



CGRA Insider

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association July 2008

Upcoming Events

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July 11th - Contestant Registration and CGRA Royalty Show (Featuring Out-of-town IGRA Royalties & In-town Royalties) - Jeffco Fairgrounds

July 12th - RMRR26 begins - Jeffco Fairgrounds

July 12th - 9:00pm Rodeo Party at Charlies

July 13th - RMRR26 - Jeffco Fairgrounds

July 13th - 6:00pm Rodeo Volunteer Thank You Steak Dinner and Awards Ceremony - Jeffco Fairgrounds

August 2nd - "Boots & Boxers" - An Underwear Auction, Charlie's!

From the President

WOO HOO!!! It's time to RODEO!!!!

As I write this, it is 18 days until RMRR 26. Wow time flies! I hope you are all as excited as I am for RMRR 26! I can't wait to welcome our out of town guests and enjoy a great weekend of rodeo. We are finally at the point where all of our hard work will pay off!

I am very happy to report that we have sold all of our sponsorship opportunities and even had to create a couple of new ones due to high demand! A great big THANK YOU to the group of people that stepped up and did this work! We got a late start, but still managed to get everything sold in time for the program ad deadline. Thank you to the Board of Directors, the Royalty team, Ken S, Jeremy S, CJ C, Larry T and Miss Eryn. Next time you see any of these folks, thank them for their hard work. We could not have done it without everyone pitching in and doing their part.

Tommy Channel has been elected as Grand Marshall for RMRR 26. Congratulations Tommy on this very much deserved honor!

The next CGRA Board of Directors and General Membership meeting will be Thursday, July 11 at Charlies. We will be giving you a final update before rodeo and kicking things off. We also have a by-laws change that will be voted on during the meeting. Please review the proposed change in this newsletter.

Thanks to Mr CGRA Bryan Williams on a great job on the Pride float. That looked GREAT! Thank you to Keith Swanson for setting up and taking care of the Pride booth. Thank you to all to worked the booth or were in the parade with us. We got a lot of great publicity for rodeo during the weekend! Lets carry this enthusiasm forward and have a great RMRR 26!



See you at RMRR!
Ty Teigen
CGRA President



First of all I want to say a Great job to our Royalty Team. You guys are truly amazing. I'm sure that everyone on the Board and the general membership notice and appreciate all that you do. Which by my standards has been a lot. Kudos on your letter from your last out of town fundraiser, it is nice to get a letter praising a fine group of people.

I owe a huge THANK YOU, to my personal secretary/energizer bunny, our very own Ms CGRA, Mary. Everytime I call you about someone or something concerning rodeo and volunteers, you already have it done, or say it's taken care of. Where were you the last times I was on the Board. Not only have you made my life easier, but you are so organized, its scary.

Just days away from the event of the year, I want to thank everyone who has helped to make this the best LEAN MEAN RODEO MACHINE. I have a feeling we will surpass our own goals for our charity partners.

We still have a few blank spaces out there for the weekend. We still need people to serve the Volunteer dinner on Sunday. If you or anyone you know is willing to help let myself or Mary know so we can fill in the blanks.

Everyone come out and enjoy the party, and bring a friend or two, and have an extra drink, remember its all for charity.

Thanks,
Kenny Cunitz
Vice-President

RMRR 26 is finally here, yippee!!!! I hope to see every member, old and new alike, attend this rodeo!!!! If not as a contestant, then as a spectator. CGRA has a lot of members, so show your CGRA pride and go to the rodeo!!!! Folks have been working very hard to make this another successful rodeo, so come see what the 'worker bees' have been up to!!!! Remember, we need all the help we can muster on Monday morning, to assist in the aftermath of the rodeo. So come enjoy the weekend, and pitch in and help Get R Done!!!!!!



Mary Munger
Rodeo Events

2008 Gymkhana Dates

Aug 10	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Table View Arena
Sep 14	JEFFCO Fairgrounds	Table View Arena

Northern Outreach

I want to say Thank You to everyone who came up to Ft Collins on June 7Th for Pride In The Park. We had a great time and promoted CGRA and our rodeo. A special thank you to Bryan, Mary and Miss Aspen Vail for rocking the park with your performances. You guys were the hit of the day. Thanks again.



A lot of goings have been going on for CGRA, with the 2 fundraisers at Jeffco, Pridefest and RMRR 26 is just around the corner..YEEHawwwww...We'll be watching for ya on the dusty trail.

Jim Thorstad
Northern Outreach



Membership



It's getting hot out there, folks. Can RMRR26 be far off? We're winding down the new membership recruiting contest and looks like the tie-breaker is on! The contest officially ends at midnight, June 30, 2008. The member who can take credit for the most new member sign-ups will have their membership paid for TWO (2) YEARS. You still have time - sign them up!

We'll announce the winner at the general membership meeting July 10. Do make plans to attend as we have all sorts of fun planned at Charlie's after the meeting to officially kick-off RMRR26 weekend.

A special note to those of you who feel like you've been waiting forever for your name badges: you have my sincerest apologies. They are in!!!! FINALLY!

I will try to distribute them as I run into you, but feel free to check in with me at CGRA meetings and functions in case I miss you.

Now, to the regularly scheduled newsletter material...

Please do take a moment and make sure your membership is up-to-date. Prompt renewals are ALWAYS greatly appreciated. Yes, it's the monthly, friendly reminder to keep your membership current and be sure to let me know if you have any name, address, phone or email changes in need of correction and/or update. Staying on "Active" status is imperative for event registration - and we all know there is a BIG event coming up. Feel free to email me: membership@cgra.us if you have any questions or updates...

and, as always, Membership Applications/Renewal forms are available through the website. You can snail mail those to me at:

CGRA-Membership
P.O.Box 18728
Denver, CO. 80218

or, better yet...renew on line @ www.cgra.us

CGRA Memberships Due for Renewal

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Kim Dawson	DC Coulon	Cheney
Brian Dickerson	Anthony	Clouch
Jimmy Golden	Dasilva	Deb Griffin
Brent Hrometz	Denise Drake	Travis Hill
Michael Korzen	Char Duran	Kimberly K.
John Landrum	Andrew	Jim Thorstad
Cliff Thompson, Jr.	Eberhard	Al Walker
Lee Whitner	CJ Gogerty	Scott White
Steve Woodman	Desiree	
Miss Eryn	Gronwald	
	Carolyn	
	Herbert	
	John Locke	
	Lester	
	Longbone	
	Bill Mitchell	
	Travis Nowers	
	Mary Riordan	
	Keith Swanson	
	Jonny	
	Van orman	
	Justin Walder	



Howdy everyone! I hope everyone had a great Pride Weekend! I want to thank all the members who came out and participated in the parade! We had a great time representing CGRA! The parade reminded me of the original CGRA slogan "Colorado Rides with Pride!" Because we were all beaming with pride as we went down Colfax. I was amazed at the reaction of the crowd when they saw us approaching. They expected a great turnout from us, and they got it! Way to go CGRA!!!! This is one of many reasons why I enjoy being a member of CGRA!

Now it is time for rodeo! The RMRR Entertainment tent will be bustling as normal with some excellent performers from across IGRA and from right here in Denver! If you have not already signed up to perform during the weekend, then please contact me as soon as possible so that we may get you signed up! I look forward to seeing old rodeo friends here for RMRR, and making new ones.

Here is a listing of shows for your rodeo weekend entertainment:

* Wednesday, July 9th - Pauline Chavez & Ken Smith's RMRR T-shirt Show - Charlie's 7pm

* Thursday, July 10th - 2008 CGRA Royalty Team's RMRR Kickoff Show (Featuring former CGRA Royals) - Charlie's 8:30pm

* Friday, July 11th - CGRA Royalty Team's Welcome To RMRR Show (Featuring Out-of-town IGRA Royalties & In-town Royalties) - Jeffco Fairgrounds - Interactive Male Entertainment Tent 7pm

* Saturday, July 12th - RMRR's Midway Hoe Down - A variety of performers and dance breaks - Jeffco Fairgrounds - Interactive Male Entertainment Tent - 12:30 - 8pm

* Sunday, July 13th - RMRR's Midway Hoe Down - A variety of performers and dance breaks - Jeffco Fairgrounds - Interactive Male Entertainment Tent - 12:30 - 5:30pm

* Sunday, July 13th - CGRA Royalty Team's Command Performance Show (Featuring great entertainers for your enjoyment) - Jeffco Fairgrounds - Interactive Male Entertainment Tent - 6 - 7:30pm

On top of having these events going on, we are currently working with a local gentleman to provide trick riding & Roman riding during the rodeo, for your enjoyment.

So come on out and enjoy a great weekend of rodeo, friends, good food, great drinks and wonderful entertainment! See you all at the out for rodeo!

Bryan Williams
2008 CGRA Entertainment Chair



From the Royalty Team

Hello Everyone!

We hope everyone had a Happy Pride! What an exciting time it was to have all five of your CGRA Royalty Team on the float! We greatly enjoyed the parade and representing CGRA! Later Sunday afternoon, three of the team performed on the Community Stage at the Pride Fest. Performing was Bryan, Mary & Aspen. Miss Aspen Vail always knows how to bring the crowd to a rip roaring scream when she is done performing her kitty cat song! Great job! The team has been very proud to represent CGRA this year to the Denver community, as well as the IGRA circuit! We would not have been able to do what we do, without the support of the membership! Thank You!!!

With that being said - Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo is here almost here! Your Royals are scrambling around to get everything in order to help host our visitors from across the United States and Canada! We look forward to having all our friends from across the IGRA circuit come in to Denver, where we can really show them that Colorado Rides with Pride!

There are a few other things going on with Royalty Team:

1) "Cooking With CGRA" cookbook has arrived! The cookbooks are on sale now for the low price of \$10.00 each! The cookbook features 422 recipes from CGRA members and friends of CGRA. Get several copies today - they make great gifts, while supporting CGRA! See Bryan to get your copy today! Proceeds to benefiting CGRA General Budget and Royalty Team Charities.

2) Kimberley Kay has her newly recorded CD available for a \$13.00 donation. Enjoy one of your favorite singers, while she helps support her charity! CDs are limited so act fast on this one, before they are all gone! See Kimberly for more details.

3) Rocket still has her "pigs" for adoption. Adopt a pig for \$5.00 and then fill it with loose change and money! A great way to get rid of that pesky change in your pocket! See Rocket for more details.

4) Mary Riordan will be holding her "Pictures With Pets" at the August gymkhana. Come out and have your picture taken with your pet for a small donation, while helping Mary raise money for her projects! See Mary for more details.

5) Bryan Williams & Aspen Vail will be holding "Boots & Boxers" - An Underwear Auction on August 2nd at Charlie's! This is an auction for their IGRA requirements! So come out and see some of the hottest men and women in Colorado model wonderful designer underwear for your bidding pleasure. Lucky winners of each auctioned item will get to have the model handover the underwear to them in private! Bring plenty of money to this event, so you don't miss seeing some of your favorites! And you get to keep the underwear too! It is bound to be a scandalous time!

We look forward to seeing you all out at each of our events!

From Bryan, Mary, Rocket, Aspen & Kody
Let's Rodeo!

2008 CGRA Royalty Team

Mr CGRA 2008 - Bryan Williams

Ms. CGRA 2008 - Mary Riordan

MsTer CGRA 2008 - Rocket Coxx

Miss CGRA 2008 - Aspen Vail

Mster CGRA, First Runner Up - Kody Kay





Once again, Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo is knocking on our doors. This year is set to be the best ever. If you have not volunteered, please consider helping out. We can always use help setting up on Thursday and Friday as well as taking it all down on Monday. If you can lend a hand, contact myself or Tommy Channel.

While at the rodeo, please visit our vendors. Many of them will be traveling a great distance to spend the weekend with us. Please, shop, shop, shop and make them feel welcome. We have a lot of vendors returning this year and some that will be here for the first time. Show them how much fun our rodeo is so maybe they will all return in future years.

Our sponsors are a big reason why our rodeo is such a success. When you see our sponsors, please take the time to thank them for their support. Without them, we couldn't do it.

See you all at Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 26. LETS RODEO!

Justin Smith
CGRA Secretary/Assistant Rodeo Director



For those of you that didn't make it down to Civic Center last weekend, I wanted to let you all know that PrideFest 2008 was a success for CGRA.

At the CGRA booth we had a constant stream of traffic both days, passed on a lot of information about RMRR26, made contact with several possible sponsors for next year, and vendors for this year.

We sold t-shirts, buttons, cookbooks, bandanas, AND 75 rodeo tickets!!

Thank you to those individuals who gave a few hours of their time and helped out over the weekend. Please forgive me if I forget anyone:

Saturday - special thanks to Chris H, CD, Aspen Vail, and Dave Wilson for being there when I asked for help.

Sunday - thanks to Roger C, Austin, Clyde, Jim T, Cheney, Mary R, Rocket, and Bryan for spending time behind the booth.

Tear-Down - Because of these people's help we were able to clear our area within 15 minutes and go party on Sunday night! Thanks to Clyde, Jim T, Cheney, Mary R, Bryan, and John Beck.

Now on to Rodeo!

Keep your eye out for several out of state film crews. Please make them welcome. We do have a crew of five coming from a television station in Paris, France. Let's show them some real western hospitality.

Special thanks to OutFront - our print media sponsor for their continuing support of RMRR!

See y'all next weekend at Rodeo.

Keith Swanson
Public Relations

