



July 2009

David Hering, Editor

BIGHORN GAZETTE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow NGRA Members:

It is hard to believe that the year is half over. We are starting to reach the temperatures of over 100 degrees, Cowboy boots and wranglers are being left in the closet, while shorts and flip-flops become the more comfortable attire. Before you know it we will be hosting BigHorn Rodeo Lucky 13.

June was yet another busy month for NGRA as we had 3 fundraisers take place: Pumps and Pearls, Dusty 'n Desperate, and USO Tribute. Thank you to everyone involved in helping put on 3 nights of fun and good times. Besides having some fun, we also got down to business at our Annual Convention, where we made some changes to our bylaws. A big thank you goes out to Lorry King, for taking on the role of Convention Chair, and to all those that attended.

I ask myself, what would the membership like to see in the Presidents report? I can easily recap the month's events, send out a special thank you and remind you of important upcoming events. What are the questions you have regarding NGRA? I am proud to represent NGRA as your President and welcome your questions, which can be sent to me a president@ngra.com. I also invite you all to attend our Board of Directors Meetings, which is held on the second Monday of each month at the Center.



JD Jensen & Darren Wernette



Assistant Rodeo Director, Colin Moulton



Fay d'Away & Benjamin Avant

Upcoming Events:

**NGRA Fourth of July
Pool Party
July 4th**

**Whipped Cream Auction
July 11th**

**NGRA Board of Directors
Meeting
July 13th**

**NGRA General
Membership Meeting
July 20th**

**RPC Meeting
July 20th**

**NGRA Members Social
July 25th**

**Katrina's South of the
Border Brunch
July 26th**

**Check the NGRA
Calendar online at
www.ngra.com
for more information**



NGRA & Jimmy Gattis invite you
to celebrate our Nation's Birthday

4th of July
Pool Party
July 4, 09
2pm-?

Swim, Drink, and watch the fireworks!
Jimmy Gattis has agreed to host this event
at his home in Sunrise Mountain.



RSVP to Jimmy @
jimmy.gattis@gmail.com

\$10 suggested donation

to benefit BigHorn Rodeo 13:A benefit for FOCUS Las Vegas



Royalty Report

Hello NGRA!

I'd like to get you a quick update at what your 2009 Royalty team has been accomplishing in the past few weeks. Time is going by so quickly with so many NGRA events, local community events, as well as out of state rodeos, that has given both DeShannon (Mitch) and I the opportunity to represent NGRA.

I was lucky enough to attend the Sacramento Capital Crossroads rodeo, where I did a lot of volunteering. Shortly after the rodeo ended, I was bitten by a dog, which required a trip to the emergency room. I tried to convince many of you that I had been stepped on by a steer but none of you bought it. Go figure!

DeShannon represented us at the Hot Rodeo 2009 in Palm Springs, both as Miss NGRA as well as one of the official rodeo scorekeepers.

We have been honored to be invited and warmly welcomed to events thrown by The Imperial Court, League of Gentlemen, and the Sin City Sisters. We've also been involved with the regular NGRA events last month: Kandace Kane's "Pumps & Pearls" at Charlie's, the USO show and fundraiser at Badland's, and Michael Judkins' "Dusty & Desperate" fundraiser at Charlie's.

It was a treat to see so many new members at our latest fundraisers, as well as many of you who don't come out as often. Believe me, it's a pleasure to see you all there.

Looking forward into July, please make plans to join us at Jimmy Gattis' home for a 4th of July pool party; at Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant for Miss Katrina's "South of the Border" brunch; as well as at our regularly scheduled events at Badlands Saloon and Charlie's Las Vegas. The calendar on the NGRA website is usually up to date with current and upcoming events.

We'll soon be announcing a date for a future fundraising meeting. As always, it's great to have many heads together to come up with creative ways to raise funds. We'll always have a seat for you should you choose to come and help us with creative ideas.

Don't be strangers! Come out and see us!

Darren Wernette - Mr. NGRA 2009

NGRA Member of the Month May 2009



Congratulations to "Pup" Ric Franklin as our Member of the Month for June! Ric is a recent transplant to the Vegas Valley, moving here from St. Paul and the North Star Gay Rodeo Association. He has been a regular face at NGRA fundraisers where he performs as the foxy lady herself, Kimberli Foxx. He has been

active with the Rodeo Planning Committee where he is our Hotel and Party Coordinator for BigHorn Rodeo 13. Ric is being recognized for all his fundraising work in May at both the Charlie's and Badlands events. We are all looking forward to working with Ric in his new home town and would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all that he has done for the organization. Great job Ric, and welcome to Las Vegas - it's not called 'Sin City' for nothing.



Attention NGRA Members:

BigHorn Rodeo sponsor, Chapman Chrysler Jeep, along with NGRA Member Woody Allen, have offered to expand their sponsorship of BigHorn Rodeo with the following offer.

From now until BigHorn Rodeo, for every NGRA Member who purchases a vehicle from Chapman Chrysler Jeep and Woody Allen, Chapman will write a check to BigHorn Rodeo for \$200.

Please contact Woody Allen at woodysalescars@gmail.com or (702) 292-8745 for more information

2009 NGRA Convention Results

On the afternoon of June 28, 2009, 15 members met at the Center and held NGRA's 2009 Annual Meeting and Convention. The discussion was lively and passionate, but always civil and friendly. We were happy to have as a special guest one of our out-of-town members, Benjamin Avant, who is IGRA's Parliamentarian and took on that same role for us. Some of the more important proposals that passed are:

1. We now have a new membership category -- the Contestant Member -- designed for those people who sign up for membership at our rodeo solely to compete there, with no desire to participate in the organization's meetings and events. This category is also for dancers who want to compete at the IGRA competition as a partner to one of our members, but does not want to participate fully in the organization.
2. The Treasurer annual budget will now be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors each December instead of June.
3. A quorum will now require the lessor of 1/10th or 10 members in good standing, instead of 1/10 of all members.
4. The Immediate Past President will no longer have a vote of the board of directors.
5. A candidate for the Board of Directors must be a member of NGRA for at least 180 days instead of 90.
6. A candidate for royalty must be at least 21 years old instead of 18.
7. In the Spirit section of the royalty competition, a candidate will be judged on their contributions to both the community and to NGRA instead of contributions in either area.
8. No 1st place title holder will be able to compete in the same category for more than two consecutive years.
9. The number of judges at the royalty competition may now vary by category and may be members of NGRA, not limited to the Board of Directors.
10. The Member of the Year ballot may now be sent via electronic mail and may be posted online.

The new NGRA bylaws will be available in the member section of the website at www.ngra.com later this month.



WE WANT YOU!

The Rodeo Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help execute and produce BigHorn Rodeo 2009. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact this year's Volunteer Coordinator, JD Jensen at volunteers@bighornrodeo.com or plan to attend an RPC Meeting. Check the NGRA Calendar for dates.

**NGRA
Welcomes our
Newest Members:**



**Brandon Hess
Roger Arnold
Douglas Graff
Woody Allen
Jay Little**



Katrina's

Annual Brunch



South of the Border

Date: July 26, 2009

Time: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Auctions!

Location: Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant
in the Commercial Center.

Price: \$25.00

Menu: Salad, Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans,
dessert and soda/water

Join Miss Katrina for an afternoon of
good food, friends, and fun!

Raffles!

Cash bar available. Mimosa's available during Meet & Greet.

Tickets can be purchased:

- a) Online at www.NGRA.com
- b) Contact Bill @ 702-353-8628
- c) Any upcoming NGRA event!

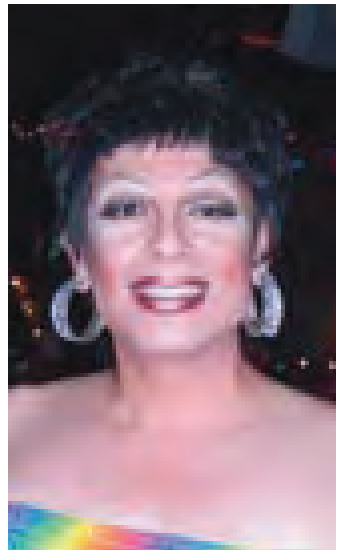
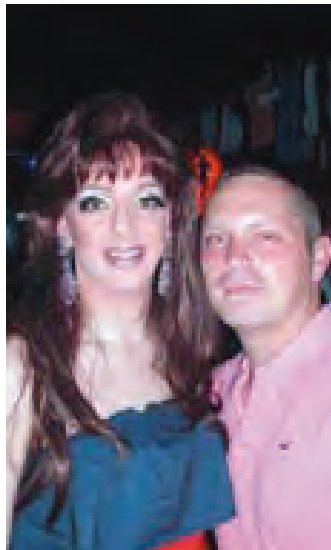
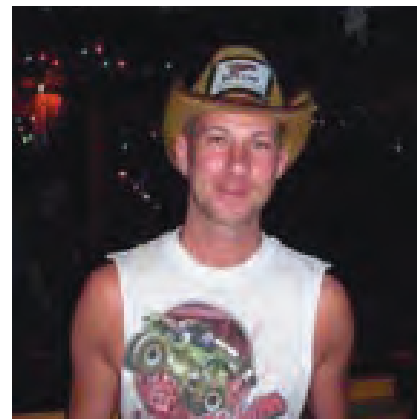


Katrina's South of the Border Brunch * Las Palmas Mariachi Restaurant
953 E Sahara Avenue, #827, Commercial Center, Las Vegas, NV 89104



All Proceeds go towards Big Horn Rodeo 13: A Benefit for FOCUS Las Vegas

DUSTY -N- DESPERATE






2009 IGRA Rodeo / Event Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
January 16-18, 2009	Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix, Arizona
February 20-22, 2009	IGRA University	Las Vegas, Nevada
February 27-March 1, 2009	Cowtown Rodeo	Ft. Worth, Texas
April 3-5, 2009	Sunshine Stampede	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
April 17-19, 2009	Rodeo in the Rock	Little Rock, Arkansas
May 1-3, 2009	Hot Rodeo	Palm Springs, California
May 22-24, 2009	Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 5-7, 2009	Sierra Stampede	Sacramento, California
June 25-28, 2009	Canadian Rockies International Rodeo	Calgary, Alberta Canada
June 26-28, 2009	Heartland Regional Rodeo	Omaha, Nebraska
July 10-12, 2009	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, Colorado
July 31-August 2, 2009	Liberty Stampede Rodeo	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 21-23, 2009	Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, Illinois
August 28-30, 2009	TGRA Rodeo	Sequin, Texas (San Antonio)
September 4-6, 2009	MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, Missouri
September 11-13, 2009	Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, California
September 18-20, 2009	BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, Nevada
October 23-25, 2009	23rd Annual Finals Rodeo	Albuquerque, New Mexico
November 12-15, 2009	25th Annual IGRA Convention	Toronto, Ontario Canada

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	4  Happy 4th
5	6	7	8	9	10 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	11 Whipped- Cream Aucton @ Charlie's
12	13 Board of Directors Meeting	14	15	16	17 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	18
19	20 Membership Meeting RPC Meeting	21	22	23	24 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	25 NGRA Members Social @ Badlands
26 Katrina's South of the Border Brunch	27	28	29	30	31 NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	

For times, locations and additional details, please visit the NGRA calendar on the web at www.ngra.com

NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in July:

Rob Pierce	July 1
Sherrie Sedivy	July 1
Joel Castillo	July 4
Roger Arnold	July 7
Joe Cervantes	July 9
Louise Adolphus	July 31
Paul McAlister-Cameron	July 31

