 6 part article, taken from the book The Body Language of Horses. I suggest any horse owner or would be horse owner read this book.

HEARING

The loudspeakers of a typical high-fidelity sound system produce musical tones ranging from a low of 20 cycles to a high of 20,000. Anything lower or higher is needless luxury, inaudible to most human beings. The auditory faculties of horses are greatly superior. They hear a much broader spectrum. Moreover, their hearing is many times more acute. They detect approaching footsteps, wheels, whistles, voices and storms long before we can. Indeed, they hear at such stupendous distances that some of us credit them with supernatural powers far beyond the auditory.

The entire body of the horse is a sound receiver. It processes airborne sound through the ears and earthborne sound through an amplifying system which goes from the feet to the inner ear and brain by way of bones, nerves and bodily cavities.

This receiver is always at work. A horse dozes, head down, ears drooping to the sides. A quarter of a mile from the paddock fence, a neighbor's mule crosses the road. The horse's ears spring to attention. It raises its head and directs nose, eyes and ears at the moving animal. Two seconds later, satisfied that all is well, the horse resumes its nap.

A horse's ears swivel on their vertical axes, somewhat like rotary antennas. Most breeds can turn the ears considerably farther than 180 degrees, although none can turn the right ear fully left or the left fully right. This swiveling action facilitates reception. The long concave openings, assisted in many cases by the swinging head, turn directly toward an arresting sound, whether at the front, to either side or directly behind the animal. When the sound provokes apprehensiveness, the horse may swing not only its head but its entire body in the direction already taken by the ears. The ears then assume the forward, pricked position of total interest, all senses working in concert.

The horse's hearing and its interpretations of what it hears are so indispensable to its sense of security that any impairment of this sense causes deep distress. When aural passages are congested by an infection such as a cold, the animal suffers more severely from its anxiety than from the infection itself. For similar reasons, horses stabled near busy airports, rail terminals or other sources of overwhelming noise are seldom as composed and therefore seldom as healthy as they might be. It may be argued that they have impressive powers of adaptation which help them to become accustomed to such uproar. But horses retain the need to attune themselves to their environment by keeping track of its sounds and investigating the abnormal ones. When noise obliterates not only normal sound but normal silence, many horses become flustered. Even if they

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finally stop reacting to the din with overt anguish, they do not sleep as peacefully or eat as heartily as they should.

Just as disturbed hearing affects equine composure, so does disturbed composure affect hearing. As we shall show, the motions of the ears and the positions in which they come to rest are basic elements of the animal's body language. When profoundly angered, frightened or pained, the horse becomes abnormally indifferent to sound. The positions of its ears reveal this with considerable eloquence. Moreover, in combination with other elements of body language, the ears state the nature of the horse's trouble almost as explicitly as speech could.

There can be no doubt that the ability of riderless horses to go straight home in the dark is at least partly a function of their acute hearing. The same is true of their unerring "forecasts" of electrical storms, high winds and earthquakes. They become restless long before any human being is aware of a change in the weather or vibrations underfoot. And a blind horse uses its hearing and memory to navigate safely within the fences of its paddock or even, as often told, at the front end of a delivery wagon.

It is a great temptation to ascribe equine homing ability, weather forecasts and similar phenomena to some extra sense. In his book Breeding the Racehorse, Frederico Tesio, one of the most successful breeders who ever lived, speculated about a sense that might enable horses to receive electrical or other radiations from inanimate objects at long distances. He believed that

the ears were involved but not in the usual way. Until the faculties of horses are tested more scientifically than they have been thus far, the theory of a sixth sense remains moot. But there can be no doubt of the horse's almost incredibly acute hearing.

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-Laura O'Neil
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CAPSULES OF WISDOM

Having a friend is... walking around the block and running into an adventure.

Despite the cynics, romantic dreams can become joyful reality.

A prudent enemy is preferable to a friend without discretion.

True love, far from being blind, offers key insight into that which is hidden from others.

Love must constantly test its techniques and measures... but friendship has its own vitality.

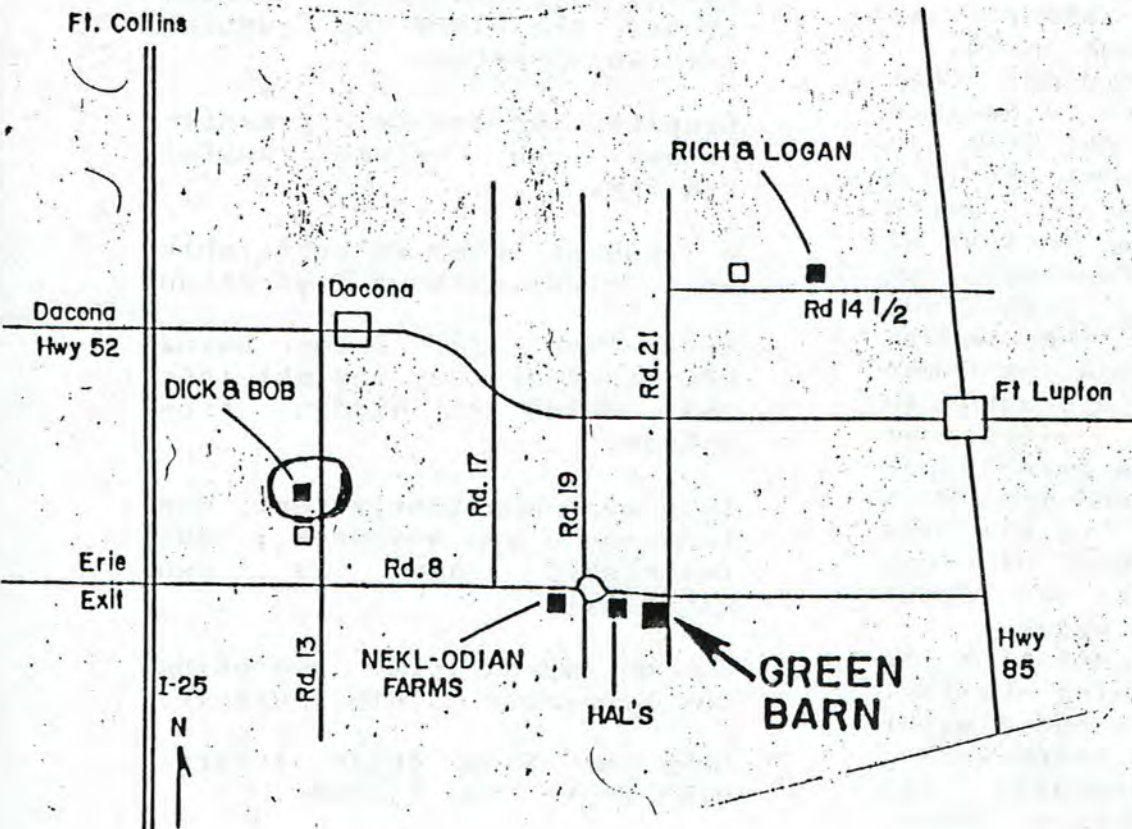
Do not spend time searching for happiness within yourself.

Free me from false lovers, bind me to true friends.

On board the Sea of Life, the principle of Noah's Ark is best... two by two.

I do appologize for this newsletter getting out so late. Articles were late getting in and the time seemed be against our 1st of the month deadline. Please forgive to rush of copy and any mistakes

One final note, Marybelle. We at the "Really Big" C.G.R.A. Newsletter were "Really" heartbroken to hear that you don't "Really" like to use a "Big Bloppy Disk". One can only assume that you don't know how to "Really" properly handle one THAT BIG!!! That is, since all reports say it's only a samll small small dealie anyway! Oh well. No Big-Deal!!!



For God's sake, Mary! The kid is glowing and that's the best explanation you can come up with?

A special "Thank You" to Tim Stanley for his time proofreading this newsletter. Also a "Thank You" to Larry Lindstrom for formatting this and previous newsletters. And finally "Thank You" to Michael Elder and Larry Kirchmar for their continued work and support.