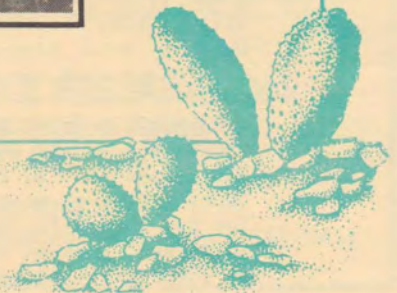
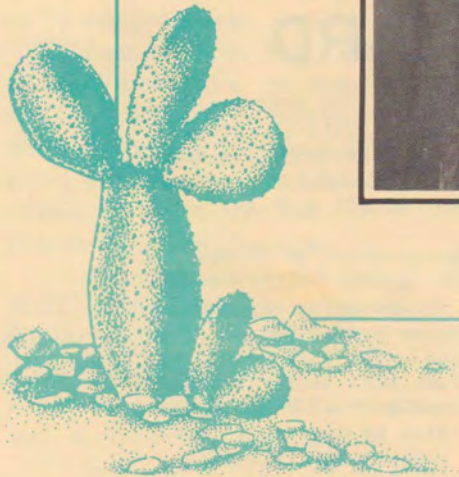


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AUGUST 1992

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My thanks and congratulations go out this month to the twenty-two Contestants who made the trip to compete at CGRA's 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. I know the trip took a lot out of some of us, and I appreciate the support of everybody who made a point of making it up to our Division's most distant Rodeo.

Of course lot's of good news came out of the trip. Our people took four of the top ten places, with DENNIS TERRELL bringing us back another All-Around Buckle. And I'm especially proud, as we all should be, of DONNA AUER for winning the RON JESSER Sportsmanship Award. I believe that this is the first time this honor has been awarded outside of CGRA, and they couldn't have made a better choice.

Thanks also goes to our Tucson people for hosting our July Membership meeting. The OBSERVER called it "boisterous", I was thinking of saying "unusual" or "invigorating", whatever the adjective, it certainly kept us all going for hours! I do think that we reached some new understandings at that meeting, and that we'll have some positive results in the end, which is what we should all be aiming for.

No results in yet for the Bay Area Rodeo as I write this, here's hoping that we do as well as we did in Denver!

Alan Iversen

CHEESE INSIDE NOT SPRINKLED

Never, ever, even think about arguing with DREW WASHINGTON when it comes to putting cheese in his late night breakfast omelets. Drew, AKA JACQUELENE DE SAVOI, and fellow partyers recently got into a screaming match at Tucson's Village Inn on this very subject. The cheese is to be rolled into the omelet, not sprinkled on top don't you know. Well the two waitresses involved didn't know, and Drew and Company were finally thrown out of the restaurant for insisting. But not before Drew mercilessly "read" a hapless redneck as well, who made a "fag" comment as Drew walked by. Bound and determined to eat it his way, the gang ended up at Denney's, and in another fight over the same thing. The Manager finally waited on them, when another waitress refused, and they received very little service afterwards. Tucson Members are now shopping for new late night breakfast places. And Drew, did we mention that we double-booked ourselves by mistake and won't be available for afterhours breakfast this weekend? Sorry.

TELVI DOES RODEO EVENTS

Belated congratulations, and welcome to the Tucson Satellite Board goes to TELVI ROYBAL, recently elected to serve as Rodeo Events Director. With Membership's recent vote to hold another Saguaro Rodeo in Tucson in '93, Telvi will be a busy, and welcome, addition to the group. Good to have you "on board" Telvi!

OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD

Nearly a dozen AGRA Members will be in the skies and on the roads as you read this, all heading to this year's IGRA Convention in Minneapolis, to meet and confer with the Grand PooBah Wizards of IGRA. Actually, two of the IGRA Wizards are our own JEFF COON, and RON TRUSLEY, so who cares, and the closest we'll probably get to an actual Wizard-type character will be IGRA President BOB PIMENTEL (most likely done up as JUDY GARLAND all weekend) but what the hell, Minneapolis ought to be a party.

Along with our AGRA delegates, alternates, dance couple, and hangers-on, we understand we'll be blessed (?) by the presence of Kansas City AGRAer Mrs. SEAN "ERNEST" YOUNG, who occasionally tries to assert himself as an independent real person in the guise of DOUG WAGNER but we all know better. Mrs. Young will be in attendance for re-certification as a Judge. And here we thought that Ernest had been proclaimed "certifiable for life" some years back. Our mistake! Other business for the weekend will include AGRA asking for dates for two Rodeos in '93. Our Roadrunner Rodeo in Phoenix in January, and another Saguaro Rodeo in Tucson, perhaps with a date change to March of next year. We'll also be putting in a bid on the Finals '93 Rodeo, though we understand that we'll face good competition from both Texas and Oklahoma for that Event. All Convention decisions will be in the next issue.



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Coming up, another pull-out section when we host the IGRA Finals in October. Hundreds of out-of-towners will be looking for things to do, and YOUR bar or business needs an ad to tell them where to go. For details, contact Tim at #892-1183.

Also for the Finals, we're looking for ads for the Rodeo Program, and sponsors for belt buckles. For more details on those, call our AGRA offices in Phoenix at #265-0618, and in Tucson at #798-3528.

IN MEMORIAL

AGRA has recently lost two more of it's supporters.

New Member JOEL REITER recently passed away due to complications of AIDS. While Joel was a fairly new Member, he, along with his life partner Bernie, had been supportive of our Tucson Satellite since it's inception, and had lots of plans for our future.

Passing away in July, of cancer, was ROGER BARGER, the other half of Champion Member CLUB 2520's PETER SITTIG. While Roger was not technically a Member, he, like Joel, was always right there helping and supporting Gay Rodeo.

Both men will be missed.



1992 SAGUARO RODEO -

REVENUE	
Buckle Sales	\$3,150.00
Advertising Sales	\$2,705.00
AGRA Booth Sales	\$2,313.90
Booth Rentals	\$1,050.00
Revenue-Gate/Ramada	\$17,552.25
Advance Tickets	\$1,141.00
Miller Sponsorship	\$4,500.00
Finley Miller Check	\$218.75
Posters & Pins Sold	\$102.50
Stall Rental	\$1,140.00
Contestant Entry Fees	\$12,764.00

SUBTOTAL \$46,637.40

EXPENSES	
IGRA Contestant Monies	\$1,506.00
Contestant Prize Money	\$12,679.00
Poster Winner & Mailing	\$123.00
Contestants Packets	\$588.07
Advertising	\$145.11
Dance Floor (Ramada)	\$1,413.68
Lighting (Ramada)	\$750.00
Sound Equipment (Ramada/OT)	\$1,100.00
D. & E. Phone/Mailing	\$162.32
C.D. Loss	\$106.37
Production Scenic Studios (Decor)	\$78.20
Rodeo Officials	\$1,258.92
Rodeo Supplies	\$201.27
Printing	\$86.94
Posters	\$1,300.67
Tri-folds	\$936.88
Program	\$2,967.29
Insurance	\$614.00
IGRA Sanction Fee	\$572.50
Grand Marshall Sash	\$60.00
Buckles	\$4,377.12
Ambulance	\$392.80
Livestock	\$5,200.00
Feed	\$477.50
Ribbons	\$254.14
Radios	\$76.82
Passes	\$708.98
Portable Horse Stalls	\$150.00
Bullfighter-Bobby Cox	\$570.00
Generator with Lights	\$204.75
Security	\$300.00
Utility Trailer	\$160.03
Portable Toilets	\$264.00
T-Shirts	\$2,243.79
Volunteer T-Shirts	\$656.25
Tucson Pins	\$321.00
MISC/Office Exp	\$292.79
Ramada Inn	\$249.26
Old Tucson	\$9,096.57

SUBTOTAL \$52,646.02

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL RODEO RESULTS

Good results for AGRA Contestants coming back from CGRA's 10th Anniversary Rodeo. Besides the good times had by all, our people also racked up plenty more points towards those coveted Finals Invites. DENNIS TERRELL added another All-Around Cowboy Buckle to his belt, with ANDY ANAYA as 1st Runner-Up. CANDY BELL was 3rd Runner-Up for Cowgirl, and GREG OLSON got 4th Runner-Up Cowboy.

Buckles went to Andy for Break-Away Roping, Steer Decorating, Team Roping, and Wild Drag Race. Candy picked up two for Bull Riding and Calf Roping on Foot. KRIS EISENHUT got one for the Barrel Race, and Dennis brought home five for Calf Roping on Foot, Flag Race, Steer Decorating, Team Roping, and Wild Drag Race.

The biggest prize of the weekend was DONNA AUER's, who was honored with the RON JESSER Memorial Award. Named for CGRA's "Star Cowboy" who passed away some years back, this sportsmanship award is perhaps the ultimate honor that CGRA presents each year, and we're very proud of Donna for earning it.

The results...

SATURDAY

Barrel Race-
3rd-Kris Eisenhut
4th-Andy Anaya
8th-Greg Olson
9th-Dennis Terrell
17th-Scott Darnell
22nd-Larry Jones

Break-Away Roping-
1st-Andy Anaya

Bull Riding-
1st-Candy Bell

Calf Roping on Foot-
1st-Candy Bell
2nd-Dennis Terrell
3rd-Angie Darnell
3rd-Larry Jones
6th-Donna Auer

Chute Dogging-
2nd-Candy Bell
5th-David Presnell
9th-Kris Eisenhut
19th-Bill Travis
22nd-Greg Olson

Flag Race-
1st-Angie Darnell
1st-Dennis Terrell
4th-Scott Darnell

Goat Dressing-
2nd-Andy Anaya
Dennis Terrell
3rd-Dan Iversen
Greg Olson
6th-Woody Kiehn
10th-Angie Darnell
Scott Darnell
13th-Jeff Schroeder
Eric Smith
15th-Ken Davis
18th-Donna Auer
Danny Clouse
20th-Kris Eisenhut
Larry Jones
31st-Helen Marvin
Becky Watts
45th-Bill Travis
47th-Michael Royer
Bill Springs

Pole Bending-
3rd-Andy Anaya
9th-Dennis Terrell
13th-Kris Eisenhut
18th-Scott Darnell

Steer Decorating-
2nd-Angie Darnell
Scott Darnell
5th-Andy Anaya
Dennis Terrell
6th-Dan Iversen
7th-Greg Olson
8th-Woody Kiehn

13th-Kris Eisenhut
Larry Jones
18th-Michael Royer
Becky Watts
28th-Jeff Schroeder
Eric Smith
31st-Candy Bell

Steer Riding-
4th-Kris Eisenhut
4th-Dennis Terrell
17th-Eric Smith

Team Roping-
1st-Andy Anaya
Dennis Terrell
2nd-Dennis Terrell
Andy Anaya

Wild Drag Race-
1st-Andy Anaya
Dennis Terrell
2nd-Dan Iversen
Greg Olson
Becky Watts
5th-Woody Kiehn
10th-Candy Bell
11th-Jeff Schroeder
Eric Smith

SUNDAY

Barrel Race-
1st-Kris Eisenhut
3rd-Andy Anaya
5th-Dennis Terrell
8th-Larry Jones
18th-Scott Darnell
24th-Greg Olson

Break-Away Roping-
1st-Larry Jones
2nd-Andy Anaya
4th-Dennis Terrell
7th-Scott Darnell

Calf Roping on Foot-
1st-Andy Anaya
2nd-Candy Bell
2nd-Dennis Terrell
3rd-Larry Jones

Chute Dogging-
1st-Dennis Terrell
2nd-J.C. Werner
3rd-Greg Olson

4th-Angie Darnell
10th-Kris Eisenhut
23rd-David Presnell
29th-Bill Travis
Flag Race-
1st-Dennis Terrell
8th-Scott Darnell

Goat Dressing-
1st-Woody Kiehn
4th-Ken Davis
7th-Dan Iversen
Greg Olson

17th-Bill Travis
18th-Kris Eisenhut
Larry Jones
23rd-Michael Royer
Bill Springs

24th-Jeff Schroeder
Eric Smith
26th-Angie Darnell
Scott Darnell
40th-Donna Auer
Danny Clouse
41st-Andy Anaya
Dennis Terrell
43rd-Helen Marvin
Becky Watts

Pole Bending-
1st-Greg Olson
3rd-Andy Anaya
7th-Kris Eisenhut
10th-Dennis Terrell
16th-Scott Darnell
21st-Larry Jones

Steer Decorating-
1st-Andy Anaya
Dennis Terrell
5th-Woody Kiehn
17th-Dan Iversen
Greg Olson
23rd-Kris Eisenhut
Larry Jones

31st-Candy Bell
34th-Jodi Hill
37th-Bill Springs

Steer Riding-
1st-Candy Bell
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- Team Roping-
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- Wild Drag Race-
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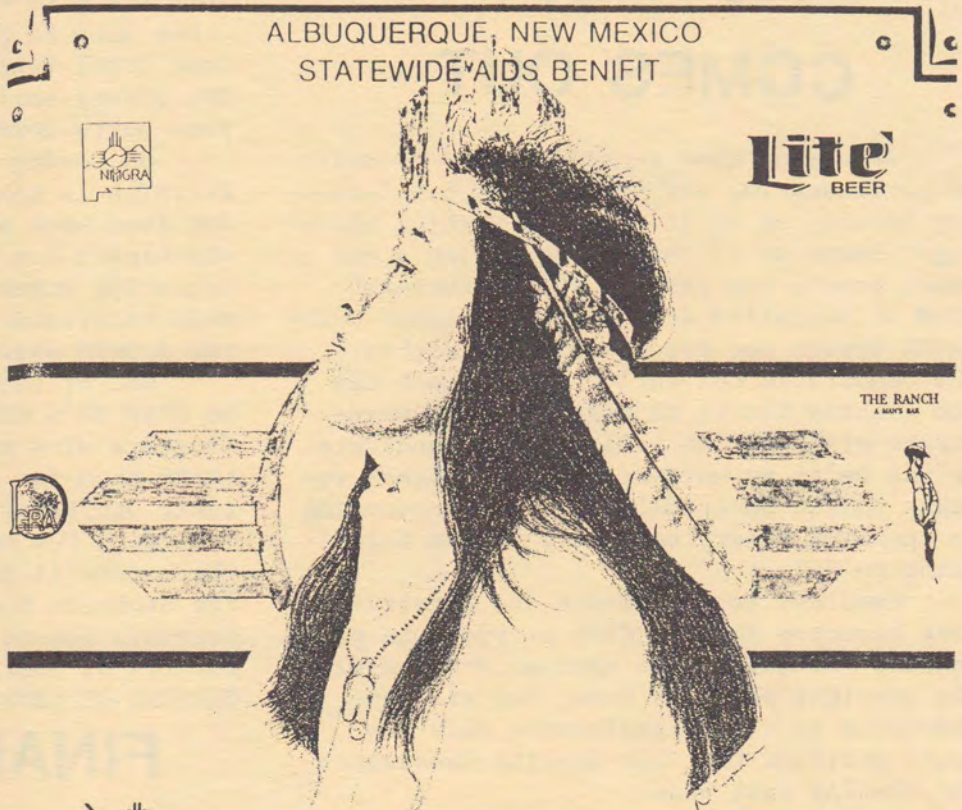
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ROYALTY COMES OUT

Is anyone else sensing a kind of shift of attitudes in, and towards the Gay Community lately, or is it just our wishful thinking? Seems to us that we're seeing a new "out, proud, and part of the mainstream" kind of mentality at work here. BARRY GOLD-WATER speaks out for Phoenix Gay Rights? The Democratic Convention talks about Gay and Lesbian issues as part of their mainstream platform? An AGRA Royalty Candidate thinks we're so mainstream that a press release to the Scottsdale Progress announcing an upcoming fundraiser would be the normal thing to do?

Needless to say, Dance and Entertainment Director RON ERICKSON stopped the press release (we have rules against dealing with the straight press ya know) but everyone concerned is wildly applauding this new "out" attitude that our Royalty Candidates are showing this year.

Last month's record high number of interested Candidates has been broken again this month, as Tucson's LARRY MANN has signed up for a run at the Mr. Title. We also hear that TELVI ROYBAL is seriously considering a run at the Ms Title, and that there's a possible Miss Candidate yet to come out of Tucson, if we can just get "her" out from behind the bar at CLUB 2520.

For more details on the Contest, call Ron at #246-8458, or his Tucson liaison "R.T. STACKED" at #881-8502.

Here's a list of fundraisers already scheduled. Please go out and support ALL these Contestants, as EVERY dollar raised by them goes to Arizona Charities.

Sunday, August 9th - Mr Candidate, MARK McCRORY has a novel fundraising plan with a Pool Party scheduled for 3:00PM at 45 W. Marshall. \$10 at the door will get you free beer, wine, food, and the pool, as well as swimwear being modeled for auction. Who wants to take our place at Convention so we can go to this one? Call Mark for details at #279-2422.

Monday, August 10th at 10:00PM at BOBBY's is the place to be for NATALIE RAE's next fundraising show. In fact, Natalie's got Bobby's support for an entire month of Monday night shows, August 10, 17, 24, and 31st. MURPHY BROWN is in reruns, so go check out Natalie.

Champion Member bar COUNTRY CLUB BAR & GRILL is also coming through as big supporters of our Candidates this year with

fundraising shows scheduled on Sunday the 16th for Miss Contestant BITTY ANN, and another show on Sunday the 23rd for Ms Contestant TERRY FILLOON. Both shows start at 8:00 PM, plenty early for "school nights", so get your butts down there.

On Monday the 17th, Mr Candidate, JOHN PRZYBYLA is taking over the Lounge at DAYS INN (see what we said about "mainstream" thinking?) for what looks to be quite a show featuring other Contestants as well as outside entertainers. Best get there early for the 8:00PM showtime.

One of the entertainers that night will be CHARLIE'S COUNTRY STOMPERS (the Junior Cloggers with a new name). You'll want to thank them for supporting AGRA by attending their own benefit, raising money towards attending New Mexico's Zia Regional Rodeo where they'll certainly make AZ look good. The Stompers benefit is scheduled for 9:30PM Tuesday, August 4th, at Champion Member bar CHARLIE'S, hosted by our own Miss AGRA JACQUELINE DE SAVOI.

FINALS UPDATE

Plans are in full swing for AGRA's hosting of the IGRA Finals Rodeo '92, to be held in Phoenix on October 23-25. Some of the details... One of our back-up hotels, the DAYS INN has already been completely sold out, with rooms also moving briskly at our Host hotel The QUALITY INN (formerly the HOLIDAY INN). Don't worry, the Board is not allowing JEFF COON to book the Fantasyland Motel as a back-up. Out at the Rodeo Grounds, the Corona's have added a huge slab of concrete South of the Dance Hall. Look for Fundraiser SCOTT TICKLER to nearly double the number of available booths for this Rodeo by using this space. Tentative plans also have us looking at adding more bars and a second dancing area on that spot. In the Arena itself, we believe plans are pretty well set to bring back CLARENCE BATES as the Stock Contractor for this Rodeo. Inside the Dance Hall Entertainment Director RON ERICKSON has a huge hole... to work with... where the stage USED to be. Undaunted, Ron still fully intends to top himself with this year's shows, and is still keeping all plans secret. What's a "glamarama cyclorama"? Entertainment we've already heard about so far includes CHARLIE'S COUNTRY CLOGGERS rehearsing THREE brand new production numbers, and what in the world do the SUNBURST SQUARES have up their sleeves with their "flying" concept? Our most fervent wish for Finals? The hope that EVERY AGRA Contestant qualifies for an invite... and we're willing to sleep with DAVID HILL if he's willing to arrange it.

PIECES

Festive weekend some of our people had at the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Guess ANGIE DARNELL's horse, BURLAP, copped an attitude and beat herself up on the trip to Denver, banging up LARRY JONES' horse trailer in the process. Both were being hauled up with SCOTT DARNELL's new pick-up, which was then stolen. (Anybody know where "Rick Bishop" was that weekend?). Scott then found out that the insurance paperwork on the truck had somehow gotten screwed up, so he wasn't covered for the theft. Had to rent a truck to get Larry's trailer home, with Angie then returning to Denver and renting a trailer to pick up her now healed horsie. Will WAYNE JAKINO be hosting a telethon up there to help these people out? And perhaps the saddest news of the weekend, we heard that SCOTT TICKLER, AKA VICTORIA LONDON, spent the entire weekend doing an impersonation of QUEEN VICTORIA (the Virgin Queen if you'll recall). Didn't get laid once, and it wasn't for lack of trying.

Successfully getting laid this past month was LARRY JONES. Roaring down Camelback Rd. in his pick-up one night after a Contestant Fundraiser, dressed to the nines as the ever lovely REBA LORETTA, he picked up a "straight" boy who was hitchhiking, and had his way with him. Bet he set a new time record for getting the pantyhose off that night, but we'll reserve judgement until we see a copy of the video that

"straight" boy filmed and is now selling a straight Rodeo functions around the State. We got this story, by the way, from a bathroom conversation in Tucson, further evidence that the time to go, has indeed come, for this dedicated reporter.

....What other notes of interest do we have for you, scraped from bathrooms Statewide CAROL SHEARER, absent owner of Champion Member bar CASH INN COUNTRY, has jumped the corral fence so to speak, on her Africa Safari. Seems the trip was too boring, and the tour partners too old for Carol's tastes, so she and her new girlfriend bailed out and are now touring Germany. They'll be home soon.

Up the street some at Champion Member bar "CHARLIE'S", it seems that WAYNE RAFFERTY is making the worksite a family affair. Already helping out at the bootshine booth is his brother GORDON, and just the other night we spotted their Father downing shots up at the bar. What's next? His Mother coming in to do the Sunday Brunches?

UGRA's JEFF JOHNSON says he enjoys reading our little Branding Iron, and would like to see it expanded to include special interest areas, like regular updates on LEONA HELMSLY. We're not sure what Jeff's story is anymore, but here's Leona's update... She recently received a 12 hour pass to visit 83 year old hubby, HARRY, who was going in for a "fluid on the brain" operation, a condition he obviously had when he first married Leona. All ended well, Leona's back in the slammer, living in fear of Lesbians, and yes Jeff, we're sure she had to be "tick-dipped" on her way back in.

DENNIS TERRELL wants to know how we found about his "Squeaky" nickname. We want to know how he GOT that nickname.

Wondering about the recent marriage of WHITNEY HOUSTON to singer BOBBY BROWN. Does this mean that Whitney's best friend, manager, and live-in "companion" ROBIN will now move out? Or will Bobby just have a muscular male massuer type move in and make it a happy little four-some?

MEMBERSHIP

\$30.00!

That's right, half the year's over so our yearly dues drop to half. Any new Members signing up between now and the end of the year will pay the same \$20 initiation fee, but only \$10 for the yearly dues. So tell a cheap friend that now's the time to support us, and join the fun.

While you're talking to friends, would somebody please have BRAD LYBARGER and JOHN WYATT (an alias for our Member who maybe returned to San Francisco?) check in with Membership Sultan MAX SUTHERLAND? They're missing in action this month.

Joining, or rejoining, the fun are...

Stoney Burke - Dragoon
Pete Campbell - Tucson
Elden (Miss Ellie) Coffey - Phoenix
Terry (Ms Candidate) Filloon - Scottsdale
Scott Knoll - Tucson
Another One Needing an Alias - Tucson
Ron L. - Tucson
Terry Neckar - Tucson
Charles (Natalie Rae) Pruitt - Phoenix
John (Mr Candidate) Przybyla - Scottsdale
Michael (Bitty Ann) Walstad - Phoenix
Henry Warner - Tucson

Be sure to welcome these new Members, support our Royalty Candidates in raising more monies, and get your address changes in to Max at #265-0224.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- August 2nd - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- August 2nd - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- August 4th - Tuesday - Charlie's Country Stompers Benefit
Fundraiser to send group to Zia Rodeo
9:30PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- August 6-9th - Weekend - IGRA Annual Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- August 9th - Sunday - Mr. Contestant Mark McCrory Fundraiser
3:00PM Pool Party Details at #279-2422.
- August 10th - Monday - Miss Contestant Natalie Rae Fundraiser
10:00PM Show - Bobby's - Phoenix
- August 12th - Wednesday - Tucson Satellite Board Meeting
6:00PM - IBT's - Tucson
- August 12th - Wednesday - Tucson Satellite Beer Bust Fundraiser
6:00-9:00PM - IBT's - Tucson
- August 12th - Wednesday - Tucson Satellite General Membership Mgt.
7:30PM - IBT's - Tucson
- August 16th - Sunday - Miss Contestant Bitty Ann Fundraiser
8:00PM Show - Country Club Bar & Grill
- August 17th - Monday - Mr Contestant John Przybyla Fundraiser
8:00PM - Day's Inn - Phoenix
- August 17th - Monday - Miss Contestant Natalie Rae Fundraiser
10:00PM Show - Bobby's - Phoenix
- August 23rd - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- August 23rd - Sunday - Ms Contestant Terry Filloon Fundraiser
8:00PM - Country Club Bar & Grill
- August 24th - Monday - Miss Contestant Natalie Rae Fundraiser
10:00PM Show - Bobby's - Phoenix
- August 31st - Monday - Miss Contestant Natalie Rae Fundraiser
10:00PM Show - Bobby's - Phoenix
- September 4-6th - Weekend - Zia Regional Rodeo
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- September 13th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix
- September 13th - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - Charlie's - Phoenix