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What better place to spend Labor Day than in the temperate climate of Phoenix, Arizona!

Join your rodeo friends from Arizona and California for the sixth annual

LABOR DAY PARTY at Charlie's

727 W. Camelback Ave., Phoenix

Hosted by GSGRA's IGRA Trustee
David Medzerian

on Monday, Sept. 1

Festivities begin at about 8 p.m.

GAMES ★ PRIZES ★ SURPRISES ★ SHOTS ★ FUN

Benefits GSGRA and AGRA!

Plan wisely and spend the night in Phoenix on your way home from the Zia Regional Rodeo in Albuquerque

Remember, every Monday is Undie Monday at Charlie's — wear your skivvies (and no pants) and get half-price drinks all night!

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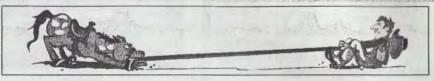


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TO ALL GSGRA MEMBERS, SPONSORS & GUEST.

COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN IN THE SUN IT'S TIME TO PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

!!!! WE ARE HAVING !!!!

: CALF ROPING ON FOOT- BREAK-AWAY- ROPING

: TEAM ROPING - CHUTE DOGGING

: BARREL RACING -POLE BENDING-FLAG RACING

THERE WILL BE 2 D JACKPOT BARRELS AND POLES.

COST IS \$25.00 PER PERSON FOR ALL DAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DOWNHOME BAR-B-Q WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S.

DIRECTIONS TO BOBBY'S IN ACTON ARE 5 NORTH TO THE 14 EAST GET OFF
AT CROWN VALLY TURN RIGHT ABOUT 3 MILES TURN RIGHT ON SMITH
AVE. GO TO THE TOP OF HILL ON RIGHT LOOK FOR THE GAY FLAG.

4035 SMITH AVE. ACTON, CA. 93510

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Do we have your e-mail address?

Last month one lucky member received free tickets for the Zia Regional Rodeo in Albuquerque New Mexico just becasue we had his e-mail address. Next time we have something to give away in a hurry, will you be i"in the loop" or not? E-mail us and let us know that you want in the next time we suddenly feel generous.

E-mail the Membership Committee at gsgra@aol.com and ask to be added to our list of future lucky winners.

A Vice Presidential

Perspective..... With the GSGRA State Board meetings out of the way and IGRA convention completed, it's time to get to work. As we all are very busy preparing for the San Diego Rodeo, please keep in mind that I am compiling information for a Rodeo Reference Guide. Past rodeos and events that all of the chapters have participated in will be most helpful. This information is only a beginning of a larger task. The information that is provided will be beneficial to everyone, in all chapters -- so don't think little tidbits don't count. Most importantly, we are all one association, the Golden Sate Gay Rodeo Association. And, what helps one, helps all in the long run.

A big thanks to Rick Washburn for his hospitality at the camp out in August. Although an unexpected trip to Southern California, it was time well spent with friends. For those that were there, a prize goes out to the correct

guess on how many honks I got on the way home!

There are several events that I am going to be involved in for August/September. I would like to invite ya'll to join me. Don't be afraid, just pick up the phone and call me. I don't bite, and you'll probably have fun. Oh yeah, the events... Rainbow festival in Sacramento -- August 30, 31 and September 1, 1997. Country Casino Night with Country/Western dancing in the tent at Faces on Saturday, August 30, 1997, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Chico Gay Pride -Sunday, September 14, 1997. Capital Aids Walk in Sacramento, Sunday, September 21, 1997. For more information and to come along, call me 916-739-8958

For a more serious side, my best wishes go out to the Greater San Diego Chapter for their upcoming rodeo!

Hope to see you all there!

Sammy Van Galder Vice President, Rodeo Operations



TOWN AND COUNTRY HOTEL

DIRECTIONS TO RODEO GROUNDS

The West Tower is nearly full and it looks like we will have more guests than last year. We have the entire hotel this year, and no one will have to stay elewhere but if you want your choice of rooms, call now and make your choice. If the West tower is full when you call, ask to be put on the waiting list. Some rooms will open up after confirmation letters go out in August. Remember, all room charges will be run thirty days in advance. Not only will this help us release rooms from those whose plans have changed but also it's one less expense for you to worry about during Rodeo Week.

Ramona Lodgings:

Rodeo contestants choosing to stay near the rodeo grounds have two options, a beautiful bed and breakfast on the outskirts of town and the downtown motel. Lake

Southerland Bed Breakfast is a comfortable B&B with guest rooms. The owner, Diana, is holding the rooms for guest identifying themselves as being with the Rodeo. She also is willing to serve an early breakfast for the guest since they have to be at the gounds so early. Rooms start at \$95.00 per night. Call for reservations at 800-789-6483. They also have awebsite www.ramonamall.com/ lodge.html. The website has photographs of the rooms as well as a map with directions. The Ramona Valley inn, located in downtown Ramona, has 40 rooms available. Single-bed rooms go for \$55.00 per night and two bed rooms for \$60.00. There number is 800-648-4618, be sure to ask for Mark or Sonia. Both locations are asking for a two-night minimun and anticipate selling out by early Sept.

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Also don't about the free shuttle: Shuttle service will be available between the Town and Country Hotel and the Rodeo Grounds. Check with Rodeo Hospitality Desk at the Town and Country Hotel during Rodeo weekend for details.



GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER EVENTS - SEP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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7		9.7pm roundtable Town and Country	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7pm Roundtable	17	18	19	20 Tom and Brads pool party I lam
21	2	23 7pm Roundtable	24	25 Boots and Briefs	26 good party T&C Dancing	27 RODEO 97
28 RODEO 97	29	30				

Dates for November Nov 5-General Memership Nov 15-Chapter dinner

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ELECTIONS

POOL PARTY

September 20th, 1997

Tom and Brad would like to inviteall G.S.G.R.A members to come and celebrate their one year anniversary in their home. The party will be from 11:00am to ?. Please bring your favorite dish. Beer and Soda provided. The Ranch is located off Valley Center Road. Take 15 north to Via Rancho Parkway, then go east This will be Bear Valley Parkway. Take this all the way (it curves to the left at the point you want to go stright) until it dead ends at a stop sign. Go right and follow this though Valley Center. At Mile Marker 30, make a right onto Cobb Lane and look for RIETA RANCH sign. Open the gate and drive though . Please close the gate after entering. Phone # for those that may need some help.619-749-6594

As a reminder to all members, elections are fast approaching. Elections for all offices will be held at the general membership meeting in November: Contact Michael Taylor if you would like to be nominated for an office, or if you would like to be on the nominating committee. We will take nominations from the floor. This is also a good time to learn more about committees, and also see if you would like to chair a committee or work on one. We will pick our Member of the Year during this November meeting so be sure to attend.

The Chapter Dinner this year will held on November 15,1997. Everyone is welcome, so come join us as we all come together to celebrate our accomplishments in '97. Look for more details in the November newsletter and be sure to come to the November membership meeting.



Membership Benifits

We want to know what you would like in the way of benefits as a member of G.S.G.R.A. Take a moment or two and sne d us your ideas of what we should be doing for you. If they can be done, we will do them and if they are funny enough, we might even quote you in The Chute. We want to make it even more worth while to be a member and we need you to tell us what we have to do to make that happen. E-mail us at gsgra@aol.com or rrite to us at: Membership Committee, 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, Ca 90804

WANTED - FUN PEOPLE

During the weekend of the San Diego Regional Rodeo come down early and join the State President and the First Lady (sorry Brad) First Gentleman on 2 different outings.....First; a 1/2 day Deep Sea fishing trip and the other; a day trip to Tiajuana for a day of shopping, eating and drinking. Both trips will have you back to the Town & Country Hotel for the festivities during the evenings. Discounts given to GSGRA members!.....call (408) 378-6167 for more details!

G.S.G.R.A. 1997-98 Calendar of Events

September 27 & 28, 1997:

Greater San Diego Regional Rodeo, Ramona & San Diego

November 1, 1997:

State Board of Directors Meeting & State Royalty Contest, L.A.

February 7, 1998:

State Board of Directors Meeting, San Diego

April 17 - 19, 1998:

Greater Los Angeles Regional Rodeo, Los Angeles

May 2 & 3, 1998:

Annual Conventiona nd Meeting of Members, TBA

June 5 - 7, 1998:

Bay Area Regional Rodeo, San Jose

August 21 - 23, 1998:

Northern Sierra Regional Rodeo, Sacramento

September 25 - 27, 1998:

Greater San Diego Regional Rodeo, San Diego

July 29 - August 1, 1999

GSGRA will Host the 15th Annual IGRA Convention



DON'T BE LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, GET INVOLVED!

Dear Members,

In the past if you have volunteered 5 minutes or 50 hours...Thank You. If you have competed in Rodeo events, Royalty contests or Dance Competitions...Thank You, Thank You and Thank You. It is because of you that we as a State Board work so hard to make our Association as great as it is. Members are the backbone of this Association. If it were not for volunteers we could not produce rodeos/events or even survive! If not for competitors we could not put on a show and raise money to donate to our Communities. In the future I hope all of you continue to volunteer or compete for those 5 minutes or 50 hours. This year one of our many aoals statewide is to reward you for your hard work and to provide membership discounts. Look for these in the near future. This will be just one way of our saying Thank You! If you have any comments or concerns about GSGRA, I want to hear from

you, please call me directly (408) 378-6167. I also encourage all of you to help your local chapters by letting your Chapter President know that you are available and interested. If it's 5 minutes or 50 hours, we can find something for you to do. I look forward to seeing you all during the upcoming rodeo season and during our State and Chapter events.

Craig Rouse, President, G.S.G.R.A.

How many Republicans does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Four hundred and sixty-two.

Twelve to investigate Clinton's involvement in the failure of the twenty-three old bulb. deregulate the light bulb industry, cut funding for sixteen to alternative lighting R&D. thirty-four to cut the tax rate on light bulbs, fifty-three to design a block grant so the states can change the bulb, forty-one to talk with defense contractors about night-vision gear instead, and two hundred and eighty-three to pass a law making it illegal to discuss naked bulbs (or screwing anything) on the Internet.

CENTRAL SIERRA CHAPTER

AUGUST 1, 1997

News:

Thursday July 17, 1997 a meeting was held at a member's home in Fresno. Congratulations to Missy Rhinehart our new chapter president, Keith Davis is vice-president, Vince Wiggins is secretary/treasurer.

Plans were made for a back yard after hours beer garden on August 16 as a fund raiser for the chapter. Thanks to Missy, Doug and Bill for hosting this event. For more information call (209)222-8191.

We are planning a booth for the San Diego Rodeo and we need volunteers to help work in it for a few hours. We also need sponsors for raffle prizes. Call with your ideas and schedule for the booth (209)222-8191.

Do you know of someone who has let their membership expire? Encourage them to renew now! We want them back. There are benefits to being a G.S.G.R.A member and the Central Sierra Chapter plans to offer a lot of fun events. Get involved.

The next C.S.C. meeting is **Thursday August 21** come help us plan events for this fall and winter. We are considering a camping trip, trail ride and it's never too soon to plan a Halloween Bash (remember Rodeo Reba). The meeting will be at **706 N. Fulton** in the back yard at **7:00 p.m.**



The Atlantic State Gay Rodeo
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Proudly Presents

The Atlantic Coast
Open Country
Western Team Dance
Competition

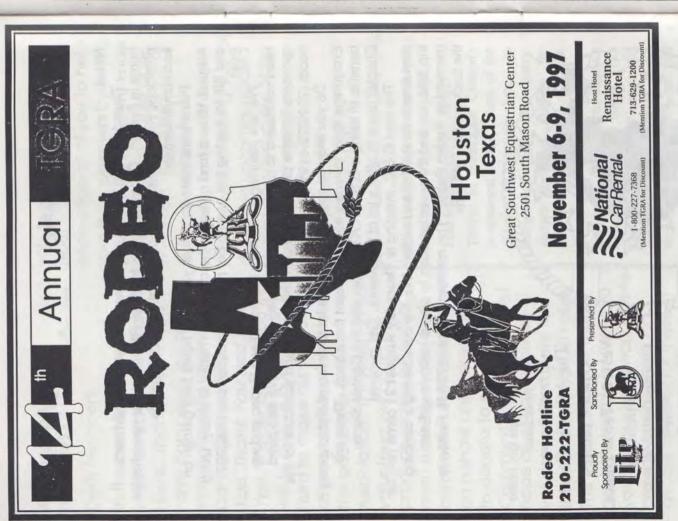
Saturday October 4, 1997 8:00pm

The Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill Washington DC

Information:Bob Leidich 1715 15th Street NW #28 Washington DC 20009 e-mail: bleidich@htdocs.com

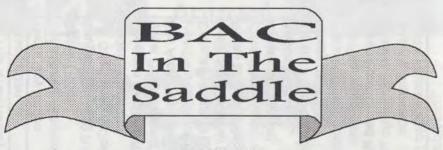
Association	City		1998		1999		2000
Texas Gay Rodeo (97 Houst	on 98 San Antonio)	11/7	11/9	11/13	11/15	11/12	11/14
Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix	1/16	1/18	1/15	1/17	1/14	1/16
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas	3/6	3/8	3/5	3/7	3/3	3/5
Saugaro Regional Rodeo	Tucson	3/20	3/22	3/19	3/21	3/17	3/19
LA Gay Rodeo & Country Fair	Los Angeles	4/17	4/19	4/9	4/11	4/21	4/23
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock	4/24	4/26	4/23	4/25	4/28	4/30
Dixieland Regional Rodeo	Atlanta	5/1	5/3	4/30	5/2	4/28	4/30
Great Plain Regional Rodeo	Oklahoma City	5/22	5/24	5/28	5/30	5/26	5/28
Bay Area Regional Rodeo	San Jose	6/5	6/7	6/4	6/6	6/2	6/4
Heartland Regional Rodeo	Omaha	6/19	6/21	6/18	6/20		
Canadian Rockies Intl. Rodeo	Calgary	6/26	6/28	7/2	7/4	6/30	7/2
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis	7/10	7/12	7/9	7/11	7/7	7/9
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	The state of the s	7/17	7/19	7/16	7/18	7/14	7/16
	on 99 Long Beach)	7/29	8/3	7/29	8/2		
Greater Motown Intl. Rodeo	Detroit	8/7	8/9	8/13	8/15	8/4	8/6
Rodeo Wichita	Wichita	8/7	8/9				
Northern Sierra Rodeo	Sacramento	8/21	8/23	8/20	8/22	8/4	8/6
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago	8/28	8/30	8/27	8/29	8/25	8/27
Show Me State Rodeo	t.b.a.	9/4	9/6	9/3	9/5	9/2	9/4
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque	9/4	9/6	9/3	9/5	9/2	9/4
Pikes Peak United Rodeo	Colorado Springs	9/18	9/20	9/17	9/19	9/15	9/17
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego	9/25	9/27	9/24	9/26	9/22	9/24
Atlantic Stampede	Washington DC	10/2	10/4	10/1	10/3	9/8	9/10
IGRA Finals Rodeo (98 Phoenix 99 Littlerock)		10/22	10/25	10/28	10/31	10/19	10/22

These dates are believed to be accurate, however, dates are subject to change and you are advised to confirm the dates of a particular event before making reservations.



The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign..." Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on oats and While driving in Pennsylvania, the Graham family caught up to an Amish carriage. And you thought California was "On the cutting edge"

grass. Caution: Do not step on the exhaust."

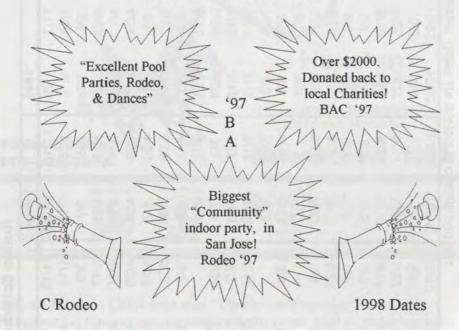


THANK YOU

Thank you to **ALL** who helped produce this years event! If it wasn't for YOU—the volunteers, committee leaders, sponsors and contestants our Event/Rodeo would never been successful. From City officials, the SJ Hyatt, to local residents, "San Jose" is looking forward to welcoming us & all of you back again next year, and I hope to see you there!

Brad Roberts BAC Rodeo Director, '95, '96, & '97

Bay Area Chapter would like to thank Brad for his hard work and dedication in the production of Bay Area Regional Rodeo's for 3 years. He is however not doing it again! He will be working as a consultant to our next Rodeo/Event Director. Who will it be? Come out and be involved with next years Event.



June 5-7, 1998

Chapter Hosts Volunteer Party



* * Calendar of Events * *

Did you miss our Camp out to the Gold Country?
Did you miss our Horseback ride?
Did you miss riding on our Pride Float?
Did you miss our Meet, Greet & Eat BBQ Party?
Did you miss our trip to the Fair?

The Bay Area Chapter has been very active. We have been having allot of fun and want you to join in..

Don't miss out again....

Upcoming Events

Beach Camp out, BINGO,Grand Nationals @ the Cow Palace,
Chapter Meetings, Rodeo RoundTable Meetings,
Fund-raisers, Meet, Greet, & Eat BBQ Party,
Deep Sea Fishing Trip, and much more!

Call the Hotline for more details or ask for information on the event you
are interested in. Come on...have fun!

Memberships.....Did you know?

Anyone who renews his/her BAC membership during the month of September and/or brings in a new member will receive free merchandise from the '97 (Hat Pin & Tee shirt) Rodeo and will receive a gift package worth \$\$\$..September is Membership Drive Month!

Attention All BAC Rodeo Contestants

During the September & October Chapter meetings we will be discussing rodeo rule changes that will take effect on November 1st. GS-GRA President; Craig Rouse will be available to answer any/all your questions. Don't be left out in the dark..new changes will effect you, so be prepared for the upcoming rodeo season and attend these meetings.

Congratulations!

Bay Area Chapters very own Dance Champions; Dee & karalyn who had won the GSGRA Dance Competition in their skill level went on and won the International Dance Contest. We are very proud of you!



Bay Area Chapter Hotline (415 985-5200

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY

RODEO ASSOCIATION
A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential. G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Some G.S.G.R.A. events are held in locations with age restrictions that would exclude members under the age of 21.

Individual....\$40.00 Family....\$75.00 PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

	PRIMARY MEMBER	CHAPTER AFFILIATION			
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ADDRESS		Please check the chapter with which you would like			
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MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO::

G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee 4226 East 15th Street Long Beach, Ca 90804





CONVENTION One rule that will take effect immediately is the rescinding controversial horse-drugging resolution, which had been

Contestants will no

longer compete in divisions as a result of decisions made at this year's IGRA convention. And the IGRA convention is headed for California for the first time ever.

Those decisions were among a number of significant votes taken during the IGRA convention, held July 24-27 in Salt Lake City. California was represented at the convention by delegates David Medzerian, Roger Bergmann, Craig Rouse, Steve Creber, Mike DeYonker and Joe Olney; alternates Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz, James Rose and Guy Johnson; IGRA Vice President Amy Griffin; and Rick Washburn and Eloy Galindo.

The convention agreed that contestants will no longer compete in divisions beginning with the 1998 rodeo year, which begins Nov. 1. 1997. Instead, each contestant's top six performances will count toward finals. This means that GSGRA contestants can earn points in any IGRA rodeo — from California to Washington. D.C., and everywhere in between (like Phoenix and Tucson!). Divisions will remain on the books purely for administrative purposes (for example, you can't have more than one rodeo in any single division on any given weekend).

Some minor changes were made to specific rodeo events, and attire rules were altered for arena volunteers. You'll hear more about these changes as Nov. 1 draws closer; the new rules don't take effect until then.

One rule that will take effect immediately is the rescinding of the controversial horse-drugging policy. The resolution, which had been approved by the IGRA trustees at their board meeting in Little Rock in April, was withdrawn because of concern about details and shortcomings in the policy. Although it was well-intended, the convention delegates felt, it needed more research.

One thing they didn't need more research on, though, was where to hold the 1999 IGRA Convention: California! GSGRA's bid to host the IGRA convention on July 29-Aug. 1, 1999, in Long Beach was approved over three other proposals, for Springfield, Mo.; Wichita, Kansas; and Detroit. All of the associations made well thought-out presentations; I'm sure that people's decision weren't swayed by the fact that GSGRA was the only group to host a party the evening before the vote!



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(Special thanks to our friends from AGRA and North Star for their party help.) Seriously, the convention will be a great opportunity for us to show our friends from around the country all the things that California has to offer.

The other significant change approved at the convention was a new policy regarding what areas can comprise an IGRA member association.

Beginning in November, IGRA will allow new



DEE AND KARALYN

member associations whose area is smaller than a state or a province, or whose area is already represented by another IGRA association — as long as the existing IGRA association agrees.

Previously, IGRA associations couldn't be smaller than a state or a province, and only one association could represent any area. For example, because NGRA already represents the state of Nevada, IGRA wouldn't allow another IGRA member association from Nevada. Under the new rule, a group from, say, Reno could apply to become part of IGRA, as long as NGRA gave its approval.

This was an issue of great discussion. CGRA, for example, felt that its Colorado Springs chapter might have better success as an independent IGRA association of its own. The compromise which was approved — allowing smaller associations and allowing multiple associations but only if the existing association says it's OK — seemed to address our concerns; as you may remember, the GSGRA State Board made it clear earlier this year that we like our association just the way it is.

The new rodeo year will also see two new faces on the IGRA executive board. GSGRA was proud to have not one but two candidates for IGRA president, Amy Griffin and Craig Rouse; unfortunately, the third candidate — Linda Frazier of the Kansas Gay Rodeo Association — won. But seriously, Linda will do a terrific job as IGRA president; she has served as president, trustee and rodeo director for KGRA and we look forward to working with her.

Serving as IGRA vice president for 1997-98 will be Robb Sisneros of the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association. Robb, NMGRA's trustee, is a former Mr. NMGRA and a former Miss NMGRA who went on to be part of the IGRA royalty team both years. Arizona's Ron Trusley will return as secretary; and Colorado's David Hill will return as treasurer.

Though the convention was — as always — a whole lot of work and days of long meetings. some fun was had. And a highlight was the annual IGRA Dance Championships. GSGRA had teams in three levels of competitions, and all three of our teams placed first. First place in the advances catagory, Division I, went to Ken Valdez and Candis Kolb. Members of the San Diego Chapter, Ken and Candis were last years Division III champions. In Division II, the intermediate Catagory, honors went to Paul Casey and Cathy Bolger. Making their debut as a team, this is Cathy's first and Pauls fourth Chapionship Buckle. In Division III, the beginner catagory, Dee Wallas and Karalyn Brindley took the gold for California. From the Bay Area Chapter, these two are a couple on and off the dance floor, and a very attractive one too. GSGRA has a great tradition of dance champions, and we are very, very proud of this year's winners.

All of us can be proud of the hard work of this year's delegation. The group really pulled together and showed the rest of IGRA what a productive, hard-working GSGRA is, and really

productive, hard-working GSGRA is, and really helped set the stage for some terrific things down the road for IGRA. Good job, everyone!

-- David Medzerian, IGRA trustee



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room deodorizers, nor tanquilizers; no creeps, no punks, no fools, no losers, no onions & hold the mayo. In fact, never mind...I'm going to sell the property & move to Denver or India or some place. (And no musicians.)

[This showed up as a true real estate rental add in 1979]

ur 1997 royalty has served us well, but their year is drawing to a close. It's time to look ahead to the fast-approaching 1998 GSGRA Royalty contest!

As any of our current or former royalty will tell you, it's a huge honor — and lots of fun — to represent our association throughout the IGRA rodeo year. And anyone can be a great representative, whether you're a contestant, an entertainer, a volunteer or just a hard worker!

Candidates for Mr., Miss or Ms. compete in Western Wear, Entertainment, Public Presentation and Interview sections; they're also judged on a horsemanship video.

The contest is set for Saturday, Nov. 1, with interviews planned for the Burbank

Be the next Mr., Miss or Ms. GSGRA!

Airport Hilton and evening competition at the Rawhide in North Hollywood. But now is the time to get started, because candidates must have raised at least \$500 for a 501(c)3 charity.

Applications must be postmarked by Oct. 2, and there won't be any exceptions!

To get an application, contact GSGRA Administrative Vice President Steve Creber by E-mail at **screber@usa.net** or by phone at **(562) 439-1066**. Be sure to leave a complete address!

If you've ever had even the slightest urge to run, go for it! And if you have any questions about the competition, contact Steve or any of your current or former GSGRA title holders.

Good luck!

STATE BOARD MEETING AND ROYALTY CONTEST - NOV. 1 IN BURBANK

Make a weekend of it!

The Burbank Airport Hilton is our host hotel for this special weekend — with low GSGRA rates. The board meeting is at the Hilton, the contest is at the Rawhide nearby, and West Hollywood's Halloween festivities is just minutes away! So call the Hilton at 818 843-6000, and be sure to mention "IGRA California Rodeo

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Nonprofit? Yes. 501(c)3? No.

Some folks have been unclear as to what is the chapter's actual status as a nonprofit corporation.

Our chapter — like all the other GSGRA chapters, and every IGRA association — is a nonprofit corporation. Since we're incorporated in California, this means that we operate under a state-issued charter as a nonprofit California corporation.

Some IGRA associations are fortunate enough to also

be a 501 (c) 3 corporation; this means that, in the eyes of the government, they're not just nonprofit but they're also tax-exempt.

Unfortunately, our chapter isn't a 501 (c) 3 organization. We'd like to be — it would save us money at tax time — but our records aren't sufficient right now to request 501 (c) 3 status.

În fact, our chapter hasn't ever been a 501 (c) 3 corporation (sigh). But we've always hoped that someday we'd become one. That's why our bylaws specifically state that we'll only conduct business that 501 (c) 3 corporations are allowed to conduct.

Don't be confused: You can be nonprofit without being a 501 (c) 3; that's exactly what we are.

And someday — with luck and work, and more complete records — we'll be tax-exempt, too.

Rodeo logo OKd

At the August meeting, the chapter OKd a permanent "L.A. Rodeo" logo. We plan to use it from year to year as part of our publicity, similar to the way the San Diego Chapter uses its terrific logo. This first year, it will probably be featured a little more prominently to introduce it. The logo is based on



our 1996 rodeo poster, with inspiration from the former L.A. Central chapter's logo.

Election planned

The state board has agreed to allow chapters to select a second alternate representative to the state board. We'll hold a special election Oct. 11 to choose this second alternate. Nominations will be from the floor; you must be present to accept nomination, or indicate your acceptance in writing beforehand.

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 each month.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

10 A.M. SAT., SEPT. 6, at the Center, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles 10 A.M. SAT., OCT. 11, at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach



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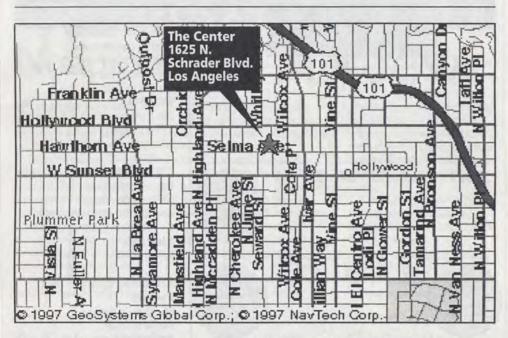
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Thanks to our chairpeople

You can never say "thank you" enough. Now is a great time to thank all the committee chairs who keep the chapter running throughout the year.

With our huge focus on the annual rodeo, it's easy to forget how much work it takes to keep the chapter running, too. Here's a special thank you to all who have helped keep the members joining, the fund-raisers fund-raising, the bookkeeping kept, the bylaws legal, the special events special and the properties proper. David Medzerian is happy to report that every single person who has asked to be involved with a committee got the committee they wanted.

But we can always use more help. Let the board know what you'd like to do!



September meeting marks new location in Los Angeles

The chapter's Sept. 6 meeting will mark a new location in Los Angeles.

Thanks to the investigative work of Guy Johnson, we'll be holding our September meeting at The Center. It's at 1625 N. Schrader Blvd. in North Hollywood. To get there, exit the 101 at Hollywood Boulevard or Sunset Boulevard and go west;

Schrader is just west of Cahuenga.

The new location is less expensive than our previous sites. And because The Center is open on weekends, it will be much more convenient — we won't have to arrange to pick up a key during the week.

Our meetings will continue to rotate between Los Angeles and Long Beach; our Long Beach meetings, as you know, are now held at The Center on Fourth Street. Meetings begin at 10 a.m., and — thankfully tend to end at around 1 p.m.

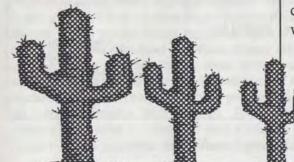
If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please come. You'll be pleased to see how productive they've become — and how many of your fellow chapter members are attending!

September? Start thinking Flu Shot......

Believe it or not, cold and flu season is approaching. Contact your Healthcare provider on his/her recommendation that you receive a flu shot.

Influenza or the flu is a viral illness that commonly occurs in the winter. The flu has symptoms similar to a cold, but they come on more suddenly. The most characteristic flu symptoms include, weakness and fatigue, muscle aches, headaches, fever, sneezing, and a runny nose. To prevent catching the flu or cold you should; wash your hands more often, do not share utensils, avoid touching your nose, eves or mouth, rest and cover your mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing. If you catch a cold or flu you should; Get plenty of rest, double or triple your fluid intake, take over the counter medications for your symptoms and see your healthcare provider. Any health and safety questions or future article topics, please write to me in care of the State (GSGRA) Address.

Brad Roberts, EMT, RRxT



Letterman and Others on Limbaugh!!!

"I'm sorry but there is no more cake, Mr. Limbaugh." Letterman's top 10 list of things overheard at Trump's wedding.

"There's a new organization being formed. It's called 'Feminists, Homeless, and Blacks for Limbaugh." And they're meeting in a phone booth in Wichita." Larry King

"The Florida Citrus
Commission chose Rush
Limbaugh as their
spokesman. Officials say
Limbaugh was chosen for
his popularity, his sense of
humor, and his uncanny
resemblance to a giant
grapefruit." Kevin Nealon
Saturday Night Live

After listening to Rush go on and on about some pet complaints against Democrats, especially the Clintons, David Letterman commented, "Do you ever wake up in the middle of the

night and just think to yourself, I'm just full of hot gas?"

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CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER OF G.S.G.R.A. VOLUME IV

SEPTEMBER 1997

C. C. CHAT NEWSLETTER

#1----Sammy does throw horseshoes really bad! Run for cover.

#2----Yes, our illustrious leader of the chapter now has a boyfriend. Marshall has become so Domestic now, we hardly see him out anymore! Ed is keeping him under "tight ropes".

#3-----Two of our chapter members disappeared at last month's play-day at Tim Dean's house, and were discovered makin' their own play-day in the HAY" in the barn!

#5-----And yes, Nina and Annie are gettin' married on the last day of December. All right. That's enough pickin on everybody for the month.

Remember, the monthly calendar stands as usual, and the chapter meeting for the month of September is to be held at Joseph's Bar and Restaurant upstairs in the club at 7: 30 p. m.. Were on the subject of name tags and I. D. 's again, and if you do not have one or the other, please call Ms. Alex Murray-Waller, membership chair, at (916)-685-6293. Also, A.GREAT BIG THANK'S to all of the members who have renewed their memberships for another year!! Also, thanks to all of the new members we have gotten to come on board Thanks for all the support.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Mark Marshall

I have to tell you that those that missed the play day missed a great event!!! Thanks to our great hosts *Tim Dean and Doug Layton*, the afternoon was a success, just ask *Tim Costello* (and ask why he was in such a hurry to follow that burgundy Chevy pickup!). You also missed sitting on the roller roper and roping the calf. *Alex (Waller)* had good luck at roping ythe horse! And I think *Bill Hause* has lost *Gerardo* to calf roping on foot - or does he get practice elsewhere. For those of you there who thought I was on the losing tug-of-war team that ended up in the creek, *Andy*, daughter of *Nena (Bradeen) and Annie Kinney* informed me that was the whole ideaso there, that is all I have to say about that! And that was capped off by our own stand-up comedian (and new board member), *Lin Daugherty*. My repatoir of jokes is muched increased! Thanks to all who participated, and the food was great! We have got a busy September, with Rainbow Festival being rapped up, and a *Gymkhana planned for October 11*. Now we need a fall barn dance - how about it *Mike (Muir)*? Please!! Unless you don't realize, we are going ahead with plans for our own Rodeo

August '98. Problem is, we also need to raise a total of \$7000 nine months in advance to acquire final approval from GSGRA state. We have a lot of work and fund raising to do between now and December 1. This is last call of sorts to make it happen. I am glad to say that many of our new members have taken the challenge in working on acquiring an arena, a site for the host hotel, and working on fund raising (watch for our sale of Entertainment Books). Thank you *Dennis, Carol and Devon*. There is a variety of things to do - there is a job for YOU - and we need you. Please joing us at our next Rodeo meeting, September XX. This is not a chapter meeting, simply a Rodeo meeting. Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR

August 25—General Rodeo Meeting on the events and different volunteer areas and information gathering on the rodeo for 1998. This is a follow up meeting to the 1st general rodeo meeting that was held on July 7th at FACES BAR. Again, this meeting is open to the public. 6:30 p.m. inside FACES video bar, as you come in.

August 28—Beginning of the Rainbow Festival. Call Nena for volunteer info. She does need help. Her number is (916)-622-2756.

August 30, 1997—CAPITAL CROSSROADS CASINO NIGHT at the big top tent at faces bar. Rainbow festival weekend. 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Hosted by our IGRA Royalty Mr. Sammy himself. Blackjack and card games of such, along with our own country DJ Laurie! CHAPTER MEMBERS WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!!!!!!!!!!

August 31 1997—RAINBOW FESTIVAL in Sacramento Downtown outside of Faces BAR the whole street is blacked off to traffic. We will be having a BOOTH there so come on by and say HI! Were are also looking for a few volunteers to help with the booth.

September 9—Chapter meeting The NEW JOSEPH'S TOWN and COUNTRY 1454 Del Paso Blvd. Call the bar at (916)-922-8899 for directions. The meeting will be held upstairs as was last month. 7:30 p.m.

September 19/20/21—Pikes Peak Rodeo in Colorado Springs. Call (719)-576-2472) for info.

September 21 1997----Capital City AIDS walk. Wouldn't it be great to see our chapter raise money for a goo cause and then march together for the day? Call Sammy Van Gelder for more info. (916)-739-8958.

September 26/27/28--San Diego Rodeo This is a restricted rodeo and contestant deadline is July 25. For further info call (619)-298-4708) for further info.

October 3/4/5—Atlantic Stampede in Washington D.C. for info call (202)-298-0928 Registration deadline is September 19.

October 11 1997——CAPITALCROSSROADS PRESENTS GYMKAHANA PLAYDAY'97 at the Sacramento Horseman's Areana. I'm heading the one event up this year. I DO NEED HELP with volunteers. At the present time Herb Smith, Lynn Daughtery, and Clark are helping out. My other half Van will be grillin the burgers he needs help too! Call me at (916)-456-5917 to volunteer.

October 14—Chapter meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the new Joseph's, 1454 Del Paso Blvd. (916) 922-2299.

October 23/24/25/26--Phoenix AZ. 11th annual IGRA Finals Rodeo for further info call (602)-265-0618. By invitation only watch your mail for details and info.

November 11—Chapter meeting TBA (Veteran's Day)

Other dates for upcoming events or activities will be added as they are planned. Watch your calendars for new activities. Plan to attend chapter meetings for most up-to-date schedule.

Items to be placed in the monthly newsletter has to be to Brian Koeber by the 10th of each month. The newsletter is then approved at the chapter meeting each month. His phone number is (916)-456-5917.

TIDBITS:

Some of you received a questionnaire at the June meeting asking you some specific questions about the chapter, the officers, and about your involvement and or participation in volunteering to assist us in the 1998 up and coming C.C. Rodeo. WE DO NEED TO KNOW AND HEAR FROM YOU THE MEMBERS. At the September meeting We will be discussing them. If you would like one mailed to you. Please call me at (916)-456-5917.

We would also again, like to stress the importance of attending meetings, or coming to functions. Ladies, and Gentlemen, it's basically "crunch" time as the rodeo date has been set for August of 1998! We appreciate and value all information and feedback.

If you have a "special" event you want us to know of please let us know so that we can tell the world of it.

COWBOY QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

Always remember.....your horse hears, and smells, and sees a whole lot more than you do.

WELL YA ALL, THATS IT FOR THE MONTH, SEE YOU NEXT TIME AROUND! REGARDS, Brian

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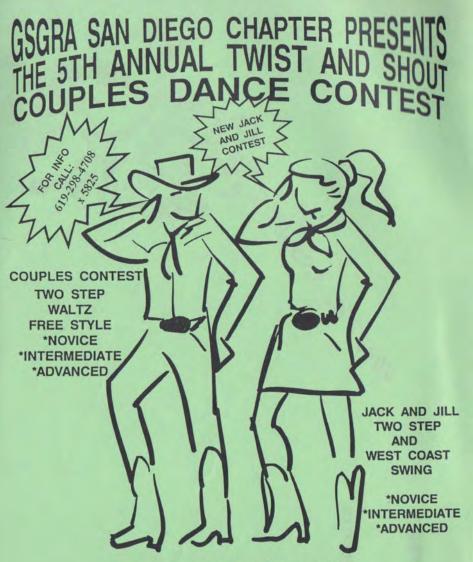
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