

CGRA Newsletter

AUGUST 2006

REMINDERS:

- Beer Bust and Show
WEDNESDAY August
9th, 8pm at Charlie's
- General Membership
meeting
THURSDAY August
10th, 8pm at Charlie's
- Beer Bust and Show
SATURDAY August
12th, 7 pm at Club
Static in Fort Collins
- Gymkhana
SUNDAY August 13th
10 am at JeffCo
- Beer Bust and Show
SUNDAY August 13th
4 pm at the Wrangler

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Hello All,

On behalf of Jim Thorstad (Northern Outreach) and myself (Mr. CGRA 2006) and the Static Bar in Ft. Collins, we would like to invite all of you to our show on August 12th 2006 for a Mid-Summer Western Luau party at the Static Bar. The bar will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers on the patio starting at 6:00 pm. We will be having a beer bust from 7- 10 pm and a show from 9:30- 12:00 pm. All proceeds will be divided up between CGRA and IGRA- this is one of my fundraisers for IGRA in order to be eligible to compete for the title of Mr. IGRA at finals in Reno, Nevada in November. We are looking for some entertainers for the evening as well as people to sell raffle tickets for prizes to be given out. So please bring your Cowboy/ Cowgirl attire or luau attire (sarongs, grass skirts, puka shells, or anything Hawaiian) and party with us! This will be a night to remember... or maybe forget!

We look forward to a night of fun and laughter.

Sincerely,

Clyde Mitter- Mr. CGRA 2006
Jim Thorstad- Northern Outreach

Letter from our President

Hello CGRA! July has come and gone and so has RMRR 24. I think it is safe to say that this rodeo was the wettest rodeo in CGRA history. We are very fortunate that we had the option of moving the event inside. The entire BOD is to be congratulated on working very hard to pull off a successful weekend in the face of great obstacles. Everyone pulled together to move the rodeo indoors and make room for the faithful rodeo fans that braved the rain. Great work CGRA BOD! A huge "Thank You!" is due to our many sponsors who made the event possible. I cannot say "Thank You" enough to all the volunteers who showed up in the rain to work and help make the event successful. CGRA could

not produce RMRR without the huge support of the community who comes out to volunteer their time. CGRA is fortunate to have so many supporters from our own community as well as out of town fans who support RMRR. "Thank You" to everyone who came out had fun with us all weekend. I want to say how much we appreciate Michael Gracik and his kitchen team who provided us with great food all weekend. You guys did a great job! I want to say "Welcome" to all our new members who joined CGRA last month. We are very glad to have you in our family. Our General Membership Meetings are the second Thursday of each month and welcome you to join us. Please visit www.cgara.net for the calendar

of events each month. Also we will send out weekly notices by email informing you of upcoming events. Good luck to all contestants traveling to Zia Regional Rodeo August 18-21 and to Windy City Rodeo August 25-28. Remember there is a CGRA show Wednesday, August 9, at Charlie's. There is also a fundraiser in Ft. Collins Saturday, August 12, hosted by Jim and Clyde. Please see the flier about this event. Sunday, August 13, is very busy with a gymkhana at Jeffco and a beer bust at the Wrangler hosted by Rebecca Tucker. See you there! See you all at the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, AT CHARLIE'S.
Tommy Channel
CGRA PRESIDENT

Fundraising



Clyde Mitter
Mr. CGRA
2006

Gia Diamante
Miss CGRA
2006

Howdy CGRA Members, We pulled it off! In spite of nasty weather and some last minute scrambling for sponsorships, Denver can, once again, be proud of a fantastic rodeo. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Roger Japp for all his outstanding work and organization as Rodeo Director, to Larry Travnicek for his dedication and creativity in publicizing the rodeo and coordinating the program, and to Justin Smith for his willingness to jump in and run the Silent Auction. Of course a huge thanks to all the other BOD members, CGRA

members and volunteers who contributed to the success of RMRR24. I'd also like to mention that we had some great sponsors this year, both some long-standing supporters and some new ones as well. Please take the time to look through the RMRR program and make an effort to show our gratitude by bringing business to these sponsors, whether it's by spending our own money or recommending these businesses to your friends. In particular, I'd ask that you visit the M4M-USA.com website (our

Premier Sponsor) and take advantage of the 30 day free trial membership they've offered to CGRA members and rodeo contestants. By using the Promo Code "RODEO3", you can check out their services free of charge. We want to ensure they're willing to join us again next year, so it's important we can show they've received some return on their investment. 'til next month...
Carl Bloom
Fundraising Chair

Zia Regional Rodeo
Albuquerque, NM
August 18th, 19th & 20th

Windy City Rodeo
Chicago, IL
August 25th, 26th & 27th



This pretty much sums it all up! So much rain fell and so many gallons of water gathered on the tent, the 3 inch pipes that held the tent up couldn't take it and collapsed under the weight of the water Saturday night. Thankfully no one was under the tent and

Vice

NEWS! WHAT?????- that time again?????..... THANKS, THANKS, THANKS, to all the volunteers the CGRA members, and the B.O.D. we pulled it off!!!! The rodeo that is!! Mother Nature had a bad hair day/ days! I'm sure we were all hoping for better weather but after 23 years of rodeos we have learned to take the good with the bad. Hope to see all of you at the Gymkhana on August 13. Remember royalty contestants were going to practice riding after the gymkhana. Please, no excuses. Your V.P.
John Beck

Trustee

Well, the mud has finally dried at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds after our rainy rodeo weekend. I want to thank everybody, in particular Clyde and Gia for helping to host the IGRA board meetings. The conference room at the fairgrounds worked out great, and I did hear over and over that it was nice to have a 'one stop shop' for the IGRA board meeting and rodeo registration. The third meeting for the bylaws committee was held in July. Jeff Shaw will be putting together and sending off CGRA's bylaws recommendations. This years convention is being held in Nashville, TN. The delegates are myself, Jeff

Shaw, Ken Pool, John Beck, Clyde Mitter, and Chris Hockmouth. Alternates are Rebecca Tucker, Keith Swanson, John Locke, and Ralph Bogenschutz. As we stated before all delegates and alternates should plan to be in Nashville from 6am Friday the 20th through 9pm Sunday the 22nd. Thanks to all the above who are volunteering not only their time but also for paying their own way. I will not be at the August meeting as I will be back in New England vacationing for two weeks.
Roger Courtemanche
Trustee

In order to remain an active member, your dues must be paid by the last day of the month your membership expires. Please let me know of any address changes. If you need a nametag please make sure to get in touch with me so I can order it for you.

Memberships up for renewal in AUGUST:

- ◆ Bray, Mike
- ◆ Clouch, 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

Memberships up for renewal in November:

- ◆ Anthony, Aragon
- ◆ Arnold, Mark
- ◆ Jenkins, James
- ◆ Manrique, Rj
- ◆ MCGarrigle, Marty
- ◆ Peck-aragon, Ron
- ◆ Slaughter, Tracy
- ◆ Smith, Ken
- ◆ Smith, Justin
- ◆ Soderquist, Eric
- ◆ Steve, Sublett
- ◆ Westman, David

If you have questions concerning membership please feel free to contact Pauline Chavez. If your membership is up or coming up for renewal and you would like for her to meet with you to pick it up she would be more than willing to do that.
membership@cgra.net
You may also mail your membership to

CGRA
PO Box 18728,
Denver, Co 80218.

Don't forget you can renew online with a credit card at www.cgra.net

Check out rodeo pictures at www.cgra.net

Beer Bust

Wed. Aug 9th

8 p.m.

Charlie's

Benefits the Colorado AIDS Project Food Bank

Hosted By:
Mr. CGRA ~ Clyde Mitter
Miss CGRA ~ Gia DiAmante

Entertainment

IF IT WALKS LIKE A DUCK!
What a weekend! The only thing worse than walking around in mud in boots, is walking around in mud in high heels. I want to thank all of the great talent that came out in the rain to help support RMRR24. Our entertainers were real troopers. To the live singers that participated in Saturday night's show, thanks for sharing your spectacular talents with us – if you didn't stick around to hear these singers, you really missed a great show.

We had an amazing audience every evening and hope you all had a great time (even if the tent had a few leaks). We couldn't do it without the audience to cheer us on. Finally thanks to RJ and Justin for keeping the midway going, thanks to Ida Maybe for her patience, assistance and emcee talents all three days, thanks to the many others who stepped in to emcee, thanks to Ryan for keeping the bars open (and even acting as waiter during the down-pour on Friday night), and thanks to all the first-class arena competitors who always remind us why we do this! See you all at Gymkhana, Sunday Aug 13th

Rodeo Events

Hello CGRA members, Hard to believe it's August already and another rodeo has come and gone. Thanks to everyone's hard work RMRR 24 was saved from being a total loss. If you don't have a CGRA team tee shirt yet you can order them online at CGRA.net. Hope to see everyone at the Gymkhana on August 13th. Registration starts at 10AM and gymkhana at 11AM
Ken Smith
Rodeo Events Chair



Some enjoyed the mud more than others but we still had a very successful weekend none-the-less!

Northern Outreach

Hope everyone boots and britches have dried out from RMMR 24. There are not enough "THANK YOU'S" that can be said, written or expressed to the CGRA members, volunteers, venders, spectators, contestants, announcers, all other groups and organizations (hope I haven't left anyone out) in making RMMR 24 a success. It's good to know that we all worked together to get this accomplished. Thank You!!! And now we can start looking forward to RMMR 25 and the IGRA Finals for 2007....Oh my, hold onto your hats, it's going to be a busy year. Please join Clyde Mitter, Mr CGRA

2006 and myself, for our Hawaiian Cowboy and Girl show in Fort Collins on Sat Aug 12Th, at Club Static. (see flyer in the newsletter). A benefit for CGRA and IGRA. Get out your grass skirts and cowboy boots and hat and lets fun.
Jim Thorstad-Northern Outreach



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Alert

The state of Colorado is one of only two states in the union that does not have an identity theft law protecting its citizens. Here are the facts:

- ◆ 1 in 4 Coloradoans will have their identities stolen this year.
- ◆ The majority of identities are stolen without the victim's knowledge.
- ◆ There is no way to prevent an identity from being stolen.
- ◆ It is a misconception that credit card loss and internet transactions are the only ways an identity is stolen.
- ◆ Everyone's identity is at risk of being stolen at any time.

For more information about the fastest growing crime in Colorado, visit www.IDTheftRisk.com.

JC McDonald, a fellow CGRA member, works closely with the leading risk-consulting firm in the world in an effort to protect individuals from this epidemic. If you are interested in protecting yourself or would like more information contact Mr. McDonald at the number below.

Additionally, JC has agreed to donate to CGRA a portion of the proceeds from every Identity Theft Shield enrollment.

JC McDonald
303-360-5505

Voluntary company benefit packages are also available, at no cost to the company.



ID Theft

What Everyone Needs To Know:

- ☑ 1 in 4 Coloradans will lose their identity this year.
- ☑ Most people don't know when or if it has happened.
- ☑ It is an epidemic that will affect everyone.

www.IDTheftRisk.com

Protect yourself and your significant other with one call.

303-360-5505

JC McDonald - Identity Theft Risk Specialist

