

# CALIFORNIA RODEOS

for 2007



San Diego  
Rodeo  
June  
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Bay Area Gay Rodeo  
September 14-16, 2007



# The Chute

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The Official Newsletter  
of G.S.G.R.A.

**Mr. Prez Speaks Out....**

Dear Members:

At its meeting this past weekend in San Francisco, the Board of Directors of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association voted to release three counties in California from its geographical territory for the purpose of allowing another IGRA recognized association to form. The organization which will be petitioning IGRA for the territory will be the Sacramento Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association (SCCGRA).

This has been a very emotional issue for both GSGRA and SCCGRA for many years. After years of discussion, the members of the GSGRA Board of Directors believe that it is in the best interest of GSGRA and IGRA to release the territory to SCCGRA. We believe that we can develop a strong working relationship with SCCGRA and can work together to further the goals of both organizations.

I must thank all of the members of the Board of Directors for their sincere and careful consideration of this issue, it was not an easy decision to make and no member of the Board took it lightly. I ask that our membership continue to support GSGRA and look forward to developing our relationship with SCCGRA.

**Team G.S.G.R.A.**

During the Board Meeting, we also selected our delegates to the IGRA Convention which will take place in November in Kansas City, MO. The Delegates and their representative areas are:

- Doug Graff, Bay Area  
IGRA Trustee for GSGRA
- Thom Brennan, Los Angeles  
GSGRA President
- Bill Chapman, Unaffiliated  
Bylaws
- Travis Gardner, Bay Area  
Rodeo Rules/Contestants
- Steve Wollert, San Diego  
Royalty
- Glen Dickard, Palm Springs  
Rodeo Production

- Eric Hansen, Bay Area  
1st Alternate
- Greg Brown, Los Angeles  
2nd Alternate

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Bay Area Rodeo next month (in just a few weeks!!) and I also want to say thank you to the Bay Area Chapter for hosting a great weekend for the meeting.

**THOM BRENNAN,**  
President



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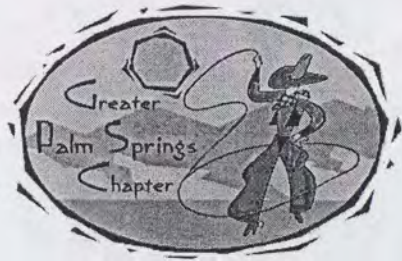
**BUD LIGHT PRESENTS**  
A GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION • BAY AREA CHAPTER PRODUCTION • AN IGRA RODEO SERIES EVENT  
**SF BAY AREA • 16TH ANNUAL • GAY RODEO & FESTIVAL**  
**SEPTEMBER 14-16**  
WILD TURKEY ARENA, LA HONDA • CATHEDRAL HILL HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO

<p><b>Miss Winnie's Rose Garden</b> Friday Aug 24th - Marlena's - 8 pm <i>Wild, Crazy Country Show &amp; Party</i></p>	<p><b>Private Shopping Night</b> Saturday, Aug 25th - 9:00 pm Western Warehouse - Milpitas <i>Shopping Bus Leaves SF @ 8 pm</i></p>	<p><b>Cowboys &amp; Cowhide</b> Sunday, Aug 26th - 3 to 6 pm The Eagle Tavern - San Francisco <i>Our Outrageous Annual Bear Bust!</i></p>
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## Message from the President

By Glen Dickard

Who said change was not good. Well, one major change made was that we moved our beer bust for the second Sunday to the second Friday of each month. On Sunday's we were competing with other beer busts in the area. So, George, the owner of Sidewinders said that we might do better if we moved to a Friday. This past month we did move it. This was a great move on our part. We made more money; those who attended enjoyed it more. It really made everyone happy.

Over the next few months we will be having different events at the beer bust. September will see a Margarita bust, Silent auction and some kind of Christmas celebration will be planned for December.

Plans are moving along nicely for Palm Springs Pride, the Greater Palm Springs Chapter has teamed up with Palm Springs Pride. Mike Warren and our new member Sam

Ciraulo will be working on the schedule for the weekend. The dates are November 3 - 4, 2007. I will be coordination the parade that will be on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Remember also that weekend the GSGRA 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting will be here. No fancy weekend is planned, just working at pride. Those have worked it in the past will testify that it can be lots of fun. I will need to know what GSGRA officers will be staying for the parade on Sunday. We will get a truck for them to ride in. Even if you are not a representative or GSGRA officer and plan on attending the meeting, plan on coming out for the weekend. . Will be a fun weekend.

Hope every one has an enjoyable Labor Day

## Horsh-U

By Mike Warren

*What are the best construction materials for horse trailers?*

There are many choices for construction materials today - all have advantages and disadvantages. You must make your choice based upon your own priorities.

Steel - Steel is the strongest material and it yields to stress, making it less brittle than some other metals. This is why automobiles are constructed of

steel. Steel is also the least expensive material. One of the disadvantages of steel is the fact that it rusts, but some new trailers are constructed of "galvanealed" steel which is very rust resistant. Even good quality, non-galvanealed steel trailers can be protected by a good coat of paint or undercoating and these trailers can have a long life if maintained properly. The steel industry has made many improvements to steel in the last few years and rust is no longer much of a problem.

The main disadvantage of steel is weight, but since less steel is needed for strength than aluminum, a steel trailer can compare very favorably to aluminum in respect to weight. Learn more about aluminum vs. steel horse trailers.

Aluminum - Aluminum is lighter than steel. Aluminum does not rust, but it can corrode. Aluminum is not as strong as steel, and it is more brittle because it does not "give". Repairs to aluminum trailers can be more difficult because aluminum welding is more difficult than steel welding. People with smaller horses may be satisfied with an aluminum trailer, but larger horses may cause more wear and tear, shortening the life of the trailer. Aluminum is a good heat conductor, which is why so much cookware is made of aluminum - but do you really want to cook your

horse? Also, contrary to popular opinion, aluminum is not maintenance free.

Aluminum must be thicker than steel to be as strong, therefore, an all aluminum trailer is not always lighter than a trailer made of another material. Aluminum is also the most expensive material.

Picture this: You have two pieces of metal pipe. One pipe is steel and the other is the same type of aluminum alloy that is used in most horse trailers. They are the same length and the aluminum pipe is twice the thickness of the steel pipe. The aluminum pipe is only slightly lighter than the steel pipe. If both pipes were struck with the same amount of force that would break the aluminum pipe, the steel pipe would only bend. In order for the aluminum pipe to be as strong as the steel pipe, it must be THREE times as thick as the steel pipe, which would make the aluminum pipe slightly heavier than the steel pipe.

Hybrids - Hybrids can combine the best of all the materials. Steel is used for the frame and chassis and another non-rusting material such as aluminum, fiberglass, or FRP (Fiberglass Reinforced Product) is used for the exterior and other parts that do not receive so much stress. Steel parts made of the newer galvanealed steel are a superior

choice since it is so rust resistant. By combining these materials in this way, the weight can be taken out of the trailer without sacrificing the strength of the trailer. Hybrid trailers are more expensive than all steel trailers, but less expensive than all aluminum trailers.

### *What should I look for in a used trailer?*

A used horse trailer should have all the same criteria that we have listed for a new trailer, but in this case, the condition is an added consideration.

Make sure the floor and undercarriage are in good condition. This goes for both wood and aluminum floors, and structural beams under the floor. Check the suspension and tires.

Know if the brakes work, and find out how much it will cost to fix them if they don't. Uneven tire wear can signify some problem in the axle alignment or balance of the trailer. Horse trailer tires seldom wear out, but dry rot is a common problem.

Sometimes the coupler can be worn inside, causing the coupler to be too large for the ball.

Check for rust or cracks in places where there is stress. Stress fractures are a special consideration

for all aluminum trailers. Make sure the frame and welds are structurally sound.

Sometimes surface rust on steel may be unsightly, but if it is not in a place where it is supporting the integrity of the trailer it could be all right.

If repairs need to be made, ask yourself if you will be putting more money into it than the trailer is worth.

Spending too much money for restoration may make the trailer suitable for your own use, but do not expect to add that much value to the trailer when you sell it.

### **Message from the Secretary**

By Mike Warren

I was surprised at the turnout for our first Friday night Cowboy Beer Bust. I had heard that Sidewinders has been slow on Friday nights, but this night was very busy. These beer bust busts are offered to help raise money for and promote the chapter. It's working well for us.

For the August beer bust I brought a friend who is visiting from Seattle. Brenda was first surprised that she could drink as much as she wanted for only five dollars and

second that she met so many nice people.

For our beer bust advertising, we will be changing the name FROM Rodeo Beer Bust TO Cowboy Beer Bust. This was a suggestion from one of our members and Web Master, Mike Eytcheson as this name better describes our attendees.

Have you taken a look at our website lately? Mike Eytcheson has been very busy updating the content and revamping the site. He is in the process of uploading more pictures of our events and the events we attend or volunteer at. If there is anything you would like to see or an article you would like to post, contact Mike directly at [Webmaster@PalmSpringsRodeo.org](mailto:Webmaster@PalmSpringsRodeo.org).

### **Birthdays**

#### September

9/2	Judy Galloway
9/16	Stan Fielding
9/19	Dan Johnson
9/22	Jack, Cromer
9/24	Mike Eytcheson

#### October

10/2	John Sciarrilli
10/29	Daniel Wooten

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# Where - What - When

## September 2007

- 2 Sacramento Rainbow Festival
- 3 Labor Day
- 8 LA Chapter Meeting  
10am Long Beach CA
- 9 Atlantic Stampede  
Washington DC
- 14-16 Best Buck In The Bay  
San Francisco CA
- 18 San Diego Round Round Table
- 21-23 Bighorn Rodeo  
Las Vegas NV
- 21-23 Rodeo School  
Portland OR
- 21-23 Capital City Rodeo  
Austin TX

## October 2007

- 7 LA Chapter Meeting  
10am West Hollywood
- 6 Columbus Day
- 8 Columbus Day
- 11-14 IGRA 20rd Finals Rodeo  
Denver CO
- 16 San Diego Round Round Table
- 19 LA Rodeo Ensenada Cruise

## November 2007

- 7 LA Chapter Meeting  
10am Long Beach CA
- 11 IGRA Annual Convention and  
International Dance Competition  
Kansas City MO
- 11 Veterans Day
- 20 San Diego Round Round Table
- 22 Tanksgiving

## December 2007

- 9 LA Chapter Meeting  
10am West Hollywood
- 18 San Diego Round Round Table
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Years Eve



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California, check out  
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