# COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

#### REMINDERS:

- Membership Meeting THURSDAY, Apr. 5th 8pm at Charlie's
- Beer Bust SUNDAY, Apr. 8th 4 pm at the Eagle
- By-Laws Meeting MONDAY, Apr 9th 7pm at Charlie's
- Makeup and Margaritas
   FRIDAY, Apr. 20th
   6pm at Mary Mungers
- Gymkhana SUNDAY, Apr. 22nd 10 am at JeffCo
- Cattle Practice Day SUNDAY, Apr, 29th
   9 am at JeffCo

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# CGRA Newsletter

APRIL 2007

# Roof Comes Off, Chickens Escape!



The scene was one of carnage as the sun rose early last Sunday morning. Barn #2 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds had been mangled by what seemed to be a party of the masses. The roof had been raised from the barn and set in a nearby field; there were chickens running everywhere dazed, confused and apparently hungover.

In an interview with the organizer Ken Pool, this is what he had to say about the events.

"Howdy all! Did you have a

good time
last Saturday
night, if you
said NO, you
probably
were not at
CGRA's
FIRST ANNUAL BARN
DANCE!
WOW did
we have
FUN! Look
elsewhere in

the newsletter for our big Thank You for the Barn Dance... but I want to start out here congratulating the 2007 Royalty Team for a job well done! Janet, T Jay, & Larry you each pitched in & made this a success.

So I think Rush Limbaugh's job is safe, but yours truly had the chance to be on talk radio. We were invited to be on Out Loud, AM 970, Sunday mornings at 11:00. Shannon & H Squared were great to work with, allowing me to ramble on about RMRR, the Barn Dance, IGRA Finals, Roy-

alty...20 minutes of air time promoting CGRA & our activities. A big shout out & Thank You to them... Look for Shannon trying her hand at Goat Dressing this summer!

Calling all CGRA Royalty Contestants!! If you or someone you know may be interested in competing to be part of CGRA's 2008 Royalty Team..LISTEN UP! With the help of Keith S, we have set the date for the competition for Dec. 17th. In order for you to be qualified to compete, you must be a dues current for 6 months prior to competition... MAY 16...even if you just think you might look good in a sash. Feel free to contact me for information on responsiblities, competition or any other questions regarding CGRA's Royalty program.

Another reminder...RMRR 25 is closer than you think...we'll be looking for volunteers in a wide range of areas... ask your friends, offer yourself, get involved...it makes a HUGE difference & you'll have a blast.

## Letter from the President

#### Hello CGRA!

March was a very busy month and I want to CONGRATU-LATE everyone on a very successful Barn Dance. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to the next one in 2008. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. HAPPY EASTER TO EVERY-

#### ONE!

The Sunshine Rodeo in Ft. Lauderdale is April 13-15. Good luck to everyone who is traveling to Florida. The Rodeo in the Rock in Little

The Rodeo in the Rock in Little Rock is April 20. Good luck to everyone who is traveling to Arkansas.

Also don't forget a gymkhana

at Jeffco on Sunday, April 22. Welcome to all our new CGRA members. We are very glad you have decided to join the CGRA family.

I hope to see you all very soon. Tommy Channel CGRA PRESIDENT PAGE 2



Mr. CGRA ~ Larry Hernandez MsTer CGRA ~ T-Jay Blake Miss CGRA ~ Janet Jenkins

**Sunshine Stampede** Fort Lauderdale, Florida April 13-15 2007

Rodeo In the Rock Little Rock, Arkansas **April 20-22 2007** 



## **Royalty Row**

After the dust settled from all the crazy fun Janet and I had in Vegas, we worked hard on getting ready for our Barn Dance. On March 17th, we all went down to Gotham to spend a magnificent evening with Batman and all of his comic book heroes and villains. This was the annual King of Hearts Ball hosted by our most handsome Emperor Michael Vrooman and his lovely Empress Charis Loren. We helped with color guard in the presentation of the flags, as well as our fabulous Miss Janet was an attendant for the second half of the event. Now that you all are relaxed and settled, it's time to get things

stirred up, the snow is almost done (cross your fingers) spring is in bloom. This powerful threesome is about to shake up Denver a bit and get everyone ready for some fun and an awesome rodeo. We have begun the countdown and a storm is brewing, so bring in your animals because this team is on the loose. Our lovely Miss Janet will be heading off to the beaches of Fort Lauderdale for their 2nd annual rodeo, now rumor has it but the truth will be told that the real "Janet Jenkins" (mom) lives down there. So if any of you that are going and happen to see a lovely lady with our

Queen Bee, make sure that you thank her for blessing us with such a pain in the back side. We all love our Janet. Larry and I will be out and about stirring up some trouble that weekend here at home. Well the barn is clean, the horses are fed, and we've bathed all the chickens, so we are off to get them dressed for the evening. Hope to see all of you out at our first ever barn dance. The music will be hot and the boots will be scootin'. See ya all later! T-Jay Blake MsTer CGRA 2007

### Trustee Times

Hello, CGRA Members

The first IGRA Bylaws meeting for IGRA Convention, is Monday, April 9 at Charlie's at 6:30 pm. This is the first of 3 Bylaws meetings, the next one is May 7, and then June 4 all at Charlie's. And its time to start thinking about IGRA Convention, in Kansas City MO. November, 7/11 2007, If you think you want to go. Please let me know.

I will be in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Good luck to everyone going to that Rodeo, and have a safe trip. Roger Courtemanche—Trustee

## From the Vice President

Vice President

CGRA's 1st Annual Barn Dance ... last count we heard was 187 paid through the door and all of them were having a GREAT TIME. From the 2007 Royalty Team, Janet, T Jay, & Larry, and caps & beer steins from local myself a HUGE THANK YOU to the MANY, MANY people without who's help this would not have been possible. A special thanks to those of you who supported us early on and consistently encouraged us while trying something new. There are so many people who contributed to the event in your individual ways, combining your talents to create a successful event. We can't possibly name them all here, but there are some we must try to acknowledge:

Mike "Krak" Kra-

kauskas.....and the great folks at Anheuser Busch... A special surprise was the arrival of James Ramey, from AB's corporate office in St. Louis . The success of our exciting year ahead, including RMRR 25 & 2007 IGRA Finals, are greatly supported through our friendship with our title sponsor for both

events, Bud Light. Raffle items sweatshirts from Bad Burro Embroidery, Mary Munger; cosmetic gift basket from Arbonne International, Nicole Bradford, Bud Light ball AB.

Security, Christine & her husband (who's name I've forgotten) this saved us a great deal of expense.

John Beck for loaning us the dance floor and Steve, "Aspen Vail" for helping me put it together & testing it out.

Dale K, our "on the scene" photographer.

Wayne J, John N & the staff at Charlies' ... for the sound system, liquor organization, and overall moral support!

Ryan Burmood, you are an absolute treasure. The incredible amount of work you do, always with a smile & an excitement for getting it right!.

Pauline Chavez, Candidate # 1 for Emperor 34 of ICRME, and incredible staff for manning the bar and really pitching in on the clean up crew.

Chris Daniels our DJ for the

night... helping to piece together the sound system & doing without a smoke for the whole night! The CGRA Board, thanks to all of you for pitching in, especially with the clean up! Many of you arrived when we did in the morning & were back for a good time at 7. Roger C., from the first time we talked about the concept of a Barn Dance, you helped at every opportunity to create this new event. Keith the decorations were absolutely PERFECT! Larry T, as always your artwork/poster set the tone! Tommy & JD, the food was yummy as promised. David H. & John thanks for handling the door & script sales. Ty, Larry T & Ken S. thanks for leadiung the roping fun, especially towards the end of the evening. Congratulations to CGRA for another fun community event and our apologies to those we forgot or didn't have room to name here... your efforts where

all very appreciated. Ken Pool & the 2007 CGRA

Royalty Team

**Membership** PAGE 3

Howdy CGRA Members! I'd like to welcome our newest members: James F, Shane S, Dan H, Keith G Jr, Michael K, John M Thanks for joining us! I look forward to working with you! The membership database and Yahoo Group have been updated. If you are receiving the newsletter by mail and would prefer email, please send me your email address. Also, if you have had a change in your address or email address, please let me know. As always, if you have any questions about your membership, please contact me at membership@cgra.net. Congratulations to the Royalty Team and Ken P for putting on a GREAT event! The Barn Dance was awesome! Thanks for all your hard work! Good Luck to all that are going to the Ft Lauderdale Rodeo! Ty Teigen-Membership Chair

#### Memberships up for renewal this month

- Chandler R
- James S
- Michael W

# Memberships up for renewal in May:

- Ralph B
- ♦ JD C Panda C
- Sheri R

#### Memberships up for renewal in June:

- Joan B
- Kevin B
- Sean D
- Brian D
- Tom F
- Linda G
- Jimmv G
- Sherry G
- Richard J
- Kimberly K
- RJ L
- Matthew M

- Sherry P
- Jeff S
- Julie S
- Jeanie S
- Cliff T
- Michael T
- Angelo V
- AI W
- Steve W

Now you can renew your memberships online at www.cgra.net..

If you have any questions about your membership or if any of your contact information changes, please notify me feel at membership@cgra.net You can also renew the "old-fashioned" way by printing the application and mailing it to:

**CGRA** PO Box 18728, Denver, Co 80218.

## **Rodeo Events**

Hello CGRA Members As a reminder, CGRA's next gymkhana will be held Sunday, April 22nd at JeffCo. Registration is at 10AM, the gymkhana starts at 11AM. Along with our regular events we'll be adding calf roping on foot. Thanks to Larry T for supplying the calves. Also this month, on April 29th CGRA will be hosting a cattle practice day for members at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. We'll have steers and calves available for members to

practice Chute Dogging, Calf Roping on Foot, Heading and Heeling, Steer Deco, and Breakaway Roping The cost will be \$10 per person plus \$1 per go. Start time will be 9AM. Please email me through CGRA.Net (rodeo events) if you plan to attend, and list the events you're interested

in. thanks Ken Smith Rodeo Events

# Northern Outreach

Spring has finally sprung...It's time for spring rodeos. Good luck to all the contestants heading to the Ft Lauderdale rodeo and the party goers...Have fun and have a safe trip. Congratulations to the Royalty Team for making the first ever CGRA Barn Dance a huge success. A great time was had by all.

Jim Thorstad-Northern Outreach





#### **April** 2007 Tue Fri Mon Wed Thu Sat Sun 4 7 3 10 11 12 13 17 16 18 19 20 23 24 25 26 27 30 Go to the website, www.cgra.net for more details

## **Rodeo Director**

Hello Rodeo Fans!!!

I can't believe that it is getting so close to RMRR #25 already!!!! We are diligently working on all plans and will have a great show for the fans.

We are looking for volunteers for RMRR #25. Get your reservation in to make sure you have the great assignment. Contact VP Ken P. to get your name on the list, and you can also bring as many friends as vou want.

Look for the Officals announcement at the next General Membership meeting. Also, best of luck to everyone competing in Fort Lauderdale. Please travel safely and we'll see ya when you get home!!! Roger Japp Rodeo Director

**RMRR 25** 

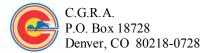


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