



BigHorn Gazette

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TOM COLEMAN GOES TO LITTLE ROCK

Check out Tom's report on page 5



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Rogers

This is my last newsletter article to you as NGRA President. It's amazing how quickly the two years have flown by, how much has happened and how much we have accomplished. It has been an honor to serve such a great organization as your president. I have made friendships and have fond memories that I will carry with me forever.

I want to thank the members of the current board and appointed coordinators for all their hard work this year. We set the goals of improving the professionalism and operations of the organization, improving outreach to the community and strengthening the financial security of the organization and I believe we have met those goals.

Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Directors (see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter),

which will take office in June. Outgoing board members look forward to providing support during this time to assure a smooth transition. As outgoing president, I will remain on the board in an advisory capacity.

On to current events--it's all about the upcoming Pride celebration! NGRA will be involved in a BIG way letting people know about our organization and promoting BigHorn Rodeo. Pride's new "Love" volunteer program allows you to earn \$10 per hour (\$15 for priority spots) for NGRA by volunteering during Pride week. Please visit www.lasvegaspride.org and click on the volunteer link at the bottom of the page. There's an online form you can complete to volunteer.

NGRA has reserved an illuminated billboard for use in the Friday Pride night

ELECTION RESULTS

NGRA'S New Board of Directors 2007-2008

Congratulations to our newly elected board members. Shaun Sewell (president), Gerry Gomez (vice president), Laurie Banks (secretary), Rob Saunders (treasurer), Frank Gardner (member-at-large), Colin Moulton (member-at-large) and Jeff Germany (member-at-large). As a board member of NGRA since 2003, I am very happy to see some "new blood" on our board. I am sure I can speak for the outgoing board that we are very excited to see what direction the new board will take the organization. I am very honored to have served NGRA for the past 4 years and I encourage everyone in the organization to take a role in assisting this new board. So please come to a board meeting, RPC meeting, fundraising meeting or membership meeting and ask what you can do to help.

On a side note, member of the year ballots for 2006 will be going out very soon so watch your mailboxes for those.

Winsor Cooper
Vice President Membership Co-Chair and Election Chair
Nevada Gay Rodeo Association



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**David Blackwood
Adam Johnson
Randy Wehling**

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Lorry King

In April I attended the IGRA Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Trustees' meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, the day before their fabulous rodeo. Online registration for contestants is moving along well. It was piloted in Florida and will be tried again in Oklahoma City. By our rodeo, it should be in full swing.

I heard lots of good comments about our hosting of IGRA University and the board voted to hold it in Las Vegas again next year.

Two of our members were honored – Bill Watkins' design was chosen as the official IGRA Finals logo and Guy Puglisi was elected by the contestants to be the Assistant Rodeo Secretary at Finals 2007!

CELEBRATE NGRA MEMBERS' MAY BIRTHDAYS



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|--------------------|--------|
| David Blackwood | May 1 |
| Johann Kristinsson | May 1 |
| Angel Negron | May 2 |
| Randy Parker | May 2 |
| Peter Dube | May 4 |
| Michael Hayward | May 4 |
| Carlos Garcia | May 16 |
| Paul Scott | May 21 |
| Pat Hicks | May 23 |
| Eugene Godina | May 24 |
| Manuel Martinez | May 28 |

Terry Holder



On Monday April 30, 2007 Terry passed away after a massive heart attack. Terry was 2nd Runner-Up to Mr. NGRA 2006 and a valuable, irreplaceable member of the team. Even with numerous and frequent bouts with his health and heart, he always managed to come through with volunteering to do anything he could for the organization. He wore his sash with pride whenever and wherever he could.



NGRA member Ken Wells and Gabriel Rubio competing in the Mr. Charlie's contestant for April. Congratulations to Ken for his newest title as Mr. Charlie's Las Vegas for April 2007

Captured Moments at Cow Patty 2007



Bella De Ball aka Gary Klein Miss Cow Patty 1997



2 Ophelia Twat aka John Gomes Miss Cow Patty 2002



Angie O'Plasty aka Darren Wernette 2007 contestant



Mama Lasagne aka Rob Dwyer 2007 contestant



Bearyl Bottom aka Eddy Krein Miss Cow Patty 2007



Tom Coleman making friends at Little Rock Rodeo



Royalty Reporting

Tom Coleman, Mr. NGRA 2007

WOW! What a busy and super month this has been, between fundraising and on the road again, it has been a very rewarding month both for NGRA and for me. It looks like it might be another good month for fundraising, though the results are still out from last Saturday's Redneck Riviera at Badlands Saloon.

First off, the Miss Cow Patty Contest was a hoot, or should I say an "udder" great event. Nice to see my first runner up participating as Angie O'Plasty, and his partner, Robbie, as Mama Lasagna. But the beauty queen Eddie Krein took all the honors as Bearyl Bottom. These guys helped raise a nice amount of money and I think they should do it more often. With the raffles, Jell-o shots, and tips, we tallied about \$1,067.00 dollars, give or take a few. Congrats to Bill Watkins again for putting on such a nice event. He always gives 200% and seldom thinks of himself. Bill, you are one of a kind.

Then we had a visit this month from Pussy LeHoot, Miss AGRA, and Kitty Litter's counterpart at Charlie's in Phoenix. Pussy came up with Holly Woods, and our own Melissa Lorence to put on an impromptu show at Charlie's on a Thursday night. Pussy said she would be happy if she raised about \$300. Well, when the tally was in we were standing at about \$627.00 for the show. With Saturday's show at Badlands, April will be another \$2,000+ month.

I took off on a jaunt to Little Rock, Arkansas for Rodeo in the Rock" from April 18 to the 23rd. All I can say is WOW... what a great, fun rodeo! It was well run, no fines, no injuries, and the weather was a nice 76 to 78 degrees every

day. What a fine bunch of people there. Dusty Wells as Rodeo Director and her assistant, Allan Cox, did a very nice job of putting on the rodeo. I have to say if you have not been to the "Rock" for their rodeo, GO!! It is a small rodeo, filled with super southern hospitality and hot cowboys. I even think I persuaded a few of them to come to BigHorn Rodeo and visit us. Between rodeo, BBQs, entertaining, volunteering, and partying, it was a busy and exciting weekend. I not only represented NGRA, but also was an Alternate Trustee again, and I have to say, what a rodeo learning experience that is. If you can, I highly recommend going to Little Rock next year. I know it will be on my schedule again. I think I was the first NGRA Royalty to visit them and have to say I was treated like royalty.

Thinking positively, I hope to be able to represent NGRA at the IGRA Royalty Pageant this year. There is lots of work to do, but I am about 90% sure I will be there. I have been getting a lot of prodding from Mitch Gill and Shaun Sewell to represent us. Also, it is nice to know when I visit other rodeos who my competition might be.

Y'all have a great month. I will be headed to Oklahoma City for the Great Plains Rodeo on Memorial Day weekend. I will be there entertaining, volunteering and it also looks like will be an alternate trustee again. And of course spreading the good word about BigHorn Rodeo and inviting all to come and see us here in Vegas this September. Happy Rodeo-ing Cowboys!!



Topika Blackhead
Aunnt Betty aka Alan Huss
Miss Cow Patty 1919



Saltiva Cracker aka
David Murie
Miss Cow Patty 2004



Faye D'Way
aka
Bill Watkins
Miss Cow Patty
2006



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MAY 11, 12
Las Vegas Pride Parade and Festival

SATURDAY JUNE 23 - Badlands
Jukebox Roulette

SATURDAY JULY 28 - Badland
Fruit Round-Up

SATURDAY AUGUST 25 -
Badlands
BigHorn
Celebration

SATURDAY JUNE 9 - Charlie's LV
Night of Wishes

SATURDAY JULY 14 - Charlie's LV
Beach Blanket Bash

SATURDAY AUGUST 11- Charlie's LV
Best Butt in Jeans - Western Wear Getup

SATURDAY SEPT. 8 -
Charlie's LV
BigHorn
Celebration
Dance



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Gateway Regional Rodeo St. Louis, MO Charlie's NGRA Appreciation Night	5 Gateway Regional Rodeo St. Louis, MO
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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
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
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 17 - 19, 2007
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 24 - 26, 2007
Atlantic Stampede	Washington, DC	September 7 - 9, 2007
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO	September 14 - 16, 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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