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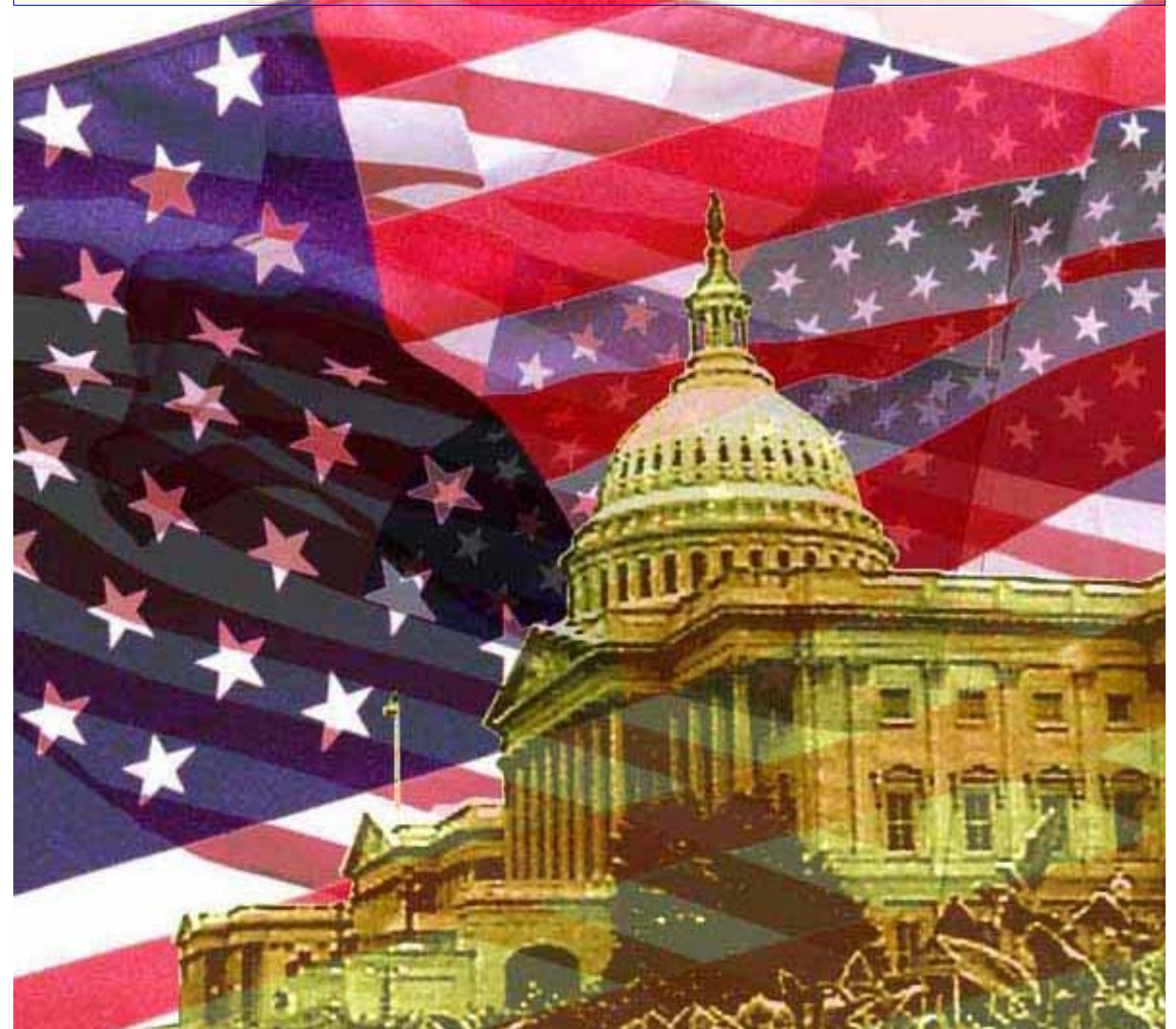
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Next Membership Meeting will be March 23, 2002 at Lin Daugherty's House at 1PM. Easter Egg Hunt to follow. Address is 2620 North Beale Road, Marysville, CA. 530-742-8695 for directions
April's meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2002 at 1PM at the Lambda Center.
Attendance is not mandatory, but helpful for keeping the organization on track with it's goals and provice YOU, as a member, benefits for belonging to the organization.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2002					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Exec. Bd Mtg. 1PM	18	19	20	21	22	23 Reg M/S Mtg. 1PM Marysville, CA Easter Egg Hunt
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 TGRA Rodeo- Ft. Worth TX
31 TGRA Rodeo- Ft. Worth, TX						
April 2002	1	2	3	4	5	6 Big Horn Rodeo Las Vegas, NV
7 Big Horn Rodeo Las Vegas, NV	8	9	10	11	12 Phoenix Pride	13 Phoenix Pride
14 BBQ & Beer Bust Merchantile Saloon	15	16	17	18	19 GSGRA-GLAC Rodeo Los Angeles, CA Lyle Sankey Rodeo School, Rio Linda, CA	20 GSGRA-GLAC Rodeo Los Angeles, CA Lyle Sankey Rodeo School, Rio Linda, CA
21 GSGRA-GLAC Rodeo Los Angeles, CA Lyle Sankey Rodeo School, Rio Linda, CA	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Exec Bd. Mtg. 7PM	26 DSRA Rodeo Little Rock, AR	27 DSRA Rodeo Little Rock, AR
28 Reg M/S Mtg. 1PM Lambda Ctr.	29	30				

Rodeo Calendar - - 2002

GLBT Rodeo dates are provided as a courtesy to CCGRA members. Dates are subject to change. Members are encouraged to visit the specific host rodeo website for more information.

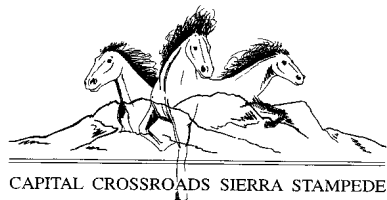
Dallas, TX November 9-11, 2001
Phoenix, AZ January 18-20, 2002
Fort Worth, TX March 29-31, 2002
Las Vegas, NV April 5-7, 2002
Los Angeles, CA April 19-21, 2002
Little Rock, AR April 26-28, 2002
Oklahoma City, OK May 24-26, 2002
Atlanta, GA May 31-June 2, 2002
Salt Lake City, UT May 31-June 2, 2002
San Jose, CA June 14-16, 2002
Omaha, NE June 28-30, 2002
Denver, CO July 14-16, 2002

Sierra Stampede Rodeo

Sacramento, CA August 2-4, 2002

Albuquerque, NM August 9-11, 2002
Chicago, IL August 23-25, 2002
Kansas City, MO Aug 30-Sept1, 2002
Washington, DC September 6-8, 2002
San Diego, CA September 20-22, 2002
Wichita, KS October 10-13, 2002

Austin, TX November 8-10, 2002



Sankey Rodeo School April 19, 20, 21, 2002

Interested in developing your skills in bareback and saddle bronc riding or bull riding?

Sankey Rodeo School will hold thier semi-annual clinic at the Rio Linda Arena in April 2002. You must preregister for this professional clinic and it usually sells out.

Generally, tuition is \$350 with a \$100 deposit. A limited number of spaces are available and you must have medical insurance. For more information, call (417) 334-2513 or FAX (417) 332-0676 or email:

Lyle@SankeyRodeo.com or visit the website:
www.SankeyRodeo.com

We are fortunate enough to live in an area where two rodeo training schools are put on each year (April & November) to train people how to do these events as safely as possible. In fact, the school is conducted at the same arena we have our rodeo in. So no one has the excuse that training is too far away to get to. Yet, to date, very, very few of our members have opted to enroll, improve their skills, and understand the sport better.

Lyle Sankey has conducted these training schools all over the United States for many years. It is a three day event and includes lectures, videos, practice rides, critiques on how you are doing and a whole lot more.

Those seriously planning to participate in rough stock events would be way ahead of the game by attending this school. Is the school free? Of course not, but it's a fine investment if it prevents you from having one injury or teaches you enough to score in the money instead of burying you head in the dirt.

If you seriously wish to attend and need a little help with some of the enrollment fee, please contact Lin Daugherty. Through the **Dean Burkan Memorial Safety & Education Fund**, we can subsidize you.

Time is running out!! Contact Lin Daugherty at: linsdogs@jps.net or call (530)742-8695. Don't be left in the dust! Learn the right way-the safe way!!

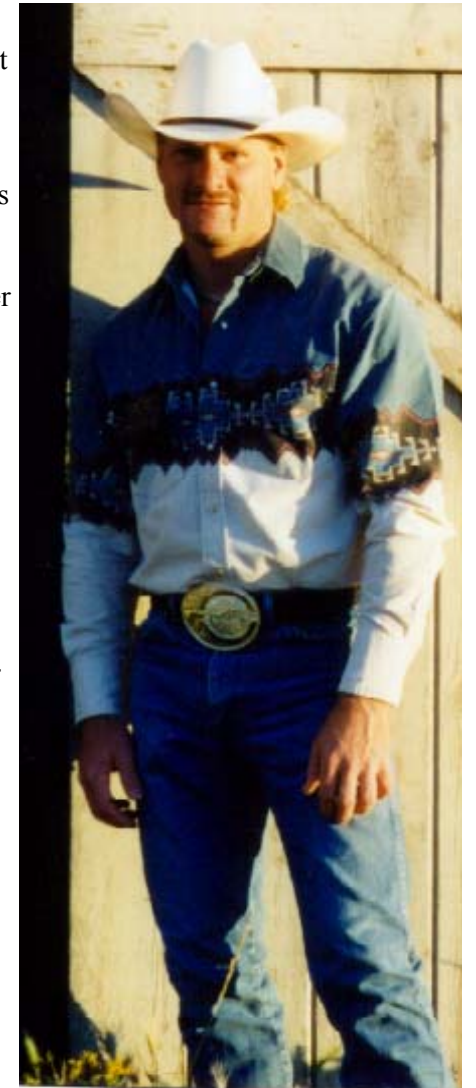
President's Page - -

March has already turned out to be interesting – at least for me. April will also be a challenging month. As we begin to plan for events and fundraisers, keep in mind that I've asked that anyone with ideas and the means to organize and promote an event should do so. Contact Mark Marshall if you need help with getting started. The association has grown so much in the past year and there are so many talented individuals that could utilizing their talents and skills. Take a look at the calendar frequently for new events added and changes in other events. Or, pick up the phone and stay in contact. I fault myself for not keeping in touch and am reminded daily of how important it is to stay in contact with friends and family.

We are also beginning a critical stage in planning for the rodeo. Although it may seem there is time before some things can actually be done, there is no time like the present to have it all down on paper so everything flows smoothly when the time comes. As a volunteer organization, I would like to offer a challenge to all the members. When August comes around, I would like to see every name on the membership roster on the volunteer list. The support from members is very important and this year, during grand entry, I would like to see the entire arena filled with CCGRA members. We've come a long way and we still have a long way to go, but I know I am proud of the accomplishments that CCGRA has made and look forward to another successful year.

Again, I'll give my quick sermon on patience and perseverance. Reaching the goals that have been set out for this executive board are not overnight accomplishments. I would ask that the members support each other when traveling for rodeos, or for events with other organizations. The best image we have projected to other organizations is one of camaraderie. We are a healthy organization and we will not go away. Yabba-Dabba-Doo!

Good luck to those traveling to Fort Worth, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. The next newsletter will hopefully be full of praises of winnings. Be safe and have fun.



History of The Dean Berkan Memorial Education & Safety Fund (Part #1) - - by Lin Daugherty

With 123 members in our association as of January 2002, there must be close to 80 who haven't a clue who "Dean Berkan" was.

When I joined this organization 3 or 4 years ago, Dean was already a very active part of the group. He was always a "can do" sort of guy. He owned his own Heating and Air Conditioning business, and could fix anything we broke. He managed to totally re-wire our Rodeo Arena at his own expense for lights, sound and vendor plugs, as most of the connections at the grounds were in a deplorable state of disrepair.

Had it not been for Dean's talent and brilliance we would not have had such a successful first rodeo. (In fact, we may not have had one at all.) Dean loved to go boating, bar hopping and a ton of other activities, but most of all he loved being with his rodeo friends. He had great ideas for club events and participated in them all. Besides, he was "easy on the eyes". Even this old bat enjoys watching a cute butt as it passes by and Dean definitely had one of those.

One never knows what draws certain people to each other but I always felt at ease around Dean. To say he was passionate in his beliefs would be an understatement. We battled and went nose to nose a few times, but mostly we laughed and hugged and occasionally shed a tear together.

At our first Rodeo in 1999, a contingent from ASGRA (Washington, DC) came out to help us and enjoy the fun. Among them were Ron Fink, Lonnie La Bel and Stan Slutter - the DJ at "Remington's" Bar in DC. (He worked his "A" off in the heat to DJ for us). Ron invited all of us to join them in October for their "Atlantic Stampede". Several of our members had previously stayed at Ron's and attended the DC Rodeo. To name a few: Billy Hughes, Chuck Valdes, Mark Marshall and Ed Brick.

We were so high after successfully completing our very first event that a bunch of us accepted Ron's gracious invitation. (Ron had to quickly build three spare bedrooms in his basement to accommodate us all.) Don't even think of asking about the sleeping arrangements -JUST DON'T GO THERE!!! Among his house guests were Mark Marshall, Ed Brick, Zack Krieter, Billy Hughes, Chuck Valdes, Dean and myself. I think there was more, there were just bodies everywhere. Sammy Vangalder and Matt Romero arrived later but stayed with other friends and missed out on the outrageously mad "fun" house.

Dean, Billy Hughes and myself flew to DC together. Those Queens checked their luggage. I toted mine as "carry-ons" (wouldn't you know). Dean had to wear our three cowboy hats all the way through the terminals our hands were full. We got some really strange looks, but then what's new? What a bizarre trio we were.

We changed planes in Kansas City and Billy got us the front seats with all the legroom. We were barely in the air when I sang: "We are family, I've got all my brothers and me". What a stroke of luck, the crew must have been family also as we got served two drinks before they asked anyone else if they would like something! Soon afterwards, Dean got very worried that the plane was not going to clear the mountains in front of us. I don't think that boy had flown much, he seemed relieved when Billy advised him we were over Kansas and that those were clouds. It was soon a gorgeous full moonlit night. The clouds stood outlined in silver. Dean was too young to know that the October moon is the most brilliant and is called "Harvest Moon", as it is the end of the farming season thus the farmers use it to gather in the last of their crops. Billy & I broke into a lovely harmonized rendition of "Shine on Harvest Moon", Dean in his frustration of not knowing the song countered with the Flintstones; "Yabba Dabba DO"! It became our theme song for the rest of the trip.

Tune in next issue for..... "the rest of the story".

The Dean Berkan Memorial Education & Safety Fund was established in memory of CCGRA member Dean John Berkan who was killed in a rodeo accident in Washington, DC in 1999. Donations to the fund are used to purchase safety equipment and for educating members and non-members in the importance of rodeo safety. The equipment that has been purchased has already saved the lives of several people. The purpose of the fund is to better educate in safety and protect those that participate. We love & miss Dean!

