



BigHorn Gazette

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Report from the President

Brian Rogers

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday full of all the things that make cowboys and cowgirls happy! Now that 2007 has officially started, its time for NGRA to get back in action!

Kicking off the rodeo year we have the IGRA University rodeo school in Phoenix. This event is open to all IGRA members and it's a great way to learn rough stock and camp events. The school takes place January 11 and 12 and kicks off Road Runner Regional Rodeo, which takes place that weekend. For more information regarding the rodeo school, please visit the IGRA website at www.igra.com and click on the appropriate link under Upcoming Events.

Next up, NGRA is proud to host IGRA University February 23-25 "Academy of Rodeo Arts" in Las Vegas at the Tuscany Hotel and Horseman's Park. This is going to be a great event for IGRA and NGRA. We expect a couple of hundred of IGRA's best and brightest to come learn about rodeo production, royalty, and association development. We are still in need of vans or cars for transporting IGRA students to the Horseman's Park for Royalty Horse-

manship 101 and arena crew training on Saturday. If you have any ideas or if you can volunteer during the weekend, please contact our University Chancellor, Brian Rogers at bhr9@cox.net. We are also seeking to borrow video projectors for use in the classrooms. We will need six projectors and want to avoid the cost of renting.

The Rodeo Planning Committee will also kick into high gear early next year to plan and stage our 11th Annual BigHorn Rodeo, which will take place September 21-23, 2007. The Board of Directors is seeking qualified candidates for Rodeo Director and assistant positions at this time. We are excited to be returning to the Tuscany in 2007 and have big plans for the evening parties there.

On the subject of business, NGRA has two positions open for Member-at-Large. If you are interested in serving the association by serving on its board, please contact me and let me know of your interest.

Hopefully you have all received your membership renewal notice in the mail. Please take a moment to complete your membership renewal and get that back to us.

Until then...
Save a Cowboy....



\$7000 presented to The Center from BigHorn Rodeo 2006 proceeds

In addition, the Nevada Aids Project and Street Teens each received \$1,400 each, which was raised by Royalty candidates Tom Coleman and Darren Wernette!

Important Message from the Membership Committee

Hi, everyone. This is Winsor and Dave from the membership committee. By now you should have received your membership renewal notice by mail. If not, please contact us at ngravolunteers@aol.com to receive one, or pay directly online using Paypal at www.ngra.com. **Please remember that you must send your renewal with your payment of \$24 by January 31, 2007**, to maintain your membership; after that there is a 30-day grace period until February 28, but there is a \$10 late fee.

CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBERS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ted Caldwell	1
Ken Wells	6
Jeffrey Neal	10
William Trunzo	15
Erick Korten	17
Dick Casola	21
Frank Feliz	23



MEMBER OF THE MONTH Boan Jordan

Boan has been a member of NGRA since May of 2005. He is the manager of Charlie's Las Vegas and has supported NGRA greatly during this past year. The membership appreciates all that he does for the association. Congratulations Boan!



Fundraising Report

Bill Watkins

The month of December was a wonderful but busy month for fundraising. NGRA held three events to benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo. They were the Holly Hop and 10 Days of Christmas Wreath Auction held at Charlie's Las Vegas and Home for Christmas held at Badlands Saloon. Our total revenue for these three events was \$1,972.

We also supported Mike Windsor's Toys for Kids at Spotlight, which benefited St. Therese Center. The cash revenue for this event was \$824, not to mention the enormous sacks of toys that everyone contributed.

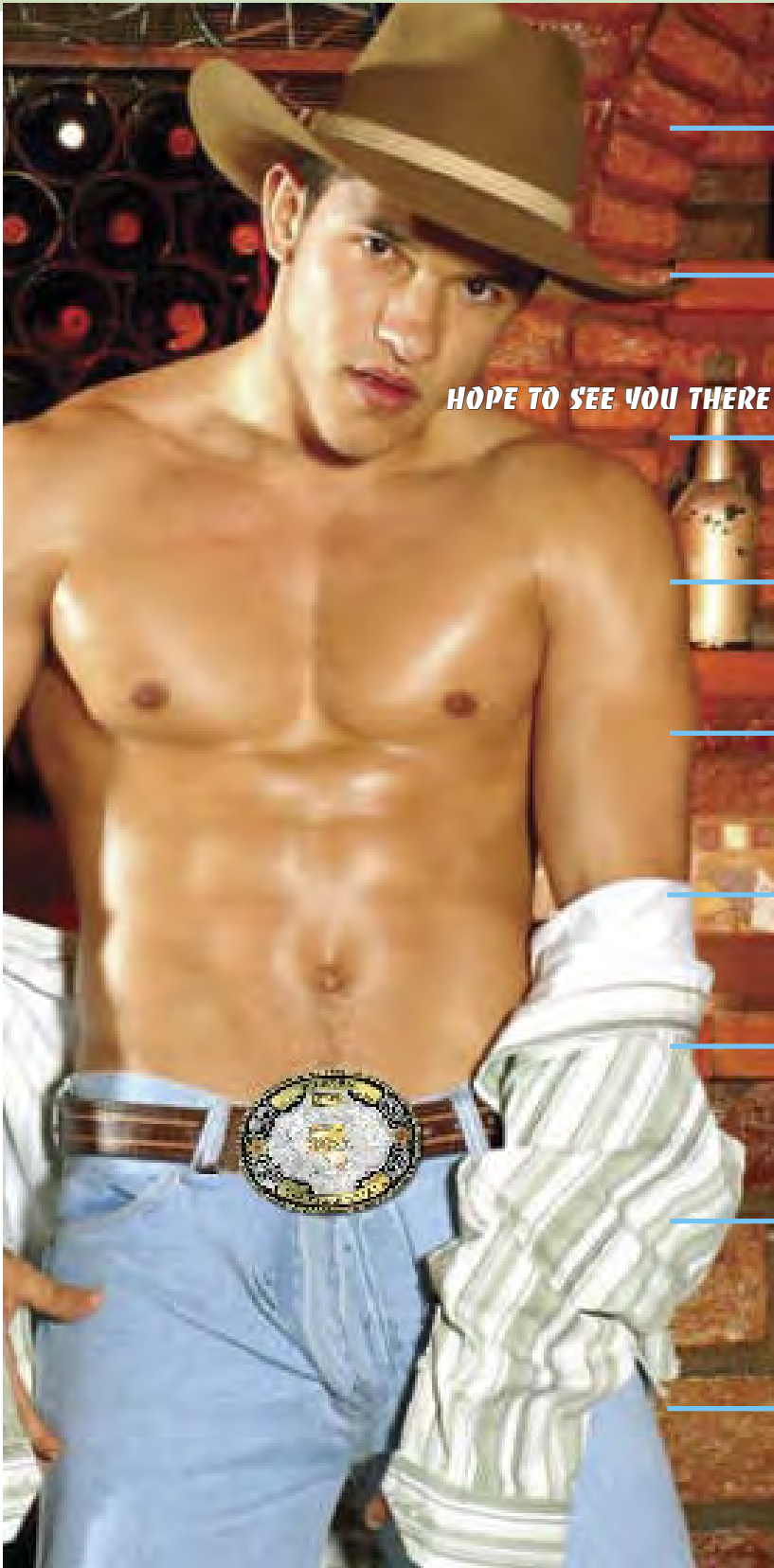
NGRA would like to thank all of its members and the many different members of the community who volunteered their time and talent, as well as to all of those who donated items and money to these events. We are truly grateful for your help. Thank you all!



**More pictures from our
December events on
page 5 and 6**



NGRA EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Saturday, January 13th
TBA at Charlie's

Saturday, January 27th
"Country Fair" at Badlands Saloon

Saturday, February 10th
"Board of Directors Show" at Charlie's

Friday, February 23rd
"Wild 'N Wooley" at Charlie's

Saturday, February 24th
"Disco Ball" at Badlands Saloon

Saturday, March 10th
"Closet Ball" at Charlie's

Sunday, March 18th
Laughlin Bus Trip

Saturday, March 24th
"March Madness" at Badlands Saloon

Saturday, April 14th
"Miss Cowpatty Contest" at Charlie's

Saturday, April 28
"Redneck Riviera" at Badlands Saloon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8 NGRA Board Meeting at The Center 6:30	9	10	11 NGRA fundraising meeting The Center 6:30	12 Road Runner Regional - Phoenix Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	13 NGRA General Membership Meeting Road Runner Regional - Phoenix
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Royalty Activities

Tom Coleman, Mr. NGRA 2007

Talk about jumping in with both feet first... What a whirlwind month it has been. First off, the pageant was enjoyable, with the step down numbers having special meaning for a lot of people. All the kudos and everything went just fine. Next time, though, give Ken Wells a smaller piece of paper to write his "thank you's" on.

Darren and I had a great time and look forward to a fun and challenging year. We both had a busy December with the charity fundraiser for NGRA, and making our appearances at the Court's Coronation with the opportunity to be a part of the new Emperor's number. We also attended the Winged Dragon Society and the Court shows at Charlie's Las Vegas as part of their 10 Days of Christmas.

The show put on by Mike Windsor for Toys for Kids at the Spotlight was a great success and we all should thank Mike for his hard work and a great time. What a worthy cause. Melissa did a holiday show at Badlands, which I hear was quite a success. Sorry Melissa--I had to work. Then there was the wreath auction and show at Charlie's. Together the events raised almost \$2,000 for NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo. What a way to start the year!

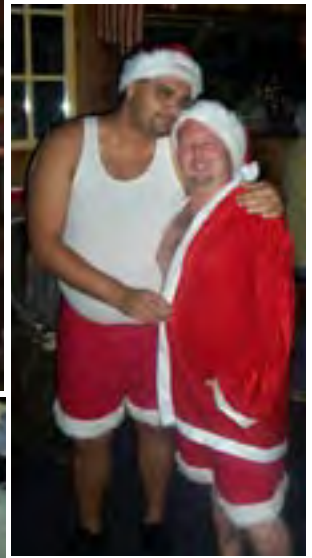
In January, Darren and I, and a few tag-alongs, will be headed to Phoenix for the AGRA Rodeo Runner Region Rodeo and a good time. It looks like we may be performing at the rodeo and also at Charlie's Phoenix on Monday as part of the Rodeo Wrap Up. This is our first rodeo as royalty so we are going to put our best foot forward to represent NGRA there.

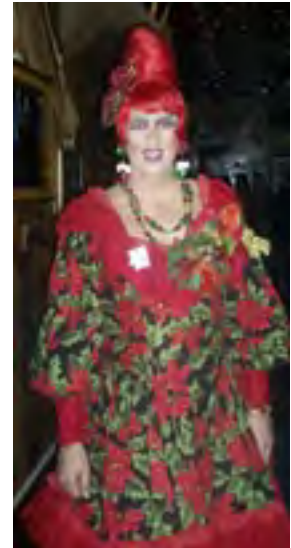
We also have a few shows coming up in January, one on the second Saturday, after the general membership meeting, and also the Country Fair hosted by Melissa at Badlands Saloon. So get your cowboy butts out there and support these events. Melissa is doing a super job, even after stepping down as Miss NGRA 2006.

Also, plan ahead and don't forget the IGRA University in February. Yours truly and Darren will be there both as students and as volunteers.

Darren and I would like to ask all the members, **AND I DO MEAN ALL THE MEMBERS**, to get out and support these events. We have a rodeo to plan and would like to be out of the chute, off and running.

We will be filling you in here for the next newsletter what is in store for us as far as traveling goes. Hope you all had a great holiday and we wish you the best in the new year ahead, and a successful fundraising year for NGRA!





STREET TEENS ARE IN NEED

Boys could use some new underwear and socks. Girls need underwear, panties, bras and socks. Both need jeans, shirts and blouses; they can be used but clean. Also, any toilet articles, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving stuff, blankets. Any help would be appreciated. Call Tom Coleman at 395-9175 to find where these articles can be dropped off or if you require that Tom make the pick-up.

LOOKING FOR AN OVEN?

I have a Maytag gas range, in excellent shape, need to sell, about 3 years old, power boost burner in the front, self cleaning super capacity oven. Asking \$250.00
CONTACT TOM COLEMAN

702-395-9175

I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2007

For more detail information on these events you may go to
http://igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm#top2007



EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
AGRA Rodeo School	Phoenix, AZ	January 11-12, 2007
Road Runner Regional	Phoenix, AZ	January 12 - 14, 2007
IGRA University	Las Vegas, NV	February 22 - 26 2007
Big D Rodeo	Dallas, TX	March 2 - 4, 2007
Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, FL	April 12 - 15, 2007
Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, AR	April 27 - 29, 2007
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St. Louis, MO	May 4 - 6, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Boise, ID	May 11 - 13, 2007
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 25 - 27, 2007
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA	June 1 - 3, 2007
North Star Regional	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Canadian Rockies Rodeo	Calgary Alberta	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, CO	July 13 - 15, 2007
LA Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 3 - 5, 2007
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 17 - 19, 2007
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 24 - 26, 2007
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO	Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 2007
Atlantic Stampede	Washington, DC	September 7 - 9, 2007
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	September 14 - 16, 2007
BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	September 21 - 23, 2007
Capital City Rodeo	Austin, TX	September 21 - 23, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Portland, OR	September 21 - 23, 2007
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver, CO	October 11 - 14, 2007
IGRA Convention	Kansas City, MO	November 7 - 11, 2007

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