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Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

May 2009

## CALENDAR

APRIL '09

**25** - Hula Hoedown  
@ Charlies

MAY '09

**10** - Gymkhana  
@ CATTLE  
PRACTICE  
DAY, Main Rodeo Arena -  
10am, start at 11 am

**14** - CGRA BOD  
Meeting @  
6 & General  
Membership Meeting @  
7 pm - Charlies

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Aloha CGRA,

Make sure to come on down to Charlies - Denver on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 - ??? for the Hula Hoedown a Western Luau. This is a CGRA membership night (not a drag show). We will have a limbo and best Hawaiian shirt contest. So dust off your coconut bra and brush out your grass skirt for a Volcano of a good time. I have to sadly report that Breaker-down a.k.a. Dez Grunwald has decided to step down as MsTer CGRA 2009 for personal reasons. We at CGRA want to give him a big THANK YOU for all his hard work and wish him well.

James J.

## RODEO DIRECTOR

Hello CGRA,

RMRR 27 is in full force. We have so many great things going on this year. It is our hope that we can get many more aspects of the community involved with our event this summer. The carnival midway needs everyone's help in order to make it a success. Please get in touch with Justin Smith or Mary Munger if you can help out with this part of RMRR.

I would like to thank the people that have done so much thus far with RMRR 27. Without all of you none of this would be possible. So many new and exciting ideas have come about from our board this year. Thank you all for your help and patience. Can't wait until we all get together to bring Jefferson County to life.

Jeremy S.

## RODEO EVENTS

Our next gymkhana is scheduled for May 10th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds in the Rodeo Arena. We are also having our annual Cattle Practice day in conjunction with the gymkhana. There will be steers available to practice calf roping on foot, team roping, breakaway roping, steer deco, and chute dogging. If you've ever thought about competing in a rodeo this is a great way to start!

This will be a full day so start time will be moved to 9AM. Registration at 8:00AM. The cost for the cattle events will be the same as last year, \$10 per person plus \$1 per go. We'll start with the roping events, mix in the gymkhana events to allow time for the steers to rest, and end with steer deco and chute dogging. We'll also throw in a lunch break and order pizza! In the past Cattle Practice Day has been very popular and a lot of fun so plan to come out and join us.

Ken S.



## METRO OUTREACH

Hello CGRA!!!

I wanted to say THANK YOU to all that brought food for the can food bank for MCC. Not only did we have a generous donation of food, but also raised \$ 147 in cash that will buy food to stock the shelves. If anyone can help, MCC would gladly accept donations of food, toiletries, and baby items for the increasing demand of assistance from our community. Great job on such short notice!!!! Also, get your items collected to donate for the CGRA yard sale!!!!

On May 1st, Charlie's is having the 20th anniversary on the Hill celebration. I invite all to come show your support for Charlie's, as they will be having drink specials and free taco bar throughout the day. Charlie's is CGRA headquarters, so come on down and show your support.

Mary M.

## NORTHERN OUTREACH

Hello CGRA Members!

Hope everyone has dried out from all the rain and snow we've had. SUNNY day's are just around the corner. And so is Pride In The Park in Fort Collins. CGRA will again be having a booth at the festival. I'll be needing volunteers to help setup, take down and man or woman the booth. The event starts at 11a till 5p. Setup beginning about 930a or so. So mark you calender for Saturday June 6th. Let me know if you'll be able to assist and promote CGRA to our friends up north. I'll sent out directions in a few weeks. In the meantime check out their website [www.prideinthepark.org](http://www.prideinthepark.org) as they have a lot going on from June 3-7th, 2009

Jim T.

## FUNDRAISING/PR

Fundraising is going full-steam at this time. We are busy trying to get more sponsors signed up for RMRR-27. We still have buckles available for sponsorship, but all the chutes have been sold. If you are interested in sponsoring RMRR-27 and have not been approached yet, then please contact me directly.

I would like to thank Miss CGRA 2009, Sally West for helping raise additional prize money for the rodeo. Each month she has held a beer bust at The Compound on the second Saturday of the month. The proceeds from each beer bust have been donated to the additional prize money. Her next beer bust will be held May 9th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm at The Compound. She would like to see all the rodeo contestants come out and support the beer bust, since the money will be benefiting you! Watch for more information to come.

The 2009 CGRA Royalty Team will be holding a Garage Sale on the weekend of June 20th. As you are doing your Spring cleaning, why not donate some of your items to the sale? Please contact any of the Royalty Team to arrange for them to pick up your donation. They have a storage unit to be able to collect the donations and store them until the sale! More information to come!

On May 30th at 7pm - Charlie's - The Krewe of Chaos will be producing the 2nd Annual Boots & Boxers Underwear Auction, as Miller Lite is the presenting sponsor of the event. You don't want to miss out on this auction as we help the 2009 CGRA Royalty Team and 2009 Miss & MsTer IGRA meet their charity obligations. The night will benefit: Horizon House, Chesney-Kleinjohn Housing, Table Mountain Animal Center and IGRA Charity to be named. There are several guest models appearing from across the US & Canada! Be ready for fantastic underwear and handsome models! A silent auction will begin at 5pm and close at 9:30! Live auction will begin at 7pm and close at 11pm! If you would like to help out with the event, please contact me directly!

Bryan W.



# MEMBERSHIP FROM CD S.

At the last general membership meeting, the by-law changes regarding membership were voted upon and approved. How does this affect you?

1.) All memberships will now be based on calendar year quarters instead of months. This translates to just four (4) renewal dates per year. Those of you who joined or renewed in the last half of 2008 - your membership expiration dates will be adjusted to reflect either a 9/30/09 or a 12/31/09 date. Those of you who have joined or renewed since Jan. 1, 2009 - your expiration date will be either 3/31/10 or 6/30/10 (if join/renewal is after 4/1/09). As an example, if you recently renewed your membership in February '09 – your expiration date will be 3/31/10 not 2/28/10. Your membership card (once you get it) will show this date.

2.) Since it should be much easier for everyone to KNOW when their membership is up for renewal, members will be DEACTIVATED in the database within 30 days of expiration if they have not renewed. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

3.) We now have a limited JR. membership category at a reduced annual fee of \$12.

Now, the membership cards...

I repeat – slowly, but surely - the new membership cards are trickling in.

To also repeat: if your membership is due for renewal in the next 30 to 60 days, you will probably be one of the last to receive your card – unless you renew early. A little reminder: effective 1/1/09, we are no longer providing name badges free of charge to new members. Those of you who already have badges, treat them with LOVE as replacements are no longer free. A \$10 fee will now be charged for a name badge and this will include mailing – if needed. All members (both new and renewing) will receive an annual membership card instead. I will be contacting each of you whom I do not see on a regular (or even occasional) basis via email, phone or snail mail BEFORE I HAVE YOUR CARD PRINTED. THIS MEANS IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE I HAVE UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFO FOR YOU. If I cannot confirm your contact info, you will NOT receive a card - NO EXCEPTIONS! We do plan to have benefits attached to those membership cards. For starters, Lancaster's has extended a 10% discount to CGRA members. Right now, you can get that discount by showing your card or name badge upon purchase. Within the year, it will be ONLY the card. Stay tuned as we try to realize more goodies for our members.

From the Department of Redundancy Department, please do take a moment and make sure your membership is up-to-date. Prompt renewals are always greatly appreciated 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. Feel free to email me: [membership@cgra.us](mailto:membership@cgra.us) if you have any questions or updates...and, as always, Membership Applications/ Renewal forms are available through the website. Those can be snail mailed to me at:

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

or, better yet...renew on line @ [www.cgra.us](http://www.cgra.us)

Renewal - PAST DUE:

- Scott A.            Ryan B.
- John C.            David F.
- Stephen N.        Renee S.
- Jeremy S.

Due for renewal - NOW:

- RC C.              Tracy H.
- Robin L.          Gary S. Daniel S.
- Shane S.          Karla T.

Due for renewal in the next 30-60 days:

- Ralph B.          Margaret C.      Doug C.
- Salvatore C.      Rick E. Jimmy G.
- Sherry G.        Kip J.            Barry M.