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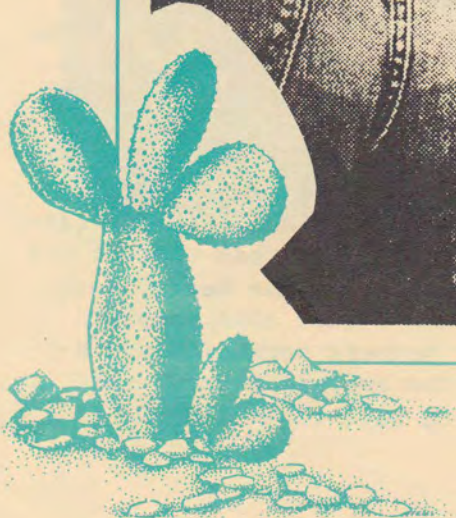
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MARCH 1992

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year, and another Board has begun. We've already produced one successful Rodeo for the year, and have two more to go.

Thanks, first of all, go to all who supported me, and have allowed me to serve as AGRA's President for another year. I look forward to working with all of you.

Thanks also go to our outgoing Board Members, LARRY JONES, WOODY KIEHN, CRAWFORD TAYLOR, and MAX SUTHERLAND. All did a good job for you in their positions last year, and Max especially went above and beyond, in getting our Membership and Treasury records in smooth working order.

I look forward to the "new blood" on our '92 Board, and their new ideas and directions for AGRA. Welcomes go to DAVID ANAYA, JOHN KING, JEFF PARKER, and MICHAEL ROYER.

With three Rodeos to produce this year, Fundraising will be even more important than last year. Every dollar we can raise will be needed, and for that reason, I want to thank MARLYS' for their help in putting on their second AGRA fundraiser in as many months. TANA COPELAND, JAMIE SARAGOSA, and the rest of the regulars from "up North", are helping to keep AGRA running from month to month. Thanks! We appreciate you all!

San Iversen



PHX/TUCSON ELECTIONS

TUCSON JUST KEEPS RUNNING, AND RUNNING , AND RUNNING...

Yet another election in Tucson's future, as we hold one more balloting session to complete their '92 Board (sounds like last year in Phoenix doesn't it?). A run-off election for the position of Tucson's Dance and Entertainment head between TOMMY READ, and that new "well-stacked Tucson Member" should complete their Board for this year. Already elected are...

President - Mike Butrymowicz
Vice President - Bill Darnell
Treasurer - Ron Shaw
Corresponding Secretary - Craig Coder
Recording Secretary - Tom Turner
Fundraising - Sean Thomas
Mobility & Logistics - Jeff Parker
Public Relations - Clyde Mitter
Rodeo Events - John Klein

The run-off will be held at Tucson's regular monthly meeting on March 15th.

Also "winning" that day was FRANK GALLEGO who was presented with a trophy from MIKE BUTRYMOWICZ for all his help and understanding during the previous year. Frank's got lots of added responsibilities at his "real" job these days, and will be stepping back to a supporting role with AGRA this year, and Mike wanted to let him know how much he was appreciated. The Membership in attendance heartily agreed with a standing ovation for Frank.

The Phoenix run-off election was pale by comparison. MICHAEL COONEY retained his position as Vice President, and our '92 Board was completely seated by that second weekend in Feb. No resignations will even be considered this year!

Since we mentioned CLYDE MITTER above, we need to remind him that it was just in the little old Branding Iron. Clyde was aghast at his mention here last month. He thought that stacks of these rags were distributed at bars all over the Country. We calmed him down and explained that our circulation was slightly less than that of our State's Gay Newspapers. If he hears about his antics from other than AGRA people, it's because our Members spread things around more than the average person, and aren't we lucky to have them all?!

L.A. RODEO DETAILS



LA RODEO '92

Well, we FINALLY got some details for you on the upcoming GSGRA LA Rodeo. Actually, CHARLIE'S got some details. Always helps to keep checking those brochures at the front door, never know when some Rodeo tri-folds may show up.

Best get your little doggies moving on this information, you've only got two weeks to go.

The LA Equestrian Center will once again be the site for LA Rodeo '92. That includes the Rodeo Events themselves, as well as Dancing and Entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights.

The Awards Ceremony will take place at the Host Hotel, the Burbank Airport Hilton, on Sunday the 22nd, at 8:00PM.

Contact the Hotel by calling #1(800) 468-3576, and mention the Rodeo, to get rates of \$65 per night for 1-2 people. They say the Hotel is 45 minutes from LAX, and right next to the Burbank Airport.

If you're flying into LAX, use Budget Auto Rentals for corporate rates on their cars. Call #1-(714)848-5647, and use the rate code 92RODEO.

Tickets will be \$15 at the Gate, or \$12 per day in advance by ordering through Ticketmaster at #1(800)382-8080.

Anything else you could possibly need should be available by calling the GSGRA LA Rodeo Hotline at #(310)498-1675.

Hurry now!

LETTERS

TIDBITS CONT'D.

The following letter was NOT for AGRA. It was a private letter sent to DAN IVERSEN in care of our PO Box. Still, possession is 9/10's of the law, and since we got a hold of this "love tome", we feel it's our right and duty to reprint it for all to share...

"Dear Dan,

A friend of mine from Chicago attended your Rodeo in Phoenix this month.

He sent me a program of the Rodeo.

I saw your welcome letter and photo in the program.

I am embarrassed but the photo of you really turned me on. Can we write and maybe possibly meet later."

Well, this nauseating little letter goes on for days, and makes all the rest of us who were pictured in the program, and didn't get love letters, just sick! We understand Dan and this "Gary" person have since exchanged photos and letters. We shall keep you updated, if Dan's still speaking to us after this comes out.

Also recieved a letter from DJ CLARK up in Parker, Colorado. Seems he misplaced his bullrope during RRRR and needs some help in finding it. A description: 1. The bell was attached with a leather strap and white tape. 2. The bell is marked inside with Cue and DJ Clark. 3. The rope was marked the same way beneath the hand grip, unless use has worn it off.

DJ would appreciate it if you all would "check your equipment" so to speak, and see if you can find his rope. If you can help him out, give him a call at #(303)841-2895.

RON TRUSLEY didn't write us a letter this month, but did complain that we never print anything "exciting" about him. We responded that we don't KNOW of anything exciting about him, and would never stoop to making things up and ruining our reputation for journalistic integrity. Still, to make Ron happy, we encourage JEFF COON, or any other Member, to please let us know the details the next time Ron's spotted doing old closet cases at the Fantasyland Motel, or anywhere else for that matter. Ron thanks you.

TUCSON TIDBITS

Some things we noticed while in Tucson for their Elections...

RUMORZ started the weekend off right with an AGRA party on Saturday. That led

to a repeat of FRANK GALLEGOS' infamous nude act, but this time as a duo with BILL DARNELL. Several others were also dragged into the act. The trick to keeping your pants on during one of these sessions is to leave your underwear at home. You'll still be tackled and checked, but then left alone, can't have the bars getting closed down because of us now can we?

WOODY KIEHN and "well-stacked Tucson Member" were still together, and apparently couldn't get enough of each other. Bust-ed them in a locked bathroom stall at CLUB 2520. Both sets of feet were facing the same direction, for those of you who care to picture it, and there was some talk of bondage that was way over our heads.

Another "North/South" relationship in the guise of CRAIG CODER and KEITH ROACH also seemed to be on-track as well, though JEFF COON did his unintentional best to de-rail it by talking about Keith's trick from Denver a couple Rodeos back. And where was Jeff on Saturday night? Still in Phx doing that Sat. afternoon "customer"?

Nice bar Peter and Michael have in CLUB 2520. Both the Dance and C/W sides were packed to the rafters on Saturday night. Next visit we hope to meet the owner of the 3-pack of Trojan LARGE condoms that were sitting up on the DJ booth all weekend.

Also hoping to get to know better new Tucson Member TONY OWENS, and been with us before there even was a Tucson Chapter GINO FELLIN. Both cute little guys, and we're always looking for ways to double our wardrobe. Also found out that new Member TELVI ROYBAL is a girl! Oh sure, and we suppose YOU would have known by the name?! Great smile, lots of energy, and Tucson needs more women, so welcome Telvi!

PHIL LOOBY and RON SHAW were SOOOOOO tired after a 3:00AM breakfast w/ some of us on Saturday morning that they just HAD to leave ahead of us to get home and sleep. Our question to them is, how do you sleep at the Tropicana Bookstore? And isn't that rather rude to the other patrons?

Oh yeah, and we also got lots of organizational things done over that weekend for our upcoming Saguaro Regional Rodeo, though heaven knows when we found the time.

BUCKLE WINNERS

How could we have forgotten to list our January Rodeo's Belt Buckle winners?! Probably because we're dizzy, it's a genetic thing. We apologize. AGRA Members sporting new jewelry for the following Events are...

Breakaway Roping - Dennis Terrell
 Calf Roping on Foot - Andrew Anaya
 Chute Dogging - Greg Olson
 Flag Race - Donna Auer
 Goat Dressing - Larry Jones & Greg Olson
 Pole Bending - Kris Eisenhut
 Steer Riding - Candy Bell
 Team Roping - Andrew Anaya & Dennis Terrell
 Wild Drag Race - Donna Bell, Dan Iversen,
 & Greg Olson

Included with this month's newsletter are the updated By-laws that Membership voted in at last month's meeting.

Please review these before adding them to your By-laws folders.

Most are clarification/housekeeping changes, though there is one big change.

Yearly renewal dues will now be due by January 10th of each year. This was changed to avoid problems during our January Rodeos and Banquet. Don't worry, we'll give you lots of reminders when the time comes. For details on these changes, call RON TRUSLEY at #279-4991.



Your scary AGRA Board of Directors for 1992 includes, (top to bottom, left to right): John King, Rodeo Events, David Anaya, Fundraising, Ron Erickson, Dance & Entertainment, Jeff Parker, Public Relations, Larry Jones, AGRA Trustee, Jeff Coon, Mobility & Logistics, Mike Butrymowicz, Tucson Satellite Chapter, Dan Iversen, President, Michael Royer, Treasurer, Ron Trusley, Recording Secretary, Tim Dougherty, Corresponding Secretary, & Michael Cooney, Vice-President.

'92 MEETINGS CHARLIE'S/TUCSON

No, not Charlie's IN Tucson, though that's an idea, but Charlie's in Phoenix, and Club 2520 in Tucson. On the Board's recommendation, our Membership voted to hold a quarter of our monthly meetings in Tucson this year. As of now, the second Sunday of April, July, and September will be the month's to hold both our Board and Membership meetings at Club 2520. The starting time will remain at 5:00PM for the Membership meetings. For those Phoenixian's wishing to travel down and spend the night(s) surrounding these meetings, we've struck a deal with our Ramada host Hotel for ANY AGRA function in the future. \$36 will get you a room there now. Talk to the Ramada's people at (602)622-3000 for details and reservations.

Membership also voted to continue holding our Phoenix meetings at Charlie's. Same days, same times, and we thank Charlie's for their continued support!

GREG'S LEG

For those who haven't yet heard, AGRA's perennial All-Around Buckle winner, GREG OLSON, got into a fracas with a bull several weeks ago, and lost. The result was Greg's leg broken in two places, and a cast from toe to thigh. As this happened at a Non-Gay event, up at Estrella Mountain Park, one can only wonder if we were dealing with a Homophobic bull here. But that's one for Queer Nation to deal with. After a second surgery, to insert a metal plate and eleven screws, Greg is now down to a knee-high cast, but complete recovery isn't expected for a minimum of two months, and possibly as long as six months. Not good news for Greg, as it could mean he'll be out of this year's Circuit race to the Finals. Good news however, is that his doctor tells him to keep his leg up, should help with his sex life. Get well Sheena!

SNGRA?

We hear there was a "sign-up" party in Vegas on Feb. 21st for what could be the Southern Nevada Gay Rodeo Association (SNGRA). Hey, BOB CAHALL and CHUCK GREINER let us know what happened up there!

GET THE ROPES AND UNDERWEAR

Well, isn't that how you get ready for a Roping and Goat Dressing Seminar?

LARRY JONES and GREG OLSON will be helping out our LA Rodeo bound Contestants, and anyone else who wants some practice or experience, with a Seminar on Wednesday, March 11th. It'll be held on CHARLIE'S Patio at about 8:00PM. Look for Greg to be directing the action from a chair, and don't even ask where the goat is coming from... probably an old date of Larry's.

THE MARCH TO FINALS

AGRA Members qualifying as of 1/30/92 for Final's Invitations are listed below. These rankings are the results of IGRA's '92 Circuit year to date, and include point totals for both the TGRA & RRRR Rodeos.

Dennis Terrell - 10 Events
Greg Olson - 9 Events
Andy Anaya - 7 Events
Donna Bell - 6 Events
Angie Darnell - 6 Events
Donna Auer - 4 Events
Ken Davis - 3 Events
Dan Iversen - 3 Events
Becky Watts - 3 Events
Jay Anderson - 2 Events
Candy Bell - 2 Events
Garic Coleman - 2 Events
Kris Eisenhut - 2 Events
Larry Jones - 2 Events
Glenda Chamberlain - 1 Event
Danny Clouse - 1 Event
Tana Copeland - 1 Event
Scott Darnell - 1 Event
Woody Kiehn - 1 Event
John Murphy - 1 Event
Judy Portock - 1 Event
David Presnell - 1 Event
Tommy Read - 1 Event
Teri Rowe - 1 Event
Michael Royer - 1 Event
Jeff Schroeder - 1 Event
Ron Shaw - 1 Event
Barb Shelton - 1 Event
J.C. Werner - 1 Event

DOING IT!

LARRY JONES back from Dallas, where he was doing a 19yr. old boy. Claims he didn't get the age until the next day. Yeah, right, like a knapsack full of school books and an issue of TIGER BEAT wasn't a clue. Don't worry Larry, the age of consent in Texas can't be any worse than here, where homo-sex is illegal at any age.

The Tucson boys are doing it in a new Bookstore, compliments of the State of AZ. Seems ADOT bought a warehouse during right-of-way acquisitions for a future Parkway, and have leased it to generate income until then. It's leased to "The Pleasure World". Next time you do a nice boy there, be sure and send a thank-you note to Gov. FIFE.

Also in Tucson, is a dried-up old riverbed that JACK ADDINGTON and non-Member MISSY like to go do it at. They turn the trips into a kind of "Frankie and Annette Go Back to the Beach" sort of sick debauchery.

RON ERICKSON still fantasizing about doing it with his, shall we say, "little" friend in Tucson. We're starting to wonder if Mother's thinking of the future, or reliving something in his past.

DANIEL RICHARDS not doing it a few Saturdays ago. Mainly because he couldn't remember who stuffed those condoms in his pockets. Someone give him a reminder call.

LYLE HEDGES still doing it on the floor, and now DENNIS TERRELL is doing it at the front door. Catch both of their acts at CASH INN COUNTRY.

New couple BOB SPRINGS, and MICHAEL ROYER probably weren't doing it during a recent stay at Bob's parents house. But Bob, his brother, and their father were doing comparison studies on how hung they all were. Obviously not a stay at Ward & June Cleavers house for Michael.

And finally, JEFF PARKER is not doing anything, with anyone, at any time. And he owes us a check for saying so.

MEMBERSHIP

Confusion reigns in Membership this month. First, welcome MAX SUTHERLAND as our new head of Membership. Max decided he wouldn't mind keeping this part of his last year's duties as Treasurer. We suspect that '92 Treasurer MICHAEL ROYER bribed him.

Also welcome new Member GARY BOOTH of Peoria.

That's the easy part. The confusion comes in the form of a huge pile of Membership applications that Tucson brought to the last Board meeting. Some new people, mostly renewals, and all at least a month old! We apologize in advance to all you renewing Members who will be missing your second newsletter of the year with this issue, as Max works his way through the pile and compares notes with last year's list of Members. We promise to have everyone updated by next month, in the meantime, direct all complaints towards whoever's Tucson kitchen table these apps. sat on for a month!

In a possibly related development, the Board was asked to consider extending the grace period for renewals for a few of last year's Members who never got around to sending in their \$20, and didn't want to pay \$40. While the Board wanted to accommodate them, the overall feeling (and vote) was that it wouldn't be fair to the 100+ Members who renewed on time. So please let your "lapsed" friends know, we want them back as Members, but to bring \$40 with them when they reapply!

GENERAL STORE

Stand up and show America you're proud to be a Queer Snuff Sucker (and isn't THAT just a lovely new phrase we'd all like to be known as?!). Buy this stuff and wear it proudly. Currently available:

RRRR Pins - \$3

AGRA Color Pins - \$3

AGRA Large 3" Black and Silver Pins - \$7

For details, and other merchandise, see Mr. DAVID ANAYA... at meetings, at CHARLIE'S, at AGRA functions. You can even give him a call at home at #240-6919. He loves those 3:00AM phone chats.

By the way, you may have noticed we've taken to referring to David as Mr. This is to help him in his desperate quest to regain the male side of his sexuality. Don't worry, we're sure it's just a phase he's going through.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 8th - Sunday - Board Meeting
3:00PM - Charlie's
- March 8th - Sunday - General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - Charlie's
- March 15th - Sunday - Tucson General Membership Meeting
4:00PM - Venture-N
- March 20-22- Weekend - GSGRA's L.A. Rodeo
Rodeo Hotline #(310)498-1675
- March 22nd - Sunday - Board Meeting
3:00PM - Charlie's
Unless rescheduled due to L.A. Rodeo