



COWBOY WAY

Official Newsletter of the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo Association Volume 1, Issue 17 July '96



FROM THE EDITOR

Howdy Rodeo Fans,

We had a hi-fallutin' time at the Oklahoma City Pride '96 parade, Pride Without Borders. A few dedicated OGRA members jumped in at the last minute, pooled our efforts and resources and scrapped together the OGRA entry for the parade. To those few, an appreciated THANK YOU is definitely in order. OGRA's inclusion in this very important community event was a MUST! All members should go out of their way to thank the following people who will hence forth be referred to as:

THE FLOAT BUILDERS

Deb Chambers - for the selfless hours she spent running around town picking up supplies and picking out the perfect colors for the rainbow. And also for the use of all her very butch tools. (Yes, I'm actually talking about hammers, saws, screwdrivers, etc.)

Chuck Davison - for his relentless supervisory abilities and of course for the greatly appreciated beer run...which probably saved us all from heat stroke! And for his ability to blow.....up the balloons for the float.

Gary Gappa - for helping on every stage of the float's development and for the constant encouragement on rainbow erecting.

Sue & Sherry - for the use of their garage and driveway at 8:00a.m. even though they weren't expecting us until 12:00 noon.

Brent - for helping every day of float building and for sacrificing his burned body and working through sleep deprivation....and he isn't even a member! (We'll have to look into that in the near future.)

Steve Dickson - for sacrificing his knees on concrete like fried eggs in a skillet. And for allowing Deborah Lynn to bake in full make-up while waving lovingly at the spectators.

David Kueter - for providing burgers and a cool pool for the overheated Float Builders. And for running after the "Skittles" we threw from the float allowing parts of the crowd to "Taste the Rainbow".

Don Reinwand - for the use of his truck, trailer, hay, lumber and a 90 yard bolt of vinyl which was used for the skirted banner. In essence the float!

All members should go out of their way to thank these people. It is through their efforts that OGRA once again was a visible entity in our community. If you happen to see one of "THE FLOAT BUILDERS" out and about... buy them a shot of Hot Damn because they DAMN sure pulled through and it was HOT!

Another special thanks goes out to the OGRA members who participated in the parade. Don Reinwand and Gary Gappa who pulled the float and threw "Skittles" to unsuspecting spectators. Deborah Lynn who stood in the front of the float sparkling in spite of the heat. Senora Linda Gappa in her Spanish attire throwing "Skittles" like a broken pinata. Rick Jones who stood in the front of the float by Deborah Lynne (in his ball cap, not cowboy hat) throwing "Skittles" to clapping onlookers. Chuck Davison, whose wave would make Queen Elizabeth's wave pale, also threw "A Taste of the Rainbow". Thanks to all of you. Because of your efforts OGRA was able to show our PRIDE in a positive Western way. Or as Deb Chamber's slogan said..."OGRA Breaking Down The Borders...the "Cowboy Way"!

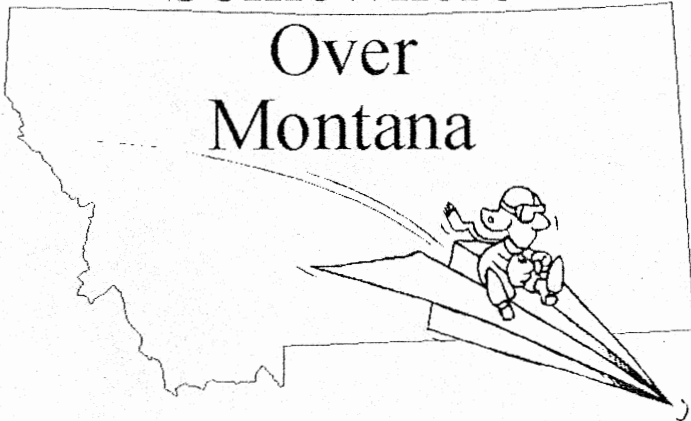
Phil Lupton
Corresponding Secretary
O.G.R.A.



Words of Wisdom
A body can pretend
to care, but they
can't pretend to be
there.

President's Report:

Somewhere Over Montana



With all the things going on in Montana, the Freeman, the Unibomber and Clarence Bates' Cowboys. Oh, yes! Clarence's Cowboys brought the Gay Pride parade in Billings to a alarming STOP! One would think the "Skinheads" had blocked the road and there was two hundred plus with a bulldozer ready to roll over all of us. But, after a few tense moments, we were on our way again singing 2 - 4 - 6 - 8 what do we want "Miller Light"! When do we want it, NOW! And Clarence's Cowboys just waved and smiled. What a hoot!

Billings was a small rodeo. Only 55 contestants. But it was a good turnout. Most everyone had a good time...even when I fell down that flight of stairs and ended up with tea and creamy sweet salad dressing all over the walls, carpet and me. Thanks Ron and Bill! It was their stairs I fell down. However, they were still the ideal host all weekend.

Now for some old business. Our Rodeo was a blur. I was so busy I hope someone saw what or who I did? I know as President I need to refresh our stand on some items:

Item No. 1 - When we vote on something as a group, Let's respect what we voted for.

Item No. 2 - Any misrepresentation of the organization will be dealt with as outlined in the By-Laws or how ever the Executive Board deems fit.

Working together is what makes OGRA one of the best associations in IGRA. There is a lot of things happening in the next few months. I know Phil will do his best to keep us informed of coming events, dates, places and times.

One more thing, Paula L. Brown, THANK YOU for the story about our May rodeo. A great piece of writing!

Until Next Time,

Rick Jones
President
O.G.R.A.

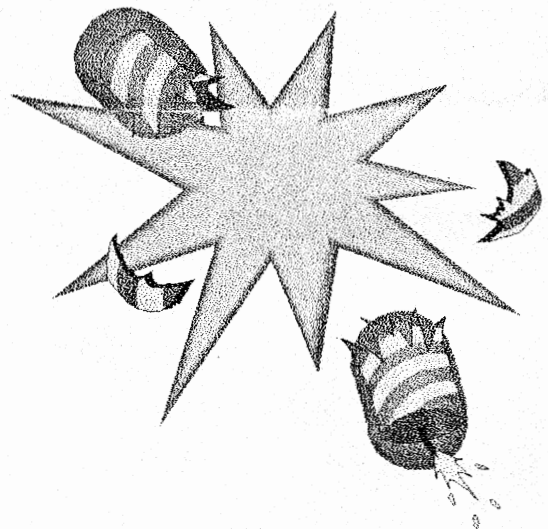
Hey O.G.R.A. Members

I would like to challenge the members of OGRA to match us in sponsoring a panel for the new OGRA arena at Larry's and Timm's - White Spur Ranch.

Let's help support our organization. Show everyone we care what happens to our family.

Thank you very much.
Linda & Gary Gappa
Treasurer & Assistant

Happy July 4th to all 131 Members.



NOTICE:

The new hours for the
Treasure to receive moneys
and pay reimbursements are:

Friday Nights
8:00 p.m. - to - Midnight



News Flash

The Delegates for the I.G.R.A. Convention in Albuquerque, NM July 25,26,27 & 28 are:

- Deborah Lynne
- Chuck Davison
- Kim Dawson
- Timm Dunn - Alternate
- Phillip Caffey - Alternate

Gary Gappa has been nominated to Chair the Nomination Committee for the new Executive Board Officers.

Sheryl Schelkun has been nominated to Chair the 1997 Great Plains Regional Rodeo Poster Contest. Entries can be dropped off at the Bunkhouse. There will be a cash prize of \$250.00 to the winner. Good Luck!

Deb Chambers has been nominated to Chair the Logistics Committee.

Get ready for the O.G.R.A. Royalty Competition coming up in October. Judges for the competition are:

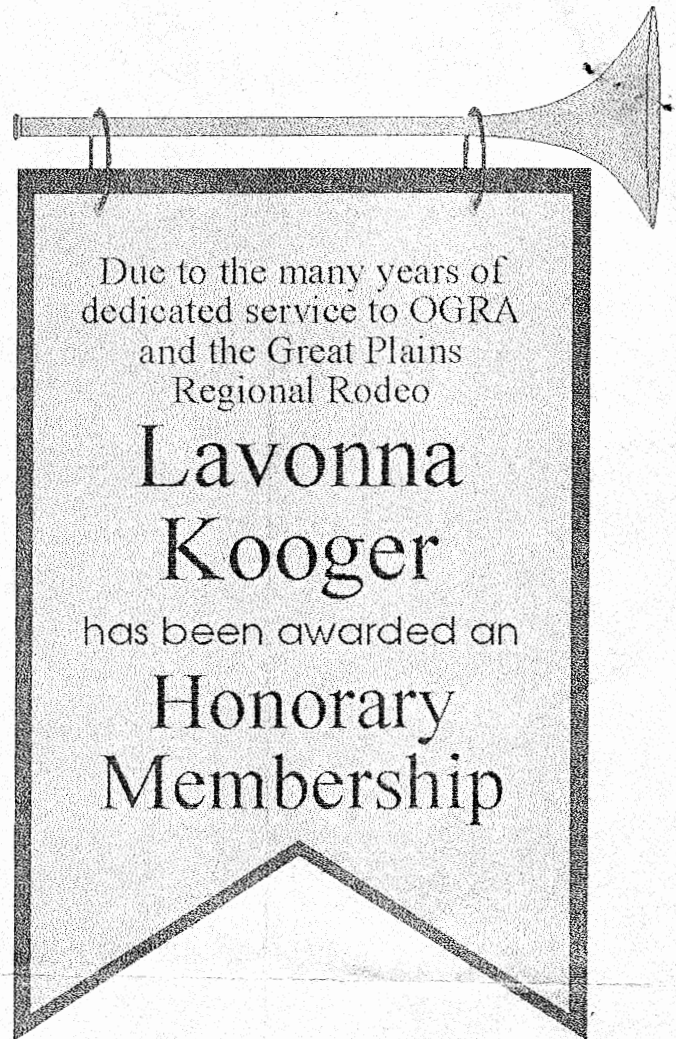
- Sheryl Schelkun
- Kim Dawson
- Larry Brandon

The competitors will be judged in the following categories:

- Personal Interview
- Horsemanship
- Talent
- Western Wear
- On Stage Interview

Good Luck to all!

Special Notice:
The Windy City Rodeo
scheduled for August 16-18,
has been cancelled.



General Membership

MEETING!!

Sunday, July 7, 1996
 By-Laws - 12:00 p.m.
 Executive Board - 1:30 p.m.
 General Membership - 2:00 p.m.



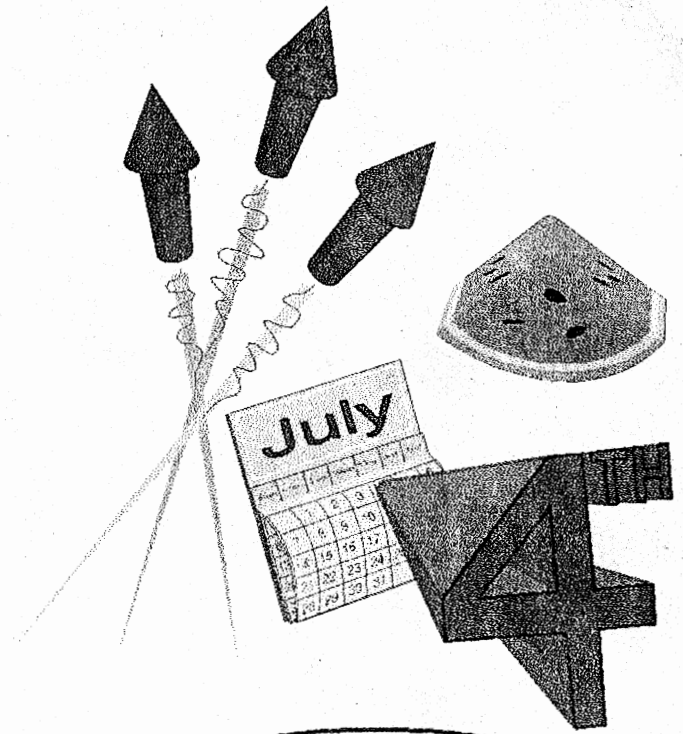
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Ed Holm
Mr. TGRA Candidate 1997
requests your presence
to perform in my

MURDER IN DALLAS SHOW

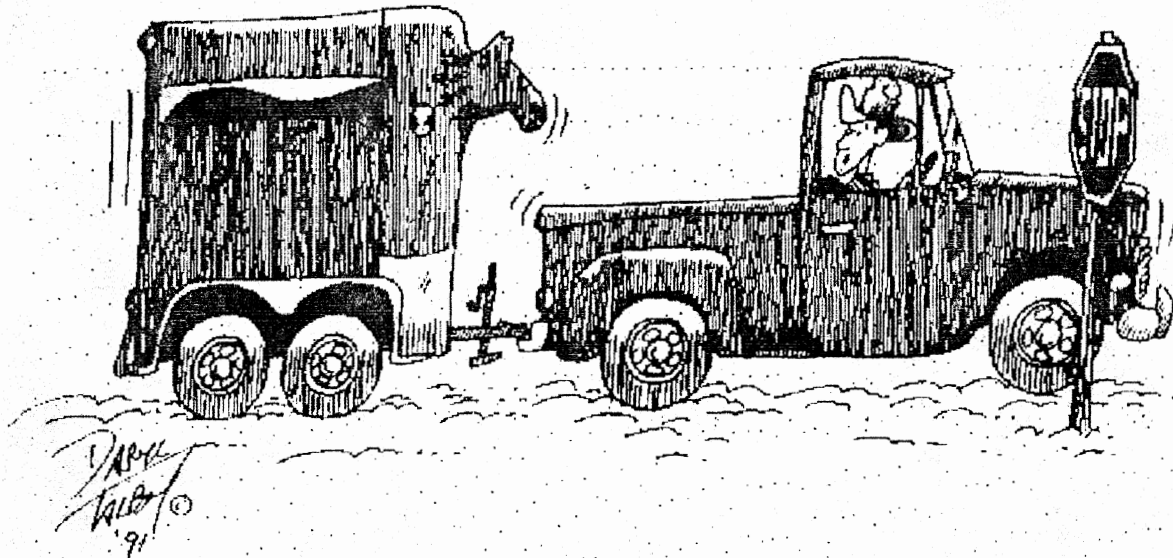
TIME 6:00 PM (be there by 5 PM)
DATE Sunday, August 11, 1996
PLACE Roundup, Dallas, TX
BEF Home for the Holidays

RSVP within 7 days
Ed Holm
(214) 522-5413



THANK YOU
Kim Dawson

For all the hard work you have given to
OGRA and the Great Plains Regional
Rodeo and for the wonderful card!

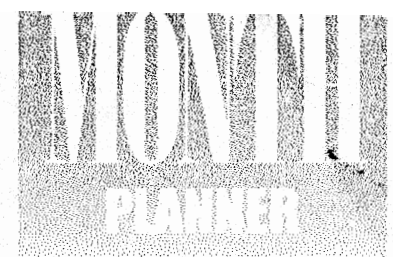


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July 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7 OGRA MEETINGS BY-LAWS @ 12:00 BOARD @ 1:30 GENERAL MEM. @2:00	8	9	10	11	12 ROCKY MTN. REGIONAL RODEO NORTH STAR REGIONAL RODEO	13 ROCKY MTN. REGIONAL RODEO NORTH STAR REGIONAL RODEO
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O.G.R.A.

O.G.R.A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....	Rick Jones.....	1-918-775-8879
Vice-President.....	Harold Jones.....	478-4820
Treasurer.....	Linda Gappa.....	946-5830
Recording Secretary.....	Sherry Ward.....	840-0510
Corresponding Secretary.....	Phil Lupton.....	355-9592
I.G.R.A. Trustee.....	Glenn Gore.....	328-5575
Alternate Trustee.....	Sheryl Schelkun.....	478-4820

O.G.R.A. COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Rodeo Committee.....	David Kueter.....	842-1802
P.R./Fundraising.....	O.G.R.A. Royalty.....	242-2822
Dance & Entertainment.....	Phillip Caffey/Steve Dickson.....	521-1378
Membership.....	David Kueter.....	842-1802
Logistics Committee.....		
Budget Committee.....	Chuck Davison.....	842-1802
By-Laws Committee.....	Sheryl Schelkun.....	478-4820
Rodeo Events.....	Timm Dunn.....	390-3648

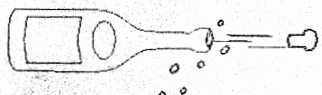
The businesses listed below not only appreciate our business, they support our organization. Just show your O.G.R.A. Membership Card and receive 10% off.

BUNKHOUSE RESTAURANT
GOOD COOKING * GREAT STEAKS
*** DAILY SPECIALS ***
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Gusher's Restaurant

& Cabaret

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OPEN 2-2 Mon-Fri Noon - 2 Sat & Sun
2200 NW 39th Expwy * OKC *525-JRED

Place your ad in the "Cowboy Way." Monthly rates are: \$5 (or a 10% discount for O.G.R.A. Members) for a business card ad, \$15 for a 1/4 page ad, \$25 for a 1/2 page ad and \$30 for a full page ad. Special rates quarterly and annually are available. For more information or to place an ad contact Phil Lupton at 1-405-355-9592 or call the Rodeo Hotline at 1-405-842-0849

Town and Country HOTEL

Town and Country Hotel
 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego CA 92108
 (800) 77-ATLAS or (619) 291-7131
 Garden Rooms \$78,
 Tower Rooms from \$84 (up to 4 guests per room)

The hotel is located right off Interstate 8 on the famous Hotel Circle in Mission Valley. The Town and Country is situated on 32 beautiful, tropically landscaped acres, with 4 swimming pools, whirlpool, restaurants, cafes and shops. (Remember your fixin's and trim for our 2nd Annual Balcony Decorating Contest.)

The Town and County Convention Center will be headquarters for all the Rodeo evening events. With over 7,000 square feet for boot scootin', the Atlas Ballroom will host continuous dancing each night. The adjacent Mission Ballroom will be the site of the evening entertainment events.

RODEO GROUNDS

Del Mar Fairgrounds Grand Stand and Turf Club
 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard
 Del Mar, California 92014

This year we are fortunate to be using the Grandstands and the Turf Club at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. We will be running 2 arenas simultaneously in front of the Grandstands.

The festival with 50 exciting vendor booths, non-stop entertainment stage and continuous open dancing will be located in the Paddock and Turf Club.

DIRECTIONS: Take Interstate 5 to Via de la Valle exit, head west to Jimmy Durante Blvd. Turn left to parking lot entrance (\$4.00 fee). After parking, use the Main Fairgrounds Entrance and walk down the Avenue of the Palms to the ticket gates located to the east of the Grandstands.

For those contestants wishing to stay near the rodeo site, GSGRA/San Diego has secured rooms at the Solana Beach Ramada Inn from Friday until Monday. Ask for the special G.S.G.R.A. Rodeo rate of \$70.00. Call 1-800-232-2407 for reservations (before August 27th only).

TICKET INFORMATION

THE WEEKEND PASS: A full-weekend ticket booklet is available for all Rodeo and Hotel events. This package, valued at \$52, is available through MAIL-ORDER or FAX with the TICKET ORDER FORM. Mail-order requests must be accompanied by check, money order or Visa and MasterCard information (please include a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope). Faxed requests must include the appropriate credit card information.

POST MARKED BY JULY 1: \$30 (SAVE \$22)
AFTER JULY 1: \$35 (SAVE \$17)
 (must be post marked by September 14)

TICKET BOOKLET OUTLETS (July 1 to September 22 only)

LOS ANGELES AREA

RAWHIDE, 10937 Burbank Boulevard, North Hollywood (818) 760-9798
 FLOYDS, 2913 E. Anaheim Street, Long Beach (310) 433-9251

SAN FRANCISCO AREA

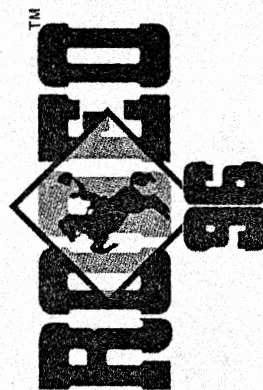
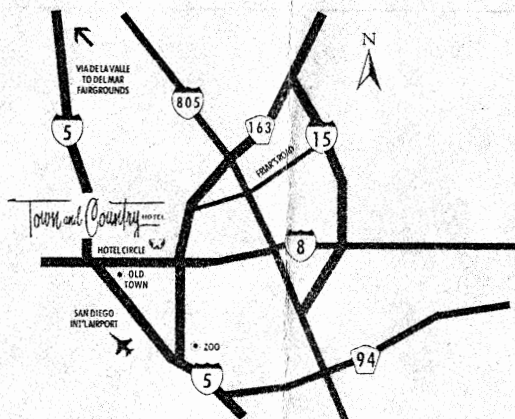
JAGUAR BOOKSTORE-Castro, 4057 18TH Street (415) 863-4777

SAN DIEGO AREA

KICKERS/HAMBURGER MARYS, 308 University Avenue (619) 491-0400
 BALLOON EXPERTS, 3934 Fifth Avenue (619) 291-0988
 CALIFORNIA MAN, 3930 Fifth Avenue (619) 294-9108
 POSTAL ANNEX, 1043 University Avenue (619) 298-7155

INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKET PRICES (only at the door)

Thursday BOOTS & BRIEFS BENEFIT/KICK-OFF PARTY \$5
 Friday HOEDOWN \$7
 Saturday RODEO \$15
 Saturday DANCE STAMPEDE PARTY \$10
 Sunday RODEO \$15
 Sunday AWARD CEREMONY/DANCE no cover charge



FAX NUMBER
619-298-4709

ADVANCED TICKET ORDER FORM

Send me WEEKEND PASSES at \$30 each (a \$52 value) before July 1

Send me WEEKEND PASSES at \$35 each (a \$52 value) after July 1

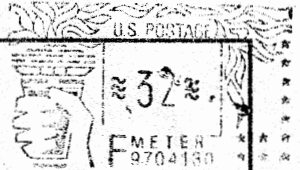
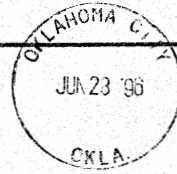
Mail this order form to G.S.G.R.A., 3636 Fourth Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92103

REMEMBER to fax or postmark your order before July 1 for BEST BUY!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Mastercard or VISA: _____ Expiration Date: _____
 Credit Card Number: _____ Signature: _____

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