



Those of you who attended BigHorn Rodeos in past years might recall Wayne's voice, even if you never met him. He was not only our announcer, but all of Gay Rodeo's -- the first and best -- always remembering tiny details of every contestant and horse, and sharing stories and facts with the audience. That voice has been forever silenced, as Wayne passed away a few days after his beloved Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver completed another banner year in July.

**In Memory of...
WAYNE JAKINO
1942-2008**



But Wayne's legacy will live on in our hearts and in our organizations. He was the founder of CGRA and one of the founders of IGRA, and was IGRA's first President. It was his vision that brought together gay rodeo organizations across the West into one Association that would set rules and safety standards and train

and sanction officials and rodeos. He was our living history, always ready to answer questions or explain events, rules or situations to both new and old participants. There was always a smile and time to talk, as he acted as a father figure, a counselor, an arbiter, a cheerleader, and most of all, a friend, to all.

In addition to his extensive work with rodeo, Wayne was the part owner of Charlie's Denver, where he was a leading and respected force in the business and political communities, both gay and straight.

He was everyone's first choice to be inducted in the IGRA Hall of Fame, which happened in its first year, 2004. For more information on Wayne and his many accomplishments, go to the Hall of Fame section of IGRA.com. Rodeo won't be the same without you, Wayne, but we know you're watching over us all!

**From the
Board of
Directors:**

July was an active month, with some great fundraisers, and great relations with other community organizations. The annual 'Night of Wishes' was a success, and, despite some unforeseen audio problems, came off just fine. NGRA joined forces with The Winged Dragon Society, St. Therese Center, Men of Charlie's, The Sin City Sisters, and The IRSCDE to put on a great show. NGRA is proud to say that we brought a lot to our portion of the show, and along with the benefits of the beer bust, worked by NGRA member Richard Levine, came away with the highest gross of the night. We also had a great Summertime themed event at Badland's a few weeks later, headed up by Bill Watkins aka Fay DeWay. Thank you to all who helped and put so much into these fundraisers.

On Sunday, July 20th, NGRA held it's annual 'State Convention'. For several weeks beforehand, Lorry King was taking suggested amendments to our by-laws, the pros and the cons of each suggestion, and we met at The Center for a long, but rewarding afternoon of discussion, debate, and voting. Thank you to all those who attended, made by-law rewrite suggestions, and to those who could not be there, but wrote in their feelings on key amendments being

CONTESTANT RESULTS

Lorry King

One NGRA contestant competed in July -- our own Mr. NGRA 1st runner-up -- Darren Wernette. He is making Goat Dressing his specialty and competed in both Denver and Sacramento, along with his

teammate, Jay Field from New Orleans. Unfortunately, they didn't place in either rodeo, but they did improve day by day, going from 11th to 9th. I'm sure that by the next rodeo, they will be at the Awards ceremony, picking up ribbons!

voted on. Special thanks goes out to Lorry King, who organized and ran this important event in an open, professional manner. She is a great example of the kind of leadership, managerial, listening and people skills NGRA values and which is essential at an event like this. Watch the website in the near future for the final results and changes that were made in our by-laws.

Rodeo looms closer and closer. As always, it is never a totally even road to BigHorn rodeo (ask anyone involved last year, the year before that, the year before that, and so on), but we are on schedule, the main pieces are coming into place, and BigHorn Rodeo will be ready, and will be fabulous! We ask and encourage everyone's participation, and honest effort in making this year's rodeo, and every year's rodeo, a great success. If you haven't filled out a volunteer form yet, you may do so on the NGRA website.

August is our last month before Rodeo... and there is a lot planned. We hope to see everyone out and about... supporting each other, our rodeo, and NGRA!

TRUSTEE CORNER

Brian Rogers

Lorry King served as our Alternate Trustee in Sacramento last weekend (thank you Lorry as always). She reports the following:

It was hot and humid, but not as bad as LA and there was plenty of shade. Our very own Eddy and Bill got married. There were seven of us on the flight there and the Flight Attendant on the plane made an announcement, brought them a cake made of toilet paper, and gave them a bottle of champagne tied with a bow made of plastic gloves.

Bill volunteered all weekend as the Announcer's Assistant and Darren volunteered in various areas. Guy was the Secretary and I was his Assistant. Other NGRA members in attendance were Eddy, Adam, Colin, and David Herring. Unfortunately, there were five injuries -- one a volunteer, one a trick rider and three contestants. Sacramento hosted a dance on Saturday night in a parking lot with no tent, which was very successful. A good time was had by all -- congratulations CCGRA.

Upcoming rodeos include
 Albuquerque, NM – August 15-17
 San Francisco – August 15-17,
 Chicago – August 22-24, St. Louis – August 29-31
 and BIGHORN RODEO – Sept 19-21!

Member of the Month:

June 2008

The Men of Charlie's!

For the first time, our Member of the Month goes to a group, rather than an individual.

The Men of Charlie's, aside from raising money for the community on their own, count many members as NGRA members as well. On Sunday, June 29th, at Michael and Katrina's 'Brunch on the Range'... Several of these Men of Charlie's came together and acted as table servers for the brunch. They were friendly, good-natured, smooth, attentive, and made everyone of the many guests feel welcome and taken care of. Throughout appetizers, main course, and flowing mimosa's, the Men of Charlie's exhibited what true volunteerism is about. At July's Night of Wishes, the Men of Charlie's sold Jello Shots and donated the proceeds back to NGRA. To all the Men of Charlie's who helped out at these events (the editor does not list them all for fear of missing one)... NGRA is grateful and proud of you! Rather than individual dangles for your NGRA badge, we will be getting the Men of Charlie's a special plaque for being Member of the Month, May 2008!



INTERNATIONAL GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
FINALS
IGRA
2008
DENVER COLORADO
OCTOBER 10 - 12
 Make plans to attend the fun and action of rodeo at the Indoor/ Heated National Western Stock Show Event Center
 Visit IGRA.com for more information
IGRA Finals Rodeo Entertainment Party
Saturday, October 11, Red Lion Hotel - Central Denver
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM • Ticket price \$15.00

STRAIGHT FROM LAS VEGAS, SINGER - SONGWRITER
VALERIE JAMES
 "Valerie has an amazing voice"
 -Actor Russell Crowe

AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD WINNER AND MULTI-PLATINUM RECORDING ARTIST
RANDY JONES
 (Original Village People Cowboy)
 "Exuberant- A wildly entertaining performance!"
 -New York Daily News

VOTED "BEST DRAG SHOW" BY WESTWORD, DENVER'S FAMOUSLY BEARDED COMEDY QUEENS
 "This is definitely a real Vegas style comedy revue."
 - Lannie Garret

For more information and to purchase tickets online visit IGRA.com

Visit <http://www.RandyJonesWorld.com> and check out Randy Jones new CD "TICKET TO THE WORLD".

BUD LIGHT **loop**

SPOT LIGHT ON NGRA MEMBERS

Celebrating NGRA MEMBERS' AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Robbie Dwyer	8/5
Dane Bethea	8/7
Dave McKenney	8/9
Jack Morrison	8/11
David Murie	8/12
Joe McMullen	8/16
Garry Douglas	8/17
Brian Maley	8/17
Frank Gardne	8/18
Brian Rogers	8/26
Eric Hudson	8/28

MEET JEFF



Martin Manning, better known to us as Jeff, has been a member of NGRA for over 4 years. Unfortunately we don't get to see that much of him due to his work schedule. Jeff grew up in Houston. During those years in Texas his family would attend the annual Texas rodeos at the Astrodome. Jeff moved to Las Vegas 20 years ago, along with his family. "We'd use to attend the World Finals Rodeo, at least until the tickets became to hard to get". I think we all can relate to that statement.

Jeff's job keeps him busy working as a lighting designer and stage manager. When the opportunities arise he designs, paints and builds scenery and props.

He attended his first NGRA rodeo in 2003. "I didn't know what to expect on my first visit to the NGRA rodeo, but I was impressed with the seriousness and professionalism of the event. I decided that I'd like to be more involved. It's my intent is to volunteer at this year BigHorn Rodeo, and I hope to attend the IGRA university this coming February."

Presently Jeff is a single, and is trying to find time some time to fix up his house, and various vehicles, which are hobbies of his.

BRIAN RICHARDSON

Brian Richardson is one of NGRA newest members. He was raised around horses and has spent a lot of time at ranches in CA., CO., & NM. Brian states "My father's family had a ranch in southern California that was sold decades ago. My mother's family is from Australia and until a few years ago owned a cattle station near Cooktown. Many years ago I also was CFO of a dear friends Land & Cattle Co. in California."

Brian has been involved in telecommunications and mobile technology development for over 25 years. He brings a particularly broad experience in satellite, millimeter-wave technology, fiber-optic, and RF system operations.

Prior to moving to Las Vegas in 2000, Brian lived in Santa Barbara with a focus on telecommunications for the broadcast & motion picture industry.

He has been to several rodeos, but has never been to a gay rodeo. "As reflected in my professional life, I'm most comfortable working behind the scenes, so don't expect to see me competing or performing but trying to



be supportive out of the limelight."

Brian has been blessed with 3 soul mates this life, 2 passed away in 1994 & he lost a third partner in a gay hate crime in 2002. As a survivor, he hopes that his experience might help others in some way. "I strongly believe in not being victims and strongly urge others to learn to defend themselves by learning martial arts & proper firearm use & safety."

Brian also enjoys the outdoors. Two of his favorite hobbies are 4-Wheeling & firearms. "Being rather involved in off-road motor sports I had served as VP of Nevada United Four Wheel Drive Association, and President of Vegas Valley 4 Wheelers."

If you don't spot him at Badlands or Charlie's he hopes to see you on the trails.

Royalty and Fundraising

Katrina, Miss NGRA 2008

Howdy cow folk!

August is upon us... which means there is not much time till we Rodeo up at Big Horn Rodeo. Your support throughout our fundraising efforts has been tremendous. Thank you so much for each dollar you have given to help assure our Rodeo's success. We had tremendous participation and success with our events in July and look forward to the same in August with Hot Summer Nights and the secretive event being planned by our Rodeo Director and Assistants to leading up to our Rodeo. Yes our RD and his assistants will be planning out the final two fundraisers before Rodeo.... From what I hear through the blowing sagebrush...lookout... it will be a great kickoff to Big Horn Rodeo!

On a personal note, there is the sad realization that the IGRA Rodeo year is coming to a conclusion with Big Horn Rodeo. It has been one of the most exciting opportunities of my life to have represented you around the rodeo circuit. I have met some wonderful people and attended some great Rodeos, but I always come home even more proud of the efforts we do here in Vegas. To each and every one of you, from putting a dollar in a bucket to those who are spending countless hours in planning THANK YOU! I am so proud to know you and feel privileged to be a part of this great team effort, producing an event that will bring countless rewards to members of our community in need.

I would also like to thank you for the support you have given during the fundraisers to meet the requirements for IGRA competition. Although it has come down to only myself representing NGRA I know that in the hearts of both Michael and Darren both wish circumstances allowed for them to be going also. Thank you again, both for the financial support you have given and the emotional support you continue to give.

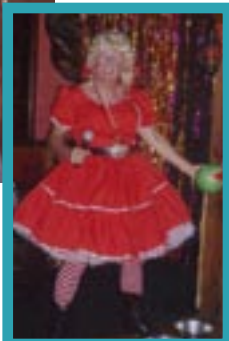
Forever in a cowboy's rose garden.



Summer Party at Badlands



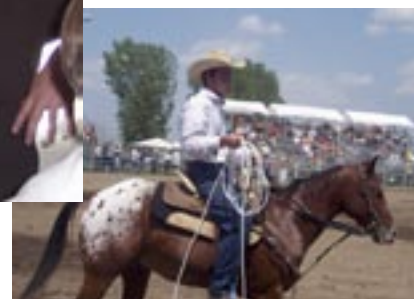
If there is anyone with pics from our events, please submit them to the editor at eddyskiva@yahoo.com.



"Eddy Krien and Bill Trunzo getting married at Sacramento City Hall"



Colin on flight



Photos taken on trip to Sacramento



Photos from "Night of Wishes"



NGRA's Upcoming Events

August 9	Hot August Nights	Charlie's
August 23	BigHorn Celebration	Badlands
September 13	BigHorn Celebration	Charlie's
September 27	Survivor's Party	Badlands
October 11	IGRA finials in Denver	
October. 25	Fright Night / Costumes	Badlands
November 8	Holiday Trims and Delights	Charlie's
November 22	Thanksgiving / Christmas	Badlands
December 13	Charlies' Christmas Celebraton	Charlie's
December 27	Celebrating Years End?	Badlands

NGRA

HOT AUGUST AUCTION

at
Charlie's
Las Vegas

Saturday August 9

Event starts at 9:30 - Beer Bust and Jell-O shots sold at 9:00

We know that Las Vegas can be hot in August. It gets even hotter when NGRA auctions off some attractive men. Get ready for a great evening of entertainment and some eye candy. You just never know what might happen when the heat is turned on.

**Fabulous
prize
raffles!**

**Bud Light
Beer Bust
\$5.00
9 PM 'til Midnight**

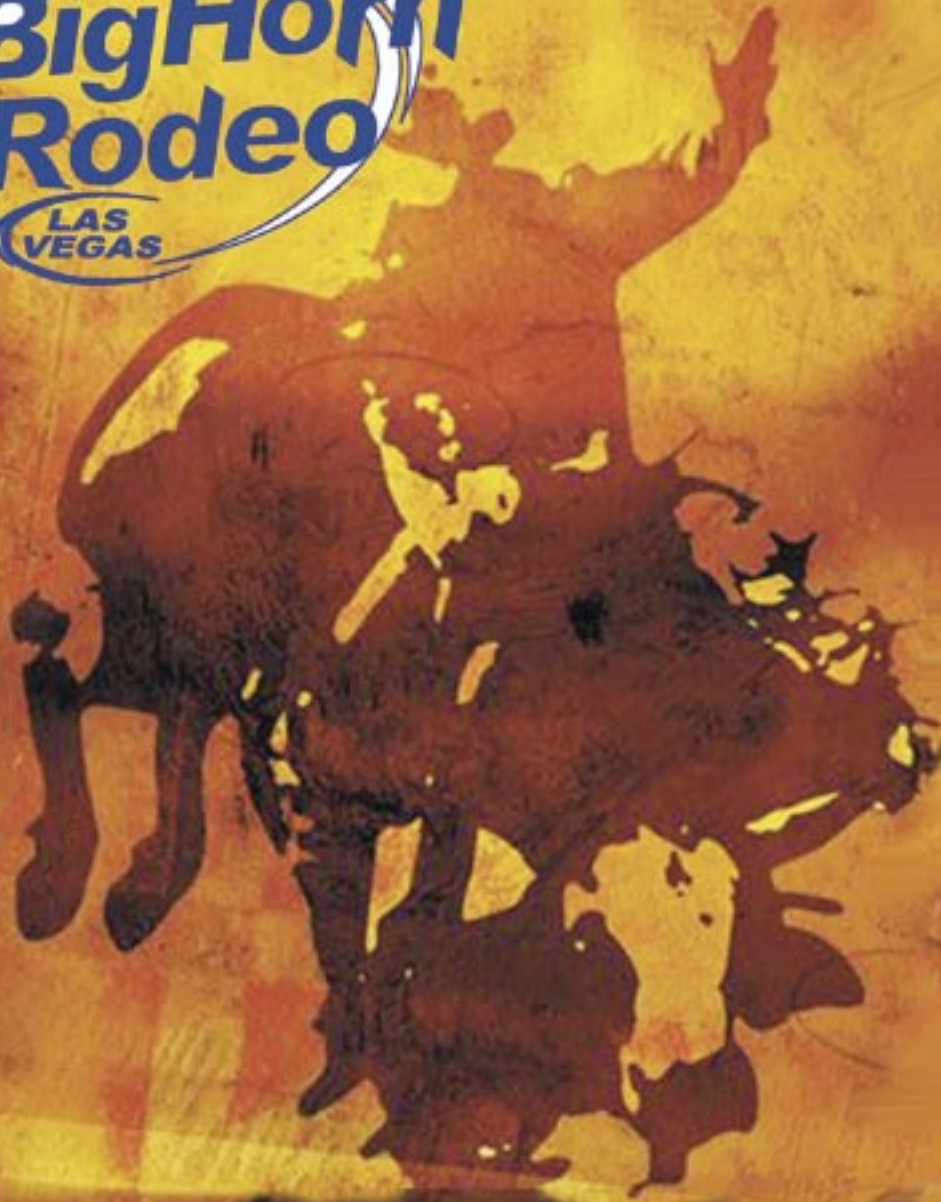
**Awesome
Jell-O Shots
\$1.00**

Proceeds to benefit BigHorn Rodeo



BigHorn Rodeo

LAS VEGAS



BIG TOUGH MEAT

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2008

Come join the fun and action at Horseman's Park
one mile from our host hotel, Sam's Town

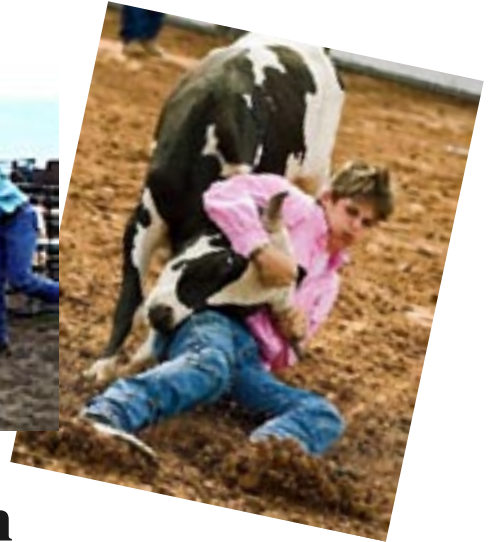
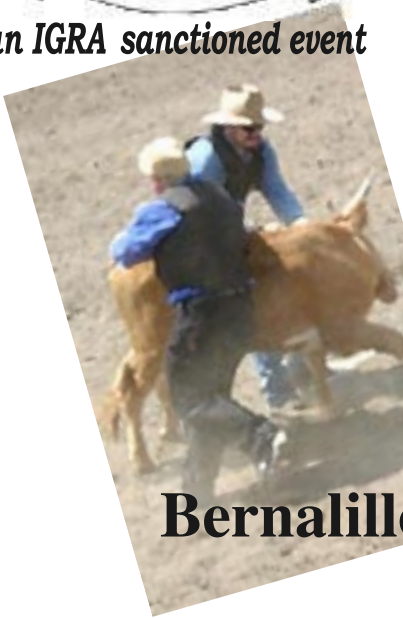
Net proceeds from BigHorn Rodeo 2008 will be divided equally between
the FOCUS Hot Meals Program and The Sin City Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program.





an IGRA sanctioned event

International Gay Rodeo Association Rodeo School



**Friday, August 15th
Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena**

Classes 2:30 - 4:30 (no horse needed, ropes, safety equipment available):

Calf Roping on Foot - Great beginning class in roping, contestants rope a calf as it exits the roping chute.

Steer Decorating - Two Person Team (Team mates will be available). One person holds the steer with a rope on the horns while the other ties a ribbon on the tail of the steer. The one holding the steer by the horns then must release the rope from the horns so the ribbon tyer can tag the timer.

Chute Dogging - Modified version of Steer Wrestling - Contestant and Steer Begin inside of the bucking chute.



See nmgra.com. \$25 per Class per Event
Contact rodeodirector@nmgra.com for registration information. Limit 20 students per class. All events are open to men & women over the age of 18.



AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	2
3	4	5	6 Fundraing meeting	7	8 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	9 Houf August Night at Charlie's
10	11 BOD Meeting 6:30 The Center	12	13 RPC meeting 6:30	14	15 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	16
17	18 General Membership Meeting 6:30	19	20	21	22 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	23 BigHorn Celebration at Badlands 9:30 PM
24	25	26 RPC Meeting	27	28	29 NGRA Appreciation Night at Charlie's	30
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I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2008

For more detail information on these events
you may visit igra.com

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Aug. 15-17	More Bucks by the Bay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA
Aug. 15-17	Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM
Aug. 22-24	Windy City Rodeo *	Chicago, IL
Sept 4 - 7	Texas 25 Rodeo	Austin, TX
Sept. 5-7	Atlantic Stampede 2008	Washington, DC
Sept. 12-14	Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA
Sept. 19-21	BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV
Oct. 10-12	IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver, CO
Oct. 30- Nov. 2	IGRA 24th Annual Convention	
	IGRA Royalty competition	New Orleans



Photo by Katrina at North Star Rodeo • Minnesota



