

MGRA

MISSOURI GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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OGRA EXTRAVAGANZA

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in all the activities. This event will be held at Daleo' Farms in Oklahoma City on April 4th from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 advance, \$5.00 at the gate. They have a lot of people and horse events planned as well as a superior line-up of entertainment. There is a more detailed flyer elsewhere in the newsletter.



MGRA ROUND-UP

Our own Round-up, which is our major fund-raiser, is fast approaching. Scheduled for June 12,13,14, we have a lot of interesting events planned for everyone's enjoyment. The Round-up will host a carnival atmosphere with most of the outdoor horse and people events being held at Ten Oaks Ranch. The "Welcome to Missouri" party will be at Billy Jack's Friday evening and also the talent portion of the Miss Competition on Saturday evening. A new concept this year will be a volley ball tournament so everyone can get involved. Watch for other articles and more details. Plan to attend and participate.

MGRA ROYALTY

Application blanks will soon be available for Mr., Ms., Miss MGRA, with competition coinciding with the MGRA Round-up. Entry fee will again be \$20.00 per contestant or sponsor. Please contact Vice-President Sharon Turnbull for more details.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

In order to create more activities for everyone to get involved in, MGRA will be sponsoring a Volleyball Tournament with the Round-up. We are hoping for several teams to enter and we will have qualified judges. Whereas the Round-up is our fund raiser, the entry fee will be \$20.00 per team, with trophies awarded to the top four teams. All teams entered will receive a recognition. Anyone interested in these teams should contact Little Ray or Sharon T. for details.

MGRA MEMBERSHIPS

Again, we would like to impress on everyone to work on getting new members

and also working on old members. We still have 26 members from 1986 who have not joined for 1987. It's all our responsibility to find out why they have not re-joined.

KGRA EXTRAVAGANZA

Our third member of the Great Plains Regional: Kansas, is having their 2nd extravaganza in Wichita, May 2nd. This is their major fundraiser. Attend if you can.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

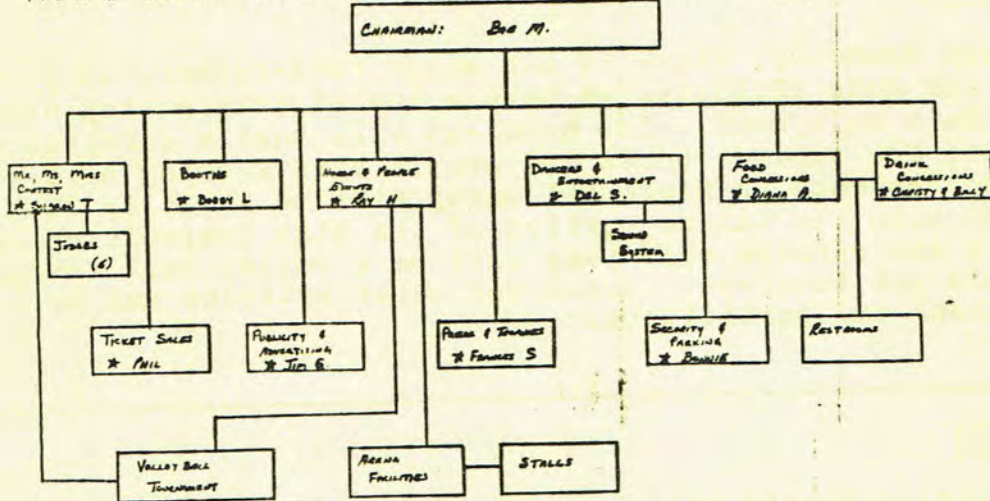
I realize that some of you have never been to an extravaganza or a round-up before. I urge anyone who can attend, either OGRA or KGRA or both to do so, then you'll realize what we are going to be faced with when we put on our round-up. In the past, our round-ups have taken place at Billy's and we have never tried anything outside of the bar surroundings. Many of you have great ideas for activities, but it would be advisable to see how our friends and neighbors work together.

Bob Mitchell, President

HELP NEEDED

MGRA Committees still need help. If you would like to be on any of the committees, please contact the respective chairman. A graphic chart below shows what we need for our MGRA Round-up and other activities throughout the year.

M.G.R.A. WEEKEND ROUND-UP III JUNE 12, 13, 14, 1987



MGRA, OGRA MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 1st

This was a special meeting called by MGRA to introduce our officers to the OGRA and GPRR officers.

After introductions of officers, we discussed the GPRR Rodeo that will be held August 7th, 8th, and 9th in Oklahoma.

MGRA has raised over \$300.00 so far to be put towards the Rodeo. This money was raised during the Invasion of Oklahoma by Missouri, February 28th - March 1st.

This money was raised by eating a large jar of dill pickles, (\$1.00 a pickle); a dance contest (\$1.00 a dance); and side bets on MGRA's team during the Tri-state Olympics.

Standings so far in the Tri-state Olympics are: 1st place - MGRA, 2nd place - OGRA, and 3rd place - KGRA. Way to go, Missouri! Let's keep that trophy in Missouri and away from Dusty in Oklahoma.

Definition of Tri-State Olympics:

Three teams which are MGRA, OGRA and KGRA. On each team there are 5 players. These 5 players participate in drag races, tug of war, wheel barrel races, putting rubbers on cucumbers, eating pickles, dancing, putting a potato in panty hoses, tying the panty hose around their waist and with no hands, moving their pelvis to swing the potato into an orange and moving it down the dance floor, life saver race, pushing an orange 10-20 feet with your nose, and any other outrageous game you can compete in!!

Definition of Tri-State Olympic Trophy:

A traveling trophy! There are 3 Tri-State Olympics. One in each state. First one was in Oklahoma, 2nd in Missouri, 3rd in Kansas. The trophy goes to the team that wins each Olympic. For example; MGRA won in Oklahoma, so we keep it until the next Olympic which will be in April at Billy Jack's Bar. The winner of that one keeps it until May 2nd at the KGRA Extravaganza.

Let's try to keep that trophy in Missouri!!

OGRA POKER RUN AND CHILI COOKOFF

Christy, Galen and I got a very warm reception from OGRA at their poker run and chili cookoff March 22nd.

We started off the poker run at the Bunkhouse with a couple of three drinks and from then on the pace got faster. In the next 2 1/2 hours we hit 8 other bars for drinks and poker cards! Our best hand in poker was 5 jacks, a sure win, we thought! But, we were beat out of high hand when a man appeared from out of the smoke with 5 queens. Oh! well! the best hand wins,

Between the three of us, we ate plenty of good, hot, butt burning chili and, of course, a couple of beers to wash it down with.

Once again, hats off to OGRA for a wonderful time,

Thank you.

Sharron E. Turnbull
Vice-President, MGRA

P.S. For those who want to enter the Mr., Ma., & Miss contest to be held on June 12, 13, 14 at our MGRA Round-up, entry blanks will be ready at our April meeting!

PICTURES! PICTURES!

And More PICTURES!!!

MGRA AND MGRA RELATED EVENTS OF LAST YEAR.

PREVIEWING APRIL 8th AT THE MGRA MEETING. THESE

ARE EXTRAS FOR DISPERSAL - ALL PROCEEDS GO TO

MGRA

Bonnie Jean
Historical Committee
Chairwoman

RODEO EVENTS

Rough Stock events are considered to be the most dangerous of all rodeo events. At the same time they are the most exciting to watch. In the Gay Rodeo Association, the rough stock events are Bull Riding, Wild Cow riding, Bare Back Bronc Riding and Chute Dogging. All of these events require lots of practice, courage and very little brains (just kidding!).

Bull riding is just that-riding a bull. This is an event that is performed by men and women both in the GRA. The main difference is, women can ride with two hands if they desire, while the men are required to ride with one hand.

The ride must last for 6 seconds. But, that is one long six seconds. Its a dangerous sport, exciting and fun. Wild Cow riding (no! this is not something that the bull does! - remember, folks, this is GAY Rodeo we're talking about!) is basically the same as bull riding. Really, the only main difference is (you guessed it) they use a cow instead of a bull.

The scoring for both of these events is 50 points for the ride 25 points for the bull or wild cow, and 25 points for the rider. Extra points are awarded for spurring. There are 2 judges per event. If you are interested in finding out about any of these events, or any others, let me know. Play Safe and take care!

LITTLE RAY

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM AIDS - PART 2 IN A SERIES

Knowing how to prevent yourself from getting AIDS is very important. Everyone must know the facts. This article will describe techniques you can use to reduce your chances of getting AIDS.

First, you must understand that you are at risk. YOU could get AIDS! Anyone can be infected with the AIDS virus if they are exposed in the proper manner.

I want to stress that you CANNOT get AIDS through "casual contact". Casual contact is any contact with another person that is NOT sexually intimate. In other words, shaking hands with an AIDS patient is SAFE. So is sitting next to someone with AIDS, touching them, visiting with them, eating with them, etc.

AIDS CAN be spread through sexual intercourse. During sex, there is contact with another person's "body fluids." (Body fluids include semen, urine, feces, blood, vaginal secretions, etc.) These body fluids may contain the AIDS virus.

If that AIDS virus gets inside your body, you, too, could be infected. Therefore, protect yourself from your sexual partners and protect them from yourself. DO NOT give or receive any body fluids. In other words, DO NOT share body fluids.

The best way to protect yourself is by not having sex at all. Obviously, this doesn't appeal to many people. Therefore, the next best way to protect yourself is to ALWAYS wear a condom. Condoms are also called "rubbers" and "prophylactics." It doesn't matter what you call them, condoms can reduce your chances of getting AIDS.

In order for the condom to work properly, you must follow several simple DO'S and DON'TS. These include:

1. ALWAYS put the condom on BEFORE you enter your partner.
 2. ALWAYS be sure there is air in the condom - not even on the tip..
 3. ALWAYS use WATER-BASES LUBRICANTS like KY JELLY, PRE-PAIR, FOR-PLAY AND PROBE.
 4. ALWAYS hold on to the base of the condom when you pull out of your partner. This prevents the condom from slipping off your penis and remaining inside your partner.
 5. ALWAYS use a new condom each time you have sex.
-and the NEVERS

NEVER use spit (saliva) as a lubricant.
 NEVER use oil-bases lubricants like Crisco, vaseline, or Baby Oil. Oil-based lubricants can cause the latex rubber of the condom to weaken. This weakening could cause the condom to tear during sex.
 NEVER re-use an old condom - NEVER!
 NEVER wait until part way through sex to put on your condom.
 NEVER try to blow up a condom, to test it, and then use it.
 This weakens the condom.

Remember, condoms can break or tear, possibly allowing you to be infected by the AIDS virus if the AIDS virus is present.

By using the condoms properly, you will cut down the possibility of infection. Follow the diagram, to be sure you put your condom on properly.

THE A-B-C'S OF PUTTING ON A CONDOM



←A

Gently squeeze the tip of the condom with one hand, making sure there is no air in the tip. (This leaves room for the semen when you ejaculate [cum], and forces out any air bubbles, which are a major reason condoms break.)

While you continue to squeeze the tip of the condom, forcing out any air, begin to unroll the condom down the length of your penis...



→B



←C

...carefully unrolling it all the way down to the base of your penis to the hair.

There are other ways to protect yourself.....

1. DON'T use illegal intravenous (IV) drugs. If you do shoot up - DON'T share dirty needles - DON'T share syringes - ever!
2. DON'T have sex with multiple partners. DON'T have sex with people who have multiple partners. The more people you have sex with, the greater is your chance of getting AIDS.
3. DON'T have sex with someone who has AIDS. DON'T have sex with someone who is likely to have AIDS. DON'T have sex with someone who has tested positive with the AIDS anti-body test.
4. DON'T have anal sex. Anal sex can cause tears in the body tissues making it easier for the AIDS virus to enter the body.
5. DON'T have oral sex. This activity can be dangerous, too.

The following columns list activities considered to be UNSAFE, SAFER, and MUCH SAFER. Keep these in mind and avoid those practices that may put you at risk.

<u>UNSAFE</u>	<u>SAFER</u>	<u>MUCH SAFER</u>
Anal sex/no condom	Anal with condom	Massage
Fisting	Deep Kissing	Wrestling
Ural with fluids	Oral with no fluids	Mutual Masturbation
Rimming	Fingers with gloves	Solo sex
Sharing Toys		Verbals/Visuals
Water sports		Frottage

STEVE EVANS RN, BSN
HEALTHCARE EDUCATOR

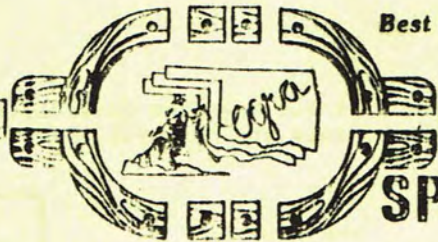
FROM THE MGRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are in no way trying to offend anyone by publishing the AIDS articles. We feel this is definitely a problem that has hit the GAY community very hard. The AIDS virus has not hit our community as much as it has in other areas, but it is still here. Many of our new members may not know that MGRA is a non-profit organization and any of our extra monies is designated to AIDS help.

CALENDAR

- Apr. 4 - OGRA Extravaganza III
- Apr. 8 - MGRA Meeting - 8:00 P.M. - Billy Jacks
- May 2 - KGRA Extravaganza II
- May 29-31 - RMR Rodeo - Denver, CO.
- June 12-13-14 MGRA Weekend Roundup III
- Jul. 10-12 - IGRA Convention - Albuquerque, N.M.
- Aug. 7-9 - GPR Rodeo - OKC
- Aug. 22-23 - Dan's Campout
- Sep. 18-20 - IGRA Finals Rodeo, San Francisco, CA.
- Nov. 13-15 - IGRA Rodeo, Texas, DALLAS

Best of Luck to All Rodeo Contestants!



SPECIAL REPORT

EXTRAGANZA

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
12:00 NOON - 6:00 P.M.

FOOD BOOTHS

BUTTONS

GAME BOOTHS

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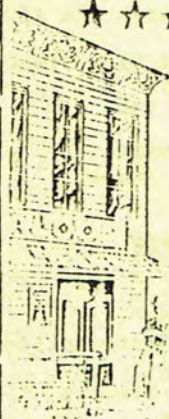
- 12:00 Entertainment & Dancing
- 2:00 Horse Events (\$5 entry fee)
 - Barrel Racing
 - Pole Bending
 - Texas Flag Race
- 3:30 Entertainment & Dancing
- 4:30 People Events (\$2 entry fee)
 - Martha Washington Race
 - Wheelbarrow Race
 - Coat Decorating
 - Sack Race
- 5:30 Entertainment & Dancing



BRING A FRIEND!!!

☆☆☆ TICKETS \$3 ADVANCE \$5 AT THE GATE ☆☆☆

ENTERTAINMENT

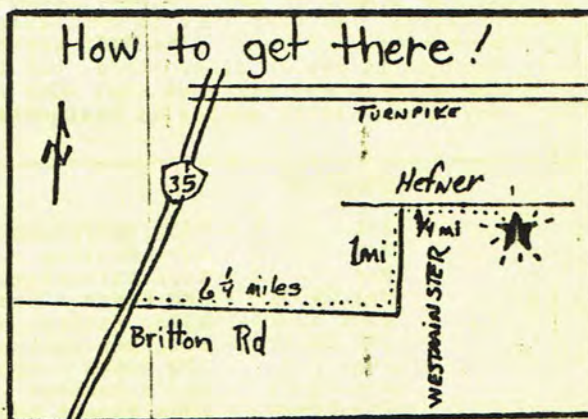


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APRIL 4th, 1987

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WEEKEND ROUND-UP III

JUNE 12, 13, 14th

FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY,

AND SUNDAY

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