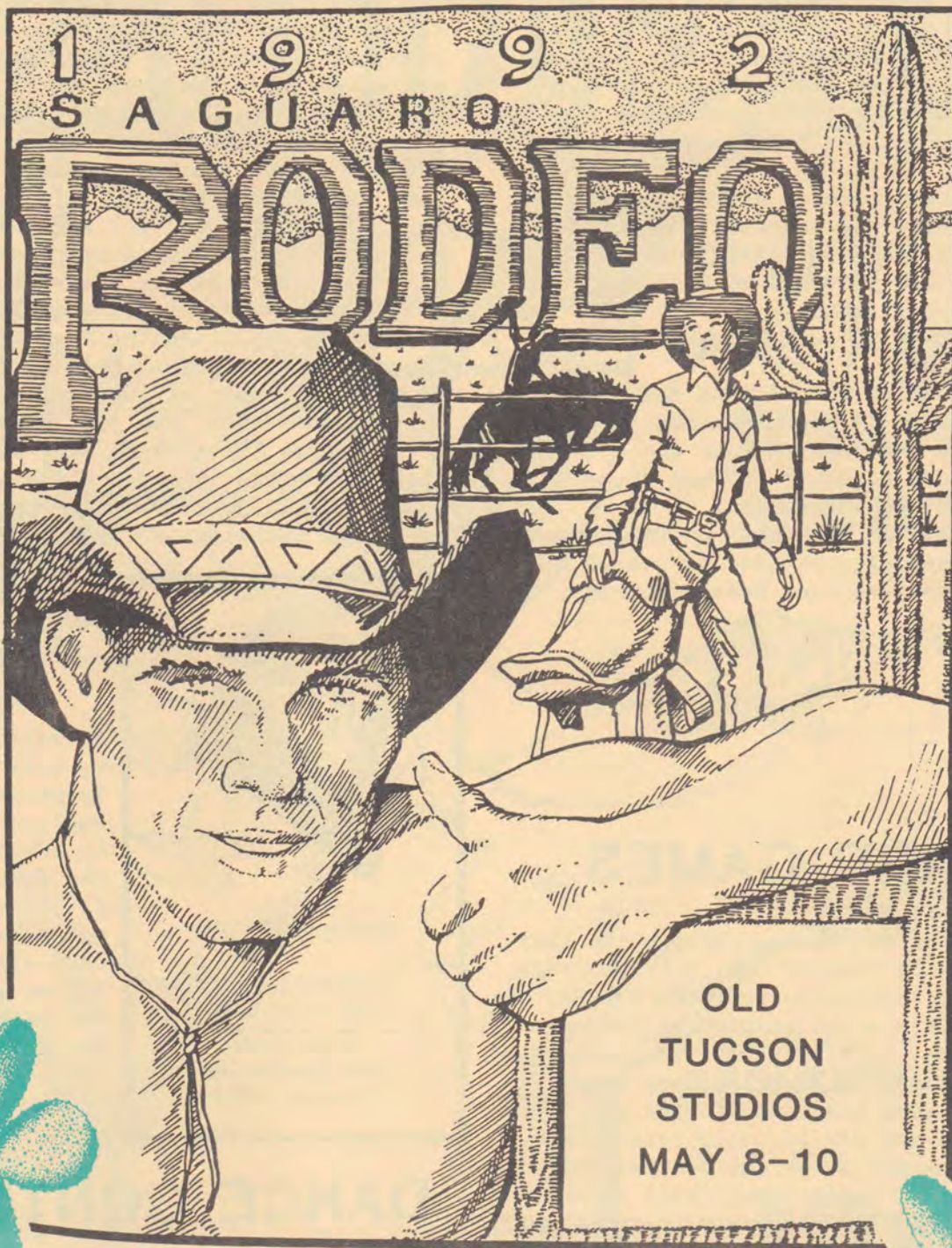


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

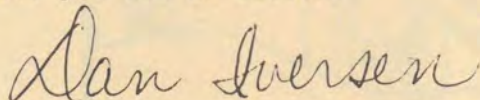
It's time this month for the second of this year's three Rodeos which are being held in Arizona. May 8-10 are the dates when last year's night-time Unit Rodeo in Phoenix, becomes this year's Major Rodeo in Tucson. Saguaro Regional II will be held at the Old Tucson Studios. How many of you Founding Members out there can remember when we first started and no major Arenas would even talk to us? Quite a positive change for us, and Gay Rodeo over the years.

Our Tucson Members are doing a great job of planning and organizing Saguaro, as evidenced by our just passed weekend of fundraising and meetings at CLUB 2520. Everything went smoothly and successfully. Now we all have to pull together and produce this Rodeo.

I'm counting on all AGRA Members to spread the word to their friends. Volunteer to help out, and/or just get a carload of people together and buy tickets to party the weekend away.

Let's all do our parts to make sure that our reputation remains as one of the best run, and most fun, Rodeos on the Circuit!

See you all in Tucson!



## BOARD GAMES

A quarter of the way through the year, seems about the regular time for people to start making changes on our Game Boards.

JOHN KLEIN's resignation as Rodeo Events Director left that position open on Tucson's Board. TELVI ROYBAL has moved past go by being appointed to the position temporarily, and was the only person nominated to run for it at our General Membership meeting on April 12th. Will Tucson end up with their first woman Board Member? More nominations, if any, will be taken at Tucson's May 15th meeting, with the election also to be held that day.

In Phoenix, DAVID ANAYA's move off the Board, and to Vegas, left the AGRA Fundraising position vacant. Nominated for

that Board spot at the April 12th meeting were PHIL LOOBY, TOMMY READ, JAMIE SARA-GOSA, and DAVID WILSON.

More nominations, and the election will take place at the AGRA Gen. Mem. meeting on May 3rd, in Phoenix.

And spreading of David Anaya, and aren't we always, need to clarify the details of his "LaCage" job. Seems that what he "snagged" last month was an AUDITION for one of the back-up dancer positions, not the actual job. And how did the audition turn-out? He lost the job in this campy drag show... to a REAL woman! Gee, maybe he should have applied as HOLLIE. Guess the LaCage people have been having trouble with the back-up dancers' attitudes (can you imagine, behavioral problems with Drag Queens... we're shocked) so have decided to use real women for now. Course not being locked into performing six days a week has it's advantages. We hear that David is getting quite involved in helping the fledgling Nevada Gay Rodeo Association get going. He's already signed up as a member of IGRA's latest recognized Association, who just happen to be having their first Mr/Ms/Miss Royalty Contest this month. Hmmm... Think of the possibilities... HOLLIE WOODS, Miss Nevada Gay Rodeo Association? We'd be so confused!

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## DANCE CONTEST

Have you found a partner and started practicing yet? Remember, we're offering a free trip to the IGRA August Convention in Minneapolis to the winning dance couple. Preliminaries are being held June 7 in Tucson, and June 14 in Phoenix.



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY

5:00PM - The ongoing series of fundraising "Beer Bust Plus" events continues in Tucson tonight. CLUB 2222 is the place.

7:00PM - Tucson's final Board Meeting before the big event. Location TBA.

8:00PM - Phoenix begins Rodeo weekend with "CHARLIE'S" usual MINI-RODEO in the sandbox. 8:00PM sign-up w/ the start at 9:00PM

## THURSDAY

5:00PM - Tucson's final "Beer Bust Plus" before the Rodeo. CLUB 2520 is the spot.

9:00PM - Tucson's HOURS switches to an all Country format for the weekend, and starts it off w/ their usual Thurs. treat. All AGRA Members wearing their name badges or flashing their Membership cards drink at happy hour prices all evening.

## FRIDAY

Dawn - Well probably not quite at dawn, but as soon as you get up there'll be something for you to volunteer on. Crews will be at both the Arena and the Ramada setting up. Get over there and help!

6:00PM - Registration at the Ramada opens for both Contestants and Entertainment. Continuing through 10:00PM.

9:00PM - The party officially begins! The Ramada hosts the Miller Jamboree until 1:00AM w/ dancing and entertainment. HOURS continues their all Country weekend. GRADUATE and IBT'S are both doing Miller specials w/ IBT'S giving you dance music as an alternative to C/W.

9:30PM - CLUB 2520 goes C/W on both sides for the weekend, w/ live entertainment on one side. Tonight is hunky singer TRAVIS HUDSON from Vegas w/ a special appearance by Phoenix's CHARLIE'S COUNTRY CLOGGERS. Shows at 9:30 and 11:30. MICHAEL's serving up BBQ tonight too for those munchie fits.

## SATURDAY

8:00AM - Contestant's meeting at the Arena

9:00AM - Old Tucson Gates open, with any needed slack Rodeo events starting at 10:00

11:00AM - Grand Entry line-up begins with GEORGE KAMINSKI at the helm. George don't take a lot of guff, so get out there!

12:00 Noon - Grand Entry begins in the Arena. Dancing and Entertainment starts up in the Soundstage.

1:00PM - Rodeo Events begin for Day 1

4:00PM - IBT'S starts their weekend 2 for 1 happy hour 'til 8:00PM. VENTURE-N also has their Sat. Pool Tournament going on now.

5:00PM - The Cocktail Show starts in Old Tucson's Soundstage.

8:00PM - Saguaro Dancefest '92 kicks off at the Ramada w/ dancing, entertainment, and booth sales 'til 1:00AM.

9:00PM - The bar's nite-life begins with HOURS continuing the C/W music, IBT'S doing Miller specials and dance music, and THE GRADUATE also doing Miller specials with a tentative show planned as well.

9:30PM - CLUB 2520 continues C/W in their entire club w/ more of Michael's BBQ and tonight's live entertainment with California based JEFF MILLER and Phoenix based CHARLIE'S COUNTRY CLOGGERS. Repeat show at 11:30PM.

AFTERHOURS - Nothing official, Pima County is a pain, but consider the cruising possibilities on the Ramada's property. Heavens!

## SUNDAY

8:00AM - Time for Contestants to stop cruising the Ramada and get to their meeting.

9:00AM - Gates open and who cares.

10:00AM - Slack Rodeo Events begin as needed, guess it's time to get up.

11:00AM - Grand Entry line-up begins, don't you piss off George! Be there on time!

12:00 Noon - Grand Entry limps in at the Arena, dancing and entertainment pops up in the Soundstage.

1:00PM - Rodeo Events begin for Day 2

2:00PM - VENTURE-N begins their Sunday Beer Bust on the patio. Also enter the Darts Con.

4:00PM - Tea Dance time at IBT'S, along w/ their 2 for 1 happy hour 'til 8:00PM.

5:00PM - Cocktail Show at Old Tucson.

8:00PM - And The Winner Is, Awards show & Barn Dance begins at the Ramada, w/ the dancing/partying going until 1:00AM.

9:00PM - And don't you just know that all the bars will be continuing the "weekend" right on through the night?!

## MONDAY

It Will Exist.



# BARS

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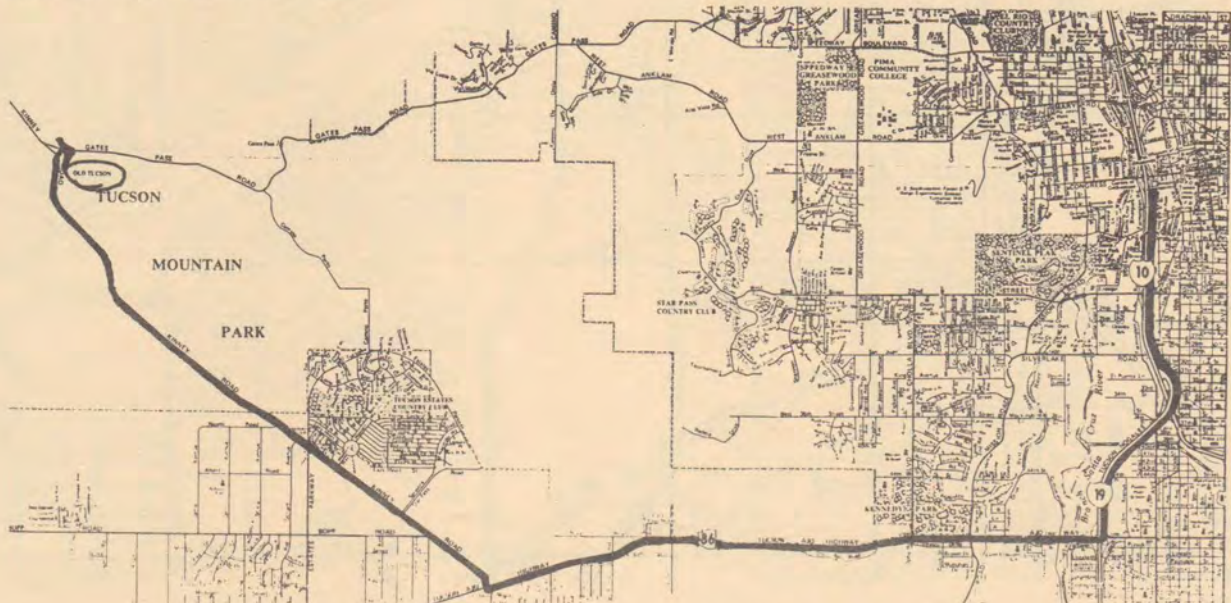
1. CLUB 2520  
2520 N. Oracle Rd. #882-5799
2. THE GRADUATE  
23 W. University #622-9233
3. HOURS  
3455 E. Grant Rd. #327-3390
4. IT'S 'BOUT TIME (IBT'S)  
616 N. 4th Ave. #882-3053
5. RUMORZ (CLUB 2222)  
2222 N. Stone #791-0309
6. VENTURE-N  
1239 N. 6th Ave. #882-8224

# HOTELS

7. RAMADA INN-DOWNTOWN  
475 N. Granada #622-3000
8. QUALITY INN-UNIVERSITY  
1601 N. Oracle Rd. #1-800-777-2999
- TUCSON OLD PUEBLO BED & BREAKFAST  
4210 N. Saranac Dr. #577-6018  
Longtime Gay Rodeo supporters are too far North to show on our map, but maybe getting away from it all is what you'll want to do after Rodeoing all day. Check out their 2½ acres w/ pool and hot tub.

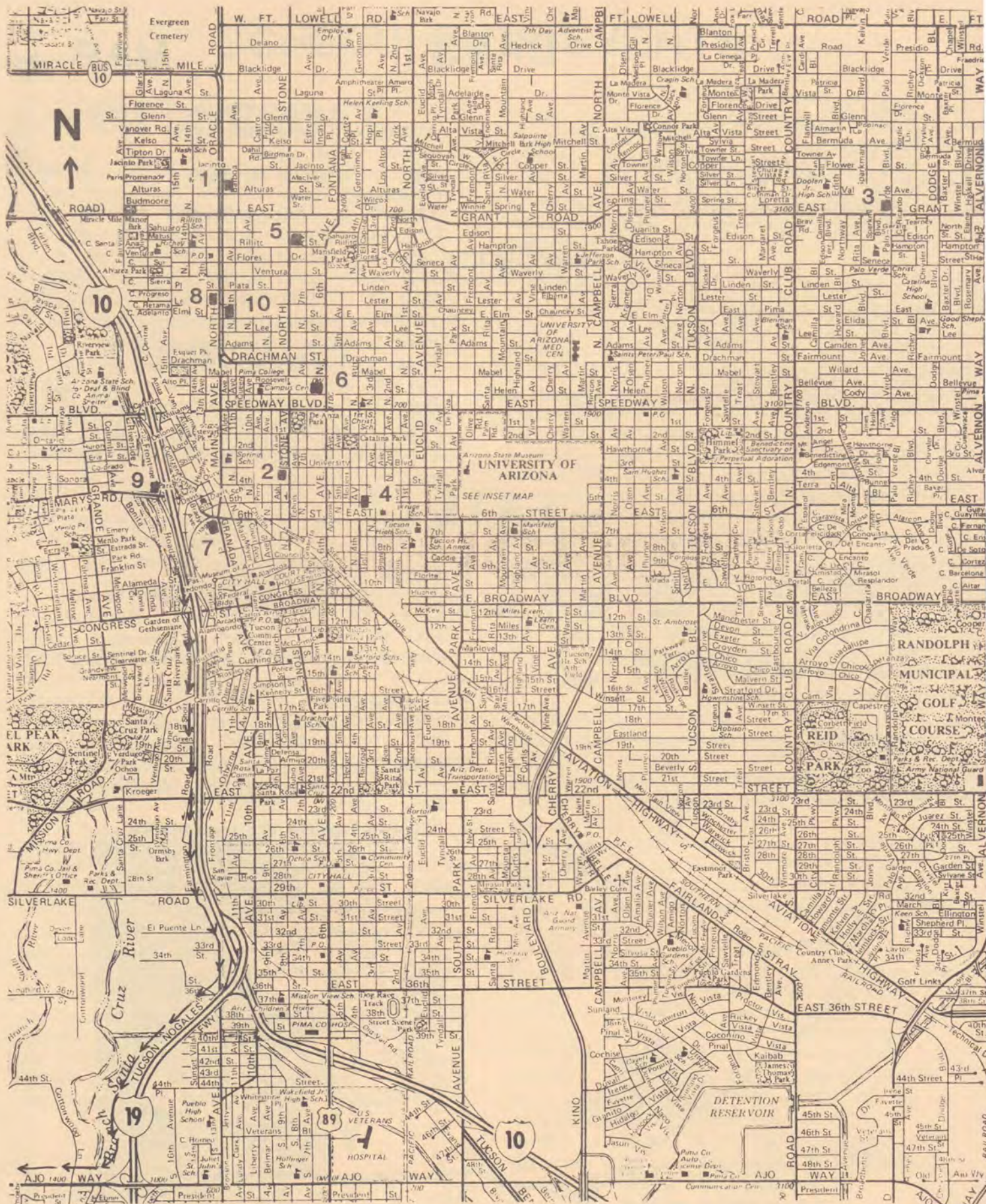
# EATS

9. DENNY'S  
555 N. Freeway. The frontage road at St. Mary's and I-10. Slightly less "festive" than the Village Inn (see next column), but they're close to everything, and serve 24 hrs. a day.
8. QUALITY INN-UNIVERSITY  
1601 N. Oracle Rd. Our back-up Hotel's restaurant. Serving breakfast all weekend from 6:30AM to 11:00AM, and dinners from 5:30PM to 9:30PM. Room service can be had at the same times.
7. RAMADA INN-DOWNTOWN  
475 N. Granada. Our Host Hotel's El Centro Grill (try the Veal). Serving from 6:00AM to 10:00PM all weekend with room service available the same hours.
10. VILLAGE INN.  
1550 N. Oracle Rd. Not completely Gay, but awfully "festive", especially as the nights wear on. And very centrally located for those back and forth from the bars crowds.



Recommended path to Old Tucson. Take the I-10 Freeway South to I-19. I-19 South to the Ajo Way Exit. Ajo Way West to Kinney Road. Turn right on Kinney Road and follow it NW to the Old Tucson Studios. Warning: While the alternate route on Gates Pass Road has spectacular scenery, it also features steep cliffs and winding roads. NOT recommended to anyone hauling trailers, or after a couple cocktails. AVOID this route!





← TO OLD TUCSON

SEE PRECEDING PAGE FOR DETAILS



# CONVENTION ELECTION

Plans are already underway to send delegates to this year's IGRA Convention, to be held the second weekend in August, (7-9th) in Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota.

This is going to be an expensive little working weekend for any AGRA people elected to attend, with costs estimated to be between \$800. - \$1,000. for each person. Those costs are picked up by the delegates themselves, so don't plan on going unless you've got lots of extra cash stashed away.

Also plan on working (not playing) if you go. Two full days of Convention meetings, plus auxiliary meetings and seminars on the preceeding Thursday and Friday. Your evenings are free, but it's been our experience that those "free" evenings are largely spent politicking and smoozing other delegates in preparation for the next day's working sessions.

In other words, Convention is for Masochists! Those S/M Queens nominated to go so far are... TIM DOUGHERTY, RON ERICKSON, FRANK GALLEGO, BOB JANSSEN, JOHN KING, JAMIE SARAGOSA, SEAN THOMAS, and BILL TRAVIS.

More nominations will be taken at the May 3rd General Membership Meeting, with the election also to be held that day. The top four vote getters will be our Delegates, with the next five highest vote getters being designated as Alternates. Be sure to look into everyone's financial records between now and then (including your own) then come out and run/vote for your choices to represent us on May 3rd.

## TUCSON DISPENSES RRRR MONIES

Tucson's first share of the profits from our recent RRRR were put to good use in their Community. By adding a little of their own fundraising dollars, to make the dollar amounts even, they were able to present three different local charities with \$736 a piece. Much appreciative for receiving these funds were Tucson Shanti, Pact for Life, and P-Flag (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

Tucson is slated to receive 75% of any Saguaro profits, so get out there and help support our local Charities!

# MEMBERSHIP

Cutting costs in Membership this month as the Board has decided to charge \$2.50 each for replacement AGRA name badges. Notice we say replacement badges, and not the original one you get when joining AGRA. Guess the requests for duplicate badges are piling up. If they were being broken/lost while falling off of bucking broncos it would be one thing, but since most of us seem to be losing them falling off of bar stools, it's quite another story. Membership Czar MAX SUTHERLAND has also begun sending badges to new Members as opposed to just leaving them for pick-up at our AGRA meetings. That should end the problems with people picking up other's badges with the best intentions of delivering them, before they misplace them in those "junk drawers" that all of us have in our kitchens.

Getting brand new badges this month (as new Members) are...  
Antonino C. Grayoso - Tucson  
Larry Mann - Tucson (we finally caught up with you Larry!)

Ed Nohlechek - Tucson  
Carol Pribyl - Phoenix  
McCarthy - Tucson  
Jan Stallings - Phoenix  
David Wilson - Phoenix

And finally, someone else who needs an alias, from Tucson (how about "Z" guy?).

Remember to keep those new applications and address changes coming in to Max at #265-0224.

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- May 3rd - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting - Special Date  
3:00PM - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- May 3rd - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting - Special Date  
5:00PM - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- May 6th - Wednesday- Beer Bust Plus - Fundraiser  
5:00PM - Club 2222 - Tucson
- May 6th - Wednesday- Tucson Satellite Board Meeting  
7:00PM - Location TBA
- May 6th - Wednesday- AGRA Mini-Rodeo 8:00PM Sign-up  
9:00PM Start - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- May 7th - Thursday - Beer Bust Plus - Fundraiser  
5:00PM - Club 2520 - Tucson
- May 8th - Friday - Saguaro Rodeo Registration  
6:00PM - 10:00PM - Ramada Hotel
- May 8-10 - Weekend - Saguaro Regional Rodeo II  
Old Tucson Studios - Tucson
- May 13th - Wednesday- Tucson Satellite Membership Meeting  
7:30PM - Club 2222
- May 17th - Sunday - Tucson Satellite Board Meeting  
3:00PM - Location TBA
- May 24th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting  
3:00PM - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- June 7th - Sunday - Dance Contest Preliminaries  
Tucson - Location TBA

## AND WE STILL NEED...

Help... and lots of it, for our Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Grab the Board Member of your choice and volunteer your body for next weekend. We still need help in nearly every area of the Rodeo, so wherever your talents lie, we can use them. For more details call either of our Hotlines. Tucson's at #798-3528, or the Phoenix line at #265-0618.