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## President's Notes

Jeff Barr, President  
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Howdy all:

What does it mean to be a cowboy/cowgirl? This was a question that rambled through my mind recently. I grew up in a California Bay Area suburb and my exposure to cowboys was limited to The Wild Wild West on TV as a kid. I met my partner Wes and started going to many of the rodeos. When, if at all, did I become a cowboy? Wrangler Jeans don't make a cowboy. Country Music Twang doesn't make a cowboy. Competing in Rodeo doesn't make a cowboy. But, it is probably the closest many of us will ever get. Although I'm not out on the open range rustling up the herd, I'm still a cowboy at heart and love that we can live as weekend cowboys and share that enthusiasm with friends and family at rodeos across the country and Canada.

What does it mean to be a cowboy/cowgirl? Coincidentally, this question is at the heart of our Association and embedded into our Mission. Someone recently mentioned that she didn't believe that the bars were the right place to recruit new members as they are not really interested in rodeo, but just sex and drinking.

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## Membership

*Membership Dues and more...*

Rob Pierce, Member-At-Large  
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Our Membership has grown since last month to 69 members. We are making great progress!

Howdy, everyone; a simple reminder for you to turn in your membership renewal form as soon as possible. You have 30 days past your expiration date before you are considered a non-member. You can visit our web site at [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) to download a membership application.

Capital Crossroads would like to wish a Happy Birthday, for the month of June to:

  
Paul Davis      Jeremy Inman  
D.L. Shields      James Robinson  
Paolo Troia      Rosie

***Welcome*** to our Newest Members and Renewals for the month of June:

**Paul Klein of Sacramento, CA;  
Joe Ibarra of Sacramento, CA;  
Rick Shultz of Sacramento, CA;  
Michael Conti of Sacramento, CA;  
Daniel Wingo of Oakley, CA;  
and Lynda Hodgskiss of Clyde, CA**



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Well, I'm not going to say that there isn't some truth to that, but it really misses the prime reason we exist and the reason members should want to be part of our organization. Through your support, our organization is carrying on the western tradition and opening an alternative lifestyle to others who might not have explored it, if it wasn't for us.

In Sacramento, we see the burbs moving out to the country and the landscape changing before our eyes. Vast open spaces are becoming shopping malls and houses. What will be left of the "western" heritage? Will that lifestyle be plowed under along with the fields around us? We honor American history and legacy by ensuring that parts of this heritage are carried on. We are proud to be an organization whose primary mission is to carry on the western tradition and rodeo for future generations.

As we move forward this year, we hope to become an independently recognized member of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). We believe this direct relationship with IGRA will maximize our potential to continue our mission including the hosting of an IGRA-sanctioned Rodeo in Sacramento. I am confident that GSGRA is seriously reviewing our Request for Territory and hope that they will come to the same conclusion releasing us to complete an application for IGRA membership.

As President, I am forming a committee to discuss and review developments with our effort to become "sanctioned". If you would like to become more involved in this effort, please let me know in the next couple of weeks. We will be calling a meeting in July for anyone interested in discussing this. Please let me know any thoughts on the matter or let me know if you would like to attend this "special" meeting. Thanks for all your support.

Many happy trails,

**Jeff Barr, President  
Capital Crossroads Gay  
Rodeo Association**



**Jeff and Blaze**

## Capital Crossroads Host The Beer Gardens At Pride!

Rob Pierce, Membership Chair  
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

We had one heck of a great time at the Sacramento Pride event on June 16, 2007. Once again, Capital Crossroads was asked to be the hosts of the Beer Gardens and I can assure you we'll be invited back again next year! What a great turnout! We could not have pulled it off without all the volunteers.

We had Bartenders, Security ID Checkers, Beer Pouter's, our Western Booth, and a new attraction...the Mechanical Bull (which proved to be a huge hit!

There is a Volunteer Appreciation Pool Party to be held at the home of Wes and Jeff on July 7, 2007. There will be plenty of food. Special thanks go out to all the Bartenders who donated their time and their tips to the Capital Crossroads. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed.



## Events

Hank Williams, Events Chair  
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

We have had several events this month...

### **June 1-3, 2007; San Diego Gay Rodeo:**

We had 13 Capital Crossroads members attend this very fun rodeo! This was one of the largest groups we had attend a gay rodeo in several years not too mention we had several regular competitors and new competitors from our organization. Sacramento made a name for ourselves at this rodeo and we made several new friends.

### **June 8, 2007; Sacramento PRIDE:**

We held our regular Tuesday night Cowboy/Cowgirl Social at The Bolt. Thank you to The Bolt for hosting our event! We'll see you next month. This event is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

### **June 16, 2007; Sacramento PRIDE:**

Once again, Capital Crossroads hosted the Beer Gardens and with a huge success! We couldn't have pulled it off without all the volunteers. Thank you very much to all of you who helped us out and made this a very successful event!

## Upcoming Schedule of Events

### **June 28, 2007; Dinner at El Patron -**

Capital Crossroads will be attending the first ever dinner social at El Patron. All members of Capital Crossroads are invited to attend. This will be a regular event. A percentage of the

Our next General Membership meeting is planned for **Sunday, July 8, 2007** from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m at the Western Warehouse located at 7255 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

Feel free to contact me regarding your membership, at [memberatlarge@capitalcrossroads.org](mailto:memberatlarge@capitalcrossroads.org) and [membership@capitalcrossroads.org](mailto:membership@capitalcrossroads.org) or call me at 916-717-7834.

## Rodeo Safety Tip

Alexanderia Waller, Counselor  
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Okay Cowgirls & Cowboys,

It's time to give up the pretty/handsome look for 6 seconds. When riding Rough Stock it's time to remove the HAT and put on a helmet! Your helmet should be snug and almost tight enough to give you a headache. Make sure all the screws are tightened on the face mask and all straps are snapped. A short story...when I was riding, I thought it was cool to have all my hat pins on the hat. When I came out of the chute I landed right on my head and almost all of my pin tips made pin holes in my scalp. So, PLEASE switch to the helmet!

If you need a helmet, please contact Sammy Van Galder at [vicepresident@capitalcrossroads.org](mailto:vicepresident@capitalcrossroads.org), as we have several sizes.

Rodeo Up; Alex

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## A Couple Pride Shots!

Visit our web site for more fun filled photo shots!!!



Capital Crossroads had a horse drawn Wagon as our float entry for the Pride Parade! Special thanks to Cowboy Dave for making this happen!



Hank Williams was stupendous as he ran our Western Booth. He helped bring in 3 brand new members and 1 renewal! I'm not sure if you can tell, but he looks like he's having a good time!!!

Capital Crossroads total bill will be given back to our Operational Funds.

**June 29 - July 1, 2007; Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo** - Visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for details.

**June 30, 2007; Round 3 of Cheeks & Chaps at The Bolt** - Visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for details.

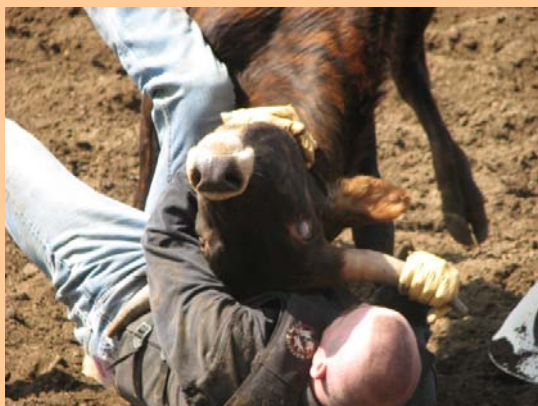
**July 4, 2007; Hot Balls BBQ and Volleyball Tournament at The Bolt** - Visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for details.

**July 7, 2007; PRIDE Volunteer Appreciation Party at the home of Wes and Jeff** - Visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for details.

**July 10, 2007; Cowboy/Cowgirl Social at The Bolt** - Visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for details.

**July 22, 2007 - Capital Crossroads General Membership Meeting.** Visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for details.

**San Diego Gay Rodeo! If you don't know what Chute Dogging is, just take a look at how John Yantz does it! He's flipping the steer on his back! Ouch!!!**



**Meet Mary-Jo Brittney, Head Cheerleader and Flo Tiffany, Spirit Leader! At the San Diego Gay Rodeo they put on one excellent show for everyone! Don't they look GREAT!!!**

## Capital Crossroads Sends Posse to San Diego Gay Rodeo

Wes Wilkinson, Treasurer  
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

**The San Diego Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA Bay Area Chapter)** held their annual Gay Rodeo in Lakeside, CA from June 1-3, 2007.

My partner (Jeff B.) and I (Wes W.) formed a posse and headed south to San Diego on June 1st - 3rd. The posse included Matt S (Mr. Capital Crossroads), Mark B., John Y., Lynda H., Ann K., Max J., Rob P., Hank W., Bill P., Ryan C, Flo Tiffany (Spirit Leader), and Mary-Jo Brittany (Head Cheer Leader).

During the rodeo, Mary-Jo and Flo entertained the crowd with their hair-raising synchronized cheers. Flo even jumped on a steer twice. Mark S. and Jeff B. joined the cheerleaders as yell-leaders and we certainly showed San Diego that Sacramento has spirit!

Every member of the posse had a great time at the rodeo cheering on our favorite contestants from Sacramento.

We had several contestants from Sacramento competing for their first time; John Y., Rob P., Ryan C., Hank W., and Matt S. all in Calf Roping on Foot and Wild Drag Race. Rob P. in Chute Dogging; even though his Chute-Dogging times did not place in the top 5, a special congratulations goes to Rob P. for successfully dogging his steer on both Saturday and Sunday for the very first time. Congratulations also go out to John Y. on his first calf roping catch. Good Job, keep up

the good work! Check out our web site at [www.capitalcrossroads.org](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org) for all the fun pictures!

Every member of the posse had a wonderful time at the Rodeo and Capital Crossroads left it's mark on San Diego and made a lot of new friends.

You too can be a part of the next rodeo posse. We are heading out to Calgary at the end of June, Denver in the middle of July, GSGRA-Bay Area, and Las Vegas both in September. If you are interested in attending one of these rodeos, more information can be found at [www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com) or by contacting the Member-at-Large to help you with arranging your trip.



### San Diego Rodeo Results

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Calf Roping on Foot - Ann Kinney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Wild Drag Race - Lynda Hodgskiss  
6<sup>th</sup> Place Calf Roping on Foot - John Yantz  
4<sup>th</sup> Place Chute Dogging - Wes Wilkinson

Congratulations to our members for their accomplishments and thanks for representing Capital Crossroads on the IGRA rodeo circuit in 2007!

Wild Wild Wes  
Treasurer, Capital Crossroads  
Mary-Jo Brittney, Head Cheerleader!

# A Rodeo Announcement & Upcoming Rodeo Schedules

*We encourage all Capital Crossroads members to attend and participate, whether that be as a competitor or as a volunteer, for as many upcoming rodeos as possible, especially our rodeos in California. Both San Diego and San Francisco GSGRA Rodeos are in need of volunteers. It is fun and you will make lots of new friends!*

## **I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2007**

For more detail information on these events you may go to [http://www.igra.com/Calendar\\_Rodeo.htm](http://www.igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm) or <http://www.capitalcrossroads.org/RodeoCalendar.html>

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<i>North Star Regional</i>	<i>Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN</i>	<i>June 29 - July 1, 2007</i>
<b>Canadian Rockies Rodeo</b>	<b>Calgary Alberta</b>	<b>June 29 - July 1, 2007</b>
<i>Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>	<i>July 13 - 15, 2007</i>
<i>Zia Regional Rodeo</i>	<i>Albuquerque, NM</i>	<i>August 17 - 19, 2007</i>
<i>Windy City Rodeo</i>	<i>Chicago, IL</i>	<i>August 24 - 26, 2007</i>
<i>Atlantic Stampede</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>	<i>September 7 - 9, 2007</i>
<i>MGRA Show Me State Rodeo</i>	<i>Kansas City, MO</i>	<i>September 14 - 16, 2007</i>
<b>Bay Area Gay Rodeo</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA</b>	<b>September 14 - 16, 2007</b>
<b>BigHorn Rodeo</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV</b>	<b>September 21 - 23, 2007</b>
<i>Capital City Rodeo</i>	<i>Austin, TX</i>	<i>September 21 - 23, 2007</i>
<i>PNWGRA Rodeo School Play Day</i>	<i>Portland, OR</i>	<i>September 21 - 23, 2007</i>
<i>IGRA Finals Rodeo</i>	<i>Denver, CO</i>	<i>October 11 - 14, 2007</i>
<i>IGRA Convention</i>	<i>Kansas City, MO</i>	<i>November 7 - 11, 2007</i>

**See you at the next General Membership Meeting on July 22, 2007.**

**Our next newsletter will be published in August 2007.**

**Join us at the Western Warehouse on  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> for our General Membership  
Meeting and receive  
20% off everything in the store!**



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