



Big Horn Gazette

JULY 2005 ISSUE



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Brian Rogers

This is my first report to you as President and let me start by thanking the new Board and our new board-level appointees for the hard work they have been doing these last few weeks. We've already made a lot of progress in tying up loose ends reorganizing ourselves to take NGRA to the next level of professionalism.

Richard Schlegel and Frank Gardner have been working hard on setting up our new Quickbooks for non-profits and we can all look forward to much more accurate and detailed financial reporting in the coming months.

Our new Community Outreach team, composed of Mike Windsor, Angel Negrón, and Ken Wells has already started keeping us up-to-date on upcoming events of other organizations so we can all show them support. They and I have invitations to speak at the Board meetings of SNAPI, The Center, and the Royal Court where we will establish open lines of communication with an eye to benefits for all parties.

Jeff Bengston will transfer one of his rodeo roles to our activities throughout the year as our Logistics Coordinator. He will be working with the fundraising committee to help make our events festive and along with Kevin Marienfeld and myself to develop the rodeo office at the Center into a useful and attractive focal point for rodeo information.

Winsor Cooper and David Murie are heading up our new Membership Committee. They will be handling all the membership duties, including calling new members to invite them to our next meeting or event, organizing special NGRA members activities, and designing a membership poll which will help the Board learn how to serve the membership better. Look for this poll soon in your mailbox and please take the time to make NGRA a better organization by filling it out and mailing it back to us.

Kevin Marienfeld has taken on the position of Royalty Liaison and will be meeting regularly with our Royalty team

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**SOME OF
NGRA's
MANY
FRIENDS
WHOM
WE
THANKED AT
OUR
CELEBRATION
PARTY
AT VALLEY
SANDS
RANCH**

to provide open communication and support from the Board of Directors.

Moving right along, we have made two director-level appointments. Miss Frankie has accepted the position of Royalty Pageant Director and will begin work on that event very shortly. Our own Miss Blanche is continuing as Fundraising Director. I want to thank both of these dedicated members for all the hard work they've contributed to NGRA in the past and thank them in advance for the great things we will see this year.

The position of Rodeo Director is currently open, so if you are interested in this important job, please notify the Board in writing of your interest. NGRA is currently exploring the possibility of moving our rodeo to the end of September or early October starting with the 2006 rodeo year. If this decision is finalized, we will have lots of extra planning time for 2006. To decide this issue and discuss other general ideas regarding our rodeo, I am calling a special Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting on Monday, July 11 at The Center. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend so we can have your input.

The Board of Directors is proud to announce that we will be disbursing a donation to each of the BigHorn Rodeo 2005 charity partners. St. Therese Center and Santa Saturday West will both receive a check for \$500 at an upcoming NGRA event.

Finally, I want to close by thanking all the members, volunteers, sponsors, and friends who came to the Volunteer/Sponsor appreciation party. We had over 80 people and we all had a great time!

I look forward to the coming year where I promise more such events, where we don't focus on fundraising, but on enjoying the company of our friends, meeting new ones, and having fun.

Saddle up, give a kick, and let's enjoy the ride!

ROYALTY REPORT

Hello from your 2005 Royalty Team! It sure is fun being ROYAL! We would just like to thank the wonderful people of Vegas Sands Ranch for hosting our Bighorn Rodeo volunteer party. What a great time we all had! The fabulous hay ride, the horseback riding, the great dance music, amazing food and drinks, and of course our NGRA family and friends all together just having a great time. Thank you to all of those people who made it possible. June was a great month for us, we stayed busy doing all things royal. We saw the newly elected NGRA Board take office and take off running. It's only been a month, and things are changing for the better already! Good job guys! If you aren't familiar with the new board, stop by our website, www.ngra.com, and check them out. The royalty team worked to put on the "Let Freedom Ring" show and it was a huge success, thanks to the members of the community who came out to support

CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBER BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY



David Hays	July 2
Randy Skalecki	July 2
Don Suazo	July 8
Joe Cervantes	July 9
Eddy Ehret	July 23
Bill Thurman	July 25
Paul McAlister-Cameron	July 31

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

us and to perform in the show. Our show was kicked off by the sisters of the "Holy Cow" convent. We saw wonderful numbers by the ladies of the royalty team, the IRSCDE, Miss Gay Pride Las Vegas, and the return of a former and current Miss Cow Patty. Of course we were blessed to have some of our fabulous NGRA members perform as well! We are now working to put together the 4th of July BBQ at Badlands and the "Christmas in July" show on July 23 following the general membership meeting. If you have fundraising ideas, please come to the Fundraising Committee meeting held on the first Thursday of each month at The Center. For more information, check out our calendar of events at www.ngra.com. Come join us at Badlands on Monday July 4th at 6:00 p.m. for a wonderful BBQ and beer bust, and then stick around to watch the fireworks. We hope to see you all there. As always... save a horse, ride a cowboy!

Fundraising Chair

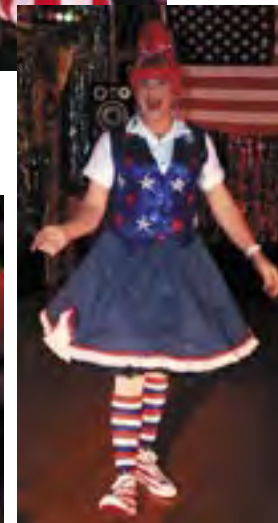
Miss Blanche

Warmest Greetings. Our production of the Let Freedom Ring show on June 26 was a grand event. Our net revenue was \$689.76. The total expenditures were kept very economical and were closely monitored personally.

The festivities for July will begin with an American tradition of the backyard barbeque, with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and cole slaw. And it should go without saying that all of the food will be prepared by the NGRA volunteers, fresh and not from a carton that no one knows who made it. The festivities will be at that charming little establishment, Badlands Saloon. We are keeping the suggested donation down to only \$5.00. And of course we cannot have an NGRA gathering without spirited libations for the low cost of only \$5.00 for the beer and soda bust. Everyone will be able to have a grand holiday for merely \$10.00. Good Food, Good Beer, Good Friends, Good Times.

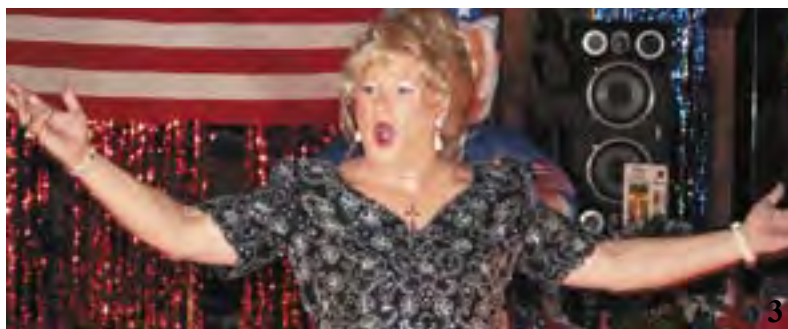
I have it from a very reliable source that we are going to have TWO Christmas holidays this year. The first one will be in July! If we are very good at the first Christmas, that sexy hunk in the red suit will be extra good to you. My advisors have come up with a worthy charity, Street Teens. This organization helps teenagers who are homeless, for whatever reason. Some are abused physically, mentally, and sexually. Some are gay, lesbian, or questioning their sexuality and the parents of these teenagers have thrown them into the streets. There may be hundreds of reasons these young people are homeless. The NGRA membership has a history of helping those in need and I know they WILL again. The Street Teen Center has a small pantry they try to keep stocked with the things these kids need like travel-size personal hygiene items for males and females and non-perishable food items that can be easily carried in a backpack, such as cookies, crackers, candy, pudding, and fruit, or one of my favorites --Vienna sausages. NGRA is asking you to bring items like these that can be given to the teens to help them out. Please keep in mind that they are on the streets all but a few hours a day and can only carry items that fit easily in a backpack.

Well, with all of the good work, each of us need something too. We are going to have a Secret Santa gift raffle. Bring a wrapped gift to be exchanged. This just might be a good way of getting rid of some of your tacky, I mean unique, gifts you got last Christmas. There is also gossip that the red-suited couple will be making a special trip to Las Vegas just to have fun with the NGRA membership that night.



**“LET
FREEDOM
RING” SHOW
BANLANDS
JUNE 25**

**More Photos
on page 8
Courtesy of
Paul Scott**



First Lady's Corner

Lady Bird Rogers

I would like to thank Aaron Stanford for the wonderful way he handled himself as the previous first lady. He has a way to put a smile on anyone's face. The fun that was had by all at the party the night he and John left town to new and better things will be remembered for a very long time. The best of wishes to the both of you.

Just A small letter to let everyone know that I will make sure to keep up with expectations of the first lady, (This even means keeping the president in line). Not that I will need to, but, some of our country's presidents have not been all they could or should be.

Now on to more important things: I would like to put together some kind of fundraiser to help raise money to redo the Kennedy Room at The Center. This has been an eyesore for a very long time. Jeff Bengston and I will be doing the work as well as the decorating for the new and improved NGRA office. We are working on ideas to make this a room that everyone will have to see. If you have any ideas as to what we could do as a fundraiser or would like to donate to the new room please drop me a line at NGRA1stLady@cox.net. Of course, I will also be selecting a new china pattern for state dinners!

Look for my updates in every issue of The BigHorn Gazette.

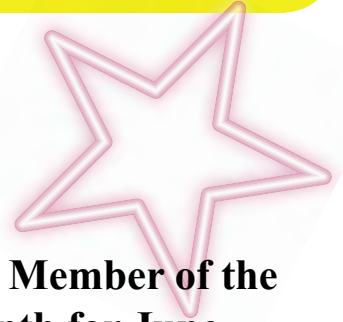
NGRA names "Official NGRA Photographer"



That man you've been seeing lately at all our functions snapping pictures is our very own **Paul Scott**. Scott has agreed to take on the role of "official NGRA photographer", attending all of our functions and taking pictures for our newsletter and for submission to local media. Smile when you see Paul, rumor has it he has the biggest lens in town!



Gary mendyka



NGRA Member of the Month for June

The general membership selected Gary Mendyka as June's Member of the Month. He has been a member of NGRA since 1992 and has helped the organization in countless ways. He was nominated for his behind-the-scenes help in distributing the member newsletter every month.

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

More information on page 7



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THE HOTTEST CHRISTMAS IN JULY

NGRA & **BADLANDS**

Just mosey on in and sit a spell while we entertain you and help you cool off with one of NGRA's Christmas in July Jello-Shots for only a \$1.00

Bring in a Secret Santa Gift and you can join in on the fun and have a few laughs with your friends

\$5.00 Bud Light Beer Bust starts at 9:00

**SATURDAY
JULY 23**

Santa and Miss Santa will be selling raffle tickets for prizes under the Christmas tree

Help fill the shelves at the Street Teens Shelter.

Homeless teenagers, here in Las Vegas, are in need of nourishing food. Here is a great opportunity for you to help. Bring in some personal sized packets, cans or cartons of food items that they can use while living on the street. Small bottles of water, packs of cheese and crackers, and small cans of meat are always welcomed.



Visit NGRA.com to learn more about NGRA and upcoming events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 North Star Rodeo Canadian Rockies Rodeo	2 North Star Rodeo Canadian Rockies Rodeo Royal Court Friendship Ball Royalty Charity Bingo
3 North Star Rodeo Canadian Rockies Rodeo	4 NGRA BBQ and Beer Bust at Badlands 6:00 PM	5	6 Center Board Meeting	7	8 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	9 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
10 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	11 RPC Meeting The Center 6:30 PM	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 NGRA Board Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22 Southern Spurs Rodeo	23 Southern Spurs Rodeo General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM Christmas in July Show 9:00 PM
24 Southern Spurs Rodeo	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 NGRA CONVENTION NOON Aunt Betty's Chili Cookout						



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

JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
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.

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RODEO ROUNDUP

Lorry King, Trustee

ALBUQUERQUE DRAWS NGRA CONTESTANTS

Two of our enthusiastic NGRA cowboys competed in Albuquerque at the Zia Regional Rodeo on June 18 and 19 – Lee Hale and Robert Salcedo. Robert again brought home two ribbons, winning a 4th in Wild Drag and a 2nd in Goat Dressing, both on Saturday. Robert was tied for 18th nationally in Chute Dogging, going into Albuquerque. Let's root for him to stay in the top 20 in that category and improve in a few more so he can go to Finals in November in Dallas! The July rodeos are in Calgary and Minneapolis, both July 1-3, in Denver July 8-10, and Atlanta July 22-24.



TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Lorry King

Not much new to tell you about this month. I attended the Zia Regional Rodeo in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 17-19. The Board of Directors and RPC of NMGRA were all new to putting on a rodeo, but worked hard and did a great job! IGRA President Brian Helander made sure that experienced members of other associations were on hand to help and were available prior to the weekend for guidance. The NM Rodeo Director asked me to arrive in Albuquerque a day early to help with set-up and compliance issues and check on preparations. I was able to help with reminders and little, unwritten rules they weren't aware of, but overall, the NM crew did a fabulous job!

There are two important committees currently working at the IGRA level. One is producing a guide to rate rodeos' performance and the other is reviewing the rodeo rules to see if there are areas we can streamline the running of the rodeo without sacrificing safety. If you have any ideas on these subjects, please contact me at llwking@aol.com.

IT'S NGRA CONVENTION TIME!

Just a reminder that 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 made from the convention floor. **At the beginning of July, every member will be mailed a convention invitation and a copy of the proposals received so far. Please mark the date and time on your calendar, as this is your chance to make policy and to be heard!**

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