

MGRA

MISSOURI GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - Bob Mitchell

GSGRA Rodeo- Bob Mitchell and Bonnie Oliver attended the GSGRA Rodeo in Los Angeles March 22nd -23rd. This very successful Rodeo was held at the L.A. Equestrian Center. There were spectators and contestants represented from all the state associations. Our contestant from MGRA was Mark Farhner, Kansas City. Bob, Bonnie and Mark carried our Missouri flag and MGRA banner in the Grand Entry Saturday and Sunday. We have purchased a video of the rodeo performances and will be showing it soon after its arrival.

RMRGR - Denver

The next Rodeo will be held in Denver on May 30 31st, and June 1st. Complete Ticket Package is \$23.00 (Includes Kick-off Party and Show, Saturday Rodeo, Saturday night Mile High Hoe-Down, Sunday Rodeo). More details will be published in May Newsletter. For contestant entry forms ask Jim Ganger or Bob Mitchell.

FROM OUR RODEO EVENTS OFFICER - Jim Ganger

Our Rodeo Events Committee is growing. We now have five enthusiastic and eager committee members. But five is not enough to let us function at our full capacity. I would like, and need at least ten more join us on this committee. So, jump on the wagon with us. We will always have room for one more.

I would like you to know our committee members. They are as follows: Bonnie Oliver, Don Davis, Ray Hartshorn, Dennis Peterson, and Jim Ganger(chairman).

My personal thanks to Bob Mitchell, Sharon Turnbull and Christy Guy for offering their help to this committee.

Anyone interested in working on our committee can contact me at any MGRA meeting or by writing to: MGRA Rodeo Events, Rt.2 Box 144 Seneca, Missouri 64865 Thanks, Jim Ganger.

Mr., Ms., and Miss MGRA - This contest will be held Saturday May 17th at Billy Jacks with the horsemanship portion of the Judging to be announced later. If interested in participating, contact Bob for entry forms and rules. More details will be published in the May newsletter.

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SHIRTS, SHIRTS, SHIRTS - MGRA shirts with our "Let Us Show You" Logo will be available after April 4th. These Polo style shirts are silver with the royal blue logo. They will sell for \$15.00 each. Get yours early. Orders can be left at Billy Jack's, C.G.'s or with any MGRA officer. T-Shirts and Caps available soon.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, Sharon Turnbull, AND THE TREASURER
Christy Guy - St. Patrick's Day Sharon, Christy, Piper and Jay celebrated in Kansas City. We visited Birds Of A Feather, The 501 and Stars Over Broadway. Spreading the word of the MGRA to friends old and new. We put up a poster for MGRA and left copies of our March Newsletter in all of the places we stopped at. All the news of our activities were received well and we had a great time. A special thanks to Mike, D.J., Eric, "cream cheese", Potzie.
KC. Ladies visit Joplin. A group of ladies from KC. partied with us here at C.G.'s the following Saturday. Mary's team put a valiant effort but succumbed to C.G.'s team in pre-boat races. We appreciate the support.

FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT/DANCE COMMITTEE OFFICER - Charlie Maxwell
April 19th is our Aries Birthday Party at Billy Jack's. From 8:00pm until closing all you Aries come out for a fun time. Don't worry about what birthday it is for you, just have a good time. We would like everyone of our breakfast members out there to support, and invite everybody to come out each Saturday Morning from 10:00am. till ? and visit with Little John. Bloody Marys \$1.00 Screws \$1.00 Don't forget a neck tie!!
What, you still don't know how to two-step? What are you waiting for? Come early on Saturday 4:00 to 6:00pm. and we will be happy to get you started.

CORRECTIONS - In our March Newsletter under membership information we would like to correct the address of Christy Guy - Treasurer. It's 2302 Xenia, Joplin, Missouri 64801

FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS/FUND RAISER OFFICER - Diana VonGoten
Allison - We feel like our rummage sale was a big success. We raised \$200.80 after all expenses were paid. A special thanks go to non-members - Patty, Marvin, and Rodney for all the items they donated for the sale and everyone who brought things. We are planning to have another in the fall, so don't throw anything away! Recipes and Memos should be turned in as soon as possible so we can get started on our recipe book for late fall. Thanks to Jerry, also I would like to thank everyone who worked the rummage sale for their time and effort and hope their sunburns will turn into a nice tan. The appointed committee members are Francis Scates, Don Davis, Vicki Gentry, Beth Nopwasky, and Dennis Peterson.

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Newsletter Information - The Newsletter is going full speed thanks to all of your input. The interest is high and that shows you care. Keep sending in those ideas. Remember the NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is the 25th of each month.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - MGRA MEMBERSHIP is \$20.00 Regular and \$20.00 Corporate Membership. MGRA meets the second Wednesday of each month. This may change in the summer months, but notices will be given far in advance. Send requests for membership to MGRA PO Box 291 Webb City, Missouri 64870. Or to Christy Guy, Secretary 2302 Xenia, Joplin, Missouri. 64801

MGRA CALENDAR

Apr 19	Aires Party (Billy Jack's)
Apr 26	Fritz Capone Show (C.G.'s)
May 3	KGRA Extravaganza - Wichita
May 14	MGRA Meeting 8:00 p.m.
May 16 - 17	MGRA 2nd Weekend Roundup
May 30-June 1	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
Aug 1 - 3	OGRA Rodeo (OKC)
Aug 15 - 16	MGRA Cannout
Sept 26 -28	IGRA Convention (Denver)
Nov. 14 - 16	TGRA Rodeo (Dallas)

IGRA MR., MS., AND MISS CONTEST - Mr., Ms., and Miss IGRA contest will be held at the IGRA Convention September 26 - 28 in Denver. Anyone interested in details should contact Bob Mitchell.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING - Newsletter advertising is available at \$10.00 per month or \$90.00 per year (from the first month printed Advertising is to be submitted in Business Card form. Ad's will be supporting MGRA.

FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY --Dan Butler. The 25th is the deadline for all newsletter items.

This month we ran a little late, because of our parking lot sale. In the future any functions that fall after the 25th will be put in the next issue. Remember all of our officers should submit articles for our newsletter by the deadline.

CONTEST ANSWERS: A. Bob; B. Vicki; C. Dan; D. Sharon; E. Christy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT;

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