

# M G R A

MISSOURI GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT - BOB MITCHELL G.P.R.R. - A SUCCESS

The 1st Annual Great Plains Regional Rodeo is now a page in History. Hot temperatures and a few hot tempers went hand in hand at O.K.C.. A lot of hard work and long hours was well worth the results. O.G.R.A. is to be congratulated on a 1st time venture that went very smooth. M.G.R.A. is very proud to have been a part of the 1st G.P.R.R., and wish to thank all of our contestants Bonnie, Ron, Christy, Frances, Phil, Charlie, Jim, Bob, Beth, Ray and Bobby.

I was pleased to present the Trophy Buckles, sponsored by M.G.R.A., in Barrel Racing to Laura Lee of San Antonio Texas, and Dave Wilson of Walnut Grove California.

The All-Around 1st Annual G.P.R.R. Trophy Buckles were presented to Laura Lee and Lee Kittleson of Reno, Nevada.

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## I.G.R.A.

The I.G.R.A. Convention will be September 27, 28, and 29 in Denver at The CLARION HOTEL (first hotel outside of Stapelton Airport Gate). The Schedule is as follows:

FRI. Evening  
SAT. 8 AM  
SAT. Noon  
SAT. Evening  
SUN. 8 AM

I.G.R.A. MISS COMPETITION  
CONVENTION CONVENES  
JUDGING OF MR., MS., MISS.  
I.G.R.A. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS  
CONVENTION RECONVENES

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## MORE G.P.R.A.

To all those who made it to the GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL RODEO I hope you had as much fun as I did! Everyone was very supportive and would bend over backwards (as long as Dell wasn't around) to help you!! A special thank you to Larry Hughes for all the work he did for M.G.R.A. while we were in Okla. City.

I would like to thank Koger the Arena Director and the Chute Bosses Short & Reatha. It was my very first time working in the chutes and everyone was there as a team to make sure there were no injuries or slip ups. Thank you for letting the little girl from Joplin Mo in the show.

See you all in Texas  
Sharon E. Turnbull  
Vice President M.G.R.A.

P.S. I wonder how many rooms "Our Mother Dell" slept, I mean layed down in?



MORE G.P.R.A.

Well the weekend of the G.P.R.R. finally arrived. There were about 35 (more or less) from M.G.R.A. in attendance. For some it was their first time at a Gay Rodeo. I hope they enjoyed it as much as the rest of us who have been to them before. We are all proud of our Billy Jacks Kountry Kloggers who put on an extremely good show on Friday night. You are getting up there keep up the good work. Also to all the other Cloggers from across the country. The Dancers, Rod Henry and Dena Kaye put on excellent shows. I think everyone from M.G.R.A. who performed in the Rodeo did a good job. We all can try again in November when we go to Dallas.

It was a lot of fun and quite an experience. I don't think the Holiday Inn will ever forget us. They deserve a special thank you for putting up with us. Also a special thank you to O.G.R.A. for letting us be a Co-Host and also to K.G.R.A. and to all the people who made the G.P.R.R. possible. I know we all had a good time. Isn't that right "Dell". Can't wait till next year. See ya in Dallas.

MGRA MEMBER

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M.G.R.A. CALENDER

SEPTEMBER 10TH

M.G.R.A. MEETING 8:00 PM.  
(BOARD & GENERAL AT BILLY JACKS)  
IGRA CONVENTION (DENVER)  
T.G.R.A. (DALLAS)

SEPTEMBER 27, 28, 29

NOVEMBER 14, 15, 16

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M.G.R.A. CAMPOUT

The M.G.R.A. CAMPOUT was a very wet success. Even the rain didn't dampen the camping spirit. The days were warm and the night was cool and the water was just right for swimming. Everyone pitched in and helped on all fronts. Everyone shared all that they had. We had 3 cookstoves going and two cooks for breakfast. And it was fun washing the pots and pans in the river. (Because I just watched).

It was party for most of two days but the fresh air, good friends and good time was well worth the lack of sleep. My special thanks to Bonnie, Frances, Beth, Brenda, Vicky and Linn for their help weeks before the campout with their share of mowing and clean up of the park. Thanks to Sam and Lee for their help with the cutting of the firewood and breaking camp, and also to Smity and Marty from Springfield for coming a day early to help set things up. We couldn't have done it without their help.

Thanks Again To Everyone And  
See Ya Next Year for M.G.R.A.  
Campout #2,

Dan Butler

Corresponding Sec.



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Deadline for all newsletter ideas is the 25<sup>TH</sup> of each Month. All members are encouraged to submit their ideas. The Newsletter is not just for the Officers. It is for Everyone.

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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 far in advance. Send requests for membership to MGRA PO BOX 291 WEBB CITY MISSOURI 64801 or to Christy Guy 2302 Xenia Joplin Missouri 64801.

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RODEO CLYDE

Dear Rodeo Clyde:

Have you a lover or ever had one? If not what makes you think you can give good advice to people who have problems? Your last few letters were not that good or funny.

Doubtful in Joplin

Dear Doubtful:

Listen you Limping Gelding. One does not have to be married to know how to get along with others. My advice to you is just that, Dear Boy. And if it is not taken it's no Burr under my saddle. It seems to this old cowboy that I help others get over people like you. But thank you for your comments. At least I now know someone out there who is more perfect than I. Tonight we will light a cowchip in your Honor.

Dear Rodeo Clyde:

I have been seeing this guy in the bar I go to for a long time and I've never spoke to him but we catch each others eye all the time. I guess he's shy. Well so am I. How do I get to meet him without seeming to pushy.

Shy in Tulsa

Dear Shy:

By all means be open not pushy. Go up to him the next time you see him and say hi. All he can do is say hi back or brush you off. But if he has been looking back at you. What's the problem? So take that bull by the horn(s). You might have a big smile on your face by the time the sun comes up on the range.

So till next month, this is

*Rodeo Clyde*

saying m-o-o-o-o-o-o-o- there you animal

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST  
AND SUPPORT,

*Don Butler*

CORRESPONDING SEC  
DAN BUTLER





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BY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT !!