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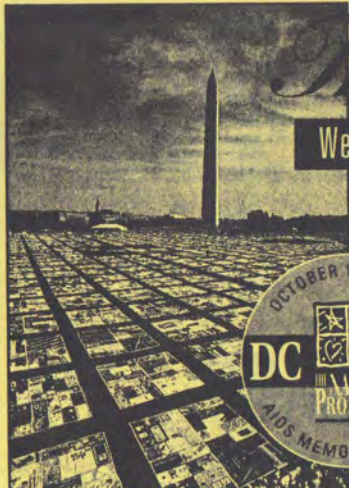
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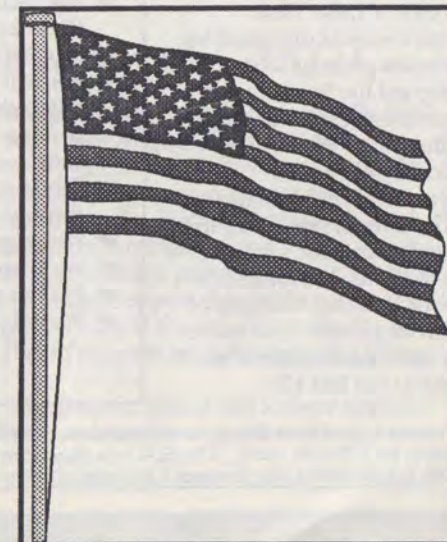
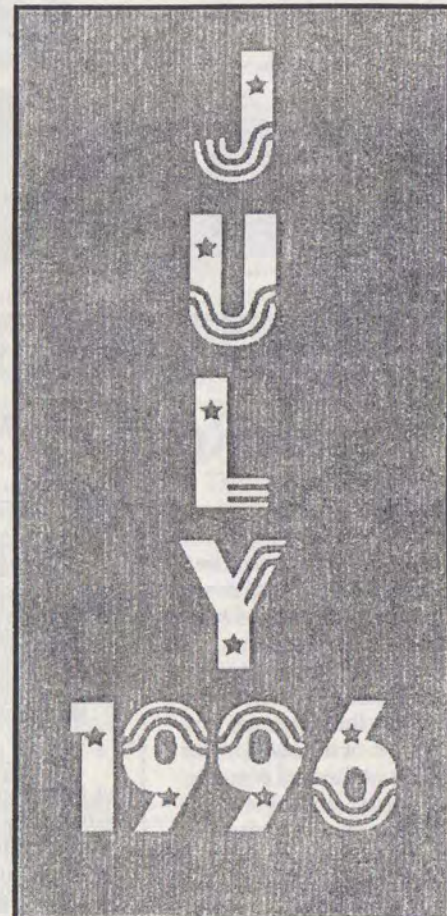
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

New for Rodeo '97: A new location!

There's a big change coming for the Los Angeles Rodeo. Next year, we'll be moving to a beautiful new facility at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center.

Chapter members, meeting in June at Hansen Dam, approved the proposed relocation of the rodeo after 12 years at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.

The Hansen Dam facility is about 15 minutes north of the Burbank Airport Hilton, which will continue as our host hotel. The facility — in the city of Lake View Terrace — was designed by the same planner who designed the Los Angeles Equestrian Center as well as the center that will be used for this year's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The overall site is beautiful with fantastic views of the foothills. It should be a terrific location with lots of room to grow — and make our next dozen rodeos as great as the last 12!

► Why move?

The Los Angeles Equestrian Center, built for the 1984 Olympic Games, has been a great location for the annual L.A. Rodeo for a dozen years. So why mess with a good thing and move?

Easy:

The Hansen Dam Equestrian Center has a number of things going for it. As chapter members found out when they visited in June:

- It is a larger site in a beautiful, parklike setting.
- There are trees for shade and grass for relaxing.
- Dancing and entertainment areas can move back outside.
- The facility will allow food and beverage rights to the chapter (a little more work, a lot more money!).
- Festival and food booths, the dancing tent and entertainment areas will be on a grassy area (like the one that was so popular at Palm Springs' first rodeo — no more dust!).
- Fencing will be limited, providing an open feeling throughout the site.
- Parking will be less expensive (though not free).
- We'll probably be able to reduce ticket costs.
- We can still have two arenas.
- It's only minutes by freeway from the Burbank Airport Hilton, which will remain our host hotel.

Submissions to the GLAC newsletter are always welcome; submissions are subject to editing for space or content, and must be submitted by the 15th of the month. ■ The GLAC logo, rodeo poster and contents of the GLAC newsletter are Copyright 1996 GLAC-GSGRA. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.



A message from the chapter president

By Michael DeYonker,
GLAC president

I want to take this time to thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication to making the 1995-96 year a great success. Everyone should be proud of themselves for everything they have done to help promote and make the chapter grow.

It has been one of the most successful years we have had. Our membership increased, our name was highly promoted and we became more involved with the community.

I am personally proud to be associated with a group of people like you. You have made my job an enjoyable one. I look forward to continuing the

trend of growth within the chapter of all of our members.

I want to see this chapter continue to gain momentum as we have been doing and to help keep that movement both prosperous and productive.

Our recent decision to move our event from the Los Angeles Equestrian Center to our new venue, the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center, will take a lot of hard work and dedication. We will also need more resources and people to make this major change happen flawlessly. As we undertake this new area of responsibility we will approach some interesting and new hurdles to overcome, and we will be challenged with finding new

ways to solve our dilemmas. We will need new and innovative ideas, free and open thinkers, and people dedicated to making changes work. I am personally calling on all of you to come and lend a hand in this exciting and new time for us.

This is your opportunity to make the ideas you have come to life. I want to make a challenge to every member of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter to get involved at some level of participation in the 1996-97 year. Our level of success will depend on your level of participation.

Again I want to express my thanks and gratitude to everyone who participated in the 1995-96 year and made it a success.

Calling all chairpeople...

All chapter committee chairs should plan to attend a special meeting at 10:30 a.m. July 13, right before the regular chapter meeting. If you will not be able to make the meeting for any reason, please call Michael DeYonker at 818 366-3643 beforehand.

For those unable to attend, please be ready to make other arrangements to meet at an alternate time.

► Show your pride — in O.C.

The Orange County Pride Parade and Festival will take place August 17 and 18, at the University of California, Irvine, campus. An equestrian entry of about six people (and horses, obviously) is already planned; there will be other parade contingents, too.

The parade is on Sunday morning. Lets all get out and support this pride event. It is really fun and well worth the time investment — we always get a lot of support from the folks in Orange County.

For more information, please call Robert Armend at 310 494-7878. Let him know you'll be there!

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6/30 Canadian Rockies Intl. Rodeo, Calgary, Alberta	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	7/13 Denver and Minneapolis/St. Paul rodeos
7/14 Denver and Minneapolis/St. Paul rodeos	15	16	17	18	19	7/20 GSGRA state board meeting and dance, Fresno
7/21	22	23	24	25	26	7/27 IGRA convention and dance finals, Omaha
7/28 IGRA convention and dance finals, Omaha	29	30	31	1	2	3
8/4	5	6	7	8	9	10

CHAPTER MEETINGS

NOON SAT, JULY 13,
at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, L.A.

NOON SAT., AUG. 3,
at The Center, East Fourth Street, Long Beach

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



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Week after travel-filled week, June was a rodeo and event-filled summer for your GSGRA royalty. It seemed that GSGRA royalty alone kept the airlines in business.

The month began with the Bay Area Regional Rodeo, where Sheba was busy as entertainment director. The fun started Thursday with the Bay Area royalty contest; judges included David M. and Amy Griffin, Ms. GSGRA 1994. Tina joined in the fun later in the weekend.

The following weekend found David M. in Billings, Mont., for the first Big Sky rodeo. Among the highlights: David being snubbed by TV reporters, who preferred to interview our own Roger Bermann (a Montana native) instead.

Royalty news

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Miss GSGRA Sheba McEntired
(David Lyle Carver)

First Runner-up Mrs. Olson
(Nils Peterson)

Second Runner-up Tina Rhinestone
(Tony Nicholson)

.....
Mr. GSGRA David Medzerian
Runner-up Guy Johnson
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Seven days later, the royalty — and most of GSGRA's membership, it seemed! — headed to Las Vegas for the Big Horn Rodeo. The Davids and Tina again performed and emceed all weekend; they were joined by Wynonna Jugs, Miss GSGRA 1994. David M. also found time to compete.

The next weekend found the royalty on the road again for an IGRA-related fund-raiser, AGRA's annual Grand

Old Opry Weekend in Phoenix.

And a weekend later, David M. was off to represent California at the annual Canadian Rockies International Rodeo in Calgary, Alberta.

On July's calendar: The Central Sierra Chapter's big Barn Dance in Fresno on July 20. See you there...

You, too, can be a sash queen

The annual GSGRA Royalty Competition has been tentatively scheduled to coincide with the fall meeting of the state board, which will be in Palm Springs on Nov. 2. (That's the weekend we'd all set aside for the Palm Springs rodeo, so we know you're free.)

We'll be holding the annual competition for Mr., Miss and Ms. GSGRA (yes, we do have a Ms. position — we just didn't have any candidates last year). Contestants compete in the categories of Interview, Western Wear, Entertainment and Horsemanship, and the winners represent GSGRA for the following year at rodeos and rodeo-related events in and out of state.

Now is the time to start your fund-raising — you'll have to raise \$500 for a 501(c)3 charity — and to brush up on your horsemanship, entertainment and interview skills (we know you're all naturals at the Western Wear part).

Get in touch our new state Vice President Phil Baldwin or any of the current 1995-96 royalty if you have any questions — and get ready to run!



Published monthly, The Chute is the official newsletter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association and is distributed by First Class Mail to approximately 600 active members. The self mailer, booklet format, (5 1/2" x 8 1/2") contains separate sections for each of our five Chapters interspersed with news and editorial of interest to members statewide.

Articles & Items of Interest

We welcome submissions for inclusion in our newsletter at the editors discretion. Submissions on disc, (Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or ASCII formats) must meet the 20th of the month deadline, for other formats the deadline is the 15th of each month. Submissions must include the name, address and telephone number of the author and permission to (a) publish the item, and (b) credit the author.

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For more information call: Joseph Olney (310)498 3488

Mail all submissions to: G.S.G.R.A.
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Long Beach Ca 90804

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G.S.G.R.A. Convention 96

By David Mezerian

Another GSGRA convention is behind us. The weekend of May 4-5, GSGRA members from all over California convened in Stateline, Nev., for the first-ever GSGRA convention held outside California. It was fun and roductive (don't be surprised if next year's convention is in Nevada again!)

Although much was accomplished, few issues generated any controversy. The highlight of the meeting was the welcoming of our sixth chapter, the new Capital Crossroads Chapter, based in Sacramento. The new chapter had an eager group of delegates present, and the other chapters welcomed them eagerly.

Among the major issues was a decision to change the allocation of some membership-dues money. Members pay \$40 a year, \$5 of which had been going back to that member's chapter. Instead, the \$5 will now go to the state exclusively to fund projects of direct benefit to members, like buckouts and gymkhanas. GSGRA has been more active recently in sponsoring such events, and the allocation will allow that level of activity to continue.

A number of issues were discussed in preparation for the IGRA convention in late July. Vince Coco will present our opinions regarding the present IGRA insurance policy, which has not been a benefit to California. A number of rodeo rule changes were discussed

as well; the delegation will be prepared to handle whatever proposals are discussed at convention.

The IGRA delegation will be comprised of Phil Baldwin, Roger Bergmann, Lloyd Carr-Flores, Vince Coco, Michael DeYonker, David Medzerian, Joe Olney, Brad Roberts, Craig Rouse and Rick Washburn.

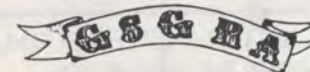
The convention then elected the GSGRA 1996-97 executive board: Craig Rouse, president; Phil Baldwin, administrative vice president; Clint Johnson, vice president for rodeo operations; Larry Rose, treasurer; and Tim Parker, secretary.

Finally, the new board and the new state board representatives met. Among their topics was the schedule of meetings for the year:

- July 20, Fresno (which will coincide with the Central Sierra Chapter's big summer fund-raiser).
- Nov. 2, Palm Springs which will coincide with the 1997 GSGRA Royalty competition).
- Feb. 10, Los Angeles

The 1997 state convention will occur between April 15 and May 15, with the specific date and site to be announced.

For the third year in a row, all convention business was concluded in one day (albeit a long day!), leaving folks to enjoy Stateline or head to Las Vegas for a night of fun.



**THE GOLDEN STATE GAY
RODEO ASSOCIATION**

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
ACTUAL COMPARED TO PRIOR MONTH MONTH OF MAY 1996**

	MAY	APRIL	VARIANCE
CHECKING			
CASH-CHECKING	(1,728)	330	(2,058)
SAVINGS			
CASH-D.W.M.FUND	848	721	127
CASH-M/WM OPERATING	5,649	9,067	(3,418)
CASH-RODEO SANCTION	22,346	13,498	8,848
SUBTOTAL SAVINGS	28,843	23,286	5,557
OTHER ASSETS			
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-BAC	10,892	10,892	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-DE	8,115	8,115	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-GLAC	(500)	1,250	(1,750)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-OTHER	488	(246)	734
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-SD	(500)	(500)	
ACCUM. DEPR-COMPUTER	(1,383)	(1,383)	
EQUIPMENT	2,307	2,307	
SUBTOTAL OTHER ASSETS	19,419	20,435	(1,016)
TOTAL ASSETS	46,534	44,051	2,483
LIABILITIES			
DUES PAYABLE-BAC	85	85	
DUES PAYABLE-CSC	195	195	
DUES PAYABLE-DE	40	40	
DUES PAYABLE-GLAC	990	990	
DUES PAYABLE-SD	790	790	
TOTAL DEBT	2,100	2,100	
EQUITY			
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FUND	115	115	
FUND BALANCE	37,603	37,603	
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT YEAR	6,716	4,233	2,483
TOTAL DEBT AND EQUITY	46,534	44,051	2,483

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

INCOME			
DAVID WATKINS MEM FUND	25	102	(77)
DONATIONS		102	(102)
INT. INCOME-D.W.M.F.		1	(1)
INT. INCOME-M/WM OPERATING		9	(9)
INT. INCOME-SANCTION FEES		28	(28)
MEMB-DUES		3,570	(3,570)
OTHER STATE REVENUES		175	(175)
RESERVE FUND INCOME	8,848		8,848
STATE CONVENTION		945	(945)
TOTAL INCOME	8,873	4,932	3,941
EXPENSE			
ADMIN-AWARDS/MEMORIALS		150	150
ADMIN-DONATIONS	102		(102)
ADMIN-INSURANCE	1,625	(25)	(1,650)
ADMIN-MEETING EXPENSES	310		(310)
ADMIN-POSTAGE	41		(41)
ADMIN-TELEPHONE	39	46	7
ADMIN-TRUSTEE EXPENSES	706		(706)
BANKING-RETURNED ITEMS		40	40
BANKING-SERVICE CHARGES		13	13
BUCKLE SPONSORSHIP	375		(375)
IGRA CONV-EXPENSES	2,015		(2,015)
MEMB-EDUCATION EXPENSE	700		(700)
MEMB-NAME TAGS		236	236
MEMB-POSTAGE		516	516
STATE CONVENTION	477		(477)
TOTAL EXPENSE	6,390	976	(5,414)
NET INCOME	2,483	3,956	(1,473)

M O O T L A

1996 GSGRA STATE DANCE CONTEST
SAN JOSE, CA JUNE 1, 1996

DIVISION IV

TWO-STEP 1ST PLACE Tiy Ocasio-Torres/Nancy Grab
Greater San Diego Chapter
2ND PLACE David Ruechelle/Douglas Phason
Bay Area Chapter

WALTZ 1ST PLACE Ocasio-Torres/Grab
2ND PLACE Ruechelle/ Phason

FREESTYLE 1ST PLACE Ocasio-Torres/Grab
2ND PLACE Ruechelle/Phason

OVERALL 1ST PLACE Ocasio-Torres/Grab (GSDC)
2ND PLACE Ruechelle/Phason (BAC)

DIVISION III

TWO-STEP 1ST PLACE Al Ezra/Scott Manore
Greater Los Angeles Chapter
2ND PLACE Ken Valdez/Candis Kolb
Greater San Diego Chapter

WALTZ 1ST PLACE Valdez/Kolb
2ND PLACE Ezra/Manore

FREESTYLE 1ST PLACE Valdez/Kolb
2ND PLACE Ezra/Manore

OVERALL 1ST PLACE Valdez/Kolb (GSDC)
2ND PLACE Ezra/Manore (GLAC)

DIVISION II

TWO-STEP, WALTZ, FREESTYLE, and OVERALL
1ST PLACE Andrew Chase/Addam Jordan
Capitol Crossroads Chapter

DIVISION I

TWO-STEP, WALTZ, FREESTYLE, and OVERALL
1ST PLACE Christopher Gregory/Paul Casey
Greater San Diego Chapter

The winning couple in each of the four divisions is eligible to compete at IGRA Finals Competition at Convention in Omaha on July 27, 1996.

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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 - 402 - 346-7600

DIVISION - I

Greater San Diego Rodeo
San Diego - CA
Sept 27-29, 1996
(619) 298-4708

Bighorn Rodeo*
Las Vegas - NV
February, 1997
(702) 732-7559

L.A. Rodeo '97*
Los Angeles - CA
April 11-13, 1997
(310) 498-1675

Central Sierra Regional Rodeo*
Fresno - CA
May 16-18, 1997
(209) 496-3810

Bay Area Regional Rodeo*
San Jose - CA
May 30-Jun. 1, 1997
(415) 985-5200

Greater Northwest Int'l Rodeo*
Seattle - WA
Aug 8-10, 1997
(206) 233-8931

DIVISION - II

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
Denver - CO
Jul 12-14, 1996
(303) 839-8810

Pikes Peak United Rodeo
Colorado Springs - CO
Sept 20-22, 1996
(719) 576-2472

Road Runner Regional Rodeo*
Phoenix - AZ
Jan 17-19, 1997
(602) 265-0618

Saguro Regional Rodeo*
Tucson - AZ
Mar 21-23, 1997
(520) 323-0805

Big Sky Regional Rodeo*
Billings - MT
Jun 13-15, 1997
(406) 248-2993

Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo*
Calgary - AB
July 4-6, 1997
(403) 541-8140

Zia Regional Rodeo*
Albuquerque - NM
Aug. 29-31, 1997
(505) 255-5045

DIVISION - III

MGRA Show Me State Rodeo
Kansas City - MO
Aug 30-Sept 1, 1996
(816) 224-6139

TGRA -Dallas Rodeo*
Dallas - TX
Nov. 8-10, 1996
(512) 835-5314

Rodeo In The Rock*
Little Rock - AK
Apr 25-27, 1997
(501) 562-4466

Great Plains Regional Rodeo*
Oklahoma City - OK
May 23-25, 1997
(405) 943-0843

Wichita Rodeo*
Wichita - KS
Aug 8-10, 1997

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DIVISION - IV

Northern Shindig Rodeo
Minneapolis - MN
Jul 12-14, 1996
(612) 82RODEO

Windy City Regional Gay Rodeo
Chicago - IL
Aug 16-18, 1996
(312) 883-1880

Atlantic Stampede '96
Washington - D.C.
Oct 4-6, 1996
(202) 298-0928

Dixieland Regional Rodeo*
Atlanta, Georgia
May 3-5, 1997
(404) 760-8126

Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo (Part III)*
Detroit - MI
May 16-18, 1997
(313) 271-8616

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OCTOBER 17-20, 1996
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JULY 1996

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 1 Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 3 General Membership Meeting - 7 pm
- 6 Pool Party - 3 pm (See article)
- 12-14 Minneapolis/St. Paul Rodeo
- 17 Rodeo Roundtable - 7 pm
- 24 Rodeo Committee Chairs - 7 pm
- 25-28 IGRA Convention
- 26-28 SD Gay and Lesbian Pride (see article)

August

- 5 Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 7 General Membership Meeting - 7 pm
- 10 Bar Tour (see article)
- 21 Rodeo Roundtable - 7 pm
- 23-25 Campout/Hayride (see article)
- 28 Rodeo Committee Chairs - 7 pm

September

- 22 Rodeo Playday (see article)
- 26-29 SAN DIEGO RODEO !!!!!!!

**GSGRA
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Division IV - Tiy Ocasio-Torres/Nancy Grab

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Division I - Christopher Gregory/Paul Casey

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

From Membership Chair - Nancy Novak

Thank you to everyone for coming out to the new member orientation. A fun time was had by all. Special thanks to all the help from officials and chairs.

Please remember to keep membership informed of any address or phone changes... THANKS!

EDITORS NOTE - Look for Nancy and her family (article on gay/lesbian families) in the issue of People magazine with Tom Cruise on the cover. Approximately two weeks ago.

Tidbits

Elections for State Representative will be at the July General Membership Meeting.

SAN DIEGO RODEO - HOST HOTEL

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GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

JULY 1996

SAN DIEGO GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE - JULY 26-28, 1996

Don't forget...the festivities commences with the parade on Saturday. We will be having a float (a really big truck) and horse contingent. All members are welcome to ride on the float. The horse contingent is open to all GSGRA state members. The horse contingent is being coordinated by Mike Gavin - 560-7817. We have had interest from San Diego and Greater LA members, which is exciting. There is a need for a SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL - and the qualifications necessary are good walking capabilities, and good shoveling technique. You also can wear anything you want! See Mike Gavin for the opportunity of a LIFETIME!!!!

Look for us at the festival also, with our booth and the country/western dance floor with open dancing and scheduled entertainment. New this year will be bleachers to watch all the dancing.

POOL PARTY - JULY 6

There will be a pool party at Clay and Michael's place out in Crest on Saturday, July 6 at 3:00. The party is open to all members and their guests. For more information or directions call: 444-2619.

AUGUST EVENTS - BAR TOUR, CAMPOUT/HAYRIDE

Bar tour - August 10. Meet at the rodeo office, then visit Numbers, Kickers, Brass Rail, Redwing, Burbon St., Eagle, and Flicks. More information - J.J. Jennings

Campout/Hayride - August 23-25. Keep these dates open. For information - J.J. Jennings 296-5837

SEPTEMBER EVENT - RODEO PLAYDAY

Where: Kickers When: Sunday Sept 22
Kickoff Rodeo Week With a Bang!!!!

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.

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Central Sierra Chapter

Official Newsletter of the Rough Rider Rodeo Team

Central Sierra Hosts State Meeting

State Board to meeting to be held in conjunction with Rodeo Fund raiser in Fresno on July 20, 1996

The Central Sierra Chapter, will host the State Board of Directors meeting on Saturday July 20, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. Members wishing to meet representatives from the other state chapters should plan on attending this meeting. Following the State Board meeting, the CSC will be hosting "Hot Summer Nights" a Fund Raiser for the Central Sierra Regional Rodeo 97. The cost for the Fund Raiser is \$25.00 per person (NO EXCEPTIONS) a portion of the dinner ticket will be donated back to a local charity, also each ticket is entered into a drawing for door prizes. Entertainment will be provided by the State Royalty. Non Alcoholic drinks will also be sold. This event is being highly publicized. The recipients will be Community Link, CVAT, All About Care, South Valley Aids Network, Hope Inc. GALA of (San Luis Obispo) For tickets contact Lloyd at (209) 528-3586, Cindi (209) 456-0756, Sandy (805) 438-3259 Rodeo Hotline (209) 496-3810.

On the Road with the President.

Recently I have been traveling around the state addressing various groups and promoting our up coming Bar B-Que. I had a great time working in the booth with those bad boys from Sacramento, I wish more of their members would of come out and supported their booth. The guys, mostly all of their board (Sound Familiar) were just sweating their A__ off, and what a great time we had. Recently I was a speaker at the only MCC in the Central Valley. I was very surprised when the congregation prayed for the success of the bar-b-Que and to the success of our first Rodeo, (Now we're calling on the big guy!). There is one topic that I addressed to the congregation that had them saying Amen! I talked about how our community still suffers from divisionism. I really got the Amens going when I quoted Maya Anglia, "How can we gain respect from others. When we choose not to respect each other." Don't worry I'm not giving up my day job. I just wanted people to know whats going

on out there.

My next stop is the Golden State Peace Officers Association Pigs in Paradise party June 28.

Calendar July 1996

- July 6 Board and General Meeting
8128 E. Olive, Fresno
7:00 pm
July 15 Ticket Deadline Bar-b-Que
July 20 State Board Meeting
10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00
Bar-B-Que Fund Raiser 7:30 til 2:00
Host Hotel Chateau Inn
(209)496-3810

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CALL Lloyd (209) 528-3586 ASAP
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HOT COUNTRY NIGHTS

July 20th, 1996

@ the Barn

Tri-Tip Dinner/Dance

Benefiting the Central
Sierra Regional Rodeo
'97/and Local Charities

Dinner, Dancing,
Entertainment, Raffle Prizes

Dinner begins @ 7:30pm to
8:45pm

Entertainment by State
Royalty @ 8:45 to 9:00pm
Dancing til 2:00am

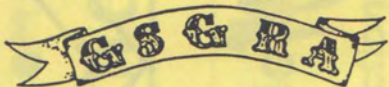
Tickets \$25 (Deadline for paid
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