

# The Branding Iron



## February Birthdays

- Will Lann 2/2
- Alan Tomalavage 2/2
- Diann Kimmel 2/10
- Gary L Rushton 2/15
- Connie Tuengel 2/21
- Ken Poplin 2/24
- John Usher 2/25
- Keith Carson 2/26
- J R Love 2/27

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT 2002

Well another rodeo has come and gone and I am very proud to say it was a successful one. It was a very exciting time in our 17<sup>th</sup> year history that RoadRunner Regional was moved to Rawhide in Scottsdale. We broke records at this year's rodeo: On Saturday we had more spectators through the gate than last year. . The total count was 3,033 spectators for the weekend. Vendor spaces totaled 49 with room for more due to the larger venue. And while there were 177 contestants, the rodeo competition ended in good time on Saturday and Sunday by approximately 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The top eight contestants did a superb job and they are as follows: Flavia Krieg 2<sup>nd</sup> on Saturday & 5<sup>th</sup> for the weekend in Calf Roping; Terri Rowe 4<sup>th</sup> on Saturday for Barrel Racing; Chuck Browning 3<sup>rd</sup> in Steer Riding on Saturday and 5<sup>th</sup> on Sunday with a total making him 3<sup>rd</sup> for the weekend; Will Lann 5<sup>th</sup> for Saturday for Chute Dogging and 7<sup>th</sup> on Sunday and 6<sup>th</sup> for the weekend; Jon Cameron 4<sup>th</sup> on Saturday for Break-Away roping on Saturday and 7<sup>th</sup> on Sunday and 4<sup>th</sup> for the weekend; Chuck Browning 5<sup>th</sup> on Saturday for Breakaway roping; Patrick Mckeon 4<sup>th</sup> on Saturday for Pole Bending; Popper Dubray 8<sup>th</sup> on Saturday for Flag Racing and for the weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and Keenan Allen 8<sup>th</sup> for the weekend; Jon Cameron & Will Lann 2<sup>nd</sup> for Team Roping on Saturday, Sunday, and for the weekend; Scott Darnell and his partner finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on Saturday in Team Roping; Flavia Krieg and her partner finished 4<sup>th</sup> on Sunday in Steer Deco; Claire Miller and her partner finished 7<sup>th</sup> for the weekend in Steer Deco; Chuck Browning, Claire Miller and Sean Patrick finished 4<sup>th</sup> on Saturday in Wild Drag; Terri Rowe 1<sup>st</sup> on Sunday in Wild Drag; and Terri Rowe 4<sup>th</sup> for the weekend.

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I would like to thank all of the AGRA contestants for a doing a well-deserved **SUPERB** Job. Also I would like to thank the volunteer coordinator, Richard Tally & his assistant John Voyten, for doing such a great job organizing the volunteers, great job Richard, and thanks to the volunteers as well, we could not have done it without you. And last but not least your new royalty team, and for the first time since 1999 we have a full royalty team:

Miss AGRA:	Pussy LeHoot	Mr. AGRA:	Patrick Lose
First Runner up:	Miss Sassy	First Runner Up:	John Usher
Second Runner up:	Novia Gina		
Ms. AGRA:	Gaylia Young		

Congratulation's to each of you and the new royalty team will make AGRA proud.

I am very excited and proud to be working with this year's new AGRA of Board Directors :

Vice President:	Scott Tickler a.k.a. Victoria London
Secretary:	Ric Leone
Public Relations:	Kevin McSweeny a.k.a. Pussy LeHoot
Fundraising:	Marque Bobier
Rodeo Events:	Will Lann
Treasurer:	To be appointed by the AGRA board

Again thanks to each and everyone for participating, and helping putting on a great rodeo.

Glen May  
AGRA President

## CONGRATULATIONS AGRA

### AGRA MEETINGS

#### February—March

02/10/02—4:30 pm  
AGRA Transition Board  
Meeting  
The Lexington Hotel  
100 W Clarendon Ave  
602-279-9811

02/10/02—7:00 pm  
General Membership  
Meeting at Charlie's

Tentative  
03/05/02—7:00 p.m. —  
Board of Directors Meeting  
at Charlie's

03/10/02—7:00 pm  
General Membership  
Meeting at Charlie's

Well members we did it. The AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2002 was bigger and better than any of the 16 previous Rodeo's.

The biggest thanks and show of appreciation has to go to one man, Bob Pimentel, Jr., our Rodeo director. Without his dedication, perseverance and knowledge, our Rodeo would never have been as successful as it was. Bob spent literally endless days and nights negotiating with the Rawhide, Wild West Town, The Lexington Hotel, The Hilton Garden Inn, Gray Line Tours, Charlie's, Cash In Country and Hensley & Co., Motorola, and number of other sponsors to make sure this rodeo would be the success that it was. And to think he didn't loose his daytime job!!!! On behalf of all of AGRA, thank you Bob.

Richard Tally and Jon Voyten had the monumental task of organizing the volunteers and accomplished the task as if there was nothing to it. Thanks you so much Richard and John for undertaking this as well as being in charge of all the banners. You are perfect examples of what can be accomplished when we all work for the organization.

"Thank you's" have to go to the countless number of volunteers. Volunteers from AGRA, PFLAG, The Melonhead Foundation, AZ Central Pride, Community Church of Hope, patrons of Charlie's and Cash Inn Country and countless other Establishments all contributed to an organized event. From the parking to the tickets, to the direction givers, to the AGRA booth volunteers worked all weekend.

Thank you to Will Lann and his assistant Alan T. (Tomalavage) for all their work in getting the Rawhide arena ready for the Rodeo. From the stalls to hay everything was there. David Troendle of AGRA was big asset to Will & Alan.

Thanks to all the Arena crew, Timers, Judges, volunteers and to our Main Arena director Frank Elam and our Horse Arena Director Erin Eaton. Larry Lindstrom the Secretary, Patrick Terry, Score Keeper & AGRA's Ron Trusley his assistant. Chute Coordinator Kim Dawson and her assistant Panda Bear Champion. And to David Medzerian for organizing our Grand Entry

Congratulations to Miss Ebony, (a.k.a. Morrie Carter) our Grand Marshall who is such a Grand Dame!!!!

Thanks to the Royalty team of 2001, Miss AGRA Suzanne Target, Ms AGRA Gaylia Young, 1st Runner up Miss AGRA Noel Christine, Miss IGRA Victoria London for such a well staged and produced Royalty competition and Pageant.

Congratulations to Pussy LeHoot, our 2002 Miss AGRA, Patrick Lose, Mr. AGRA 2002 & Gaylia Young, Ms AGRA 2002. And to the all important runners up, Miss Sassy, 1st Runner Up Miss AGRA 2002, Novia Gina, 2nd Runner up Miss AGRA 2002 and John Usher, 1st Runner up Mr. AGRA 2002. You all worked so hard and together AGRA is very Proud.

And thank you to the IGRA Royalty team of 2002, Miss IGRA 2002 Bianca St. John & Lauren Jacobs 1st Runner up Miss IGRA 2002, Mr. IGRA 2002 Mark Larsen & Ms. IGRA Lize McDonald. Thanks to all the past Royalty of all the associations like Tamara Marks (IGRA Vice President) and Sonny Koerner who all provided great entertainment to make this rodeo one of the best.

I could go on and on because there are so many people who were such an important part in making this the most successful rodeo to date.

You all know who you are so thank you all.  
Ric Leone  
AGRA Secretary  
2000-2002 Co Vendor Coordinator ("Co" because Glen helps me some times!!)



Don't Drink and Drive!

## A Message from the 2002 Royalty

We would like to take this time to thank everyone for your support during this years Road Runner Regional Rodeo Royalty Contest. It's been a while since Arizona has had a complete team and we're going to make the most of it. Already we have some ideas in the works and are making plans to attend many rodeos. In October we will travel to Witchata, Kansas and with your support, we will take the IGRA finals by storm. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know. Remember we are here for you! Let's have a great year and we'll see you soon.

Pussy LeHoot	Miss AGRA 2002
Patrick Lose	Mr. AGRA 2002
Gaylia Young	Ms. AGRA 2002

## YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH SUCCESS.....

Dear Bob and AGRA Board,

I just wanted to thank you again for inviting me to work as a judge at your rodeo last week, and for taking such good care of me. You all did a splendid job, and it seems like everyone really likes the new arena. (I know I certainly do).

The ground in both arenas was just magnificent - our horse people should be so lucky everywhere, and I do hope they appreciate how truly spectacular the conditions were at Rawhide.

I don't know how many of our folks stayed at the Hilton Gardens, but I must tell you that their staff was great - they also had a bunch of old golfers staying, and they were equally pleasant and helpful to our people. It makes a huge difference to the workers, horse people, and non-party-people to be on the same side of town as the arena - especially at the crack of dawn. I hope that the Hilton Gardens will be on board for 2003, as you just could not ask for a nicer staff.

Thanks again for including me. I hope you made lots of money, and are able to return to Rawhide again for RRRR '03.

Amy

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Bob:

Congratulations on your very successful RRRR 2002! I can't say enough good things about the venue and the overall rodeo organization. Thanks to you and the AGRA members for including me as an official this year.

Sincerely  
Thom Sloan

Hey Guys,

Congratulations on a very successful rodeo last weekend. It was obvious that moving to a new location proved to be the right move. Thank you for making me a part of it by being invited as your Scorekeeper for the rodeo.

Also, thank you very much for providing the timers with two rooms to share, they certainly appreciated it. I forgot to pick up three programs from the rodeo, so could one of you please send them to the IGRA office? Once again, nice job on an excellent rodeo!

Thanks,  
Patrick Terry  
IGRA Administrative Assistant  
(303) 832-IGRA

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Just a note of thanks for all your hard work to make this rodeo one of the best we have ever attended. It was obvious that the team put in major amounts of hard work and hours to pull this one off.

The Rawhide rodeo grounds were fantastic. From the sound crew to the royalty you were the host (esses) with the most. We look forward to next year when we can come back and be a part of the team once again.

Sincerely  
Vince Wayne

# February 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <small>RRRR Volunteer Party Charlie's 6:00 p.m.</small>
10 <small>4:30 pm— Transitional AGRA Board Meeting 7:00 pm—General Membership Meeting @ Charlie's</small>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

## 2002 Rodeo Schedule

RODEO	CITY	DATE
Texas Gay Rodeo	Dallas	November 9-11, 2002
Road Runner Regional Rodeo	Phoenix	January 18 - 20, 2002
Cowtown Rodeo	Ft. Worth	March 29 -31, 2002
Bighorn Rodeo	Las Vegas	April 5 - 7, 2002
L.A. Rodeo 2002	Los Angeles	April 19 - 21, 2002
Rodeo In The Rock	Little Rock	April 26 - 28, 2002
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City	May 24 - 26, 2002
Southern Spurs Rodeo	Atlanta	May 31 - June 2, 2002
UGRA Rodeo 2002	Salt Lake City	May 31 - June 2, 2002
Bay Area Regional Rodeo	San Jose	June 14 - 16, 2002
Heartland Rodeo	Omaha	June 28 - 30, 2002
Canadian Rockies Intl. Rodeo	Calgary, Alberta	June 28 - 30, 2002
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver	July 12 - 14, 2002
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque	August 9 - 11, 2002
Windy City Rodeo 2002	Chicago	August 23 - 25, 2002
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, Missouri	August 30 - September 1, 2002
Atlantic Stampede 2002	Washington, D.C.	September 6 - 8, 2002
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego	September 20 - 22, 2002
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Wichita, Kansas	October 10 -13, 2002
18th Annual IGRA Convention	Cleveland, Ohio	July 25 - 28, 2002

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A position description for the Public Relations Spokesperson is included as Exhibit D in the I.G.R.A. Handbook.

Interested individuals should submit their resume and letter of interest to:

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