COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

REMINDERS:

- Beer Bust
 WEDNESDAY, July 5th
 8pm at Charlie's
- Membership Meeting THURSDAY, July 6th 8pm at Charlie's
- Registration Party FRIDAY, July 7th
 6pm at JeffCo
- RODEO!!!

 SATURDAY & SUNDAY, July 8th-9th

 9am at JeffCo
- By-Laws Meeting MONDAY, July 17th 7pm, Location TBA

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CGRA Newsletter

JULY 2006

"The British Are Coming, The British Are Coming!"

There is a little know fact about that famous midnight ride of 1775 that we didn't learn about in school. We learned that it was Paul Revere that saved the day on his famous midnight ride. We were taught that he raced his horse down the road from Boston to Concord Massachusetts to alert the rebel forces the British were coming to steal their weapons and he single handedly saved the rebel army.

Your teacher was wrong! Well not completely wrong; Paul Revere did ride to alert the rebels, but he did not do it alone. There were many, many horsemen riding that night to spread the word all over the countryside around Boston that the "British"

are coming!" Paul Revere was only one.

You may be asking, "What does Paul Revere have to do with CGRA?" Its really quite simple



actually, There is no way we can spread the word of CGRA and RMRR without the help of many people. Our organization is made up of many Paul Reveres who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to alert all

the "minutemen" that RMRR is on its way. I know that comparing our rodeo to a war might seem a little out there, but I think every person involved in the planning of the rodeo will agree, that sometimes its like mounting a battle against a to-do list of redcoats and you just have to start picking them off one by one. Sooner or later, the battle will get won.

This year we are expecting a near record turnout of contestants, thanks in no small part to the scores of people that have helped spread the word. This year's rodeo will prove to a monumental one. Without the voices of all of our Reveres RMRR could never be where its at today!

Letter from our President

Once again it is time for RMRR 24! CGRA is excited to host the rodeo and all our out of town guests. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to help this weekend. We have had a great turn out of people who have stepped up to help at RMRR 24. I also want to thank all our sponsors for rodeo. CGRA is very fortunate to have so many who want to sponsor and help promote rodeo. Be sure to pick a copy of "exp" magazine when out and about. Our rodeo program is an insert in that magazine and it looks great. I also want to thank each and every board member. They all have worked so very hard all year to make

this coming weekend a success. When you see member of the BOD please make sure to thank them for their work and dedication. I hope you all saw our float in the Pride Parade. Thanks goes out to Josh and Brian for a GREAT job and we truly appreciate everything they did for CGRA. We had a booth at Pridefest also and it was a great success. Thanks to Larry and Roger for handling that project all weekend. We had a great turn out of volunteers there to help with promoting CGRA and RMRR. Thanks to everyone who was there to help. Please come out on Wednesday night at Charlie's when Pauline and

Ken will host the Rodeo Kickoff beer bust and show. John Nelms and Charlie's has arranged for two bulls, yes I said bulls, to be on the upper dance floor for photo ops. This is sure to be a fun night of entertainment and BULL. Thanks John for arranging that special attraction. Finally please make plans to be at the July Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 6, at Charlie's. We will be making some special announcements and giving some special awards that night so please make plans now to attend and help us kick off the rodeo weekend. Thanks to everyone again for all your help and community support! Tommy Channel PRESIDENT

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North Star Regional Rodeo

Minneapolis-St.Paul, Minnesota July 1st & 2nd

Canadian Rockies International Rodeo

Calgary, Alberta July 1st & 2nd

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Denver, Colorado July 7th, 8th, & 9th



Royalty Row

Howdy! Can you believe it is already July?! It is hard to believe our reign is half over. We are looking forward to RMRR 24 and hosting the out of town royalty, Trustees and cowboys and cowgirls. Make sure you stop by the entertainment tent on Friday after registration for a special show. We will be featuring our visiting royalty as well as many of the top entertainers in Denver. And of course there will be a lot of hot cowboys and cowgirls in wranglers! Did we have fun on the float for Pridefest, or what! That was an exciting day! Thanks to Joshua Clem for coordinating the building of the float and to all who volunteered and sweated the details in actually putting it together. It was a great float that made us and all of CGRA very proud. Thanks to all of you for your support of our charity partners. Without you, we would not be

able to meet our goals in assisting these great organizations.

Don't forget to come on out at see us Friday night at the Fairgrounds. The show will start at 6pm, and it will continue throughout Registration and last until 11pm. We will be having dance breaks throughout the evening to allow everyone time to dance. If you are interested in performing that evening, please contact one of the Royalty Team members.

See ya at the rodeo!

Clyde Mitter, Mr CGRA 2006 Gia Diamante, Miss CGRA 2006

Trustee Times

Well, July is here and Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo is a week away. This years rodeo marks the 24th RMRR, the oldest of the IGRA sanctioned rodeos. Along with this years rodeo, CGRA is hosting the 3rd IGRA Board of Directors and Trustees meeting, also being held at the fairgrounds on Friday, July 7th at 10 am. As quick as RMRR came, IGRA convention will also be here soon- October 19-22nd in Nashville, TN. If you are interested in being a delegate or an alternate please send me an email as soon as possible to be considered. The next bylaws meeting is July 17th at 7pm at Charlies. This meeting is to go over not only IGRA bylaws but CGRA bylaws as well. Jeff Shaw will have the wording for the bylaws already proposed. All are welcomed to attend. Roger Courtemanche **CGRA** Trustee

Words from the Vice President

Well its that time of year again -R.M.R. #24! So grab your horse, saddle, dress, and make up and have a fun time! And a few drinks also! Lets all cowboy up! Thanks to all the volunteers who have offered to help make #24 the bigest and best yet. Theres still time to volunteer if you want to join in the fun, come to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds July 7th at 8:00pm or email me at John.Beck@DoorInstallations.com We look foward to seeing everyone there!! Vice President CGRA John Beck



The "ladies" of the Bar Craw

Northern Outreach

WOW!! The last 2 weeks have been very busy. Starting out with CGRA being at Fort Collins Pride In The Park and then last week with Denver's Pride fest. Thanks to one and all for making both events success full. And that leads us up to RMRR 24. I hope everyone is well rested and full of energy to make this weekend a great success. Thanks in advance to all the Board of Directors, Royalty, Members and all the volunteers for all the hard work. Good luck to all the contestants. Enjoy, be safe and have fun!! LETS RODEO!!!! Jim Thorstad Northern Outreach

Fundraising

Howdy CGRA Members, It's here....RMRR24! We've got a great line up of sponsors this year, including our two Premier Sponsors; M4M-USA.com and Interactive Male. Come down to

banners promoting all our other generous sponsors.

Also take a look and place some bids at our Silent Auction. We'll have some cool gift certificates and items you won't want to miss.

the rodeo and check out the ads and Thanks to the CGRA Board and Mem-

bership for all their hard work in preparing for the rodeo over the past several months.

Have a great time! Carl Bloom Fundraising Chair

Membership PAGE 3

Well it is that time again the Rodeo is here, Yeah, wow can you believe it we have been going strong for 24 yrs. Guess what we have new members to welcome to our family, Michael Kozen, Mike Tracy, Al Walker, Matthew Moody, Mary Riordan, Richard Johnson Phd., Tom Frenchs, Steve Woodman, Sean Dennehy. Welcome to the Family of CGRA. I hope to see everyone at the Rodeo on the 7th 8th 9th of July. Don't forget we also have a kick off to Rodeo at Charlie's on Wednesday the 5th of July there is a show and a Beer and Liquor Bust starting at 9pm, also they are having 2 very large Bulls at Charlie's so you can get your Pictures taken on them all the money goes to CGRA. See you at the Rodeo and don't forget to be safe. Pauline Chavez ~ Membership Chair

Memberships Up for renewal this month.

- ▲ Bara Richard
- Bradford, Nicole
- · Carroll John
- Christopher, James s
- Dice, Brent
- Durovka, Nancy
- Eyestone, Darre
- Flores, Robe
- Herbert, Caroly
- Kennedy, Ch
- Martin, William

Michaels, Sue anne

- Noland, Cathy
- Polley, Jonelle
- Pool, Ke
- Ross, Ryar
- Stevenson, Jef
- Tims, Dalew
- Van galder, Sammy
- Van orman, Sunny
- Wak wak, Isaac r
- Witman, Brooke

Memberships up for renewal in August :

- Bray, Mike
- · Clounch, Cheney
- Hill, Travis
- Thorstad, Jim

Memberships up for renewal in September:

- Burgess, Scott
- Duncan, Mathew
- Ellis, Tim
- Quintana, Aaron
- Qyubtaba, Aarib

Memberships up for renewal in October :

- Bloom, Carl
- Clem, Joshua
- Eastment, Anthony
- Edwards, Douglas
- Hoppe, Jeffery
- Leach, Robert
- Mower, Sylvia
- Saxon, Bob
- Valdez, Rich

If you have questions concerning member-ship please feel free to contact Pauline Chavez. If your membership is up or coming up for renewal you can download a renewal form from the website your you can simply pay with credit card using our online store at www.cgra.net membership@cgra.net

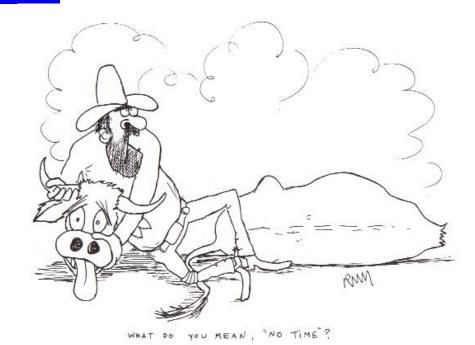
CGRA PO Box 18728, Denver, Co 80218.



The float master deep in thought. Do I smell something burning?

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rch the newsletter for times and locations of calendar events.

Rodeo Director

Hello Members

All of CGRA, myself included, is very very busy planning a success for RMRR #24. I will keep this month's letter brief as I have hundreds of phone calls that need to be made. Be sure to thank any Bud Light representative that you see on the rodeo grounds over the weekend. The rodeo could not happen without them.

Also, should you find yourself wanting to stay active over the rodeo weekend, we can always use your help. Volunteers are always needed! There is no such thing as too much help.

LET'S RODEO!!!!!

Roger Japp Rodeo Director

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Public Relations

Hello Everyone

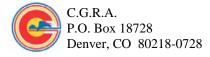
Exciting things are happening all around us everyday. The most exciting being RMRR #24. This year is sure to be a huge success. We have had a large advertising campaign this year which is sure to draw a crowd. Thanks Ralph for all your help designing the ads during the very busy time of year. I could not have survived without your help! I look forward to working with you in the future

As you may well know, we passed out 10,000 coupons at the Pride parade last Sunday and had a great response to our Booths in Fort Collins and Denver. It was a

great success and I was amazed at how many people didn't even know gay rodeo exists in the Denver area. The success of pride this year is sure to draw newcomers to the rodeo, and even give the "old hats" a break on admission.

Should you have any PR suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me at the e-mail below. I would love to hear from you!
Until then.....LET'S RODEO!
Larry Travnicek
pr@cgra.net







Don't drop your beer Fonda



Pride in the Park in Fort Collins



Pride booth



Is it hot in here????



The crowning jewel of the float!



The whole she-bang



Stacy from Bud Light and the gang



Some International Royalty