

The Branding Iron



A Message from the President...

February Birthdays

- Diann Kimmel 02/01
- Will Lan 02/02
- Alan Tomalavage 02/02
- Chuck Greiner 02/09
- James P Loughrey 02/09
- Gary Rushton 02/15
- Patrick Nichols 02/17
- James Bassett 02/22
- Keith Carson 02/26
- Gene Penke 02/27

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The President's Message 2003

First of all I would like to say thank you to all the members that re-elected me again for the 2nd year. I would also like to welcome my new board members: Gary Rushton, Vice President, Tom Ziegler, Secretary, Pussy LeHoot, Fundraising Director, Danny Kelly, Public Relations Director; and Will Lann as Rodeo Events Director. The new Treasurer will be appointed by the board at their first meeting on February 3rd. The Treasurer will be announced at the regularly scheduled membership meeting at Charlie's at 7:00 p.m. The board meetings will be held this year at the Sunshine Inn on 2nd Avenue and Osborn. The membership meetings remain the same at Charlie's. In the Branding Iron each month future board and membership dates will be published.

Next I would like to congratulate Bob Pimentel, Jr. and John Frank for putting on a successful rodeo again this year. I know it was hard work but it paid off and was a true success. I heard no complaints during the weekend and how everyone loved it.

This past weekend at T-Bones the AGRA Annual Meeting and Banquet was held. It turned out to be a great meeting / banquet and we tried to rebuild a relationship with them. We hope to be back again next year.

We voted for the AGRA Member of the Year for 2002 and Ric Leone won again for the 2nd year in a row. Tim Dougherty and Ric Leone are the only ones to win more than 1 year in a row since 1991, exactly 10 years apart. Congratulations Ric.

My congratulations also go out to the 2003 Royalty Team: Miss Suzanne Targe't, Miss AGRA, Kelly Bascue, Mr. AGRA, Marty Wolfe, Ms. AGRA, and last but not least Michael Butts, 1st Runner Up to Mr. AGRA. I am sure you will have a great year and work very hard together.

We'll take care and see everyone at the membership meeting.

Glen May

President 2003

Letter from a member...

AGRA MEETINGS

FEB. 2003

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Monday 02/03/03—6:00 p.m.

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Sunshine Inn & Suites

3600 N 2nd Ave, Phoenix

Phone: 602-248-0222

The 2003 Membership meeting dates depend on what the membership decides:

Sunday 02/09/03—7:00 pm

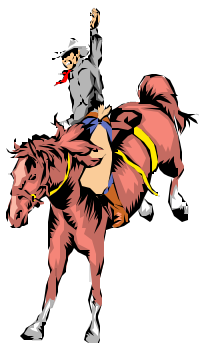
AGRA General Membership Mtg. Charlie's

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



A Letter from your outgoing Secretary

Congratulations AGRA on another fantastic, fun and successful RoadRunner Regional Rodeo. Co-Rodeo Directors Bob Pimentel, Jr and John Frank you have a lot to be proud of, as does the entire Rodeo committee. The weather was perfect (almost too hot in the stands) and the many volunteers who worked so hard helped the Rodeo run quite smoothly.

For the second time in 3 years Suzanne Targe't was crowned Miss AGRA. Her 1st runner up for 2003 is Lady Casondra. Kelly Bascue won Mr AGRA 2003, with Michael Butts winning 1st runner-up. Marty Wolfe won the title of MS AGRA 2003 (and this was accomplished without her doing her famous "Spoon" tune!!!) Congratulations to the 2003 Royalty team.

Congratulations to contestants Chuck Browning, Robert Brown, Jon Cameron, Steve Champion, Scott Darnell, Paul "Popper" DuBray (great Wild drag !) Brian Helander, Pete Hanlon, Bob Hitchcock, Will Lann, Kevin Marienfeld, Willie Millsap, Rick Manucy, Brian Staggs, Brian Stranghoner, Dale Strachen, John Taylor, Gaylia Young and all the other AGRA contestants who competed. It was a greater Rodeo because of you contestants.

And a big "Thank you" to the "Men of Charlie's, Phoenix" (and this isn't just because I'm "Mr. November 2002") for volunteering their time at Contestant Registration on Friday night. Richard Tally and all of AGRA couldn't have gotten through registration without your being there. And you all looked great as usual in the foot parade at Grand Entry.

The weekend following our Rodeo the 2002 AGRA Annual meeting and banquet was held Jan 25 and was a great time. Held at T-Bones steak house on South Mountain, the atmosphere was perfect for a meeting, Awards presentation and entertainment by the 2002 Royalty Team. A total of 48 people, 39 members and 9 guests, attended.

Glen May presented mounted certificates to the Audit Committee of Chuck Browning, Diann Kimmel & John King, the Bylaws Committee co-chairs of Keith Carson & Kelly Bascue and the Election Committee of Diann Kimmel and Tom Ziegler. He also presented plaques to Co-Rodeo Director Bob Pimentel, Jr & John Franks and to Bob for his service as Trustee, to Branding Iron publisher Jon O'Dowd, Recording Secretary Gaylia Young, Parliamentarian Keith Carson and to his 2002 Board, VP Patrick Lose, Treasurer Max Sutherland, Secretary Ric Leone, Public Relations Director Pussy LeHoot, Fundraising Director Danny Kelly and Rodeo Events Director Will Lann.,

Entertainment was then provided for by the 2002 Royalty team of 1st Runner up to Miss AGRA 2002, Novia Gina, MS AGRA 2002 Gaylia Young, Mr. AGRA 2002 Patrick Lose and Miss AGRA 2002 Pussy LeHoot.

Members who attended voted for the "Member of the Year 2002" when they signed in. I was totally shocked and so honored that I won this honor for the 2nd year in a row. I was so moved and still am to know that I am appreciated by an organization that means so much to me and all of us. Thank you everyone who voted for me again this year. I can't think of a better way of "stepping down" from the AGRA Board of Directors, than to be honored in such a way. (Despite what anyone may say, I am keeping the belt buckles just that, belt buckles, not making earrings out of the two!) Thank you again.

Good luck to you Glen, as President and to the rest of the Board of 2003. AGRA is in good hands and we will have another good year.

Ric Leone

Member person.

Upcoming Rodeos & Events...



IGRA University
 St. Louis, Missouri
 February 14th, 15th, 16th
www.igra.com

Cowtown Rodeo
 Fort Worth, Texas
 March 28th, 29th, 30th
 214-346-2107
www.tgra.org

Bighorn Rodeo
 Las Vegas, Nevada
 April 4th, 5th, 6th
 1-888-643-NGRA
www.bighornrodeo.com



LA Rodeo
 Los Angeles, California
 April 11th, 12th, 13th
 562-498-1675
www.larodeo.com

Rodeo In The Rock
 Little Rock, Arkansas
 April 25th, 26th, 27th
 501-562-4466
www.dsra.org

Great Plains Rodeo
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 May 23rd, 24th, 25th
 405-607-0969
www.okgayrodeo.com



February 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>AGRA Board Meeting Sunshine Inn 6:00 p.m.</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>AGRA membership meeting @ Charlie's—7:00 p.m AGRA Fund-Raiser</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>IGRA University, St. Louis, MO.</i>	15 <i>IGRA University, St. Louis, MO.</i>
16 <i>IGRA University, St. Louis, MO.</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

ADVERTISING SPACE IS AVAILABLE

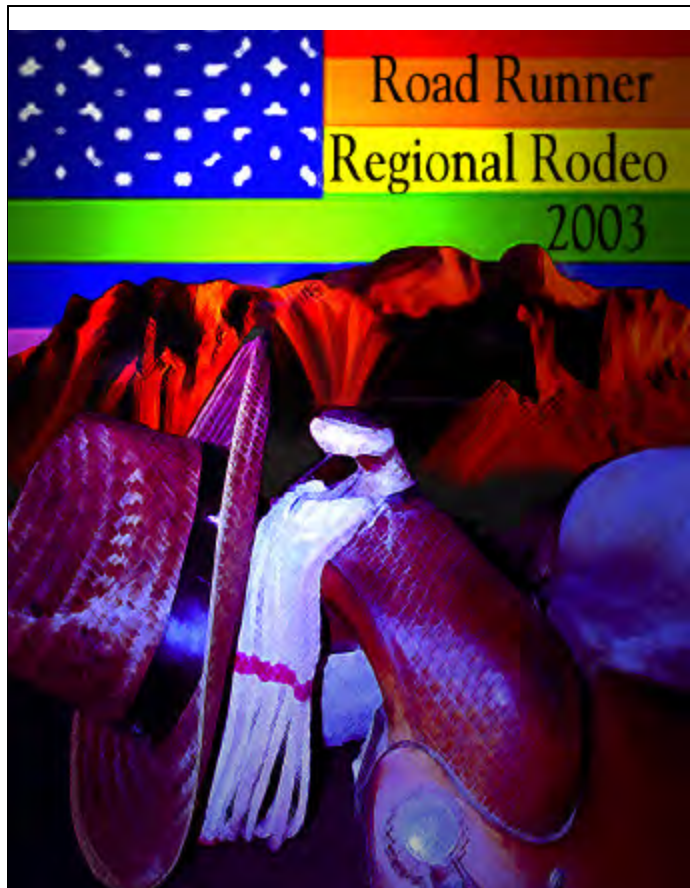
Hey everyone in cowboy land. I just wanted to drop you a line and remind y'all there is still space for your business card size advertisement in the "Branding Iron".

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



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