



# Big Horn Gazette

JUNE 2005 ISSUE

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## Big Horn Rodeo Celebration Party

Calling all Coordinators, Volunteers, and Sponsors for one hell of a party!

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Celebrating the team that made Big Horn 2005 a great success.

**Open Bar, Friendly Dave's Dinner, Hayrides, Chicken Poop Bingo and Music.**

**Saturday June 4th**

**3:00 PM to 10:00 PM or till the Cows Come Home**

**Vegas Sands Ranch Eatin', Drinkin', Dancin', and Ridin' -Yee Haa!**

**Directions to Vegas Sands Ranch:**  
Take I-95 / I-215 north to the Ann Road Exit • Turn right on Ann road • Make the first Left onto Tenaya Road • Make the first right to follow Tenaya Rd. • Go to deer spring Road and turn right • Vegas Sands Ranch is the last ranch on right • Parking along street and in lot across the street.



**Come and celebrate all your hard work at Big Horn Rodeo 2005!**

## IT'S NGRA CONVENTION TIME!

I know we just finished a Rodeo, but an NGRA member's work is never done! This year's NGRA Convention has been set for Sunday, July 31 at the Center, at noon. Lunch will be provided. This is the only time of the year when our bylaws may be amended or sections deleted. So if there are rules that you don't like, would like to see changed, or new guidelines put into place, this is your chance!

If you don't have a paper copy of the NGRA Bylaws, you can check them out on our website. Go to ngra.com; click on Membership, then Membership Information, and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Any changes you would like to propose may be emailed to the Convention Chair, Lorry King, at llwking@aol.com. You can just send me your ideas and I will put them into the proper form for the convention vote. Please mark the date and time on your calendar. This is your chance to make policy and to be heard!

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brian Rogers

Congratulations to the new NGRA Board of Directors! I look forward to working with you to advance the goals of this great organization. I want to offer a special thanks to outgoing President John Gomes for his extraordinary leadership of the organization through some very difficult times. John is leaving a legacy of steady, compassionate leadership, which I will strive to continue. Our other outgoing board member, David Murie, will still be serving the organization in a special role that I will announce soon.

I am especially proud to be serving with Vice President Richard Schlegel, who has broad experience in leadership with several non-profits. His experience is vital as we restructure to become a more efficient and effective organization. I am also excited about the selection of Frank Gardner as NGRA Treasurer. Frank has good computer skills and great attention to detail. I believe his tenacity will prove to be a major asset to our organization in helping the board fulfill its fiscal responsibility to the community.

We have set three guiding principles for the Board for the next year that will guide our governance of the organization:

1. Focus on policies that support the goals of the organization and create processes that improve the way we conduct business.
2. Concentrate on being more relevant and responsive to our membership.
3. Seek ways for NGRA to be more involved in the community.

In support of these principles, at the first board meeting I will be seeking approval for the creation of several new appointed positions. NGRA has many talented and dedi-

cated members whose contributions can be channeled to improve our performance. Among them are:

- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Membership Liaison
- Royalty Liaison
- Marketing & Art Director
- NGRA Merchandise Coordinator
- NGRA Logistics Coordinator

In addition, the board is currently seeking candidates for the positions of Rodeo Director and Fundraising Director. Any interested party should contact a board member in writing or by email.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Pride Parade and our dance tent at the Pride Festival. It was gratifying to see so many members and friends participating with NGRA. We were definitely one of the largest groups at the parade and the crowd cheered heartily for us. If you missed Pride, be sure to check out our meeting and activities calendar in this newsletter and come get involved. I especially encourage all members and their friends to attend our FREE volunteer and sponsor appreciation party at Vegas Sands Ranch on Saturday, June 4. NGRA has lots more fun activities planned for you in the coming months.

I look forward to all the exciting things we can do together over this next year or two. It is my fervent wish that NGRA continue to grow and prosper and that our contributions to the community continue to increase. Mostly, I hope that together we can revitalize the “fun” that goes along with being a member of the greatest community organization in Las Vegas.

## NEW NGRA MEMBER LEARNS FAST!



At BigHorn Rodeo we welcomed new member *Robert Salcedo* as he competed for the first time and won two ribbons. He had so much fun, he traveled to Reno for the Comstock Stampede and won four more! Robert placed third in Chute Dogging both days and third overall, and placed eighth in Goat Dressing on Saturday and third on Sunday, with a fourth place finish overall. The next IGRA rodeos is Albuquerque, June 17-19. We welcome Robert to NGRA's stable of contestants and wish him well at future rodeos.

## CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBER BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

<b>Kip Kipilla</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>Keith Watassek</b>	<b>June 11</b>
<b>Ron Cox</b>	<b>June 13</b>
<b>Rowena Hardin</b>	<b>June 13</b>
<b>Marcus Grissom</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Richard Armstrong</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>Blaine Woodie</b>	<b>June 22</b>
<b>Chris Due</b>	<b>June 27</b>
<b>Terry Holder</b>	<b>June 27</b>
<b>Vito James Rizzo</b>	<b>June 29</b>

# ROYALTY REPORT

Chris Due – Mr. NGRA 2005

Tara Panties Litter – Miss NGRA 2005

Blanche Devaho – Miss NGRA 2005 First Runner Up

Sadie VanPatten Litter – Miss NGRA 2005 Second Runner Up

Hello from your 2005 Royalty Team! WOW... time sure is flying! Here we are half-way through the rodeo year! May was a busy month for Royalty in NGRA. Chris headed off to Reno to volunteer as a timer and was lucky enough to be in the company of some very wonderful NGRA and IGRA members. The Royalty Team would like to send a special “Thank You” and “Good Job” to those members of NGRA that went to Reno and volunteered. Without the help of Jeffrey Neal, Lorry King, Bill Watkins, and Frank Gardner, that rodeo wouldn’t have gone so smoothly. High Sierra had a great Rodeo and this year Bighorn Rodeo and the Comstock Stampede offered the Silver Cup Challenge for the high point winner in speed events in both rodeos. This year’s winner was Reene R. from GSGRA and she won most of her points in Reno, so they are keeping the cup for the first year... but we hope to have it back in Las Vegas in 2006. Congratulations to High Sierra on a job well done with the 2nd Annual Comstock Stampede. We look forward to IGRA Finals being held in Reno in 2006. The same weekend at the Reno rodeo, Las Vegas celebrated its 100th birthday.

There was a huge Centennial celebration held downtown and we saw the revival of the Helldorado Parade. NGRA was well represented in the parade with several of our wonderful members riding the decorated hay wagon provided by our good friends at Vegas Sands Ranch. Thank you to all that participated and made NGRA proud.

After the rodeo dust cleared, Tara headed off to Long Beach Pride to represent NGRA. Their Pride celebration was a huge success and all had lots of fun.

The Royalty Team then got together to put on a “boxers” party at our host bar, Badlands. There were several contestants in their “boxers” with the winner being NGRA’s very own “First Lady” Aaron Stanford. The Royalty Team had a great time with the show and would like to thank all of the great entertainment that came out to perform.

Now as I write this we are off to represent NGRA at Las Vegas Pride celebration with another parade entry on Friday, and then to perform on the main stage Saturday around 2:00 p.m. NGRA is also hosting our very popular dance tent at the festival.

Don’t forget to come out the Fundraising meetings and give us your input into the list of things planned for the year. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas to have a good time with our rodeo fans. Fundraising meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Center. Keep informed with what NGRA is doing by visiting our website at [www.ngra.com](http://www.ngra.com). Also, look for NGRA to be represented at the Oklahoma City Rodeo and the New Mexico Rodeo. As always, save a horse, ride a cowboy!!!

## PRIDE PARADE FLOAT



A Salute to  
**LAS VEGAS**  
**HELLDORADO**  
**DAYS**



# JEFF BUNTING

## NGRA Member of the Month for June

Jeff Bunting was selected for always being willing to assist NGRA where needed, selling Jell-O shots at our shows, and at this year's rodeo, helping with set up and being a strong member of the arena crew.

# DALE JAGS ANNUAL AWESOME AUGUST PARTY 2005 PALM SPRINGS, GA AUGUST 11 - 14

Mark your calendars and make plans to join NGRA in support of Awesome August in Palm Springs. For additional information, contact Mike Windsor at [MemberatLarge4@ngra.com](mailto:MemberatLarge4@ngra.com)

More information on page 7



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# LET FREEDOM RING SHOW at **BADLANDS**

## SATURDAY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

### Freedom Show starts at 9:30 PM

Join Nevada Gay Rodeo Association at Badlands in celebrating our Freedom in song. Hosted by our 2005 Royalty and their guest. Join in on the fun all evening. The fun starts right after NGRA's 7:15 PM general membership meeting at The Center.

**5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust starts at 9:00 PM**  
**1.00 Jell-O shots**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Fund Raisng Meeting 7:00 The Center	3	4 NGRA Celebration Party Vegas Sands Ranch
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque	18 Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque
19 Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque	20 NRGA Board Meeting	21	22	23	24	25 NGRA General Membership Meeting "Let Freedom Ring" Show follows
26	27	28	29	30		



**I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT  
SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2005**

**JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005**

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque	June 17–19, 2005
North Star Regional Rodeo	Minneapolis/St. Paul	July 1–3, 2005
Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo	Calgary	July 1–3, 2005
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver	July 8–10, 2005
Southern Spurs Rodeo	Atlanta	July 22–24, 2005
LA Rodeo 2005	Los Angeles	August 5–7, 2005
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago	August 26–28, 2005
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City	September 2–4, 2005
Atlantic Stampede 2005	Washington, DC	September 9–11, 2005
San Francisco Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco	September 16–18, 2005
Space City Rodeo	Houston	September 30–October 2, 2005
21st Annual Convention	Calgary	October 20–23, 2005
International Dance Competition	Calgary	October 22, 2005
19th Annual Finals Rodeo	Dallas	November 11–13, 2005

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AUGUST 11th TO 14th 2005

# Dale Jag's 18th Annual Awesome August '05 In Palm Springs, CA. August 11th to the 14th

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**THURSDAY:** Toucans. Welcome Party. 50/50 drawing.  
9pm to 2am. 9pm show. T shirt giveaway.

**FRIDAY:** Tool Shed. 10pm to 1am Beer Bust. 50/50 drawing.  
The Villa. 2am to ? Hospitality suite. (free entry with weekend pass)

**SATURDAY:** Desert Palms Brunch & Pool Party 11am to 5pm.  
1 included Beer/Well with weekend pass ticket. Las Vegas Show at 2pm  
C C B C Mr. Awesome August Contest 6pm.  
(free entry with weekend pass ticket)  
Street Bar Drink Inc. with weekend pass ticket.  
Hunters: Tattoo Party, Contest 10pm 1 included Beer/Well with weekend pass ticket.  
Heaven: 11pm to 2am The world famous 'ARMANDO' Show at Midnight. Free entry  
and 1 included beer/well with Weekend Pass Ticket.  
C.C.B.C. 2 am to ? Hospitality suite Free entry with weekend pass ticket

**SUNDAY:** C.C.B.C. Pool Party, T dance & Show. 11am to 4pm. Show 2pm  
Sidewinders: Closing Party. \$1.25 Beer Blast 6pm to 2am Mr. Awesome August  
Basket Contest at 9pm.

## All Weekend with the Weekend Pass!

Desert Palms Inn: \$49 night rooms, 3rd night free 1 760 324-3000  
C.C.B.C. \$49 night rooms. 3rd night free. 1 760 324-1350  
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in Palm Springs at:  
The Leather Smith Store  
in Barracks  
On Line special-Free mini pass.  
Check [www.All2Gay.com](http://www.All2Gay.com)

# TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By LORRY KING

Lots to report on this month! I just got back from five days in Oklahoma City, where the weather and the State Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena were both beautiful. Before the rodeo began, I attended the Second Quarter IGRA Board of Directors Meeting, where who should be the Parliamentarian, but our very own Benjamin Avant (Past President and Past Trustee, currently living in Dallas). Benjamin is still proudly a member of only one IGRA Association – NGRA! His expertise kept the meeting orderly and moving along, although it still lasted 7 hours!

I met with the HERO Unit production team, the gentlemen who filmed our rodeo for Q TV. They were very complimentary, and said our rodeo was the most organized and helpful one they've filmed yet. They gave me a DVD of the finished product, which we will be showing at upcoming events. In addition, the IGRA Board decided how to distribute the fee given to IGRA by HERO for their filming, and I am pleased to announce that NGRA will receive \$1,000.00 immediately, and approximately \$400.00 at the end of the year. Also, we will benefit by IGRA's use of part of the money for marketing and educational purposes, and with additional purse money for next year's rodeo.

NGRA has been chosen to provide two judges for the IGRA Royalty Competition in Dallas at Finals in November, so if you're interested, please let me know.

IGRA will be welcoming a new Association at Convention this year, the Florida Gay Rodeo Association, which can be checked out at their website, [www.fgra.net](http://www.fgra.net).

The Bay Area Rodeo, which will be held 9/16-18, will have a host hotel in The City this year. Yes, San Francisco, not San Jose, or Palo Alto, or some other such out-of-the-way location.

The 2005 Finals Committee requested and was approved a variance to change the running order of Finals. They will be showcasing the Top 5 contestants each day and are committed to producing a fast-paced, entertaining show. For more details, check out their website at [www.final rodeo.com](http://www.final rodeo.com).

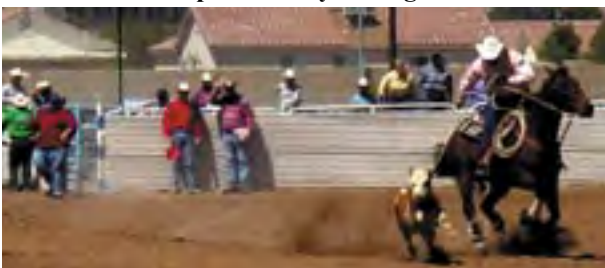
The next IGRA Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with Chicago Rodeo on August 26-28, but I'll keep you up-to-date with news between now and then.



NGRA Sash Team at Pride Parade



Line up of cowboys at BigHorn Rodeo '05



Breakaway roping at BigHorn Rodeo '05



Steer deco at BigHorn Rodeo 2005



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