

M G R A

MISSOURI GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the MGRA members for their confidence and support in electing me as your President and IGRA trustee for the 2nd year running. I will do my best to make all the possible advancements for MGRA throughout the state. We have some great ideas and goals for 1987 but your officers can not do the job alone; that is why we need all the support of the general membership. We need your input as to any suggestions as to the betterment of MGRA.

BOB MITCHELL

FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY -- JIM GANGER

Welcome to a new year with MGRA. Good things are being planned to make our 2nd year even better than the 1st.

Just a short "Thank you", to our past Board Members and Committee Chairmen. Without all of your hard work MGRA would not have made it this far. Thanks again for a job well done.

On Dec. 10th we held our elections of officers, and the results are in. (May I have the envelope, please!)

Our Officers Are:

President and IGRA Trustee
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary

Bob Mitchell (IGRA Board of Directors)
Sharon Turnbull
Frances Scates
C. Wesley Filkel
Jim Ganger

Committee Chairmen:

Rodeo Events
Entertainment and Dance
P.R. and Fund Raising
Historical

Ray Hartshorn
Del Snyder (MOTHER)
Bobby Lee
(To be named)

All of the MGRA members wish to congratulate Christy and Ray for their appointed positions in IGRA:

IGRA Nominating Committee
IGRA Credentials Committee

Christy Guy
Ray Hartshorn

We are proud of you!

JIM GANGER

MOTHER'S CORNER

A Hearty Congratulations to KGRA is in order for the recent Country Christmas in Wichita. MGRA and the Billy Jacks Ozark Kountry Kloggers appreciated being a part of the celebration. As usual, Fritz was at her best and the entire evening was a special event. MGRA wishes to thank Connie and Lynn for the use of their country home. It brought us unforgettable memories. Billy Jacks was represented by 6 cloggers, including our latest addition, Tony. We exhibited a different look and a few new moves. A special thank you to Charlie for going with the cloggers as it's rumored that he missed something at home. Better luck in '87.

The cloggers are looking forward to '87 as the first few months are already filling up with dates - MGRA Birthday Party - Kansas City, - Oklahoma City - Roundup and hopefully others. At last word Darryl was nearly ready with the new group - just setting a time and place.

It's been anonymously rumored that Ron Rowland otherwise known as "Rodeo Ronnie" is still looking for the user (s) of the white towel. This relates to an incident which took place in Wichita during our stay at Connie and Lynns. Look before you leap is always a good policy to follow! Anyone wishing further information should see Mother Del and for a nominal fee the rights to the movie can be forgone and a sneak preview can be seen. Enough is enough of that goocy white stuff! Right Ron?!

P.S. Remember, Bobby, that some people always sleep with their clothes on!

MOTHER
DEL SNYDER

FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

On Sunday, December 21st, twenty-one MGRA Members and two guests (Bob and David) gathered at the Eatery for a delicious dinner. We all had a wonderful time exchanging gifts, and getting to know each other. I think Denny really liked his present. Have you tried it out, Denny?

We want to thank our hosts and terrific cooks for a great meal and a good time.

BONNIE OLIVER

All the MGRA members would like to thank Billy, Dick, and everyone at Billy Jack's for allowing us to use the Bar as Homebase for MGRA. We all appreciate it!

Thanks!
MGRA MEMBERS

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE:

The mailing address for the newsletter has changed. The new mailing address



is:

MGRA NEWSLETTER
209 East 12th Street
Joplin, MO. 64801

You can still leave your articles at the MGRA booth in the drawer, and I will pick them up.

Also -- The deadline for newsletter ideas is still the 25th of each month. If I do not have your article in by this day, it will not be put in the newsletter.
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

PLEASE HELP ME OUT BY MEETING THIS DEADLINE. THANKS!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

HOLIDAY CAN DRIVE --SUCCESS!!

The collection for canned goods and non-perishable food items was very successful. We received a lot of good foods and it was delivered to Souls Harbor Mission on Christmas Eve. Thanks to all those who donated these items. Also included was a bag of stuffed toys.

AGRA --RODEO

Phoenix will be the host city for the 2nd Annual AGRA Rodeo on January 16, 17, 18; 1987. There is still time to make your plans and reservations to attend. There are two host hotels: they are the Los Olivos with a toll-free number: 1-800-258-6911, and the St. Francis which can be reached by calling: 1-800-528-1234. When making reservations, be sure to tell them you are with AGRA for the best rates.

Rodeo tickets are \$10 per day with free admission to the Rodeo grounds and dance on Friday. The Rodeo grounds are located at 29th Ave. and Baseline Road.

MGRA MEMBERSHIPS

January has been designated as Membership month. Our goal is for every member to bring in one new member. Our dues remain at \$20 per year for individual or corporate membership. We are also offering the option of paying your dues for a 6-months' period for \$12. Dues can be paid anytime in January along with filling out a new application blank. These will be available at the MGRA information center at Billy Jacks and with this newsletter.



- Jan. 10 MGRA Birthday Party - Billy Jacks
- Jan. 16th - 18th AGRA Rodeo - Phoenix, Arizona
- Feb. 11 MGRA Meeting - 8:00 PM - Billy Jacks
- Feb. 21 MGRA Invasion on Oklahoma City, OK
- Mar. 6th - 7th MGRA Weekend Roundup III
- Mar. 27th - 29th GSGRA Rodeo - Los Angeles, CA
- April 4th OGRA Extravaganza III
- May 2nd KGRA Extravaganza II
- May 29 - 31st RMR Rodeo - Denver, CO
- July 10th - 12th IGRA Convention - Albuquerque, N.M.
- Aug. 7th - 9th GPRR - Oklahoma City, OK
- Aug. 22nd - 23rd Dan's Campout
- Sept. 18th - 20th IGRA Finals Rodeo - San Francisco, CA

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MGRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Now is the time to join the Missouri Gay Rodeo Association. MGRA will be affiliated with the Oklahoma, California, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas Gay Rodeo Associations, as well as the International Gay Rodeo Association. Several activities planned include gymkhanas, horse shows, drill team, cloggers, square dance teams, and eventually a Missouri Gay Rodeo. We will also be coordinating trips to other Gay Rodeo events sponsored by affiliated associations. Become a part of the Missouri Gay Rodeo Association NOW!!!

Please note that all mailings from MGRA will be discreet and reflect only the initials of the association. To help keep you, as a member, informed as to all the activities, please mark one of the appropriate boxes below.

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DO NOT MAIL MY NEWSLETTER

Newsletters will be available each month at the sponsoring clubs.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY---THANK YOU

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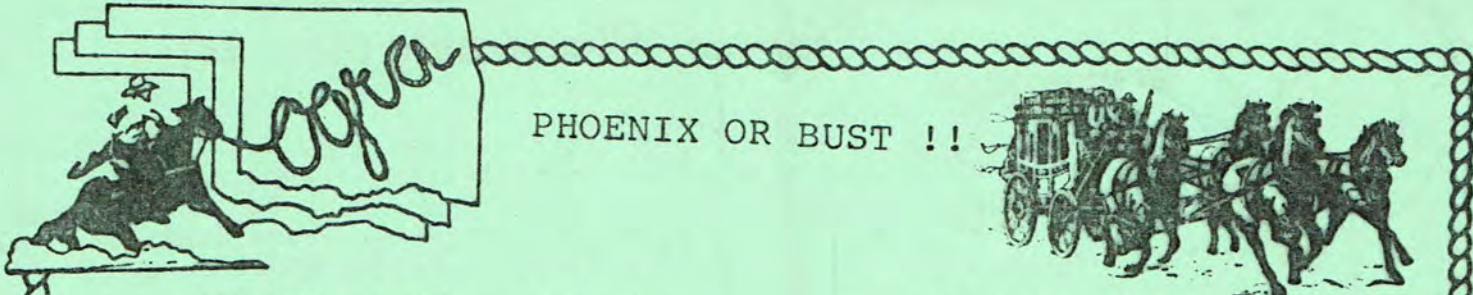
MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$20.00 per year or \$12.00 per six months. Please make checks payable to MGRA and mail to:

MGRA
Rt. 4, Box 227
Joplin, Mo. 64804

Dues may also be given to any current MGRA officer.

For Further Information Call: 417-781-4136

Comments/Activities Interested In: _____



PHOENIX OR BUST !!

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MINI-MINUTES

The monthly meeting of O.G.R.A. was held on January 4th in the home of Joe Perault. Several changes to the by-laws were discussed and voted on. Some of the changes made were; members of the nominating committee may not be nominated for office unless they are nominated from the floor, The time of elections was changed from July to September, with the new officers taking office upon election. Other items to be voted on in February are; adding a section stating that in the event of the death of an officer or Board member, the executive committee may chose to have that individuals term to be completed posthumously in name only, while still electing a member to fill the vacancy left open. The final change would allow only one reading for amendments or additions to the by-laws rather than two as required by the present by-laws.

Other business undertaken by the Executive Board was to name a Rodeo committee. This committee is made up of the Executive Board, Standing Committee Chairpersons, the Rodeo Director and the Arena Director. R. Reid has been asked to serve as the 1987 Rodeo Director. A group will meeting with several persons in the next two weeks trying to locate a site for the 1987 Rodeo. Other activities were discussed (see Calendar) In the General membership meeting D. Goodwin was elected Vice President by acclamation. Les discussed the possibility of forming a corporation so that we could build a rodeo complex. Further investigation will take place before any action is taken. Committee Reports were given. Meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting will be held at Joe Peraults' house at 2219 N.W. 17th. The meeting will be Sunday February 1 at 2 p.m.

Thanks Joe!

\$ \$ DOLLAR A DANCE \$ \$

O.G.R.A. will be sponsoring a fund raiser at the Bunkhouse on Saturday January 10th from 9-12 p.m. The Fundraiser known as a \$ a Dance consists of O.G.R.A. members dancing with others for a dollar. All O.G.R.A. members are urged to participate in this activity. You are also asked to wear your O.G.R.A. Shirt. Call the Bunkhouse for details.

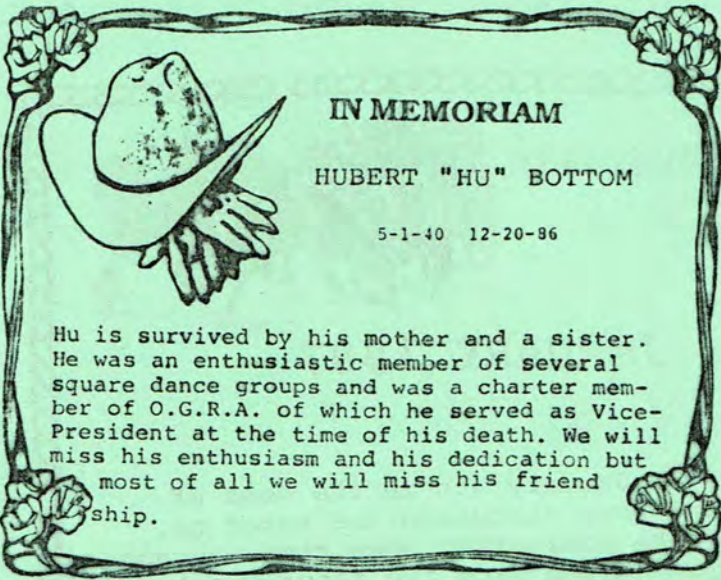
SPONSORS NEEDED

Some O.G.R.A. members are still seeking sponsors for various 87 rodeo competitions and activities. The cost of being a sponsor is very small. Not only does it encourage participation from Oklahoma it also provides a unique form of advertising for the sponsor or organization. Those interested in additional information should call 405-942-9305.

LOOK OUT ARIZONA !!



A large number of O.G.R.A. mem-bers will be attending and competing at the Arizona Gay Rodeo in Phoenix. The Rodeo takes place January 17th and 18th. A party is planned at the Bunkhouse for Wednesday Jan. 14th for contestants. All O.G.R.A. members are invited to attend.



IN MEMORIAM

HUBERT "HU" BOTTOM

5-1-40 12-20-86

Hu is survived by his mother and a sister. He was an enthusiastic member of several square dance groups and was a charter member of O.G.R.A. of which he served as Vice-President at the time of his death. We will miss his enthusiasm and his dedication but most of all we will miss his friendship.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is over 150. There are still many members who have not renewed their membership. If you know anyone who is interested in joining O.G.R.A., you can pick up membership forms at the Bunkhouse. We would like to welcome some new members to O.G.R.A.. They are; Joyce Meyers, Steve Soeder, J. Elles, Billy Holbrooks, Mike Green and Manuel Mercado. These people have joined since the December meeting, We welcome them and encourage them to join in all of the activities.



JOIN US

O.G.R.A. PATCHES

O.G.R.A. patches, badges and buttons are available at the Bunkhouse shop. stop by when you are in the club and see the t-shirts and other items.

MOVED ?

If you have moved recently, please contact Les at the Bunkhouse so we can change your mailing label.

Please note these dates!

JANUARY

- 4.....O.G.R.A. Meeting
- 10.....Fund Raiser
Bunkhouse 9 p.m.
- 11.....Miss Bunkhouse Show
- 13.....Rodeo Party
Bunkhouse
- 16-18.....Arizona Gay Rodeo
Phoenix, Az

FEBRUARY

- 1.....O.G.R.A. Meeting
2219 N.W. 17th
- 28.....M.G.R.A. Invades
O.K.C.-Bunkhouse

MARCH

- 1.....O.G.R.A. MEETING
to be announced
- 6-7.....M.G.R.A. Extrava-
ganza
- 27-29.....GSGRA Rodeo-
Los Angeles CA

APRIL

- 4.....O.G.R.A. Extrava-
ganza

* This is just a partial listing of the activities that will be going on in the future. Detailed Calendars will be published in future editions of the newsletter.

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you have not signed a release form for O.G.R.A., please contact Walt or Les and do so. This forms states whether or not you want your picture and/or name used in publications. If you want to use an alias or no name at all. If we do not have one of these forms your name or picture will not be used in any publication. We also urge you to attend the monthly meetings. They are held the first Sunday of every month. You can contact the Bunkhouse for the location. February Meeting will be held at 2219 N.W. 17th.

If you want something printed in the newsletter, please get the information to Walt or Les at the Bunkhouse prior to the 15th of the month or bring it to the O.G.R.A. Meeting. We will try to put out two newsletters a month. God willin and the creek dont rise.

THE BUNKHOUSE

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