



# WRITE IN THE SADDLE

## JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> BARN DANCE CANCELLED

We regret to report that the July 5<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance at Parey Farm in Elk River is cancelled due to issues outside our control. We hope to schedule another dance there in the future.



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**JULY  
2014**

**2014 RODEOS**

Jul 11-13  
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo  
Denver, CO

July 25  
NMGRA Rodeo School  
July 25-27  
ZIA Regional Rodeo  
Santa Fe, NM

August 10-11  
Gay Games 9 Rodeo  
Cleveland, OH

August 16  
GSGRA-BAC Rodeo School  
SF Bay Area, CA

August 29-31  
Show-Me State Rodeo  
Kansas City, MO

September 5-7  
Sierra Stampede  
Sacramento, CA

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information

**SUNDAY DANCES  
AT LEE'S**

[www.2stepmsp.org](http://www.2stepmsp.org)

**OTHER DANCE  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Saloon – 3rd SATURDAY  
THIS MONTH July 19<sup>th</sup>

7-10PM  
Free line dance lessons  
6:30-7

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Whew! What a weekend! We had the dance floor assembled on Thursday and that gave us Friday to relax. The larger tent along with the hay bales and large cutouts that Dan made looked fabulous! As promised, we got soaked on Saturday, but the weather cooperated on Sunday for a beautiful parade and fun in the park. This was a team effort and I thank everyone who volunteered.

We have a country riverboat cruise on the Mississippi scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>. Advanced tickets are only \$25 and we are working to make it an especially fun afternoon excursion. You can buy your tickets at any NSGRA event (such as our Saloon beer bust/country dance) and more information should be on our website very soon.

As always, PLEASE let us know if your mailing address or e-mail address has changed. We don't want to lose touch when you change addresses (either kind). Sending newsletters in electronic formats is faster than a printed version and saves postage and trees. Nevertheless, we will send a printed version to any member who requests it. If you are a current NSGRA member and have not been receiving the email versions of the monthly newsletter, please check your Spam guard. The emails are sent blind carbon copied to respect our members' privacy, and they will come from [blackbart@blackbart.net](mailto:blackbart@blackbart.net). NSGRA encourages all members to contribute articles for Write in the Saddle. Ideas for articles and other submissions are always welcome! It is our connection with each other. Let us hear from you! Oh, and please invite your friends to join NSGRA and help us grow in 2014.

"Black Bart"  
Membership chair

## **BEER BUST/DANCE**

### **Rope & Ride 'EM' Beer Bust/Dance**

**7-10PM SATURDAY**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**The SALOON**

**9<sup>th</sup> and Hennepin**

**Downtown Minneapolis**

**FREE admission for NSGRA members!**

**\$5 Beer or soda**

**FREE LINE DANCE LESSONS 6:30-7**

**(Membership meeting precedes beer bust at 6:00)**



## **PRESIDENT**

Howdy folks!

Happy Pride! I hope it was good for all of you! It was a shame that just as we were gaining momentum on Saturday those storms rolled through and we had to shut everything down. We appreciate everyone who was able to come to the tent either day. Scott did a fine job teaching 3 different dances on Saturday which we will teach at the Saloon in the coming months. The Saddle Sores put on a high energy show on Sunday and the crowd really enjoyed the live music! A huge thanks to everyone of you who helped make it a success!

I know you will see this elsewhere here, but to be sure, the barn dance has been CANCELLED. The venue is unable to host and we were unable to help them resolve their issues. We are trying to arrange a fall event. Speaking of, read on for information and the fall boat cruise!

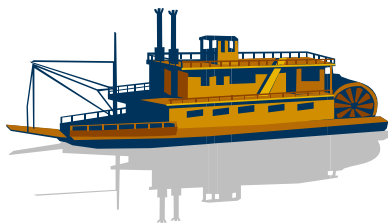
I can only say, this is the time of year to consider what you want to have NSGRA do in the coming year. We will hold our elections in September, so now is the time to think about becoming a member of the board. We expect to have multiple openings for folks to help out and contribute. Each of us brings a unique skill set so don't worry about what you can't do, think of what you CAN do. In order to host a rodeo we will need to build membership and raise funds and awareness. Right now a handful of guys are doing most of the work. As a member, we really need everyone's help to host a rodeo and bring in new and excited members. Please take a moment to consider how you can help us in the coming year.

With that I will wrap it up. Read on for important and exciting news!

Dan Van Wyk  
President NSGRA

## **CONTESTANTS**

News from OKC rodeo. Our very own former Trustee Carl S Took 7<sup>th</sup> place on Saturday in Chute dogging. Carl's team took 6<sup>th</sup> place in Wild Drag Race on Saturday. His team featuring his sister took 4<sup>th</sup> on Saturday in Steer Decorating and second place on Sunday. Their combined time was the fastest of the competing teams which means they won the buckle! Congratulations!



**September 14<sup>th</sup> Riverboat Cruise**  
**Tickets on sale**

[www.nsgra.org](http://www.nsgra.org)

## **ROYALTY**

Howdy you All,

Well, Pride is over, and I hope everyone had a wonderful Pride this year. What a great time we had. I was able to represent us on many stages and got to meet a lot of new people this year, what a great Event.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to help with our Dance tent this year. A special thank you to Dan, Colin, Aj, Mark and Gary, and anyone I might of forgot, for the help setting up the tent this year and making it ago, without you guys we could of never pulled this off. I would also like to thank our very own members Kent Arndtson ( my partner,) and Colin for volunteering to be our pooper scoopers for the Parade, I would like to send a very Special thank you to Billy Case, for bringing down the horses and the pony, The parade was a wonderful Success because of you doing this for us. Maybe Next year, we might have to have the horses in the park for all to share and see. Wouldn't that be a blast?

Don't for get to get your Tickets for the up coming Boat Cruise this year, We will be having specials and drawings until then for these tickets, make sure to check the website for further details. This is one way to all get together in and get to meet others to join this organization and help raise the money we so much need to put on a rodeo on, hopefully next year.

We had extended our Royalty Applications till the End of July so if you haven't got yours in yet, you still have time to do so. Our Royalty program is just one way for us to get out in to the public and across the United States to help promote this wonderful organization and all it does for our community.

Just a side note that this organization is member run, and without members like you all that care and want to do more for this community in your own way, we would not be able to have this great organization. Please come out and volunteer and donate in your own way to help make the NSGRA that we have all grown to love so much in our hearts.

Remember to come down to the saloon for our monthly Beer Bust and Dance, to help support and raise funds for our next rodeo. We hold them every third Saturday of the month. So bring a friend, Take a dance lesson, And spin them round and round.

Until next time,

Yours truly,  
Miss Billie LaTease Austin

Miss NSGRA 2014

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## **NSGRA ROYALTY CONTEST**

Want to compete for 2015 NSGRA Royalty? Please visit our website and download our bylaws to see all the rules. Your application must be postmarked by August 1<sup>st</sup>

### **RULE 5. NSGRA Royalty Section**

#### **Section 1. CANDIDATES**

Any NSGRA member in good standing may become a candidate for the following year's royalty competition. The following conditions must be met:

**A.** An application fee of \$25 shall be paid to the NSGRA Vice President who will then turn it over to the Treasurer to deposit in the .NSGRA Operating Account. The candidate's current contact information shall also be submitted at this time. This will include name, mailing address, phone contact number(s), email address (if available).

## **2014 SHERIFFS AND MARSHALL SHERIFFS (INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS)**

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Jack R	Black Bart	Mark D
Todd P	Gary S	Del G

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# NSGRA CALENDAR

July 2014						
M	T	W	Th	F	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5 NSGRA BARN DANCE CANCELLED	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Membership meeting Free Line Dance lessons Beer Bust/Dance	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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