

# The Branding Iron



## From the President...

| July Birthdays   |       |
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| • John Frank     | 07/03 |
| • Gaylia Young   | 07/04 |
| • Angie Darnell  | 07/02 |
| • Jeremy Chant   | 07/08 |
| • Brian Staggs   | 07/14 |
| • Lester Liu     | 07/15 |
| • Max Sutherland | 07/16 |



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The IGRA Convention is just around the corner and the planning is in full swing. Mr. John King is the Convention Committee Chair of the event and we have been in meetings over the past couple of months planning this spectacular event. As most of you know this will be AGRA's first IGRA convention to be held here in Phoenix. The Biltmore Hotel is a grand and wonderful venue to hold this spectacular event. John still needs a few volunteers to help out during the weekend. So if you can spare a few hours please contact him.

Also I would like to congratulate our two newest board members and welcome one member to the AGRA board Ms. Sharon Starks. Sharon was elected at the membership meeting last month. She also won the Greg Olson Memorial Buckle at the rodeo last year. Sharon is a hardworking volunteer and I welcome her to the position of Public Relations Director. She has already started getting things on order for the gay publications published here in Phoenix.

I would also like to welcome Mr. Bob Pimentel, Jr. back to the AGRA board as Treasurer. Bob has served AGRA well during his many years serving as AGRA State President, Rodeo Director and Committee Chairs. Bob and I will be meeting weekly regarding the IRS issues. Bob I look forward to working with you again for the remainder of the year 2003.

There is not a lot going on other than that here in Phoenix at the present moment other than the triple degree heat digits so please contact John King if you have some hours to give for the convention.

Thanks

Glen

President 2003



**AGRA MEETINGS****July—August 2003****JULY MEETINGS****Sunday 07/20/03—4:30 p.m**

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Sunshine Inn &amp; Suites

3600 N 2nd Ave, Phoenix

Phone: 602-248-0222

**Sunday 07/20/03—7:00 pm**AGRA General Membership Mtg.  
Charlie's

727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Phone # 602-265-0224

**AUGUST MEETINGS****Monday 08/17/03 4:30 p.m.**

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Phone: 602-248-0222

**Sunday 08/17/03 7:00 p.m.**AGRA General Membership Mtg.  
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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 Secretary

**Letter from the Royalty**

Hey Kids!

What a wacky couple of weeks. Well as usual it's already too hot, too soon. And if you think it's hot in a set of shorts and flip-flops you should try it in three pair of panty-hose, hip pads, a pound of foundation and heels. If you've ever wondered why some drag-queens get crabby, try on the above mentioned outfit in 106 degree weather.

A special mention of the daytime July 4th show at Charlie's. All the Original Laughlin girls will be together for this one and it promises to be a BLAST. I love working with these girls and they put up with me, so come on out Friday at 3:00pm and remember if Pussy is late (and the Vegas odds are leaning in that direction) she has to buy everyone there a shot.

Another event worthy of mention is our good girl-friend Phaedra is dusting off all those teeny tiny costumes she has been hiding for a final spin here in Phoenix. The rumors are true that the pheline one is leaving the Valley of the Sun for greener pastures. She has given tirelessly of her time and talents to AGRA and all kidding aside, she will be missed. The posters with all the info are up at Charlie's so make sure you don't miss out.

Recently; and I might add unfortunately, there have been a few questions raised about the efforts put forth for AGRA by it's 2003 Royalty team. In every Branding Iron since I was crowned Miss AGRA 2003 I have reported to you a sampling of events that the team has successfully finished or were about to put together. That I can recall there have been at least fourteen (that's 14) events sanctioned by AGRA that 2003 Royalty have been represented at and that monies were raised for AGRA. I want every member to know that this team is working hard for this association, and that is not just my opinion kids, that's a FACT.

No matter what your plans for the upcoming holiday, I hope you have fun, are safe and I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Until next time kids remember, your born naked and after that, it's all just drag.

Big Wet Kisses,

Woody Howard  
A.K.A. Suzanne Targ'et  
Miss AGRA 2001 & 2003

**AUGUST****NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:****Friday, JULY 25, 2003**

Send submissions to:

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or mail to:

**P.O. Box 40465 · Phoenix · AZ  
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**\*\*\*MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE CHANGES\*\*\***

AGRA Board meeting & membership meeting has been changed from 07/13/03 TO 07/20/03. Board meeting July 20, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Inn & Suites., Membership meeting July 20, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m. at Charlie's.

AGRA September Board meeting to be held Sep 8, 2003, 7:00 p.m. @ Pookies Café. AGRA September membership meeting to be held Sep 14, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m. at Charlie's.



## Upcoming Rodeos & Events...

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| <p><b>North Star Regional Rodeo</b><br/>                 Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota<br/>                 July 4th, 5th, 6th<br/>                 612-82-RODEO<br/>                 www.nsgra.org</p> | <p><b>Rocky Mtn. Regional Rodeo</b><br/>                 Denver, Colorado<br/>                 July 11th, 12th, 13th<br/>                 303-839-8810<br/>                 www.cgra.net</p> | <p><b>19th IGRA Annual Convention</b><br/>                 Phoenix, Arizona<br/>                 July 31st — August 3rd<br/>                 602-265-8166<br/>                 www.agra-phx.com</p> | <p><b>Rocky Mtn. Regional Rodeo</b><br/>                 Denver, Colorado<br/>                 July 11th, 12th, 13th<br/>                 303-839-8810<br/>                 www.cgra.net</p> |
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| <p><b>Zia Regional Rodeo</b><br/>                 Albuquerque, NM<br/>                 August 8th, 9th, 10th<br/>                 505-833-1666<br/>                 www.nmgra.com</p> | <p><b>Windy City Rodeo</b><br/>                 Chicago, IL<br/>                 August 22nd, 23rd, 24th<br/>                 312-618-9063<br/>                 www.ilgra.com</p> | <p><b>Show Me State Rodeo</b><br/>                 Kansas City, MO<br/>                 August 29th, 30th, 31st<br/>                 816-697-3269<br/>                 www.sunbound.net/mgra/</p> |
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# July 2003

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
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|   |     | 1   | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9  | 10   | 11  | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16 <i>AGRA Hoe-Down Fundraiser @ Charlie's 9:30 p.m.</i>                         | 17   | 18  | 19  |
| 20 <i>AGRA Board of Directors Mtg—4:30pm @ Sunshine Inn AGRA Gen Membrshp Mtg—7pm @ Charlie's</i> | 21  | 22  | 23   | 24   | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30 <i>IGRA Convention Early Bird Wel-some Prtrty @ John Kings home 7-10 p.m.</i> | 31 <i>IGRA Conven-tion Activities begin Thru 08/03 -egistration &amp; Seminars</i> |     |     |

YOU ARE IN-



VITED!!!

**OPEN BAR!**

To the Pre-convention  
cocktail party

7:00pm—10:00pm

Wed—July 30th

John King's Patio

**IGRA Early Bird - out of towners!  
Phoenix Casual  
Swimming!**



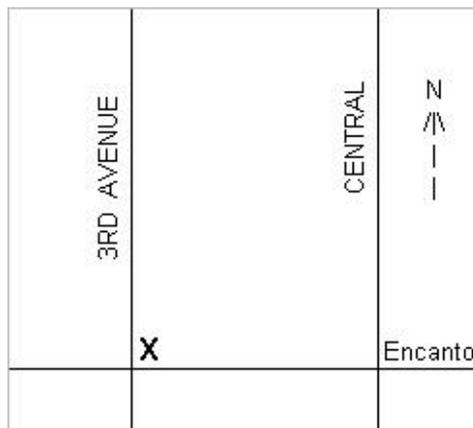
**IGRA out of towners and Every AGRA member and their guest is welcome.**

**RSVP is nice but not required—602-258-9919**

**90 W. Encanto Blvd.**

**Phoenix, AZ**

**Cocktails  
by Danyel**



## Convention News...

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the first time, AGRA will be hosting the IGRA Annual Convention. For our organization to hold this event with our planned activities and meet all of the necessary requirements of IGRA...we need volunteers! Two events that we know now that we need help with is the Wednesday night "Welcome" party at John King's home and during the many hours of registration. As the weekend continues we might need more assistance. If your interested in helping AGRA with this very important event...Please call me at home, 480-671-0235, cell 602-769-0293 or you can e-mail me at [DIvey73@aol.com](mailto:DIvey73@aol.com).

Thanks in advance.

Dan Iversen

## 2004 Rodeo Committee Updates

On Tuesday evening, June 17th, we had our first Rodeo committee meeting for the 2004 RRRR rodeo. We had five members, Ric Leone, Glen May, Gary Hatterman, Kevin McSweeny and myself that attended. We discussed the printing of the poster and related information areas. I will be contacting Neil Carpenter and Tim Dougherty to discuss our options and needs. With information I have received from potential corporate sponsors, I will be working with Gary Rushton on getting their sponsorship. Rick Leone will be in charge of our venders again. Discussion was held on what we could do to increase the numbers of spaces we sell.

It was decided by those present that we want to begin sponsoring our buckles ASAP. Design and cost needs to be approved by the Rodeo committee. Discussion was held on three hotels. Two of them are wanting to become one of our "host" hotels. Even though I have not yet contacted Ron Lindblad at the Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale, we decided that we would like to use that hotel as one "host" hotels. I have not yet heard from Rawhide since our original meeting several weeks ago. We discussed the Dance and Entertainment portion of our weekend. Kevin McSweeny a.k.a Pussy LeHoot will be in charge of the entertainment. He will be revising the necessary paperwork and dispensing as necessary. We decided that we would not be having a "headliner" this year. Options for "social hour" entertainment were discussed with myself contacting a band to see what it would take to hire them to perform.

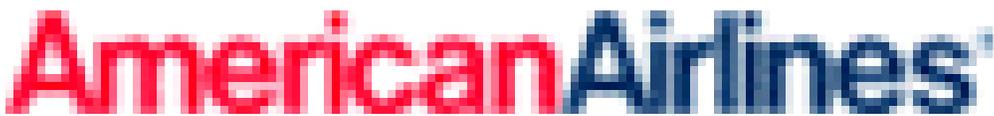
We decided that selecting officials would take place at another meeting...probably in September. We want to do it earlier than it has been done in the past. Glen May offered to work with Bob Pimentel and Jon O'Dowd on keeping our Website updated. Program ads and how we will solicit them were discussed. The deadline for the program will be moved up to an earlier date!

Because of the Annual IGRA convention and my out-of-state vacation next month, the next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 15th at 6:30 PM, on the patio at Charlie's.

Hope to see you there.

Thanks,  
Dan Iversen  
2004 RRRR Rodeo Director

INTERNATIONAL SPONSORS



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!!

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Keith Carson



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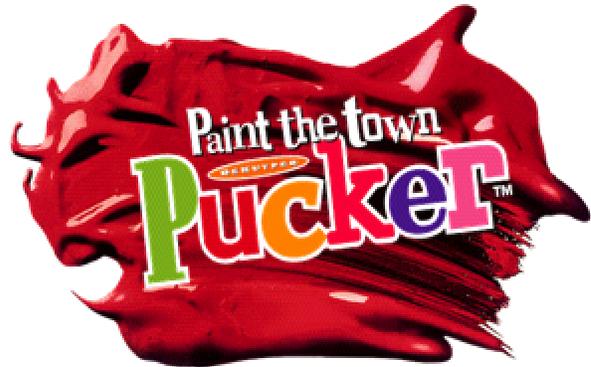
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