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### Pyrotechnics Guild to Set Gillette on Fire

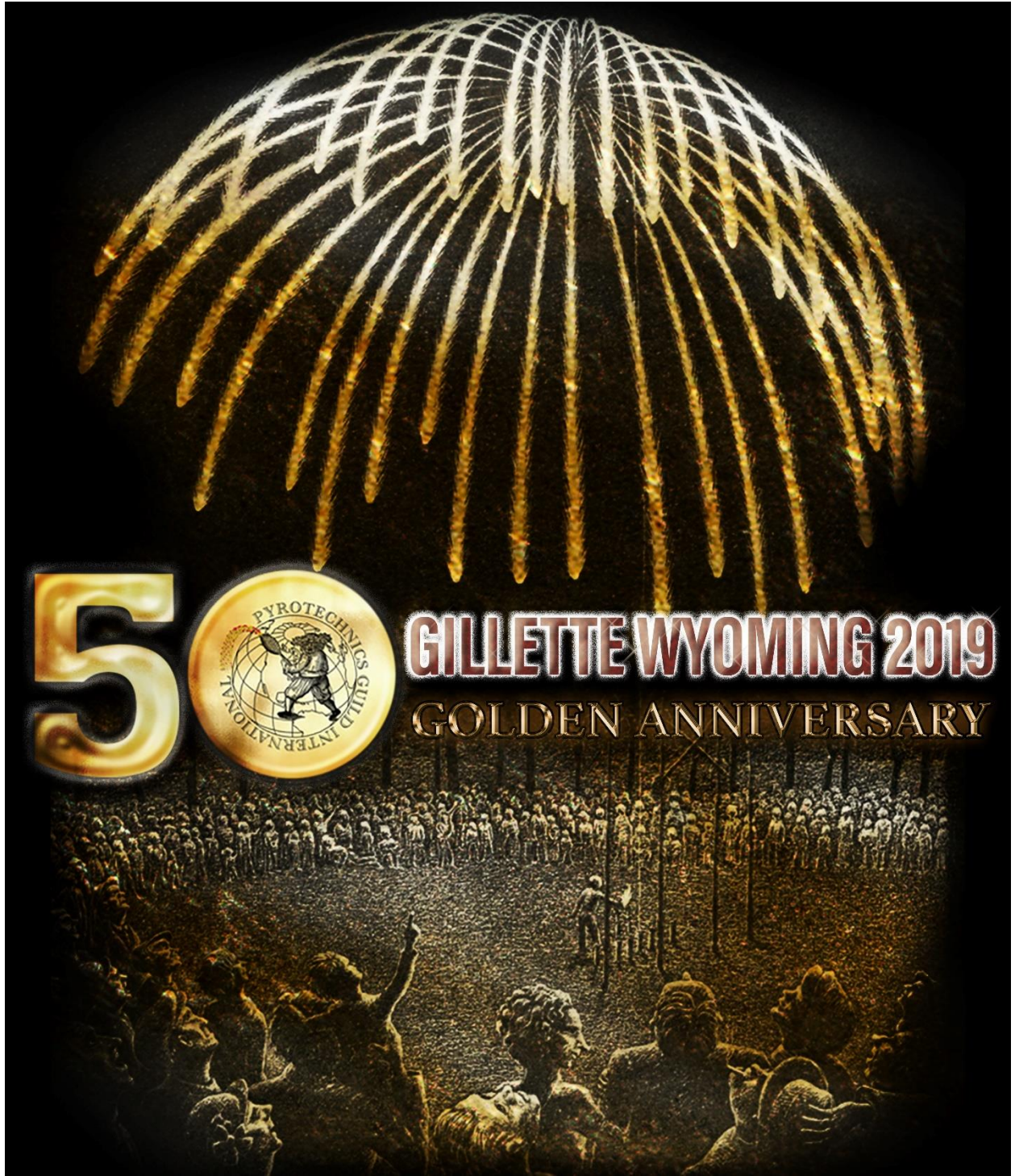
(Gillette, Wyoming) (05/30/19) — The August skies will be set ablaze and the thundering echo of explosions will fill the once quiet plains of Gillette, Wyoming as the Pyrotechnics Guild International celebrates their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For the first time since 2015, the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) will return to CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities to hold their Annual Convention August 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>.

2019 marks the Golden Anniversary for the organization originally founded in 1969 by Max P. Vander Horck, or Van to his friends. Van, who was then the publisher of a monthly fireworks newsletter titled *American Pyrotechnist*, envisioned the establishment of an organization for fireworks enthusiasts whose goal would be not only to educate themselves regarding pyrotechnics, but also media, politicians, and the public as well. Today PGI boasts a membership of 3,500 strong and growing. Members come from all walks of life and range from those with general interest all the way to hard-core enthusiasts; whose love for the science of pyrotechnics continues to spur new firework innovations.

“The CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities and the community of Gillette are thrilled to have been selected to host the 2019 Annual Convention and we are truly honored to be part of PGI’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration,” said Heather Kuhrt of CAM-PLEX. The Annual Convention will include public displays the nights of the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$50 for a carload of 6 individuals or \$150 for a weeklong pass. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the CAM-PLEX Box Office or online at [www.cam-plex.com](http://www.cam-plex.com).

“We invite Wyomingites and visitors alike to join us for each of the epic displays and encourage all to attend Equality Night on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. This night’s special show will honor the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in our great state and will feature the detonation of PGI’s *Super Nuke*. Comprised in-part of over 1,000 gallons of gasoline, the *Super Nuke* is a spectacle you won’t want to miss!” said Kuhrt.

Catch a glimpse of the 2018 Super Nuke at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCbcRWq6ceY>



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