



In this issue... IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals Information,
& so much more!!!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to October and in just a few short weeks World Gay Rodeo Finals in Laughlin. It is hard to believe that after months of preparation it is almost here. Our own Brian Rogers, as this year's Rodeo Director, along with his team has been working around the clock to make sure that Finals is ready to go with a very memorable experience. There's a lot happening for Finals so please be sure to check out the website for an up to date list of activities.

When I look at October's calendar I see that it is filled with a number of NGRA related events and fundraisers that will be taking place to promote NGRA, Finals, as well as those competing for Mr. and Miss NGRA 2011. I encourage everyone to come out to whatever events you can during the month.

As the 2010 rodeo season starts to come to a close, May will soon be upon us with BigHorn Rodeo 14. Our Rodeo Director Laura Scott and her team are hard at work planning. If anyone is interested in helping out I recommend contacting Laura. It takes a team and a lot of work to put a rodeo on and we are always looking for those willing to help out.

Until next month, Let's Rodeo!

David Blackwood
NGRA President

*The 2011 NGRA Royalty
Competition*

*The date has been slated for
Thanksgiving Weekend,
November 26, 2010
at Charlie's Las Vegas
8:30 PM*

Mr. & Miss
NGRA 2010
proudly pose
with the
contestants for
the 2011 NGRA
Royalty Team



L -> R: Miss Kimberli Foxx
(Miss NGRA 2010), Miss
Taylor Trash (Miss Closet
Ball 2009), Veronica
DeBaygo (Miss Closet Ball
2010), Momanizer (Miss
Cow Patty 2010), James
Crawford, Chris Reynolds,
& JD Jensen (Mr. NGRA
2010)

FROM THE EDITOR:

Wow! Where has the time gone? If I knew, our October 2010 BigHorn Gazette would have come out on time. I apologize sincerely to our membership for not having noticed that I missed getting this issue out. Please know that this will not happen again.

This is an abridged issue, but we will come back in November bigger and better!

-JOEL CASTILLO
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

2010 NGRA Trustee Election

Congratulation to Guy Puglisi (aka Porkchop) on being elected our next Trustee!

Next time you see him, congratulate him with a big "Wheeeeeee!!!"



Fundraising Committee Report



Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2010-2011 Calendar of Events to get us through BigHorn 14 for our shows at Charlie's Las Vegas on the 3rd Saturday of the Month. Mark your calendars, because coming soon we have...

November: "Grease is the Word"

December: "Sabel's Suicide Drag & Country Christmas"

January: "The Amazingly Fabulous Race"

February: "Hearts on Fire"

March: "Miss Cow Patty"

April: "Miss Closet Ball"

May: "Sabel's Suicide Drag: Part 2"

You are always welcome to join us the second Monday of the month at The Center at 6:30 PM for our Fundraising Meeting. All fresh ideas are always welcome.

- NGRA Fundraising Committee



The Power of GLEE Show



Taylor Trash channels her inner Sue Sylvester and some "Physical"



The incomparable Miss Dee Dee Castle sends it "To Sir With Love"



Miss Xenovia Savage will "Bust Your Windows"



Miss Leila gave us a sneak peek at Season 2 with some "Toxic"



Momanizer and James Crawford



Taylor Trash & Momanizer



Xenovia Savage and your Hostess, Sabel D'Zyre



Miss Dee Dee Castle and her fabulous entourage

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

THE POWER OF RODEO
THE FUTURE IS NOW

BIGHORN RODEO 14

May 20 - 22, 2011

2 exciting days of great action
Horsemen's Park and
East Side Cannery Hotel & Casino

For more information bighornrodeo.com



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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By Brian Rogers

First of all, congratulations to your newly elected Trustee, Guy Puglisi. He will take office on January 1, 2011 and serve for three years. Guy is very knowledgeable about all thing IGRA and will be an excellent representative for NGRA.

By the time you read this the 2010 IGRA year of association rodeos will be wrapping up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the top 20 contestants in each event will be revealed. October is all about the World Gay Rodeo Finals, which NGRA is hosting in Laughlin October 21- 24. There is more about that event elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope you have made your plans to attend.

In September I attended a series of IGRA meetings representing NGRA in Kansas City. I also attended their great rodeo and ate a lot of awesome BBQ. The weather was great and the people super friendly. It's great to be in the heartland where everything is green.

The IGRA Annual Convention and Royalty Competition is coming up November 10-14 and this year we'll be hosted by our neighbors HSRA to the north in Reno. The NGRA Board of Directors selected the NGRA judges for the Royalty Competition. For Interview - Bill Trunzo, for Entertainment - Laura Scott, Alternates for Horsemanship - Doug Graff, and Alternate for Western Wear - Joel Castillo.

So far we have nine delegates and alternates so we have room for one more in that group. Of course everyone is encouraged to attend this weekend of fun events. In addition to the Royalty Competition on Thursday, the Committee meetings on Friday and the convention proceeding on Saturday and Sunday, the social events schedule is jam packed as well:

Wednesday • November 10th, 8:00p to 12:00a

Biggest Little Welcome Party in the World

Thursday • November 11th, 8:00p to 2:00a

Early Option - Delegate Welcome Bus Run / Bar Crawl

Thursday • November 11th, 10:00p to 2:00a

Late Option - Welcome Night Entertainment

Friday • November 12th, 7:00p to 10:00p

IGRA Royalty Step-Downs and Crowning

Harrah's Reno - Sammy's Showroom

Friday • November 12th, 10:00p to 12:00a

After Royalty Entertainment / Show

Harrah's Reno - Sammy's Showroom

Saturday • November 13th, 8:00p to 12:00a

Dance with Live Entertainment / DJ

Harrah's Reno - Bill Harrah Room

Sunday • November 14th, 7:00p to 12:00a

Survivor's Party

Make your plans to attend now. Complete information and links to the hotel at www.igra.com

Save a Horse...

Your Trustee

WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS REPORT



You Party and Rodeo—Leave the Driving to Us!
Daily Round Trip PARTY BUSES to Finals Rodeo in Laughlin.
\$20 Round Trip Fare - Commercial Center Tickets
On Sale Now at NGRA.com

**Four Options
Four Parties***

go to NGRA.com for details
on each of the four options
Net Proceeds Benefit the Sisters' AIDS Drug Assistance Program

Option A	Friday, October 22
Option B	Saturday, October 23
Option C	Saturday, October 23
Option D	Sunday, October 24

Go to NGRA.com to Buy Party Bus tickets to the Word Gay Rodeo Finals.

Special Event Coordinator Tony Clark has added two exciting events to our line-up of events.

Tuesday, October 12, 2010: The Sin City Q-Socials Trendy Tuesday Rodeo Meet and Greet at the Blue Moon Resort in Las Vegas starting at 8pm. This benefits the Sin Sity Sisters Aids Drug Assistance Program (SADAP) and **Friday, October 15, 2010:** Official World Gay Rodeo Finals Kickoff Party at Charlie's Las Vegas starting at 9pm. Come join the fun and help us kick this rodeo off right.

IGRA.com/finals is your comprehensive site for all things related to Finals including individual event advance ticket sales.

The NGRA Finals production committee meets at 6:20 pm on Mondays at The Center on, Sept. 13, Sept. 27 and Oct. 11.

HAPPENING IN OUR NGRA COMMUNITY ccc



The Carter Twins Headline World Gay Rodeo Finals by Joel Castillo

You may have heard them on the airways of country radio. Perhaps you've seen them featured in PEOPLE Magazine. You may have watched them on CMT. And now, you will get to know a little more about the up and coming Country Artists, The Carter Twins. These two fun and dynamic young men have a wicked sense of humor. When asked if they are identical or fraternal, Josh replied, "We are identical... I think... we never really found out but we say we are. We just cut our hair the same and people can't tell the difference... so, identical it is! Ha!"

Josh and Zach Carter made it to the heart of Country Music known as Nashville via their childhood in Akron, Ohio, and then Hilton Head, South Carolina. Or as Zach puts it, "by car... just kidding. No, we actually got singed to CMT half-way through our senior year in high school, we were living in South Carolina then. When we graduated, we move to Nashville three days later and started writing our album. Crazy but so fun!" Listed among their musical influences are a hodge-podge of music genres like Keith Urban, George Strait, John Mayer, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks and many more. Josh adds, "We are influenced by so many artists that it's hard to narrow it down."

Their mother worked in Country Radio and encouraged their musical interests. Zach stole time at her piano, "I would always take to it, write my own songs, and play for hours. I knew right away that music is what I wanted to do." Meanwhile, she taught Josh the Classic Rock hit "Stairway to Heaven" on the guitar and he has not put it down since.

The Carter Twins will be taking the Rockstar Main Stage by storm at the IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals at the AVI Resort in Laughlin, Nevada on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 8:00 PM. This is not the Twins' first time at the rodeo. They performed at NFR last year in Las Vegas. "It was a blast," Josh said enthusiastically. When asked about their GLBT Fans, Josh said, "We've had lots of gay fans at our shows and hopefully they will come out and see us in Vegas too! We're always really excited to meet fans - whether it's somebody new or a familiar face!" Zach adds, "You know, the cool thing about music is that it is universal.. it crosses all social borders. We are just a country band playing country music and we hope everyone likes what they hear!"

And we do. Their first single "Heart Like Memphis" has been well received on the charts. Their EP is available for download in iTunes and is worth every penny. I took a listen and I love it. I found a nice balance of melody, hook, and a beautiful harmonization of their voices. They loved hearing that review and Zach added, "We are so glad that fans took to it and liked it and made YouTube videos and fan pages and all different kinds of things. Such a cool thing. We are so blessed to have such great fans. We love all of them!"

Their follow-up smash "So What" has been released... accidentally. Josh said, "Well, we actually only released "So What" as a fan video on CMT about a year ago." Zach added, "We never really planned on it being a single or anything like that, we just wanted to make a fun video that catered to the fans. But, it did actually get played on radio a bit so we were excited!" Rounding out the Carter Twins EP are "Wish I Would've Kissed Her" and "Photo Booth."

Still settling into their new digs, Josh & Zach spent the summer months working with some of Music City's best songwriters and crafting as many as 30 songs in just three months. Under the helm of Frank Rogers, Billboard Magazine's #1 Country Music Producer, The Carter Twins are working hard on their debut full-length album. Josh continues, "We are still writing and recording the album now, so we don't have a release date yet. But, we will let you know as soon as we do!"

When asked about IGRA's popular Camp Events like Wild Drag, Steer Decorating, and the crowd-favorite Goat Dressing, the Twins said, "We have not seen those events before! I bet those events are definitely entertaining though! Guess we'll get to see it in October. We wish everyone the best of luck in each of their categories. And as for the aspiring musicians out there, we always say, play out as much as you can, in front of everyone... like they say, you never know who's listening! We happened to experience that first hand."



Tickets for Saturday, October 23, 210 are \$15, \$22, & \$30

NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in September:



Aaron Stanford	October 7
Rob Honeycutt	October 7
Lance Coss	October 7
Lize MacDonald	October 8
Michael Judkins	October 8
Woody Allen	October 10
Shawn Dunlap	October 13
John Grubbs	October 14
Brandon Johnson	October 16
Dennis Shaul	October 17
Gina LaRock	October 17
John Gomes	October 19
Gene Forsgren	October 30



NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Congratulations to Darren Wernette NGRA's Member of the Month for September 2010. Darren was recognized for his work on putting together the Sin Sity Sisters Bingo at the Silver Nugget Casino!

Thanks, Darren!!

NGRA NEW MEMBERS

Steve Eric

Thanks, Shaun!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	2 *Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	9 *NGRA "Let's Disco" Show @ Charlie's 9:30PM
10	11 *Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center. All are welcome. *BigHorn RPC Meeting following - cancelled	12	13	14	15 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	16
17	18 *NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership Be gins at 6:30 PM at The Center	19	20	21 *Deadline for August Newsletter	22 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	23 *WGRF in Laughlin, NV
24	25	26	27	28	29 *"We Work Hard for the Money" Show for the 2011 Royalty Team Contestants at Charlie's	30
31 Happy Halloween						