

The Branding Iron



March/April/May Birthdays

- Glen May 03/02
- Michael Brent 03/02
- Lacey Edwards 03/06
- John A. King 03/06
- James Clark 03/11
- Augustin Angolo 03/17
- Patrick Lose 03/17
- Kelly Bascue 03/29
- Kyle Ross 04/05
- Ron Linblad 04/10
- Joey Saputo 04/22
- Jerry Wood 04/23
- James Gruender 04/24
- Alan Stevens 04/28
- Randy Vasquez 04/30
- Ric Leone 05/01
- Steven Hennewwy 05/05
- Nicholas Gartner 05/27
- Wally Straughn 05/31

From the office of the President

We have many challenges ahead of us but while defeating them we will continue to have fun. I accepted this position with the experience I have had in my work life of resolving issues. I believe in listening and asking questions and giving an answer if needed.

Our best source in information comes from it's membership. Many people of all walks of life join an organization to share what they have learned over time. Our ideas are endless and suggestions need to be handled with care and understanding. We all need to believe that not everything we say, we do, or we want will materialize, however it always opens the door of many minds to explore other alternatives that will work.

My job is to continue in the direction this association was built on. To bridge any gaps in our community that may have been severed. We have too much to lose by not gaining the respect of our community. We are now affiliated with the Gay Chamber of Commerce. We have avenues to learn from those who continue to be successful in business. AGRA is a business too.

The road ahead is an exciting one. The rodeo committee has already made great strides for the 2005 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo. We selected our rodeo poster and will move foreword to get things done in a timely fashion. Remember we are coming up on our 20th Anniversary for AGRA so the 2005 RRRR's success is a must!

I have accepted the Entertainment Coordinator for the 2005 RRRR as well and will be looking for volunteers to help me with that venture. I am currently working on a Fund-raiser set for late September (confirmed date and location to be announced).

Please don't be shy, when you see me out come on up and say hi. I'm willing to discuss things that may be on your mind. Also you can email me at President@agra-phx.com.

Again thank you for your vote of confidence and look forward to working with all our members, sponsors and interested parties.

Until then...

Gary Hatterman
President AGRA

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SECRETARY'S CORNER

AGRA MEETINGS

May/June 2004

MAY MEETINGS

Tuesday 05/04/04—7:00pm

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Charlie's Bar

727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Phone # 602-265-0224

Sunday 05/11/04—7:00 p.m.

AGRA General Membership Mtg.
Charlie's Bar

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JUNE MEETINGS

Tuesday 0608/04—7:00 p.m.

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Charlie's Bar

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Phone # 602-265-0224

Sunday 06/13/04—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 the members who wish to attend to do so.

Thank you.

Keith Carson, AGRA Secretary

MAY 2004

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Tuesday, MAY. 4, 2004

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In memory of a friend.

D daring others to take a stand for what the believe
A always there for others when needed
N never put himself above others

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I intelligent of mind and spirit
D dancing into everybody's hearts
G generous of self
E eager to show his talent and share his time

I will always keep you in my heart. Thank you Dan for your friendship.

Keith Carson

AGRA Secretary

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Gary Hatterman,

I wish to say welcome on behalf of the Board of Directors. We know that you are a strong and decisive person and will lead the board and membership in a new and exciting direction. Your vision and heart for gay rodeo and the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is needed and appreciated.

I wish you strength and wisdom.

Keith Carson

AGRA Secretary

Upcoming Rodeos & Events...

Comstock Stampede
 Reno, NV
 May 14-16, 2004

Great Planes Rodeo
 Oklahoma, OK
 May 28-30, 2004

Wichita Rodeo
 Wichita, KS
 June 11-13, 2004



Calgary Rodeo
 Calgary, AB, Canada
 July 2-4, 2004

Minneapolis Rodeo
 Minneapolis-St. Paul MN
 July 2-4, 2004

April 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2004 RRRR Rodeo Director's Report

The 2005 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo committee has met twice in preparing for RRRR 2005. The first meeting was held on March 23rd, 2004 on the patio at Charlie's with several members present. Many areas of RRRR 2005 were discussed.

We are in discussion with Rawhide over a new contract. A date of April 30th was set for the new contract to be reviewed by the committee and finalized.

We were informed that Brian Helander and Chuck Browning will be assisting Will Lann with the rodeo training school next January.

Gayla Young and her committee will be responsible for selecting and ordering rodeo event buckles by July 1st, 2004. We plan to have all buckles sold by October 1st and the sponsorship engraving completed by November 15th, 2004. Discussion was held on possible sponsorships and commemorating AGRA's 20th Anniversary, somehow on the buckles.

We want to have all event ribbons sponsored by October 1st, 2004.

Hotel contracts to be signed by June 1st, 2004.

Discussion was held on how to handle the RV park at Rawhide. We want to fill the entire park with our guests. Vendors will be notified by September 1st, 2004. We will be getting vendor lists from ACP, Rainbow Festival and other available sources. It was requested that we get started on this with the Pride festival soon it will be a great opportunity to make contacts.

Tri-folds and billfold cards will be printed promoting RRRR and our 20th Anniversary.

Selected rodeo officials will be expected to respond by November 1st, 2004. Hotel amenities for these officials MUST be approved only by myself, Ron Lindblad or Panda.

The program deadline will be October 1st, 2004. All committee members will be selling ads this year.

Admission tickets and badges will be printed by October 1st, 2004.

ALL CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED BY OCTOBER 1ST, 2004

Discussion was held on the importance of getting "action" entertainment.

We also want to get sponsors for expenses like the contestant water and food, canopies, port-a-john's etc.

Discussion was held on "commitment." We understand that this is a volunteer organization. We feel though that once you volunteer... **we expect your commitment to follow thorough until the end!**

The second meeting of the 2005 committee met on April 13th, 2004 on the patio of the Bunkhouse with 6 members present.

Discussion continues with Rawhide on the contract and operation of the RV park.

All selected officials will be sent an e-mail with a deadline response date.

Patrick Terry has offered to be our IGRA Corporate Compliance person. We appreciate and accepted his offer.

No information was available on the vendor lists.

Neil Carpenter was given a list of future rodeo dates to use in printing the billfold cards. Discussion was held on what logos are required to be used on the 2005 rodeo poster. Business cards will be printed up for immediate use. Will Lann proposed giving saddles as additional prizes for horse events. We will be working on getting sponsorships for these items.

We talked about putting a "wish list" together and sponsorship for these items.

Our next scheduled 2005 RRRR committee meeting is Tuesday, May 11th, 7:00 PM on the patio of the Bunkhouse.

Hope to see everyone there!

Thanks,
Dan Iversen
2005 RRRR Rodeo Director

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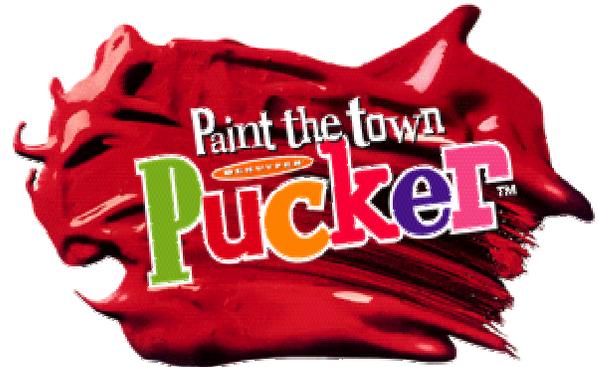
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