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NEWSLETTER
OF



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Let's help NGRA
raise money for another great
Division 1 rodeo
(so we can win all the ribbons)

starting
at 9 pm
friday, may 3
at
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the official home bar of NGRA
5012 Arville St. (minutes from the Strip) in Las Vegas
(702) 876-1844

We've got
an evening of
fun and
fund-raising
planned!
(and if you get
bored, you
can gamble)

30 MINUTES FROM STATELINE!

**The Golden State Gay
Rodeo Association**
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Los Angeles, Ca 90046
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(415)985-5200

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San Diego, Ca 92103
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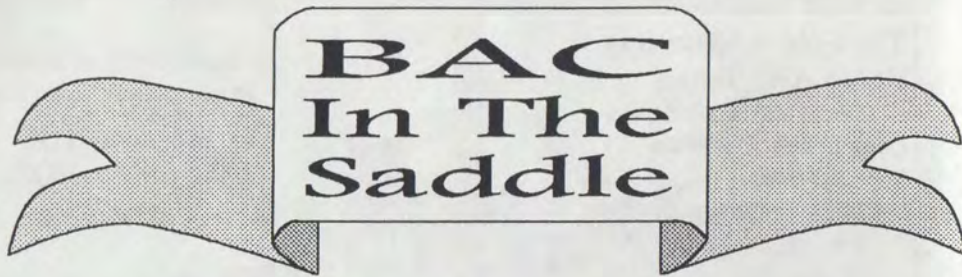
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(619)320-8686

Central Sierra Chapter
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(209)496-3810

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Association**
900 East Colfax
Denver, Co 80218
(303)832-IGRA

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It's Rodeo Time!

The Bay Area Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association is proud to invite you to the **ALL NEW!**

5th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo!

Yup, you heard right pard'ner, ALL NEW!

New City - San Jose

New Host Hotel - Red Lion Hotel

New Rodeo Grounds - Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

New Parties...

Balcony Decorating,

Pool Party and Barbecue

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5 EVENTS \ \$50

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*MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
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AWARDED!!*



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
BARREL RACE
FLAG RACE
POLE BENDING
BI-RANGLE STAKE
TEXAS SPEED BARRELS



REGISTRATION ~ 12PM -1PM

GYMKHANA - 1PM
@ CSUF RODEO GROUNDS

DANCE - 8PM TIL 1AM
@ THE BARN

For more information concerning the gymkhana please call
(209) 456-0756 or rodeo hotline (209) 496-3810

This is an Educational Event for all new members
wanting to learn speed events.
All proceeds will benefit Central Sierra for Rodeo '97

Greater L.A. News Chapter

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Chapter Hotline (310) 498-1675

E-mail gsgraglac@aol.com
On the World Wide Web
<http://users.aol.com/gsgraglac/rodeo.html>

Meet your new board

With each April come elections, and our new slate of officers was chosen at the chapter's April 20 meeting.

Because of a calendar quirk, the new officers took their posts later that day.

Members had a terrific slate of candidate from

which to choose. Thanks to all who accepted nominations for the many offices.

To last year's board and state representatives, we also say thanks, for a job well done.

And to the '96-97 winners, we say: Congratulations — now get to work.

1996-97 BOARD

President: Michael DeYonker.

Administrative vice president:

David Medzerian.

Vice president of rodeo operations: Joseph Olney.

Secretary: Vern Brooks.

Treasurer: Nils Peterson.

STATE BOARD

REPRESENTATIVES: Michael

DeYonker, Steve Creber, Andie

Joseph. Alternate: Robert

Armend.

We did it!

A year of planning — and it's over in a weekend. But by nearly any measure, the 1996 L.A. Rodeo was a great success.

There are so many people to thank, starting with rodeo VP **Joe Olney** and his three directors, **Amy Griffin** (rodeo), **Michael DeYonker** (festival) and **Robert Armend** (entertainment). Also, big kudos to all of the committee chairmen and assistants, along with everyone else who lent a hand — we couldn't do it without our volunteers!

But enough of this gloating. Let's get ready for April 11-13, 1997!

TWO EVENTS CANCELED

Contestants should have received word by mail, but the rest of us may not have heard: The rodeos planned for this August in Seattle and this November in Palm Springs have been canceled.

The North West Gay Rodeo Association decided not to hold its 1996 event after the death of **Gary Shultz** earlier this year. In addition to being a good friend to NWGRA and IGRA, Gary also was a key organizer and contributor to that group's rodeo.

GSGRA's Desert Empire Chapter also decided not to hold its 1996 rodeo (which actually was part of IGRA's 1997 rodeo year). They're concentrating their efforts on rebuilding the chapter.

Both organizations hope to resume their rodeos in 1997.

Division 1 contestants shouldn't worry; they can still earn points at the upcoming rodeos in San Jose, Las Vegas and San Diego (and in March 1997: Fresno!).

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COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IGRA ANNUAL DANCE FINALS COMPETITION

IGRA DANCE FINALS
OMAHA NEBRASKA
JULY 26 - 28, 1996

Host Hotel: Red Lion Inn - Omaha - 1-800-547-8010

DIVISION - I	DIVISION - II	DIVISION - III	DIVISION - IV
L.A. Rodeo '96 Los Angeles - CA April 12-14, 1996 (310) 498-1675	Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque - NM May 17-19, 1996 (505) 255-5045	Rodeo In The Rock Little Rock - AK Apr 26-28, 1996 (501) 562-4466	Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo (Part II) Detroit - MI May 17-19, 1996 (313) 271-8616
Bay Area Regional Rodeo San Jose - CA May 31-Jun 2, 1996 (415) 985-5200	Big Sky Regional Rodeo Billings - MT Jun 7-9, 1996 (406) 248-2993	Great Plains Regional Rodeo Oklahoma City - OK May 24-26, 1996 (405) 943-0843	Northern Shindig Rodeo Minneapolis - MN Jul 12-14, 1996 (612) 828006
Bighorn Rodeo Las Vegas - NV June 14-16, 1996 (702) 732-7559	Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo Calgary - AB Jun 28-30, 1996 (403) 541-8140	MGRA Show Me State Rodeo Kansas City - MO Aug 30-Sept 1, 1996 (816) 224-6139	Windy City Regional Gay Rodeo Chicago - IL Aug 16-18, 1996 (312) 883-1880
Greater Northwest Int'l Rodeo Seattle - WA Aug 9-11, 1996 (206) 233-8931	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo Denver - CO Jul 12-14, 1996 (303) 839-8810	TGRA - Dallas Rodeo Dallas - TX Nov. 8-10, 1996 (512) 835-5314	Atlantic Stampede '96 Washington - D.C. Oct 4-6, 1996 (202) 298-0928
Greater San Diego Rodeo San Diego - CA Sept 27-29, 1996 (619) 298-4708	Pikes Peak United Rodeo Colorado Springs - CO Sept 20-22, 1996 (719) 576-2472	Sponsored by Lite BEER	
Palm Springs Regional Rodeo Palm Springs - CA Nov 1-3, 1996 (619) 320-8484	Road Runner Regional Rodeo* Phoenix - AZ Jan 17-19, 1997 (602) 265-0618	SANCTIONED BY 	
Bighorn Rodeo* Las Vegas - NV February, 1997 (702) 732-7559	Saguro Regional Rodeo* Tucson - AZ Mar 21-23, 1997 (520) 323-0805	* Rodeo Dates in <i>ITALICS</i> are planned 1997 Rodeos	

ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO OCTOBER 17-20, 1996 IGRA TENTH ANNUAL FINALS RODEO 1996 INTERNATIONAL RODEO OF CHAMPIONS

Host Hotel:
Albuquerque Hilton Hotel
1901 University Blvd
Albuquerque, New Mexico
1-800-274-6835

For More Information on IGRA Events & Activities
Call Us at : (303) 832-IGRA

Official Finals Rodeo Travel
via : North South Travel
1-800-585-8016

MEMBERSHIP *ON LINE*

Surfers of the net, do your rodeo membership business, ask questions, get answers!

rodeomemb@aol.com



GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

MAY 1996

S.D. RODEO IN DEL MAR AGAIN!

Let's lay to rest all rumors that the San Diego Rodeo is not happening, or that we lost our location. **The rodeo will once again be at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.** The only change is that we are excited to be using a different part of the Fairgrounds for our Rodeo and Festival.

This year we are fortunate to be using the Grandstands and the Turf Club at the Fairgrounds. We will be running 2 rodeo arenas simultaneously in front of the Grandstands. This should allow most spectators to view both arenas from their seats.

The festival will be adjacent to the Grandstands in the lovely Paddock area and the exclusive Turf Club. As is our usual custom, there will be plenty of vendors for shopping, a large dance floor and a separate entertainment stage. We believe that this will be our best Rodeo yet!

1996 RODEO T-SHIRTS AND PINS ARE HERE!

This year's colorful Rodeo T-shirts and pins are here. They made their debut at the Los Angeles Rodeo to almost universal acclaim. Come and find out why.

The T-shirts are available in deep teal, cabernet ("purple" to those of us a little less sophisticated) and white. They cost \$14 each or \$10 to current San Diego Chapter members. The Rodeo pins are designed to look like a sheriff's star. The cost \$6 each or \$5 to current San Diego members. Come and get them at the General Meeting!

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Treasurer - Bill Chapman

RODEO TICKET INFORMATION

The Weekend Pass - A full weekend ticket booklet is available for all Rodeo and Hotel events. This package is a value of \$52. These booklets are available through mail-order with the TICKET ORDER FORM or at special events. Mail-order requests must be accompanied by check, money order, or Visa and Master Card information (please include a self-addressed, stamped business size envelop). You can also fax your orders to (619) 298-4709.

BEST BUYS

BEFORE JULY 1 \$30
(save \$22--a 42% savings)
must be postmarked before July 1

AFTER JULY 1 \$35
(save \$17--a 32% savings)
must be postmarked by Saturday.
September 14.

ADVANCED TICKET BOOKLET OUTLETS (JULY 1 - SEPT 22)

LOS ANGELES AREA

Rawhide 10937 Burbank
N. Hollywood (818) 760-9798
Floyds 2913 E. Anaheim St.
Long Beach (310) 433-9251

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

Jaquar Bookstore 4057 18th St.
San Francisco (415) 863-4777

SAN DIEGO AREA

Kickers 308 University
(619) 491-0400
Balloon Experts 3934 Fifth
(619) 291-0988
California Man 3930 Fifth
(619) 294-9108
Postal Annex 1043 University
(619) 298-7155

RODEO

GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

MAY 1996

HOTEL AND INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKET PRICES

Thursday	BOOTS 'n BRIEFS BENEFIT AND KICK OFF PARTY	\$ 5
Friday	HOEDOWN	\$ 7
Saturday	RODEO	\$15
Saturday	SAN DIEGO STAMPEDE DANCE PARTY	\$10
Sunday	RODEO	\$15

Town and Country HOTEL

500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego CA 92108

(800) 77-ATLAS or (619) 291-7131

Garden Rooms \$78, Tower Rooms form \$84 -- up to 4 guests per room

The hotel is located right off Interstate 8 on the famous Hotel Circle in San Diego's Mission Valley. The hotel is situated on 32 beautifully landscaped acres, with four swimming pools, whirlpool, restaurants, cafes and shops.

The Town and County Convention Center will be headquarters for all the Rodeo evening events. The 10,000 square foot dance floor of the Atlas Ballroom will host the largest dance parties on the Rodeo Circuit, and the Mission Ballroom will be the site of the entertainment events.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 1996

May 1	General Membership Meeting
May 6	Board Meeting
May 15	Rodeo Roundtable
May 22	Committee and Chairs Meeting

JUNE 1996

June 3	Board Meeting
June 5	General Membership Meeting
June 19	Rodeo Roundtable
June 26	Committee and Chairs Meeting

All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the Rodeo office if in doubt.

NGRA BIG HORN '96



JUNE 14-16

Horseman's Park
5800 E. Flamingo

RODEO

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



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TEAM AND
BREAK-AWAY
ROPING

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DOGGING

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STEER
RIDING

ROPING ON FOOT

Saturday May 25th, 1996

AT THE

CIRCLE C RANCH

Banning California

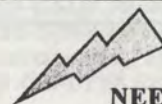
Starting at 9:00 am

Instruction by Chris and Charlie Akin.

Join us for a day of fun in the sun sponsored entirely by G.S.G.R.A. Expert instruction and as many "Go's" as we can fit into one day. Instruction and practice available to G.S.G.R.A. members only, spectators definitely welcome.

FREE INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE IN THE FINE ART OF SPECTATING

How To Get There.(About 90 minutes drive from downtown L.A.) Take Interstate 10 or Hwy 60 east to Banning (From the south take 15/215 north to 60 east. Exit on Hargrove, turn right to Lincoln. Turn left and follow Lincoln around a right hand curve and past a small airport then 'straight' ahead, you will run into the arena. If you get lost, call (909)849-1383



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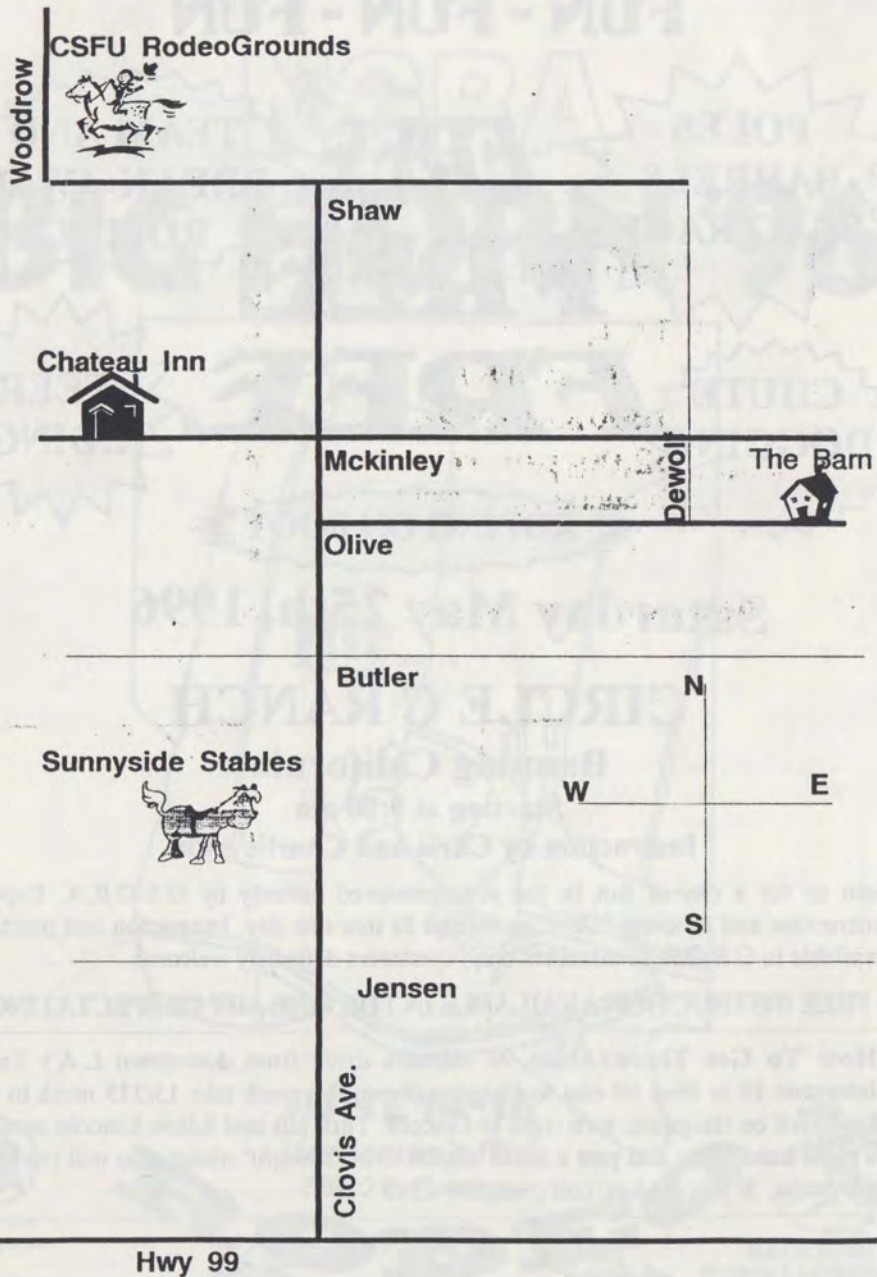


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INFORMATION?

DAVID SMITH:(213)953-9171

GLENN THOMPSON:(909)337-4598



Congratulations to Los Angeles on their 12th annual Rodeo's success!

And congratulations to our own Bay Area chapter members who competed and came home with a ribbon or Buckle! (For all of you who competed, congratulations and who knows, maybe you'll win the buckle at our Rodeo!)

**Come a Day Early or Stay a Day Late...
Visit Paramounts Great America
or the Golden Gate!**

~~ Contestants ~~

Some Things You Must Know!

Registration Postmark Date Is May 17, 1996
Request Registration Forms Through Our Hotline (415)985-5200
Checks Are NOT Accepted During Friday Night Registration!
Buddy Passes Are Available For \$20.00
(Roughstock & Horse Event Contestants Only!)

~~ Volunteers ~~

Volunteers Are Still Needed! You can't imagine how many
Volunteers are needed to put on a Rodeo!
Call our Hotline At (415) 985-5200 if you have any TIME or SKILLS
available to volunteer! We need volunteers for all sorts of
things...Arena Staff, Security, Vendors,
Ticket Takers, Door Checks, and more. . .
Call Anytime, Our Hotline is Available 24 hours a day!

**Bay Area and Central Sierra
Gymkhana @ CSUF Rodeo Grounds
Horse-Speed Events
Saturday May 11th
call (209) 456-0756 for details.**

**Don't Forget To Stop By The
GSGRA State Dance Contest
And Cheer On Your Favorite
Dance Team! Competition**



**Bay Area Chapter Hotline
(415) 985-5200**

GSGRA Country & Western State Dance Competition and Showcase!

**Cash
Prizes!**

All levels

- First Time -
- Beginner -
- Intermediate -
- Advanced -

**Additional
Awards!**

Info: Jeff (714) 761-5681

Sat - June 1st

1:00 p.m.

Best Costume & Most Entertaining

In conjunction with the Bay Area's 5th Annual Rodeo!

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

344 Tully Road, San Jose

(directions: (408) 295-3050)

Country & Western/Rodeo Dance Parties

Thurs. May 30th Through

Sun. June 2nd

7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

at the host hotel

Red Lion Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose

Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4/28	29	30	1	2	3	5/4 GSGRA annual convention, Stateline, Nev.
5/5 GSGRA annual convention, Stateline, Nev.	6	7	8	9	10	5/11 Chapter meeting in Los Angeles
5/12	13	14	15	16	17	5/18 Long Beach pride & Albuquerque, Detroit rodeos
5/19 Long Beach pride & Albuquerque, Detroit rodeos	20	21	22	23	24	5/25 Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Oklahoma City
5/26 Great Plains Regional Rodeo, Oklahoma City	27	28	29	30	31	6/1 Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose
6/2 Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose	3	4	5	6	7	6/8 Big Sky Regional Rodeo, Billings, Mont.
6/9 Big Sky Regional Rodeo, Billings, Mont.	10	11	12	13	14	6/15 Bighorn Regional Rodeo, Las Vegas

CHAPTER MEETINGS

If quorum is not reached,
meeting will reconvene
30 minutes later.

**Noon Sat.,
May 11,**
at the CSW
office, 6855
Santa Monica
Blvd., Los
Angeles

**Noon Sat.,
June 8,**
at Valentines
(next to
Floyds), 2923
E. Anaheim,
Long Beach



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State board representative

Robert Armend
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Submissions to the GLAC newsletter
are always welcome; submissions are
subject to editing for space or con-
tent, and must be submitted by the
15th of the month.

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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AND
DUSTY REYE



Help Celebrate Gay Pride and
California's Rodeo Convention
with a Benefit Show for
Nevada AIDS Project
Featuring entertainers from
California, Nevada and Arizona
hosted by

Miss Tina Rhinestone
Saturday May 4th, 1996
11.00pm

Raffles

Door
Prizes

Beer
Bust

Pride.....

The Long Beach & Los Angeles Gay Pride Celebrations
are just around the corner and the Greater Los Angeles Chapter is planning
on presenting all 50 State flags in both parades. Would you like to a part of
this very special presentation? Everyone is welcome members and non-
members. Help us celebrate our pride,

Call for more information.
(310)498-1675 Ext 888

*** IN REMEMBRANCE ***



Gary Schults

*Gary passed away February 28,
due to complications
from AIDS. Gary fought
the battle as long as he could.
He went quietly in his sleep, at home, in
the company of his long time friend,
Joe, from San Francisco.*

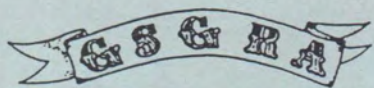
The NWGRA/IGRA has lost Gary to "Rodeo Heaven". Gary was not just a member in good standing, he was a special friend. Gary held positions not only with NWGRA, but was on the IGRA Board of Directors, and was a qualified Arena Director and Chute Coordinator. Gary was NWGRA's Trustee for 4 years, giving his all. He was a avid horseman. He was an active contestant in as many IGRA rodeos per year as he could fit into his busy schedule. He had been with NWGRA since it's founding. You always knew where Gary stood, it could never be said that he was a "fence sitter". Active in Rodeo even up until the past few months, when health problems forbid it, Gary LOVED and LIVED Rodeo. Good words are being expressed from a multitude of associations and all the people Gary touched. Gary's wish was not to have any Funeral/Memorial Service. He did request in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his memory to:

Pierce County Aids Foundation
625 Commerce
Tacoma, Wa 98403

Gary was our FRIEND and COMPADRE, he will be MISSED.

P.S. There will be a small memorial at Gary's antique store in Tacoma, date and time presently unknown. For more info you can contact Mary at (360) 675-9163 or nwgra@whidbey.net.

Submitted by: Mary Lisenbery



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