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FROM THE PRESIDENT

With all the snow, ice, cold weather, and shaggy horses, it is very difficult to think about rodeos and outdoor activities. This is the reason we are concentrating on our in-door fund raisers and other MGRA events.

First, I would like for everyone to know that the MGRA Board has been called for some hasty decision-making. Because of conflicts in dates, we are changing our Invasion of OKC to Feb. 28th. Our Weekend Round-up III has been changed from March 6-7 to June 12, 13, 14. We are still planning a "Welcome to Missouri Party" on March 6-7. Please refer to the calendar of events in this newsletter for a correct schedule. We felt these changes will better benefit MGRA and the rest of the community.

I have appointed Christy as our Membership Chairperson for 1987. I feel the work that Christy did in 1986 will greatly help her with our membership drive. Our membership push so far has netted up several new members.

On Thursday evening, the 22nd, a group of MGRA members, and members of Billy Jack's Ozark Country Cloggers descended on Springfield for the purpose of promoting MGRA. We arrived at Mr. Jones', passed out posters and application blanks, and then proceeded to the Warehouse where we were greeted by Nicki Lee, Miss MGRA. We presented a short show featuring Miss Nicki, our Cloggers, and yours truly, explaining what our purpose is and what we stand for. We then went to Reflections and promoted MGRA, then it was back to the Warehouse, and back to Mr. Jones'. We definitely made the rounds. Thanks to everyone who went with us. We did gain some new memberships and that was our goal.

By the time this newsletter goes to press, we will have been to Kansas City for the same promotional purposes.

BOB MITCHELL

FROM THE RODEO EVENTS CHAIRMAN

Come on, now, admit it! One of your favorite fantasies, when you're lying at home in the middle of the night, alone, is to have a gorgeous man/woman right by your side, staring at each other. When bang! you hear a gun and you both run as hard as you can. Your partner is running for all he/she is worth, with his/her panties in hand. Then the climactic moment happens! You have caught the goat! Your partner slips the panties on and then you both run for all you're worth to the finish line. Now, isn't that one of your fantasies?

Through the Gay Rodeo Association, many people have had their fantasies fulfilled (many in more than one way!) One of these is our own Frances. We all know she likes to play with big teats (right B.O.?) and just last August she got more teats than she could handle. She was participating in the Wild Cow Milking. She didn't fare too well but gave it one hell of a try.

Gay Rodeo is not just bulls, broncs, and horses. There is something there for everyone. Cowboys and Cowgirls, dancing, Hot Cowboys, beautiful Cowgirls, parties, Hunky Cowboys, and sinsational Cowgirls. It's a great way to meet new people and to participate in any number of activities.

If you're not a member of MGRA, think about joining. You are welcome! If you're not a cowboy or cowgirl and want to learn more about Rodeo or the events thereof, just contact me and I will help you learn more. If you want to learn to ride, let me know. Don't let the fear of falling off scare you away. Face it, we all have to get off sometime.

LITTLE RAY

JUST A LITTLE P.R. NOTE - BOBBY LEE

Well, January is just about over, but it's never too late to join M.G.R.A. This year has already started out to be a great one. The pin has been pulled and the gears are in motion.

Have you ever been to a Valentine Party? No, you haven't, until you attend this Valentine Party, Feb. 14th, Saturday night, at Billy Jack's and C.G.'s Bars in Joplin. It's the first Annual Red and White dress party. Dress, if you want to wear a dress, go ahead, just make sure it's red or white, or both. If not, why not just a red skirt or white shirt. How about all red, pants, shirt and hat, or go all white, or even mix the colors together?

Yes, there is a little something for the best red, best white, or best combination of colors. You can win if you're red enough, white enough, or if you're just plain red and white. We dare you to come properly dressed!

Enough about the red and white dress party. For the rest of it you will just have to be there.

Does black boots go well with a red dress? Do you like canoeing, eating outdoors, playing in water, floating down the river? Think about it, it's coming up in '87.

How about jumping on a plane and visiting a rodeo, if you've never been it's one of the wildest weekends you could have. There's a lot of great rodeos still left in this year.

Have you ever been to a round-up or extravaganza? They are just around the corner. We will be going to all of the extravaganzas we can, and our M.G.R.A. Round-Up will be the biggest ever! Three days, so everyone can party. Dates have been changed to June, and our March Round-Up has become an "indoor festival", you won't want to miss.

M.G.R.A. Membership is growing and guests are always welcome.

BOBBY LEE

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Bonnie Oliver, our new historical committee chairperson!

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MGRA MEMBERSHIPS

Our dues remain at \$20 per year for individual or corporate membership. We are also offering the option of paying your dues for a 6-months' period for \$12. Dues can be paid anytime in February along with filling out a new application blank. These will be available at the MGRA information center at Billy Jacks.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please note:

The mailing address for the newsletter has changed. New mailing address is:

MGRA Newsletter
209 East 12th St.
Joplin, Mo. 64801

You can still leave your articles at the MGRA booth in the drawer, and I will pick them up.

Also--the deadline for newsletter ideas is still the 25th of each month. If I do not have your article in by this day, it will not be put in the newsletter. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Please help me out by meeting this deadline! Thanks!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

MGRA CALENDAR

Feb. 11	MGRA Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - Billy Jacks
Feb. 14	MGRA Red and White "Dress" Party - Billy Jacks and CG's
Feb. 21	KGRA Fundraiser - Wichita
Feb. 28	MGRA Invasion of OKC
Mar. 6-7	MGRA Fund Raiser - Billy Jacks
Mar. 27-29	GSGRA Rodeo - Los Angeles, CA
April 4	OGRA Extravaganza III
May 2	KGRA Extravaganza II
May 29-31	RMR Rodeo - Denver, Co
June 12,13,14	MGRA Weekend Roundup III
July 10-12	IGRA Convention - Albuquerque, N.M.
Aug. 7-9	GPRR Rodeo - OKC

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Aug. 22-23 Dan's Campout
Sep. 18-20 IGRA Finals Rodeo - San Francisco, CA
Nov. 13-15 TGRA Rodeo - Texas

Remember: all MGRA meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

A THANK YOU

I would like to thank Frances for all her help and support on the Public Relations and Fund Raising Committee for 1986, because without all her help, this committee would not have been.

Thank you! Frances!
DIANA ALLISON
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND FUND RAISING
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON 1986

MOTHER'S CORNER

A small, but effective, invasion of Springfield took place last Thursday with both M.G.R.A. and Billy Jack's Kloggers represented. A special thanks to Mr. Jones, Reflections, and The Warehouse for their support. Thanks to Tony Heath and the reigning Miss MGRA, Nicki Lee, for their help. Our next regular meeting is February 11th and we look forward to seeing some of our Springfield members and prospective members. I personally think Springfield would be a welcome addition to M.G.R.A.

The cloggers have re-organized and set some goals for 1987. One new goal has already been attained - that being a new rehearsal area. We will soon be remodeling a room within the confines of Billy Jacks to be used by the cloggers and visiting groups. This is a step in the right direction for both the bar and the cloggers. A call will go out soon for help in cleaning the area so please be prepared and accept the invitation. And yes, the new group will soon start. As soon as the new area is available for rehearsal the call will go out for the new group to start. I can only apologize for the long delay but many things had to be worked out first.

Valentine's Day is coming so be sure to look in this newsletter and in the bars for information about our 1st Annual Red & White Celebrations. This will be our first big party for 1987 and I'm sure it's going to be a fun one. Throughout the evening there will be activities in both Billy Jacks and C.G.'s. The most important thing is to be there and wear your red and/or white.

Here lately I'm sure you have noticed some of us line dancing in Billy Jacks. If you are interested in learning this sort of dancing, please let me know. We are contemplating this as an added attraction. It's loads of fun and we have 2 great teachers in mind. First, we need interest from you.

By now, our invasion of Kansas City has taken place so be on the lookout for a story next issue. Wouldn't it be great to add both Kansas City and Springfield?

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