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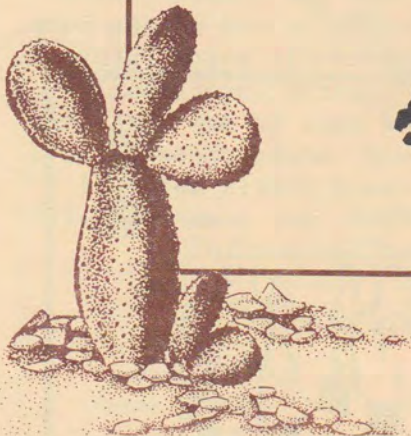
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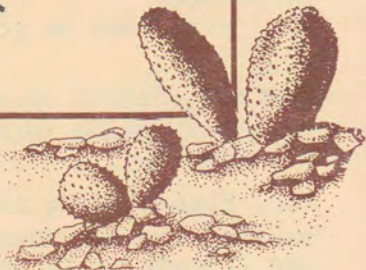
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, my congratulations to the dozen or so of our Rodeo and Royalty Contestants who have been invited to this month's Finals.

Congrats also to all the AGRA placers at San Diego's Rodeo. Everybody had a lot of fun that weekend, and did very well besides. It was especially nice to see MICHAEL COONEY bring back a ribbon in Wild Drag for what he says was his last event at his last Rodeo competition.

There's a sad note this month too, as we've lost yet another Rodeo supporter to AIDS. KEITH THOMPSON died on Sept. 19, he would have been 31 years old next month. We've kinda made it a "policy" not to mention the deaths of previous AGRA Members in these pages. It would take up a depressing amount of space for one thing, and with literally hundreds of Members over our nine year history, we feared that we'd miss somebody, and hurt some feelings. Keith was an exception. He didn't leave AGRA, as much as the disease took him from us. Gay Rodeo was a big part of Keith's life. He was right up there with people like GREG OLSON, and LARRY JONES in our earlier days, bringing home the IGRA Championship Buckles in Bull-Riding and Bareback Broncs. The Minister at his Memorial Service several weeks ago commented on his love for Gay Rodeo, though the last time he was able to compete was L.A., in 1990.

On a more personal level, Keith was the first one to christen me "Miss Ivey", back about the time we first christened him "Miss Mess". Didn't care for the nickname back then, I like it now.

Two weeks ago, only days after Keith died, his family presented a quilt panel to the Names Project display at the Civic Plaza. I'm told that you can immediately tell what it is from across the room. Taking up the entire 3' X 6' image area is the rear view of a cowboy, on horseback.

Miss Ivey is gonna miss Miss Mess.

Stan Iversen

P.S. Please bring in an item at our next meeting for our Shanti food drive. It's our friends we're helping.

LETTERS

AGRA,

Thanks so very much for such a great Rodeo! Your Rodeo Staff, volunteers, and Membership really pulled together and made the GSGRA L.A. Chapter feel very much welcomed, WE really appreciated that. We had a blast!

On a more personal level, I rode this weekend in memory of my Uncle Phillip Santhon from Glendale, Arizona who I'm sure would have been proud!

Thanks again!

Sunnie Rose

Dear Sunnie Rose,

Thanks for your note, always nice to hear of people enjoying themselves at our "parties". We're sure that Phil would have been proud of your performance over that weekend, hope to see you again in January, doing more of the same!

KEEPING RECORDS A BITCH

RON TRUSLEY missed our September 8th Board meeting due to hassles with plane flights. So, there we were, sitting in, to record the minutes, head down, pen poised over paper, acting professional as all hell, when a pair of underwear flew past our heads. Yes, underwear. A lovely pair of florescent teal green jockey briefs, flung from a contingent of Phoenix Board Members at one end of the room, the entire length of the conference table, and into the Tucson contingent seated at the opposite end of the room. The underwear was apparently being returned. And from our "brief" (sorry about that) glimpse of them, we'd have to say that the teeny little waistband, would probably be a perfect fit on the teeny little waist of Tucson's JEFF SCHROEDER. Any comments Jeff?



SAN DIEGO RODEO RESULTS

CINDY OF CA, GREG OLSON, & J.J. THE WONDER HORSE TAKE ALL-AROUNDS

The last Rodeo of the Season, and it was AGRA people who took the top honors at San Diego's Rodeo last month. CINDY OF CALIF. (are we still using that alias Cindy?) took All-Around honors for Women with ANGIE DARNELL placing as 4th Runner-Up. GREG OLSON did it again as All-Around Cowboy, with LARRY JONES also right up there as 1st Runner-Up. J.J. THE WONDER HORSE won another All-Around (and \$250.) for placing 1st in all three horse events on both days. Imagine what he could do if he could just get Greg off his back?! Many other AGRAers missed the top five places in different events by just a second or two... we're good. Bringing home nine buckles were... GREG OLSON for Barrel Racing, Flag Racing, and Pole Bending. CINDY OF CALIF. for Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, and the Wild Drag Race. CANDY BELL took the Steer Riding buckle, LARRY JONES the Breakaway Roping buckle, and WOODY snagged one for Goat Dressing. The daily top five standings were...

SATURDAY

Barrel Racing - Greg Olson - 1st
Angie Darnell - 2nd

Breakaway Roping - Cindy of Calif. - 1st
Larry Jones - 2nd

Calf Roping on Foot - Angie Darnell - 4th

Chute Dogging - Greg Olson - 4th
Dan Iversen - 5th

Flag Race - Greg Olson - 1st
Larry Jones - 2nd

Pole Bending - Greg Olson - 1st
Cindy of Calif. - 3rd

Steer Decorating - Angie Darnell &
Teri Rowe - 2nd
Jeff Ofstedahl &
Michael Royer - 3rd

Steer Riding - Candy Bell - 1st
Greg Olson - 3rd

Team Roping - Larry Jones & Greg Olson - 1st

Wild Drag Race - Cindy of Calif. - 1st
Shirly Boursaw, Dan Iversen
& Greg Olson - 2nd

SUNDAY

Barrel Racing - Greg Olson - 1st
Larry Jones - 2nd
Cindy of Calif. - 5th

Breakaway Roping - Cindy of Calif. - 1st
Larry Jones - 1st

Calf Roping on Foot - Greg Olson - 1st
Larry Jones - 3rd

Flag Race - Greg Olson - 1st
Cindy of Calif. - 2nd
Larry Jones - 2nd
Angie Darnell - 3rd

Goat Dressing - Woody - 4th

Pole Bending - Greg Olson - 1st
Cindy of Calif. - 2nd

Steer Decorating - Woody - 5th

Steer Riding - Candy Bell - 1st
Cindy of Calif. - 3rd

Team Roping - Cindy of Calif. - 1st

Wild Drag Race - Cindy of Calif. - 2nd
Shirly Boursaw, Dan
Iversen, & Greg Olson -
3rd
Michael Cooney, Angie
Darnell, & Larry Jones -
4th



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A big thank-you to GSGRA's San Diego Chapter for what was by every single account we've heard, an Excellent Rodeo!

FINALS UPDATE



August 28, 1991

Dear IGRA Member Associations:

On behalf of GPRR, I am pleased to inform you that yesterday, August 27th, the Wichita City Council unanimously approved the use of the "West Bank" area beside the Arkansas River for the 1991 IGRA Finals Rodeo. This should clear up once and for all any uncertainty that has arisen about where the rodeo would be held after PKD Arena notified us that we would not be able to use their facility, some eight miles east and south of Wichita. The new site is only two and one-half blocks from our host hotel, the Ramada Broadview, in downtown Wichita, and has been used by many events, including the annual Wichita River Festival, held each May, as well as another rodeo, held there approximately three years ago. We think that this site, due to its location in the heart of town, will ultimately be better for us, for the contestants and spectators, and for IGRA and Gay Rodeo generally. PKD will be providing the equipment for the rodeo, and other necessary arrangements are currently being finalized. We foresee no further problems.

Now that this matter has been resolved, GPRR hopes that the natural anxieties of contestants and fans have been relieved, and that we can all get on with the important task of producing the rodeo. We look forward to seeing you here in October.

Yours truly,

LINN COPELAND
Rodeo Director
1991 IGRA Finals Rodeo

A dozen AGRA Rodeo Contestants, as well as two of our Royalty Contestants have qualified to be invited to IGRA's 1991 Finals Rodeo, to be held this month, the weekend of the 18th, in Wichita, Kansas.

As Wichita assured us at August's Convention, the Finals are definitely "on", despite an earlier setback. And as we inferred in last month's newsletter, Wichita has secured a new arena spot much closer to the two downtown host Hotels. In fact, we'll basically be taking over that section of the downtown area, with the Hotels just a couple of blocks from the riverfront site where they'll be setting up a complete Arena. Thousands of us will now be able to walk back and forth to all the weekend Rodeo activities. Could be the best Finals ever, plan on being there!

Our Royalty Contestants, Mr MARCO SALAZAR (see the Royalty Changes article), and Miss CONSUELA RODRIGUEZ (JOE RUBIO) will both be making the trip to Wichita for Friday night's International Royalty Contest, with the

Winner's to be announced Sunday night. Make sure you're there to cheer them on. Also in attendance, will be the current Miss IGRA, our own HOLLIE WOODS (DAVID ANAYA), there to crown the new Miss and relinquish her title. Be sure to be there and support her as well at these final appearances to thank her for all the support she's given AGRA, and IGRA all year long.

Rodeo Contestants qualifying for this years invitations are... JAY ANDERSON, COLLEEN BARRY, CANDY BELL, DONNA BELL, GARIC COLEMAN, ANGIE DARNELL, DAN IVERSEN, LARRY JONES, WOODY K. CINDY of CALIF., GREG OLSON, DEBBY ROOT, and CAROL SHEARER. From what we hear, the majority of these people are planning to make the trip up North. Other Members may be going as well, as some of our people were just "seconds" away from the top five places, and will be asked to attend as vacancies come up. Add all of us "extra folk", going up to party and cheer on our people, and you've got quite a contingent from AGRA that will be in attendance. Definitely the place to be the third weekend in October.

If you haven't made your plans yet... then you're fools! Oops, sorry, that slipped out, let's try it again. For those of you who weren't able to make plans before now, (that's better) here's that last minute phone number for you. The Rodeo Hotline at #(316)682-5494.

Let's see what we've got here... Wonderful Autumn weather, in a place where the

leaves actually change colors. The Rodeo Circuit's Climatic Event of the Year, the one weekend of events that every Rodeo function all year long leads up to. A dozen of our own best AGRA people to cheer on. Thousands more of our extended Rodeo family, all partying and staying in a several square block area. And the KGRA folks as hosts, who help put on one of the most fun Rodeos of the year with their Annual Great Plains Regional Rodeo in Oklahoma City. How can you resist it? Call that number, and make your plans.

Also make plans to help support our Contestants by attending "Charlie's" Contestant Fundraising Party on Sunday, October 13th. Call LARRY JONES at #936-5401 for details, and/or to volunteer your help.

See you in Wichita!!



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LOST & FOUND

Lost, two Members of the IGRA Royalty. Need to be found by Wichita Finals dates.

1. JOE BISHOP. Mr IGRA 1991. Tall and lanky. Last seen partying at the Great Plains Regional Rodeo. Allegedly living somewhere in Texas.

2. LINDA SULLO. Ms IGRA 1991. Short and sleek. Last spotted somewhere in California.

Both are considered armed with IGRA merchandise.

Would anyone having a clue on either of these two people's whereabouts (a phone number would be especially appreciated) please contact Miss HOLLIE WOODS (DAVID ANAYA) in Phoenix, immediately! Leave a message for her at "Charlie's" #(602)265-0224. Thank-you!

ROYALTY CHANGES

Good news, bad news, on the Royalty front. The bad news is that our Mr AGRA, JAY ANDERSON, has unfortunately had to step down from his position and give up his title.

We'd like to thank Jay for all his hard work, as well as the good times he's provided us all with over the past year. Luckily, he's not leaving us entirely, so we'll still have that nice smile of his around "Charlie's".

The good news, we're proud to announce, is that 1st Runner-Up, MARCO SALAZAR, is ready, willing, and able to take over for Jay. Marco has already cleared his schedule, and will be in attendance at the Wichita Finals to represent AGRA. Too bad there isn't a Mr Talent competition, so he could use that singing voice of his. Thanks for stepping in Marco, and good luck in Wichita!

And what did we all learn from this? Hopefully, how important it is to have lots of good candidates running for each category in our Mr/Ms/Miss Contests. You never know what might happen.

For instance... the following story with DAVID ANAYA was written before Jay stepped down, read on for dated material..

KISS HOLLIE GOODBYE



For those half-dozen of you who just don't have a clue what's going on around you (DONNIE HINES are you listening?) AGRA has had the pleasure of having this year's IGRA Miss titleholder living in our midst. DAVID ANAYA, AKA Miss HOLLIE WOODS, lives in Phoenix, and works at "that 'lil ole bitty pissant Country place" on Camelback. As David prepares to pass on his title to the new Miss for 1992, in Wichita later this month, we thought we'd sit him down and chat about the last year. The good times, the bad, and all the gossip we could get for you, though you'll see that David's mind was often quicker than our tongue...

BRANDING IRON QUESTION: Well, it's about time to give up that title. Are you going to do so peacefully, or will Wichita see a nasty brawl?

DAVID'S ANSWER: Can't give it up if I'm not there, so I'm not going to Finals. Just kidding.

Q: What's been the best part of the Miss IGRA title?

A: The Crown. Just kidding again. It's got to be the opportunity to meet so many people, and being a part of the larger IGRA Circuit. Hopefully, I was able to help expand IGRA as well.

Q: And the worst part of the title?

A: The heels. I'm serious this time. That and being in drag for three days straight. Everybody knows who Hollie is, but you know, I could walk into one of those bars or Arenas today, and very few

people would know who David is. That's the worst part.

Q: How many of the Rodeos did you attend?

A: It's easier to count how many I didn't attend. Two. New Mexico's Unit was at a bad time for me, schedule-wise, and Denver's was two weeks after I was up there with the Cloggers for "Charlie's/Denver" Anniversary party. I was at the rest, along with lots of extra shows, fundraisers, Royalty Contests, the Convention, and Gay Pride Events here and in L.A. It's been fun.

Q: Where's the future of IGRA Royalty going?

A: Ooohhh, there's a question for you. Well, it can only go forward, though I've learned that being Royalty takes a lot of time, effort, and money. Associations shouldn't have all three Royalty positions, just to have them, you need people who can do the work.

You know, this is the first title I've ever gone for, or heard about, that wasn't just for me, just for the Crown so to speak. This title is for the Community, and we need to get that word out more. IGRA Royalty is purposely oriented towards raising money for charities. Just to qualify as a Contestant you have to raise \$500. In my two years of holding these titles, I figure I've taken part in helping to raise about \$30,000.

That's all sorts of fundraising shows and things along with the regular Rodeo events. You add that up for all the Contestants and Royalty across the Country, and you've got hundreds of thousands of dollars being raised to fight AIDS, and for Gay Rights. We really need that money in these times, and we need to get the word out to people more, that that's what Royalty is all about.

Q: Part of Royalty's role is that Public Relations aspect. How do you "get the word out" when we can't talk to the Straight Press, and do you agree with that ban?

A: Yes I do. We need to get the word out more in the Gay Press. The straight press too often twists our words around, tips off the homophobes to us, and ends up scaring off some of our supporters. They can't hurt us if we don't talk to them.

Q: So if OPRAH backed you into a corner and demanded to know what's going on, and what a Drag Queen has to do with Rodeo?

A: "No Comment", and keep walking. Then probably a "Move! You're blocking my sunlight!", or a "Back off! You're wrinkling my gown!". If she really persisted, she'd get my Fundraising speech.

Q: Like a "Hollie does ACT-UP"?

A: No. I did a fundraiser for ACT-UP here

AN INTERVIEW WITH MISS IGRA

last year, but I thought it was just for AIDS until the publicity came out. I'm not sure whether I support ACT-UP's tactics or not, but being a political organization, I didn't feel comfortable using my title to support them. Once the title is gone, who knows?!

Q: Let's lighten up some with some quick one-liners... Favorite color?

A: Let me check my make-up pallet... tawny amber.

Q: Favorite food?

A: Jack-in-the-Box at 3:00 AM

Q: Favorite food to eat off of your partner of the evening?

A: Curly Fries of course! They wrap around things so easily.

Q: Okay, we tried. What was your favorite Event of the last year?

A: Have to be Finals, when I won the title.

Q: Care to follow your predecessor and name your least favorite Event?

A: Sure, I'll name one. FRITZ CAPONE and the Clogger's Party, 'cause I don't remember it!

Q: Was gluing a wig to your head that night also about the stupidest thing you've done all year?

A: No. The stupidest thing was drinking all those Yukon Jacks that Fritz forced on me! But Finals are coming, and she will pay. Are you listening Fritz?!

Q: What about the most outrageous episode? We're remembering such things as you and Mother stuck in the elevator, in drag, in Albuquerque, or you doing Vegas in drag.

A: First thing in my mind is waking up next to LARRY JONES in full drag in L.A. He said I looked lovely in the morning!

Q: What do you think the chances are for our current AGRA Royalty in Wichita? And what advice do you have for them?

A: I'd be very surprised if CONSUELA (JOE RUBIO) and JAY (ANDERSON) didn't place in the top three, at least! Don't want to say more than that and risk jinxing them. Advice? Relax, be yourselves, and have fun with it. Enjoy yourselves while still remembering that it is a serious thing.

Q: Anyone you want to thank now, before your nerves make you forget in Wichita?

A: Oh lots! AGRA for the opportunity, and for entrusting me with this title. "Charlie's" Staff, for their patience with me this year. The Cloggers, for allowing me to perform with them. And individuals, my Mom and Dad, LARRY JONES, and most especially GREG OLSON.

Q: And his horse?

A: Oh, can't forget J.J.

Q: Are you planning the usual hour long set

of eight ballads as your farewell?

A: Oh no! Short speech, and two songs. Fast ones! Hollie came in as the "fun" one, and she'll go out the same way!

Q: What's up next for you?

A: Well, I think Hollie's going in the closet for a couple of months. Maybe I'll hock all of her gowns and buy David a whole new wardrobe. I'm gonna relax, and recover, and then do six retirement shows like Moosela!

Q: More quickies. How many men have you slept with in the past year?

A: The entire AGRA Board. How many is that?

Q: Who are you sleeping with now?

A: My pillows. It's actually been a rather slow year.

Q: What about sharing one bed in Albuquerque with CONSUELA and RON ERICKSON?

A: That was just so we could try out each other's Crowns as cock rings.

Q: And how big is your wienie?

A: As ROD HENRY likes to say, size doesn't matter when you're as good a bottom as I am!

Q: Okay, favorite bar co-worker?

A: Got to be SASHA (ANTHONY PIERI).

Q: Last book you read?

A: It wasn't a book, it was a person.

Q: Ever seen DINO ROSIE naked?

A: Of course! Long before his photo spread!

Q: Favorite sex toy?

A: The telephone.

Q: We give up. Any final comments?

A: Good luck to all AGRA & IGRA Royalty Contestants in Wichita. I'm taking a break. She's stepping down, not stepping out!



WE HAVE A WOMAN!

We've finally got a MS for January's MR/MS/MISS Royalty Contest! TERI ROWE, a newer Member (and the other half of ANGIE DARNELL) from Gilbert. Teri signed up with AGRA for our Saguaro Regional Unit where she promptly took 2nd place in Saturday's Wild Drag Race along with our AGRA Las Vegas Members BOB CAHALL, and CHUCK GREINER. Thanks for joining the Contest Teri! No Bob and Chuck, you can't play with Teri in this particular event's category, though we hear that Bob could run for the Miss title.

Now, what about some competition from the rest of you? CAROL SHEARER, RON ERICKSON still has that Contestant sash for you in the trunk of his car!

Also, ROB SHERR has had to drop out of the Mr competition. He's moving to New York City. We'll miss you Rob, and now we need more pretty faces in that category as well. How about returning Member RICHIE SELLERS? We know you were thinking about running a couple years back Richie, how about going for the '92 title?

Rumor also has it (not that we ever deal with such things as rumors here at the Branding Iron) that there's another possible Mr candidate "sitting on the fence" down in Tucson. Fall off that fence on the side of running guy. The bigger the contest, the better.

The cut-off date for Royalty Contestant sign-ups isn't until November 15th. Still plenty of time to join the fun. For more information, call JOE RUBIO (CONSUELA RODRIGUEZ) at #279-3946.

ROYALTY CONTESTANT FUNDRAISERS

What is this?... The "Royalty Issue" of the Branding Iron?...

Here's a list of some of the upcoming Fundraisers by our Royalty Contestants. Remember, all the monies raised by these people goes to their chosen

charities (mostly VIDA this year) so plan on being there to support these worthwhile causes, as well as to cheer on our Contestants.

JACQUELENE DE SAVOI (DREW WASHINGTON)
October 8th @ "Phaz" - 9:00PM
October 13th @ "Wink's" - 7:00PM
November 24th @ "307" - 8:00PM

TAMMI FISCHER (TIM FISCHER)
October 20th @ "Cash Inn" - 9:00PM

VICTORIA LONDON (SCOTT TICKLER)
October 30th @ "Charlie's" - 9:30PM

TUCSON PARTIES

Boy do they! Forty-six people descended on Tucson's Old Pueblo Resort last month for a "get acquainted" party. Our thanks go to new Member JIM TOEVS, who's a partner in the Resort, and let us come out and party around his pool.

In attendance were both of their nominees for January's RRRR Grand Marshal, NATALIE CAREY of Tucson Shanti, and BOB ELLIS of the Tucson Observer. About a dozen Phoenix Members went down for the party as well, including Mr AGRA Candidate, TOMMY READ, who took a cab! Okay, he took it from work, but it was still a sight.

Some Members spent the afternoon touring possible sites for next year's Unit Rodeo. Can you believe that in this State, nationally known tourist attraction Old Tucson, is actually fighting for our business? My, how times change. And who ever would have thought that a group of Gays could hold their own "afterhours" party on a main City street until 4:00AM without any harassment? Yet that's exactly what happened outside of "IBT's" with all the leftover booze and munchies from the party!

One final note to new (and naive) Member BILL DARNELL who seemed quite pleased with himself over the fact that since we weren't personally at the party, we'd have no gossip on him. Does the name Christopher ring a bell?



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SURVEY RESULTS

1. What was your reason for joining AGRA?

A.) Interest in Rodeo	<u>26</u>
B.) Interest in Gay Assoc.	<u>23</u>
C.) Meet new People	<u>12</u>
D.) Friend coerced you	<u>3</u>
E.) Other	<u>7</u>
2. Have you participated in any AGRA Events in the past? Yes 28 No 3
 If yes, which one(s)? _____
 If no, is there a reason why not? _____
3. Would you like to participate in AGRA: More 24 Less 1 Same 10 Amount?
4. Would it be alright with you if from time to time a Board Member contacted you, asking for your help on a specific project/function? Yes 33 No 3
5. What activities would you like to see in AGRA? (Check all that apply)
 Rodeo Playdays 26 Vet Clinics 11 Farrier Clinics 6
 Picnics 23 Bar Nights 18 Roping Clinics 13
 Horseback Riding 24 Riding Clinics 16 Gay Rodeo 25
 Special Events (such as Movie or Theater Parties) 18
 Other _____
6. How close to Phoenix do you reside?
 In Phoenix 22 15 Miles 3 25 Miles 2 50 Miles 1 More 8
7. Would you attend more meetings if they were held closer to you area? Yes 15 No 10
8. Currently, general membership meetings are held on the second Sunday of each Month, at 5:00 PM, in Phoenix, at "Charlie's".
 Is this day convenient? Yes 26 No 10
 Is this time convenient? Yes 22 No 12
 Is this place convenient? Yes 22 No 12
 If you've answered no to any of the above, what day, time, place, would be better for you? _____
9. Additional comments regarding AGRA - _____

10. Personal Information
 Age _____ Sex _____
 Own Horse _____

The return rate on our surveys is down to a trickle, so we assume we have our total response. Thirty-six responses in all, which doesn't sound like very many, but it's about a 25% response rate figuring from the Membership totals we had at the time, and "statistics say" that's a very good response. Check out some of the specific totals on the "totals sheet" reprinted here. Other information...

Twenty-eight men, and eight women took the time to respond, with an average age of 37 years old. Five of them own horses.

Twenty-eight of them also have participated in AGRA activities in the past. Of the

eight who haven't, five were brand new Members, and others listed "living out of State", and "work schedules" as their reasons why not.

Somewhat surprising to us, was the overwhelming number of people who indicated that they wanted to be more involved in AGRA, and who had no problem with us calling them to ask for that help. So where are all our volunteers that we keep asking for we wonder? Guess we'll have to assume that you're all shy, and don't know where to volunteer, so we'll have to be brave and approach you. January's coming... count on it!

Those surveys asking to talk to one of us more in detail, have been passed on to that Board Member which seemed "to fit" the most. I.E. people interested in horses, went to our Rodeo Events Director, LARRY JONES, so hopefully those of you who asked, are starting to hear from us.

The top four areas of interest (activities wise) were Rodeo Playdays, Rodeos, Horseback Riding, and Picnics. Interesting other ideas submitted as well, Vegas/Laughlin trips, tubing, camping, and AGRA "teams" for bowling and volleyball, among other things. We'll be looking into all of them, possibly as much needed fundraisers for the future.

Meeting times/days/etc... seemed to get your approval as they stand. Alternate suggestions often contradicted each other. One thought Saturday meetings would help our Tucson Members, while four others suggested weeknight meetings. Two people wanted a more "mixed" bar, and a third person thought we should alternate between different bars, while four others thought bars in general were too distracting altogether. Two others thought we should stay at "Charlie's", but move to the patio. Would volleyball be less distracting then the bar itself? Lots to mull over here too.

The additional comments section was very positive. "Great Organization", "Great Time, with Great People", even a couple of positive comments on the newsletter (thanks people) and also more suggestions, like the one suggesting that we get more involved with our local AIDS groups.

Thanks to all who responded to this survey. We'll be talking over, and acting on, your ideas.



RON (THE QUEEN MOTHER) ERICKSON about to receive his final gift of the evening from IGRA Miss, HOLLIE WOODS, at his "Charlie's" going away party.

JANUARY RRRR PLANS UNDERWAY

It's never too early!

The posters and tri-folds are already in. Stop by "Charlie's" and check them out. Supplies are stored there at the front door, so if you're doing any traveling to places that need posters on their walls, and/or tri-folds by their front doors, feel free to take some with you. Help us publicize our Rodeo!

Belt buckles are also already on sale. Anyone considering sponsoring one of these call MICHAEL COONEY in Phx. at #274-5855, or BILL DARNELL in Tucson, at #798-3528, and ask for details.

PIKES PEAK RESULTS

Getting the jump on next year, when we join Colorado in Division II, CANDY BELL, and ERIC SMITH journeyed up to Pike's Peak, and their first Unit Rodeo last month. The Rodeo apparently went about the way all our Unit Rodeos have been going so far. Not the crowds they were hoping for, but in their case, the excellent sponsorship kept their losses to about the same \$1,800. level that our own recent Saguaro Unit resulted in.

Eric didn't place at this Rodeo (keep plugging guy) but Candy sure did us proud...

1st and 3rd in Wild Drag Race

1st in Calf Roping on Foot

2nd in Chute Dogging

2nd in Steer Riding

Overall; she was 2nd Runner-Up for the Woman's Rough Stock Championship!

Congrats Candy, now "go get em in Wichita"!

NEW CIRCUIT YEAR BEGINS

The 1991 Circuit year isn't even over yet, but plans are already well underway for the upcoming year, starting next month with the Texas Gay Rodeo Association's Eighth Annual Rodeo. Their Rodeo this year will be held in Dallas at the State Fair Coliseum on November 7, 8, 9, & 10th.

Since it's never too early to start harassing you people to plan farther ahead than tomorrow's happy hour, here's the info.

The host hotel this year is the Dallas Park Plaza. Prices will be \$57.00 single, or \$62.00 for up to four. You've got to mention TGRA for the discounts when you call #(214) 747-7000 for your reservations.

Save a few bucks on tickets by ordering them through the mail w/ your credit card at #1-800-462-7979. General admission in advance is \$12.50 per day, reserved box seats are \$20.00 per day. Prices go up for both at the gate.

Looks like American Airlines is offering some good rates for this one too, again, when purchased in advance, are you getting the point here? Call them at #1-800-433-1790 and ask for Star#s-15Z14H. You can get them 7:00AM to Midnight, Central time, seven days a week.

More details as we get them!

PIECES

DAVID JOHNSTON back from his trip helping RON ERICKSON move to Kansas City, with Ron still chuckling over that little pecadillo of David's that he discovered en route. Have to ask Ron about that one. What we did hear was that David was an easy touch for someone exposing himself in a bar up there. Went right home with him. Anyone interested might try the same technique down here.

Mr AGRA Contestant TOMMY READ, caught in "Charlie's" parking lot together with bar Manager L.J. Don't know what was going on, but did hear L.J. shout "thanks Tommy, now I have to go in and clean this off".

How many remember that little Palm Springs boy, Mark, working Security at Saguaro? The one with the body of death, and a penchant for taking his shirt off. How many knew that he was camped out for awhile at MAX SUTHERLAND's place?

Have heard and/or read several times now that rapidly fading film star, and raging Homophobe, EDDIE MURPHY, has a thing for Hollywood Drag bars, and particularly Black Drag Queens. What say we send out our AGRA Miss Contestant (and wild woman) JACQULEENE DE SAVOI to put him in his place once and for all?

Haven't heard anything this month about JEFF COON. Course we haven't heard anything about his roomie BOB RYAN either. Guess they're both just laying low, staying home, and being cozy. HMMMMM.

What's this we hear about MICHAEL COONEY eating JACK ADDINGTON's leftovers?

Seems like every other straight and gay publication in town has been printing his name lately, so we'd be remiss if we didn't follow suit and do the same for our own member RANDY MACKKEY. Our mention however, will not be associated with any gossip or scandal (can you believe it?!), just a wish for him to have a nice day.

Over at "Charlie's" bootshine booth, we hear that WAYNE RAFFERTY has a new nickname. Something to do with "Sister Goldenhair", which resulted from a recent morning-after when he awoke to find his hair spray-painted gold with florist's permanent paint. Ask Wayne how that happened. Maybe he remembers more by now.

Speaking of Wayne, though we won't mention any names, what AGRA Member (who runs the lights at our Rodeos) was spotted naked in his car at a What-A-Burger drive-thru window late one week-night? Okay, not completely naked. Had his boxers on, and the rest of his clothes were in a pile on the seat next to him... with pickles on top.

MEMBERSHIP

We just can't keep up anymore, call our total Membership "180 Something", and climbing. Will we get to 200 by the end of the year? Keep those address changes coming to PHIL LOOBY at #934-7970. Hear that STEVE SZABO?

If you'd like to delay your Membership application for a couple of weeks, allowing that "hot check" to clear the bank, we suggest giving your application to MAX SUTHERLAND. He tends to hold them in the back pocket of his jeans for awhile. Now, please welcome...

David Carter - Tucson
Craig Coder - Tucson
Howard Disbrow - Tucson
David Foster - Phoenix
Ralph Geror - Tucson
David Hensley - Tucson
John Hernandez - Phoenix
Art L. - Tucson
Dick Mainz - Tucson
Christopher Mares - Tempe
Mark McCrory - Phoenix
Rob Thompson - Tucson
Jim Toevs - Tucson
George Vissichelli - Tucson
Jon Williams - Lake Havasu City

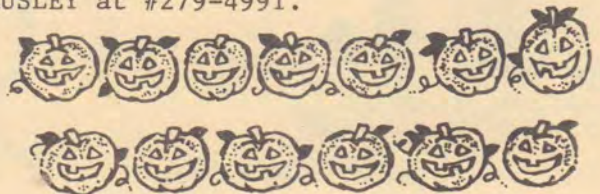
Also, we misspelled a new Member's name last month. MARIO GARCIA, from Avra AZ, is actually MAR Garcia. Our mistake, sorry Mario... oops... sorry Mar!

HELP WANTED

AGRA needs some electrical and general construction work done on our Trailer. The electrical is lighting, the construction is a little bit of everything from moving doors to painting.

Anyone possessing these skills (and not planning on charging an arm and a leg for your services!) please contact any of the following people for more information. We'd like to have all bids in by the end of the month, with the work to begin as soon as possible after that.

Call MICHAEL COONEY or MAX SUTHERLAND at "Charlie's" at #265-0224, or RON TRUSLEY at #279-4991.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Oct. 8th - Tuesday - Jacquleene De Savoi Fundraiser
9:00PM - "Phaz"
- Oct. 11th - Friday - 4th Annual National Coming Out Day
Take your next step out of the Closet
- Oct. 13th - Sunday - Board Meeting
3:00PM - "Charlie's"
- Oct. 13th - Sunday - General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - "Charlie's"
- Oct. 13th - Sunday - Jacquleene De Savoi Fundraiser
7:00PM - "Wink's"
- Oct. 13th - Sunday - Finals Contestant Fundraiser
"Charlie's". Call Larry Jones at
#936-5401 for details/to volunteer
- Oct. 18-20th- Weekend - IGRA Finals Rodeo
Wichita, Kansas
- Oct. 20th - Sunday - Tucson Satellite Membership Meeting
4:00PM - "J.T.'s"
- Oct. 20th - Sunday - Tammi Fischer Fundraiser
9:00PM - "Cash Inn Country Bar"
- Oct. 27th - Sunday - Board Meeting
3:00PM - "Charlie's"
- Oct. 30th - Wednesday - Victoria London Fundraiser
9:30PM - "Charlie's"

Remember: Please bring a non-perishable food item to the General Membership Meeting on the 13th. Help us stock Shanti's kitchen.

