

MGRA

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OGRA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

The OGRA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA will be held at DALEO FARMS, Saturday April 5TH from 12:00 noon until 6:00PM. Events will include two types. Horse events- Texas Flag Race, Barrels, and other competitive events. People events will include Sack Races, Goat Decorating, Stick Horse Relays, and another event to be listed later. Entertainment will include cloggers from several states and well known singers. Entrance tickets for extravaganza will be \$3 Advance and \$5 at the gate. Tickets for various booths will be sold in a prominent place. This extravaganza is to help OGRA raise money for their 1ST ANNUAL RODEO to be held in AUGUST.

****NOTE**** We would like to see as many people from MGRA go to OKC and give all the support we can to the OGRA. For directions to DALEO FARMS contact BOB MITCHELL.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would personally like to invite all members to attend a GRA RODEO or WESTERN ACTIVITY. There seems to be some misconception that the participants in these activities are not serious about what they are doing. I can assure you that the contestants are very involved in the RODEO CIRCUIT and are the real supporters of the GRA movement across the country. It takes a lot of dedication for men and women to get together and haul horses half-way across the U.S. to participate and provide entertainment for all those who are only spectator supporters.

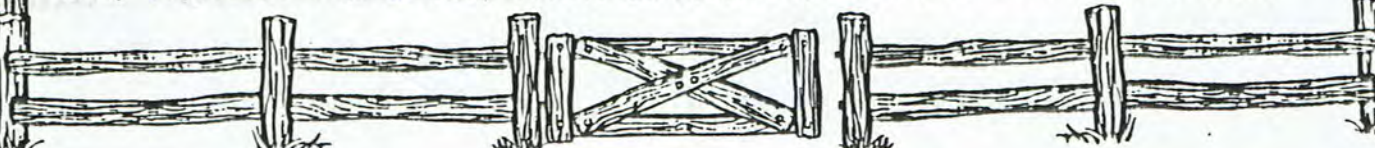
FROM OUR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE OFFICER, BONNIE OLIVER

On Sunday Feb. 2ND several members from Joplin went to Witchita, Ks. for the kick off of KGRA. Since the OUR FANTASY is a DISCO CLUB they did a terrific job in making it into a western theme bar. A fantastic show was put on by the Cloggers from Denver, Colorado/Dallas, Texas/Oklahoma City, Oklahoma/Witchita, Kansas. Special performances was made by three great performers. * We want to say a special thanks to LYNN owner of OUR FANTASY and to the people of the FANTASY who gave us a very warm welcome and for putting on a great show.

FROM OUR NEW! RODEO EVENTS OFFICER, JIM GANGER

I would like to thank everyone for nominating and voting me in as rodeo events chairman. I'm hoping you'll feel free to ask questions about any event (or events) which may be of interest to you. I will do my best to answer all of your questions.

As you all know by now, our neighboring state of Oklahoma will be holding their rodeo in Oklahoma City on August 1-3. I truly feel that the MGRA needs to be represented in as many events as possible. You don't have to be a Bronc



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Rider or even be able to wrestle steers, Camp events are offered. The list of events offered are;

ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

BULL RIDING * WILD COW RIDING * BAREBACK BRONC RIDING * CHUTE DOGGING

ROPING EVENTS

TEAM ROPING * MOUNTED BREAK AWAY CALF ROPING * CALF ROPING ON FOOT * RIBBON ROPING

HORSE EVENTS

BARREL RACING * POLE BENDING * SPEED BARRELS * TEXAS FLAG RACE * SPEED RACE

CAMP EVENTS

WILD COW MILKING * STEER DECORATING * GOAT DECORATING

Keep in mind, that there are rules for each event and they are strictly enforced. Knowledge and understanding the rules for your events is essential to compete.

Give it some thought, is one of these events just what you always wanted to do? If so, lets get you started in your event.

If anyone is interested in being on the RODEO EVENTS COMMITTEE let me know. As of now this committee consists of myself and BONNIE OLIVER. The more members on this committee the better it will function. Thanks Again.

JIM GANGER

CHAIRMAN OF RODEO EVENTS

FROM OUR MOBILITY/LOGISTICS, DEL SNYDER

A note from Del -

MGRA is off and running. For those of you just joining our group or considering same, I am committee chairman of the Logistics and Mobility work group. I am looking forward to working with you and for you. The recent trip to Witchita, Kansas by 16 MGRA members was a teaming success. We certainly let them know Missouri was there. It's a good feeling to be a part of such enthusiasm. Missouri joined members from California, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona in helping to kick off things for KGRA. It was truly a great evening. In the near future trips are being planned to other Missouri cities to acquaint them with MGRA and of course urge them to join us. Since we are in one corner of the state we must help in every way possible to get other chapters started around the state. The members of this committee have been selected and some of you have been contacted. If anyone has ideas or would like to serve please contact me - 781-4271. The first item accomplished was the purchase of Missouri State Flags which have been presented at the Arizona Rodeo and also during the MGRA Round Up weekend. This flag being presented to Oklahoma. Enough for now except a special welcome to our new members and an old fashioned Missouri Howdy to those who were a part of the MGRA kick off.

FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS/FUND RAISER OFFICER, DIANA ALLISON VON GOTTEN
The MGRA is now considering IDEAS for FUND RAISING. All suggestions will be appreciated. We are hoping for one FUND RAISER each MONTH when we get the ball rolling so send in those IDEAS. Any comment on the suggestions below will come in handy.

- BOX SUPPER
- WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
- CORN BOIL AND HOT DOG * COOKOUT
- CAR WASH
- VARIETY SHOW
- CARNIVAL
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- RUMMAGE SALE

An Idea for a MGRA COOKBOOK was mentioned. So kick around for any recipes that might sound good to you and send it in by SEPTEMBER or OCTOBER. Quotations and Jokes of good taste would be an added point of interest to the book. So contact me with your Ideas at 781-0545.

THANK YOU

MGRA LOGO DESIGN

Thank you all for some real artistic designs, we voted and out of six, one was chosen. It is now being approved and next month you'll see it in the newsletter and in time all over our fine state and our neighboring states.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

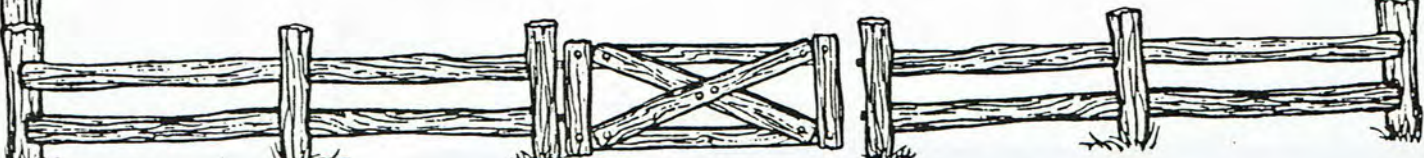
The NEWSLETTER is going full speed thanks to all of your input. The interest is high and that shows you care. Keep sending in those ideas. Remember the NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is the 25TH of EACH MONTH.

MGRA CALENDAR

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| MARCH 12 | MGRA MEETING 8:00 PM |
| MARCH 21-23 | GOLDEN STATE RODEO*LOS ANGELES |
| APRIL 5 | OGRA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA*OKC |
| APRIL 9 | MGRA MEETING |
| MAY 30-JUNE 1ST | ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO |
| AUGUST 1-3RD | OKLAHOMA RODEO |
| AUGUST 15-16TH | MGRA CAMPOUT |
| SEPTEMBER 19-21ST | IGRA CONVENTION (DENVER) |

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

MGRA MEMBERSHIP is \$20 Regular and \$20 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP. MGRA meets the second Wendsday of each month this may change in the summer months. But notices will be given long in advance. Send requests for membership to MGRA PO BOX 291 WEBB CITY, MO. 64870. Or to CHRISTY GUY, SECRETARY, 3302 XENIA, JOPLIN, MO. 64801.



IGRA MR., MS., AND MISS CONTEST

MR., MS., MISS IGRA contest will be held at the IGRA CONVENTION SEPTEMBER 19-21ST in DENVER, COLORADO. Anyone who is interested in details should contact BOB MITCHELL.

COLORADO RODEO FLIGHT SPECIAL

DELTA AIRLINES is currently having a special on flights to DENVER, CO. at the time of the RODEO. The flight will cost \$78. If you get your reservations in before APRIL.

GSGRA RODEO

FRONTIER AIRLINES out of Springfield, Mo. has a special rate of \$177 for a 30 day advance notice to Los Angeles for their RODEO. Other items for GSGRA RODEO, possible lodgings are: MARINA MOTEL 1-213-597-4714. Most people have said they will stay there. BEACH TOWER 1-800-228-9664 and TRAVEL LODGE 1-213-494-4393. DONALD BRUCE can be contacted if you need housing at L.A. 1-213-483-4422. But you will need to specify the town you want to stay in.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING is available at \$10 per month or \$90 a year (from first month printed). Advertising is to be submitted in BUSINESS CARD FORM. AD's will be supporting the MGRA.

LITTLE JOHNS BREAKFAST CLUB

Now every Saturday Morning from 10:00 til 12:00 BILLY JACKS at 720 Main, Joplin is having LITTLE JOHNS BREAKFAST CLUB with Bloody Mary Specials. Little John is BILLY JACKS Day Bartender and he makes the best drinks in our area. The Easy Music and Friendly Crowd make it easy to recover from your good time of the night before. So come and join us if you're in town for a good time. It's the best way to start a Saturday.

FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

My thanks to all of our Members and Officers for their help with our NEWSLETTER and supplying all the information. The NEWSLETTER would not be what it is without you and your help.

As always anyone with any questions about the letter please fill free to contact me.

THANK YOU AGAIN

FINAL NOTE

Information about the MGRA WEEKEND CAMPOUT will be in future NEWSLETTERS as the date draws nearer and organization begins.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT,

Dan Butler
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
DAN BUTLER

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TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS



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ANSWERS NEXT MONTH?