

The Branding Iron



November Birthdays

- Thomas Van Dorn 11/04
- Andrew Power 11/07
- Jon O'Dowd 11/07
- Charlie's Phoenix 11/09
- Chris Wallace 11/10
- Chuck Browning 11/11
- Amy Griffin 11/14
- Rafael Rivera 11/14
- Marty Wolfe 11/16
- Scott Blades 11/20
- Gareth MacKenzie 11/26
- Neil Carpenter 11/26
- John Clarke 11/29

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The President's Message...

First let me start my article off by saying a huge thank you to Bob Pimentel, Jr. for all of your sincere dedication over the past years as State President and Trustee for AGRA. It is with great regret but with understanding that you could not complete your Trustee position. I would like to thank you for all of your help and support you have given me as Vice President and as the current President of AGRA. Again thank you Bob.

As for my next item I would like to mention is we had two nominations for Trustee to complete the remainder of the term, Brian Helander and Will Lann. We will be voting at the next general membership meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2002 at Charlie's at 7:00 P.M. for one of these candidates as Trustee. The term will be for one year only and then after the term we will elect a new Trustee for a three-year term. I would like to wish them the very best of luck.

We also accepted nominations for the AGRA 2003 board. We will re-open the floor for nominations at the next meeting, Sunday November 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Charlie's.

Then ballots will be mailed out in December for the membership to vote and they will take office February 1, 2003.

As you are aware our rodeo is quickly approaching. If you would like to volunteer make sure and contact Richard Tally to find out where help is needed. We cannot put on a great rodeo without volunteers.

There are buckle and ribbon sponsorships still available if you are interested. Please contact Patrick Lose for buckles and myself for ribbons.

I would like to remind everyone if you have not renewed your membership now is the time to do so. We ended up the last year with one hundred forty one members and I would like to see more the upcoming year.

And last I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving holiday as the season approaches.

Thank You.

Glen

AGRA President

NOTES FROM YOUR SECRETARY

AGRA MEETINGS

NOV—DEC 2002

Monday 11/04/02 7:00 p.m.

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Pookie's

4540 N 7th Street, Phx

602-277-2121

Sunday 11/10/02—7:00 pm

AGRA General Membership Mtg.
Charlie's

727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Phone # 602-265-0224

Monday 12/02/02—7:00 p.m.

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Pookie's

4540 N 7th Street, Phx

602-277-2121

Sunday 12/08/02—7:00 pm

AGRA General Membership Mtg.
Charlie's

727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Phone # 602-265-0224

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



Hello Everyone

I would like to express my regret in the resignation of Bob Pimentel, Jr. as AGRA Trustee. I would like to thank him for all his leadership and guidance he provided in such positions of AGRA State President, Rodeo Director and Trustee, the position from which he has just resigned. Bob has dedicated and given so much of himself to AGRA in these positions words of thank you are not nearly enough. But thank you Bob for all the help you have given me while I was Public Relations director, State Secretary and now Corresponding Secretary. I know the 2003 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo will be another success because of you and John Frank being at the helm as Co-rodeo directors. Last years 2002 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo was such a success because of Bob's direction....So Thank Bob Pimentel, Jr.

FYI: Please remind everyone you know that the 2002 AGRA memberships expired October 31, 2002. Anyone who didn't renew their membership will not be receiving a copy of this Branding Iron which means they will not be reading this reminder. But if you renewed then yes you will be reading this. So I am asking all of you to remind your friends and acquaintances to send in their applications and membership dues.

Elections for the Board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations Director, Fundraising Director and Rodeo Events Director were opened at the October membership meeting and will be open again at the November 10, 2002 membership meeting then closed. A ballot will be mailed out in December with a return deadline date. If 2002 member has not renewed (only 56 have) they will not have a vote in the election. Need I say more?

Also the deadline for the December Branding Iron is Dec 26, 2002. The Branding Iron is for all members. In this issue I'm sure you will notice there are only 2 new articles written for this Branding Iron. Doesn't anyone else have anything to share with fellow members? You can write announcements for upcoming events, a thank you to someone who's been working hard helping you with a run for a Royalty title or preparing for a Rodeo event, We wouldn't even mind a good someone submitting a joke. So no matter what it may be, submit an article for the next issue, it is your newsletter and Jon O'Dowd, the publisher just waits all month long checking his email and his snail mail box looking for your articles. So lets not let him down next month !!!!!

Happy Turkey day to you all

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

glenmay@cox.net

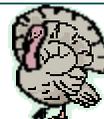
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AGRA P.O. Box 40465 Phoenix AZ 85067-0465



November 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Kelly & Martty AGRA fundraiser Pumphouses 2-6 p.m.	4 AGRA Board Meeting @ Pookies 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Capital City Rodeo—Austin TX Nov 8-10	9 Capital City Rodeo—Austin TX Nov 8-10
10 Rodeo Austin TX. AGRA Membership meeting @ Charlie's 7:00 pm	11	12	13 AGRA Roy- alty Fundraiser Show @ Charlie's	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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

BI Advertising



2140 E. McDowell Rd • Phoenix, AZ
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Hours

Tue-Sat 4pm-1am
Sunday 12pm-8pm

Dance Lessons

Thursday-7:30pm
Sunday-4pm

Dart Tournament

Wednesday-8pm



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Special post-agra tour

January 21st, 2003

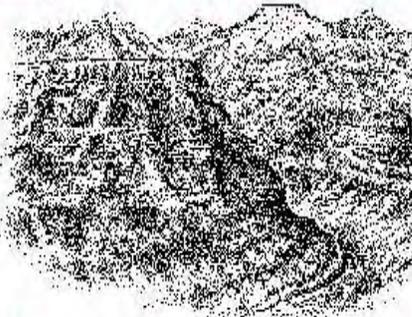
Call to reserve

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 an 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

Gray Line Tours

(800) 732-0327

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