

The Branding Iron



The President's Message...

October Birthdays	
• Tommy Pina	10/03
• Michael Butts	10/04
• Daniel Adams	10/06
• Charlie Colella	10/09
• Sharon Starks	10/16
• Jeremy Williams	10/16
• Rick Burdette	10/17
• Sean Slattery	10/19
• Tom Ziegler	10/31

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First I would like to start off by saying congratulation's on the contestant's fundraiser held at Charlie's they raised \$627.00 which was their first fundraiser. The 2003 royalty contestants are continuing to hold fundraisers for their respective charities so lets support them as well. The royalty team is getting ready for finals in Wichita, KS to compete for Mr., Miss, and Ms. They have had fundraiser's throughout the year and now the competition is about to start this month. Let's wish them all the best of luck and hope they bring back three titles to Arizona.

At the last general membership meeting in September everyone voted on 2002 rodeo proceeds and they are listed as follows:

TIHAN	\$1628.57	AGAPE	\$1114.28
JOSHUA TREE	\$1757.14	CCH	\$1542.85
ASPCA	\$728.57	(CCH= Community Church of Hope)	
MELONHEAD	\$5014.32	PFLAG	\$3214.27

This amount total's \$15,000, which the 2002 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo was a great success and we are proud to support each and every one of these charities. At the October 20th membership meeting the checks will be presented to the different charities by rodeo director Bob Pimentel Jr.

Also at the September 18th meeting the membership did vote to pass proposed bylaws.

This past weekend Ric and I went to San Diego rodeo, which was great. I would like to congratulate all the AGRA members who competed in San Diego; the top eight are as follows: Sean Patrick won the buckle for Bareback Bronc Riding and Chuck Browning and Brian Helander also won the buckle for Goat Dressing, way to go guys. Chuck also finished 2nd on Sunday in Steer Riding; In Chute Dogging, Brian Helander came in 2nd and Chuck Browning & Will Lann came in 7th on Saturday; Will came in 1st and Chuck came in 3rd on Sunday and for the weekend it was Chuck 2nd, Will 3rd and Brian 4th.

In Calf Roping on Foot; John Taylor came in 4th & Chuck 6th and Will 8th on Saturday; On Sunday it was Chuck 2nd, Brian 3rd and John T. 6th and for the weekend it was Chuck 2nd and John Taylor 3rd; In Breakaway Roping; John T. came in 1st on Saturday then on Sunday, Chuck came in 3rd and John T. was 6th and John T. came in 2nd for the weekend; In Flag Racing, Brian H. came in 8th on Saturday; In the Team Roping Event John T. came in 3rd on Sunday; In the Steer Decorating event Sean Patrick and Brian Stranghoner finished 6th on Saturday; Will Lann finished 8th on Saturday as well; The weekend Chuck B. and Brian H. came in 8th; As for Wild Drag Chuck and Brian finished 6th on Saturday; In the Goat Dressing event Chuck & Brian came in 3rd on Saturday & 2nd on Sunday and won the buckle for the weekend. For the All Around Chuck finished 4th. To all of AGRA contestant's we are very proud to have you represent AGRA.

On behalf of AGRA I would like to thank GSGRA San Diego chapter for hosting a great rodeo. Also it was great to see quite a number of AGRA members and friends from Phoenix supporting the 2002 San Diego Rodeo.

Glen May

President

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

AGRA MEETINGS

OCT—NOV 2002

Sunday 10/20/02 4:30 p.m.

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Pookie's

4540 N 7th Street, Phx

602-277-2121

Sunday 10/20/02—7:00 pm

AGRA General Membership Mtg.
Charlie's

727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Phone # 602-265-0224

Monday 11/04/02—7:00 p.m.

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Sunday 11/10/02—7:00 pm

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All members are welcome to all AGRA Board of Directors meetings. We encourage members who wish to attend to do so. Thank you.

Ric Leone

AGRA Corresponding Secretary

Membership Renewal: Our membership is going strong at 141 members to date. Very shortly all memberships will need to be renewed as memberships expire October 31, 2002. I will be mailing out membership applications to all current members. Remember a new application must accompany every membership renewal. When filling out your application please print your current information so I don't make mistakes interpreting you've written on the application. Look for your renewal application forms in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

Voting for your Trustee: As most members know, Bob Pimentel, Jr. has resigned his position as Trustee effective at the end of this Rodeo year. This was announced at the September 8, 2002 membership meeting. Per the new Bylaws, the nominations and the voting on the new Trustee will take place at the next membership meeting October 20, 2002, 7:00 p.m. at Charlie's. Any member interested in being AGRA's Trustee for the remainder of the term, which expires October 31, 2003, should be present at the meeting October 20, 2002. If you cannot be present but want to be nominated, please inform a fellow member who will be at the meeting or contact any board member or me, preferably with an email, stating you accept a nomination. It would be beneficial to be present as the Nominee's may be asked to address the membership upon why he or she should be voted in as Trustee.

Rainbow Festival, Sunday October 6, 2002 10:00 a.m.: Everyone please make plans to attend the 1st Rainbow Festival at Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix on Sunday October 6, 2002. What better way to start your week than by attending this new gay community event. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** Danny Kelly, Fundraising Director, Glen May & myself will set up the AGRA booth, selling the 2003 Rodeo T-shirts and AGRA Caps. We will also have 2003 RRRR flyers, membership applications and VOTING REGISTRATION FORMS. So all AGRA members, let us show Don Hamill of Lambda Gear, the organizer of this event, the support he has shown AGRA year after year at our Road Runner Regional Rodeo. Please attend and stop by the AGRA booth, buy a Rodeo T-shirt, register to vote, if you're not already registered and then enjoy all the other vendors and activities at the Rainbow Festival.

Voting on NOVEMBER 5, 2002: The importance of the upcoming Arizona elections cannot be stressed enough. Everyone who is eligible needs to register and then get out the vote on Election Day. Important office holders such as Governor, State Senators and the State Representatives are being decided. The people holding these offices can and will directly affect all of our lives. Don't think that "your candidate" is going to be elected into office because "the other guy" will vote. It does not happen that way. Everyone needs to cast their own vote for their candidates.

Happy Halloween !!!!!!!

Ric Leone

AGRA Corresponding Secretary

Rodeo News...

ROADRUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2003

At Rawhide

The 2003 RRRR is quickly approaching, and I am currently seeking sponsors for the ribbons. The cost will be \$25.00 per event for the weekend. **If you would like to sponsor a ribbon or know of someone who is interested, please E-mail or call Glen May**

The events are listed as follows:

Men & Women's Bull Riding
Men & Women's Chute Dogging

Men & Women's Bronc Riding
Team Roping

Men & Women's Steer Riding
Women & Men's Breakaway

Women & Men's Calf Roping
Women & Men's Flag Racing

Women & Men's Barrel Racing
Goat Dressing

Women & Men's Pole Bending
Steer Deco

Wild Drag Race

All Around Cowboy & All Around Cowgirl


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October 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 AGRA Fund-raiser , @ Charlie's 9:00 p.m.	3	4 Micael & Marty AGRA Contestant Fundraiser Cash Inn 8:30 p.m..	5
6 Rainbow Festival @ Heritage Square 10:00 a.m.	7	8	9	10 IGRA 2002 Rodeo Finals Wichita Ks	11 IGRA 2002 Rodeo Finals Wichita Ks	12 IGRA 2002 Rodeo Finals Wichita Ks
13 IGRA 2002 Rodeo Finals Wichita Ks	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 AGRA Board & Membership meetings	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

ADVERTISING SPACE IS AVAILABLE

Hey everyone in cowboy land. I just wanted to drop you a line and remind y'all there is still space for your business card size advertisement in the "Branding Iron". A single month is just \$10.00 but if you advance purchase a six month ad it's 10% off but wait there is more if you purchase a whole year in advance it's 25% off making your advertising as low as \$90.00 for the entire year. THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!

So don't forget to place your ad right away.

Keith Carson

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Dart Tournament

Wednesday-8pm



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Special post-agra tour

January 21st, 2003

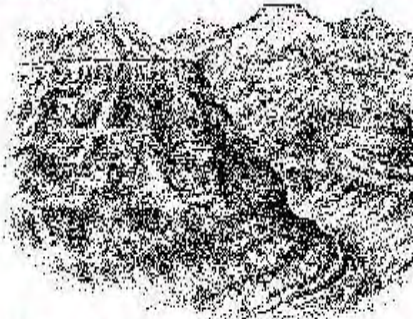
Call to reserve

Your space by

December 16th, 2002

Grand Canyon Express

Depart from the Valley of the Sun and travel north, making a brief stop in Flagstaff, located at the base of Mount Humphreys, and nestled amongst the argest stand of Ponderosa Pines in the United States. From Flagstaff, it's on to Tusayan, here your driver/guide will be happy to assist in making plans for an optional viewing at the IMAX theatre, presenting, "Grand Canyon - The Hidden Secrets", assist passengers interested in a 'Bird's Eye View' of the canyon, taking in aerial tour from an airplane or helicopter. Arriving at the Grand Canyon, one of the 7 wonders of the world, we'll narrate a tour of the South Rim area; visit Canyon View Information Plaza Visitor Center near Mather Point (for a photo opportunity) and the Bright Angel Lodge area. There are several places to have lunch. Gray Line offers the opportunity to spend some time on your own at the canyon as well as a narrated tour.



**8:00am pick-up: Charlie's Country
Western Bar
727 W. Camelback Rd
Phoenix**

10:00pm Return

\$99.00 PER PERSON

(602) 495-9100 Gray Line Tours (800) 732-0327

2003 AGRA Buckle Sales And Sponsorships:

HI YA COWBOYS



We are now actively pursuing sponsors for the RRRR 2003 award buckles. The cost to sponsor a buckle is 200.00 and many event buckles are still available. Deadline for sponsorships is November 1st. In addition, I'm pleased to announce that buckles will be available this year for AGRA members to purchase! The membership price is 150.00 and all profits benefit AGRA. Members who choose to purchase a buckle will be able to have it engraved with their name and the year they became an AGRA member. Cost for engraving is additional and nominal. Award buckles will be presented first to contestants at the rodeo and members will not receive their buckles until after the rodeo.

To sponsor an award buckle or to order as a member, please email me at mragra2002@aol.com or by mail to: A.G.R.A. Buckle's, P.O. Box 40465, Phoenix AZ 85067-0465 We will be posting a sponsorship ordering form on the AGRA website soon so check that also. Payment will be expected ASAP after ordering. If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at 623-572-6946.

This is a great way to show your PRIDE in AGRA and to benefit the association as well.

Cheers,
Patrick Lose
Mr. AGRA 2002
Vice President AGRA Board of Directors



Special pre-**agra** tour
January 16th, 2003
Call to reserve
Your space by
December 16th, 2002



Sedona



Depart from the Valley and travel north to the fabulous red rock country of Sedona, the "mecca" of western artists! You'll lunch on your own in Sedona. Your day includes a 2-hour jeep excursion into Dry Creek Basin surrounded by seven majestic canyons to the hand-hewn log cabin that stands as a reminder of Sedona's colorful past. Relive the early cowboy days and the tales of murder and moonshine at the old cabin. There will be plenty of time for shopping, sightseeing and pictures in Sedona.

Time permitting we'll stop at the beautiful Sunset Point for pictures, capping off a fabulous day of Arizona sights.

8:00am pick-up from: **Charlie's Country Western Bar**
727 W. Camelback Rd.
Phoenix

6:00pm return

\$88.00 per person



(602) 495-9100

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(800) 732-0327

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