

THEE BRANDING IRON

DECEMBER 2000

ODDS & ENDS FROM THE PHOENIX CHAPTER PRESIDENT

I want to remind everyone that the December membership meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 at Charlie's. This will also be A.G.R.A.'s day of Christmas at Charlie's.

At the November membership meeting, nominations were opened for Chapter Board positions for 2001. Nominations received in the November meeting include:

- President: Woody Howard
- Vice President: Glen May
- Secretary: Claire Miller
- Public Relations Director: Ric Leone
- Fund Raising Director: Scott Tickler a.k.a. Victoria London
- Rodeo Events Director: Will Lann
- Chapter Representative: Shirley Steiger

Nominations will also be received in the December membership meeting; then voting will take place at the January 2001 membership meeting with those elected assuming their board position on February 1, 2001.

Nominations and voting for Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2001 Grand Marshal will take place at the December membership meeting. We will also nominate and elect someone for the Rodeo Program dedication.

Representatives from PFLAG, TIHAN, Community Church of Hope, and Joshua Tree were at the November membership meeting and were presented with their checks from the \$20,000 we donated to 501c(3) organizations.
Ron Trusley, Chapter President

State Notes

Watch your mailbox for information about the state banquet and elections for the 2001 State Board. The banquet will be held at the Lexington Hotel, 100 W Clarendon, Phoenix, at 4:00 on Sunday, December 17, 2000.

Results of voting for the State Board will be announced at the banquet on December 17.

Ron Trusley, State Secretary

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Oops... Again!
 To those of you who fell for the wrong time for the membership meeting in last month's calendar: We were just testing if anyone actually reads this newsletter! Just kidding, your editor's brain was off by half an hour. My apologies! I actually believed that it was the correct time!
A.S.



THE ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2001

The 2001 rodeo is only about seven weeks away and there seems to be quite a lot of interest from people planning to attend. Hopefully, the rodeo will not last as long as it did in 2000.

There are still plenty of sponsorships available in many areas. Anyone interested in any of the sponsorships should contact the A.G.R.A. office at (602) 265-0618 or complete and return the form enclosed with this *Branding Iron*.

Also, volunteers are needed in all areas. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet also included in this newsletter. Complete and return the form to our office indicating the areas which you are interested in. If you are interested in being a coordinator for a specific area, let us know.

We are hoping to secure a shuttle service from both host hotels to the rodeo grounds throughout the rodeo weekend.

It looks like we will have an International sponsor within the next few weeks; hopefully, a decision will be made during the first or second week of December.

Ron Trusley, Rodeo Director

PUBLIC RELATION MATTERS

Greetings everyone from your newly elected Public Relations Director. It has been a very busy and challenging month for me. I have been busy getting rodeo 2001 flyers and posters printed. I will pick up the posters next week and plan to distribute them to all the gay establishments here in the valley.

Also, I am working on the program, seeking advertisements and getting ready to type it before sending it to the printer. We are also looking for volunteers for the rodeo, because, as you know, it takes many volunteers to put on a successful rodeo like Road Runner Regional has always been. If you know of anyone who would like to advertise or be a volunteer have them call the rodeo hotline (602) 265-0618 or e-mail me at rleone1@uswest.net. The advertising deadline is December 9th 2000. Hope your holiday was a great one and looking forward to Rodeo 2001.

Ric Leone, PR Director

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hi fellow members!

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday. As we move along through the holidays, Rodeo 2001 is shortly upon us. I have been very busy seeking buckle sponsors and they are as follows:

Mr. AGRA	- John Dennem
Miss AGRA	- Shirley Steiger
Miss AGRA Crown	- Rick's Appliance
Women's Bull Riding	- Chuck Browning
Women's Bronc Riding	- Shirley Steiger

I have many more buckles to find sponsors for. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a buckle, please have them contact me at (602) 265-0618 at the Rodeo Hotline.

Ric and I have also found about 16 vendors out of 29 spaces. As you know, we need many volunteers to put on a rodeo, if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, have them call the rodeo hotline as well. I would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays.

Glen May, Vice President

ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2001, JANUARY 12-14, 2001

SPONSORSHIP FORM

STALL SPONSORSHIP(S) AT \$50.00 EACH. (PLEASE INDICATE # OF STALLS)

EVENT BUCKLE SPONSORSHIP AT \$200.00 EACH: (PLEASE INDICATE BY 1,2,3 YOUR FIRST, SECOND, & THIRD CHOICES)

ROUGH STOCK EVENTS

- MEN'S BULL RIDING
 WOMEN'S BULL RIDING (SOLD)
 MEN'S BRONC RIDING
 WOMEN'S BRONC RIDING (SOLD)
 MEN'S STEER RIDING
 WOMEN'S STEER RIDING
 MEN'S CHUTE DOGGING
 WOMEN'S CHUTE DOGGING

ROPING EVENTS

- MEN'S CALF ROPING ON FOOT
 WOMEN'S CALF ROPING ON FOOT
 MEN'S BREAKAWAY ROPING
 WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY ROPING
 TEAM ROPING - HEADER
 TEAM ROPING - HEELER

SPEED EVENTS

- MEN'S BARREL RACE
 WOMEN'S BARREL RACE
 MEN'S POLE BENDING
 WOMEN'S POLE BENDING
 MEN'S FLAG RACE
 WOMEN'S FLAG RACE

CAMP EVENTS

- STEER DECORATING
 STEER DECORATING
 WILD DRAG RACE
 WILD DRAG RACE
 WILD DRAG RACE
 GOAT DRESSING
 GOAT DRESSING

ALL-AROUND BUCKLES

- ALL-AROUND COWBOY (\$225)
 ALL-AROUND COWGIRL \$225

MISCELLANEOUS BUCKLES

- MR AGRA 2001 (SOLD)
 MISS AGRA 2001 (SOLD)
 MS AGRA 2001
 MISS AGRA 2001 CROWN (\$300) (SOLD)
 GREG OLSON MEMORIAL BUCKLE (\$175)

YOUR COMPANY DISPLAY BANNER IN THE ARENA - \$75.00 FOR WEEKEND.

NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: () _____

NOTE: A.G.R.A. WILL HANG YOUR BANNER FOR THE RODEO, BUT YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING DOWN YOUR BANNER BEFORE THE RODEO CONCLUDES ON SUNDAY. A. G.R.A. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN BANNERS

2001 ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO
ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION SHEET
January 12TH to January 14th

PERFORMER: _____
CONTACT: _____
PHONE NUMBER(S): () - () - _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____@_____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT
(CIRCLE WHICHEVER APPLY)

Female Impersonator
-lip sync
-live vocals

Live Vocalist

Group
-Cloggers
-Line Dance
-Square Dance

PREFERRED TIME SLOT(S)

Friday evening (to be held at The Ramada)

Saturday Afternoon

Saturday Evening

Sunday Afternoon

Sunday Evening

If you are a group, please attach a piece of paper with all of the members in your group neatly printed or typed. Thank you.

Questions or Comments: _____

Groups will not be allowed to have one person sign the liability waiver. Each individual must sign the waiver personally.

The registration deadline for entertainers is December 15th!

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The Crowning of the new Miss I.G.R.A., Victoria

Photos by Anna Shan-



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Merry Christmas

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December 25th—Merry X-mas.

Check out our website:
www.agra-phx.com

The first rodeo of the 2001 season is over. Here are the results:
Calf Roping of Foot, women
1. Go Round: Sandra Anaya, 3rd; 2. Go Round: Sandra Anaya, 4th
Break Away Roping
Women, 2. Go Round: Sandra Anaya, 1st
Men, 1. Go Round: Will Lann, 6th, Brian Helander, 7th
Men, 2nd Go Round: Will Lann, 7th
Flag Race
Men, 2nd Go Round: Brian Helander, 8th
Team Roping
1st Go Round: Renita Encinias & Sandra Anaya, 1st
Sandra Anaya & Renita Encinias 3rd
2nd Go Round: Chuck Browning & Will Lann, 2nd
Steer Riding
1st Go Round: Chuck Browning, 5th; 2nd Go Round: Chuck B., 2nd
Chute Dogging:
1st Go Round: Chuck Browning, 1st; Brian Helander, 3rd
Buckle Winner: Chuck Browning
Steer Decorating:
1st Go Round: Chuck Browning & Brian Helander, 2nd
Wild Drag Race:
1st Go Round: Sandra Anaya, Dennis Terrell, Andy Anaya, 3rd
2nd Go Round: Sandra Anaya, Dennis Terrell, Andy Anaya, 1st
Brian Helander, Chuck Browning, Roxine Genter, 5th
Goat Dressing:
1st Go Round: Chuck Browning & Brian Helander, 4th
2nd Go Round: Chuck Browning & Brian Helander, 1st
Bull Riding:
1st Go Round: Chuck Browning, 1st, 2nd Go Round: Chuck B. 1st
Buckle Winner: Chuck Browning

Change of Address (to be sent to the state P.O. Box):
Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Would you prefer to receive this publication by e-mail?
YES NO

"A RODEO ODYSSEY"
ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2001
JANUARY 12-14, 2001

VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: () _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE MARK THE AREA(S) FOR WHICH YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER. IF YOU WISH, MARK A 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PREFERENCE. ALSO MARK THE DAYS/NIGHTS WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SCRIP SALES | <input type="checkbox"/> RODEO TICKET SALES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TICKET TAKERS | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER SECURITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A.G.R.A. BOOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> ARENA CREW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHUTE CREW | <input type="checkbox"/> SECRETARIAL RUNNER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY NIGHT
CONTESTANT REGISTRATION | <input type="checkbox"/> SECRETARIAL STAFF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | |

I AM AVAILABLE TO WORK:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY NIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY NIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUNDAY NIGHT | |

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:

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PHOENIX AZ 85011-6363

OR TURN IN THE COMPLETED FORM TO RON TRUSLEY AT ANY A.G.R.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING