



**ARIZONA
GAY
RODEO
ASSOCIATION**



From the desk of the President

It is rodeo time. Yipeeeeeee.. Cowboy up!

Has time passed quickly or what? I'm so happy the time has come so we can show what the rodeo committee has accomplished all year long! Remember volunteers are always welcomed and you do not need to be an AGRA member to volunteer.

This past December was the AGRA Holiday Show at Charlie's right after the membership meeting. I want to thank Charlie's and John King for offering the membership in attendance a drink on the house for the Holiday. Your contribution to AGRA is endless. Thanks John!

While saying this did you know we have 52 AGRA members in attendance for the December membership meeting? That was the participation we needed while we voted for the new AGRA Board of Directors for 2007.

Congratulations to the elected members of the Board:

President- John Carpenter

Vice President- Michael Butts

Secretary- Carlos Garcia

Fundraising- Kevin McSweeney (a.k.a Pussy LeHoot)

Public Relations- Keith Carson

Of course elected as Trustee at November meeting is Ron Trusley

The Board selects treasurer right after the New Year.

I need the membership to be watching your email and/or mail for the invitation to the 2006 Annual AGRA Banquet. This will be held at Rawhide on Saturday January 27, 2007. Cash bar at 6:00p.m. and dinner at 7:00p.m. Remember part of your membership includes this annual banquet and dinner on AGRA. Watch you mail!

Rodeo is January 12-14, 2007 at Rawhide. It is time for the membership to now market RRRR. You are the salespeople to talk up our rodeo and invite everyone to the festivities! Talk it up!

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of AGRA for another year. It is now time to pass the "hat" on others with new ideas. Thank you so much for your dedication and commitment to gay rodeo and this association. You will still see plenty of me.

Now Let's Rodeo!

Gary Hatterman

President AGRA

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FEBRUARY 2007

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

THURSDAY–January 25th, 2006

Send submissions to:

secretary@agra-phx.com

or mail to:

**P.O. Box 40465 · Phoenix · AZ
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AGRA MEETINGS

JANUARY MEETINGS

AGRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 2nd @ 7 PM

Charlie's Bar on the patio.

AGRA General Membership Meeting

Sunday, January 7th @ 7 PM

Charlie's Bar on the dance floor.

727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix

Phone # 602-265-0224

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

Thank you.

AGRA Board of Directors 2006

From the desk of the Vice-President

I want to thank the 2006 Royalty Team, Travis and Michael, for their work and dedication to AGRA. Soon, their reign will end, and I want to express my appreciation for all they have done for AGRA. I also want to thank the 2007 Royalty candidates – Pussy, Kyle and Gary for their continued work and dedication to AGRA as they prepare for the competition. I wish them all the best of luck.

During the November 24-26 weekend, Kyle Ross, Mr AGRA 2007 candidate, attended the Mr Eagle 2007 Contest; he announced and promoted the 2007 Road Runner Regional Rodeo and invited lots of people to the rodeo.

Thanks to Pussy LeHoot, Teddy Montee, and Jared Camet (all Charlie's employees) who recently took the glasses off the AGRA display case, removed all of the old stuff, and put up new lights. Updated information has now been put in the case.

The 2007 Royalty Competition Schedule is:

Sunday-January 7, 2007 (Charlie's Offices)

10:00 a.m.

Interviews (Miss, Mr)

11:00 a.m.

Horsemanship Judging (Mr, Miss)

6:00 p.m. (Charlie's Bar)

Western Wear/Public Presentation (Miss, Mr)

6:30 p.m.

Entertainment (Miss, Mr)

Announcement and crowning of winners will take place during the AGRA Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 7, 2007.

Per AGRA Bylaws, "no individual can hold more than one board position concurrently." Since I was elected as Trustee, with the term beginning January 1, 2007 and other AGRA board positions do not expire until February 1, 2007, I have submitted my letter to the AGRA Board of Directors resigning as Vice President effective January 1, 2007. **THANKS TO ALL AGRA MEMBERS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST TWO (2) YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A GOOD EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE!**

Assuming Board positions on February 1, 2007, will be:

President - John Carpenter Fund Raising Director - Pussy LeHoot

Vice President - Michael Butts (aka Kevin McSweeney)

Secretary - Carlos Garcia Public Relations Director - Keith Carson

I encourage each board member to read the AGRA Bylaws and become thoroughly familiar with your respective duties. Good luck to all, and have fun!

Ron Trusley

Vice-President 2006

From the desk of the Rodeo Director

At their meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, the AGRA Board of Directors approved \$7,020 for added prize money for the 2007 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. The money will be distributed among all 13 events. A copy of the distribution is included elsewhere in this Branding Iron.

Sponsorship packages for 2007, excluding just buckle sponsors, total \$28,775.00; for 2006, the total was only \$14,950.00. Buckle/ribbon sponsors for 2007 total \$1,725.00. All six (6) chutes have been sponsored; three (3) are sponsored by Cowtown Boots, and the other three (3) are sponsored by Chase Bank at 51 Avenue & Baseline Road. The rodeo program was increased from 40 pages to 48 pages to accommodate all sponsors' ads. We have already paid many bills for the rodeo, but there will be more to pay.

There is still time to volunteer to help at the rodeo. Simply go to the AGRA website, complete and return the Volunteer Form. No volunteer will be turned away!

The next rodeo promo will be at Cash Inn Country at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2006.

The Monday after Rodeo Brunch will be from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at Charlie's on Monday, January 15, 2007. **The brunch will be breakfast burritos and it will be free - sponsored by Chase Bank at 51 Avenue and Baseline Road. Tips are encouraged and appreciated with all tips going to the Joshua Tree Feeding Program!**

Don't forget to join us at the Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2007, for the pool party and country cookout. Cookout tickets are only \$8.00 with a portion of the money going to the rodeo. Full-service bars will also be available. Contestant registration will be in the Scottsdale Room from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The party and dance will be in the Phoenix Room (ballroom) from 7:00-10:00 p.m.; and, of course, full-service bars will be available.

Spaces can be rented in the RV park (at the far south end of the rodeo arena) for \$20.00 per night. Electrical hookups will be available, but there will not be water hookups and dumping is absolutely forbidden! Violators will be punished in accordance with Tribal Laws! Each person staying in a RV/trailer must have a Contestant Badge, Contestant Buddy Badge, or purchase a RV Badge for \$25.00 for the weekend to gain admission to the rodeo!

Ron Trusley

Rodeo Director 2006

Annual Banquet

Dear AGRA Members,

Hope you all had a safe and Happy Holiday. Our AGRA banquet is approaching rapidly and again this year it will be held at Rawhide. Please plan on attending on Saturday January 27, 2007 starting with cash bar at 6:00pm followed by dinner and awards at 7:00pm.

This year's menu will consist of the following: 1/2 chicken or steak, or a combination of 1/4 chicken & steak with sides of baked beans and cole slaw. The cash bar is available throughout the evening. There is no cost for 2006 AGRA members; however there will be a \$25.00 cost per guest. Please RSVP via email no later than January 22, 2007 with your meal choice and number of guest to MJButts1@msn.com so I can give the count to Rawhide no later than Monday January 23, 2007. If no email please contact me at 623-202-5558 with your choice of meal and number of guest if applicable. The guest must be paid the night of the banquet before meal service.

Look forward in see you at our annual banquet.

Thanks

Michael Butts

RSVP is required!

Mjbutts1@msn.com

SPECIAL NOTICES

AGRA MEMBERS SPECIAL DISCOUNT

Nancy Criss, former AGRA member, is offering a discount to AGRA members for items purchased through the on-line tack store. The discount is 10% off the entire stock whether it is on sale or not, and is good through December 31, 2007. The discount code for AGRA is RHAGRA. Visit the store at www.rodeohard.com. There are many nice items in the store that would be good purchases for rodeo contestants as well as non-rodeo contestants.

2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please remember all 2006 memberships expire January 31, 2007. To renew, everyone must complete and return a Membership Application with the appropriate dues (\$35.00 for regular membership or \$150.00 for champion membership) before February 1, 2007. The Membership Application is available on the AGRA website – www.agra-phx.com.

Sunday January 7, 2007 @ Charlie's Phoenix starting 8 pm for the rodeo bar promo to kick off rodeo weekend.

2007 ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY-JANUARY 11, 2007

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

AGRA Rodeo School



FRIDAY-JANUARY 12, 2007

8:00 a.m.-Noon

AGRA Rodeo School

1:00-5:00 p.m.

Pool Party (free)

Country Cook-Out (\$8.00)



6:00-9:00 p.m.

Contestant Registration (Scottsdale Room)

9:20 p.m.

Rodeo Officials/Staff Meeting

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Dance/Entertainment (Ballroom)



SATURDAY-JANUARY 13, 2007

7:00 a.m.

Rodeo Ticket Office Opens

8:00 am.-???????

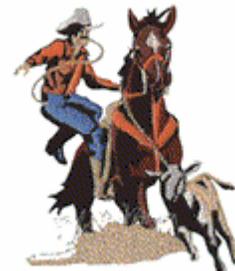
Rodeo Events

Noonish

Grand Entry/Foot Parade

1:00-11:00 p.m.

Entertainment/Dancing



SUNDAY-JANUARY 14, 2007

7:00 a.m.

Rodeo Ticket Office Opens

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8:00 a.m.-??????

Rodeo Events

Noonish

Grand Entry

1:00-9:00 p.m.

Entertainment/Dancing

9:00-10:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony

9:00 p.m.-??????

Party Time/Dancing/Entertainment



MONDAY-JANUARY 15, 2007

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Another Rodeo's Done Brunch

1:00 p.m.-??????



Post Rodeo Pussy LeHoot & Friends Show

(Rodeo School @ Rawhide)

(Friday p.m. events @ Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown)

(Saturday/Sunday events @ Rawhide)

(Monday events @ Charlie's Phoenix)



**\$7,020.00 ADDED PRIZE MONEY
(TO BE PAID TO WEEKEND WINNERS)**

EVENT	TOTAL	1st PLACE AMOUNT	2ND PLACE AMOUNT	3RD PLACE AMOUNT
Men's Bull Riding	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Bull Riding	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Bronc Riding	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Bronc Riding	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Steer Riding	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Steer Riding	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Chute Dogging	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Chute Dogging	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Roping on Foot	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Roping on Foot	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Breakaway Roping	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Breakaway Roping	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00

Men's Barrel Racing	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Barrel Racing	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Pole Bending	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Pole Bending	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Men's Flag Race	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Women's Flag Race	\$ 260.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 52.00
Team Roping	\$ 520.00	\$ 130.00 (each person)	\$ 78.00 (each person)	\$ 52.00 (each person)
Steer Decorating	\$ 520.00	\$ 130.00 (each person)	\$ 78.00 (each person)	\$ 52.00 (each person)
Wild Drag Race	\$ 780.00	\$ 130.00 (each person)	\$ 78.00 (each person)	\$ 52.00 (each person)
Goat Dressing	\$ 520.00	\$ 130.00 (each person)	\$ 78.00 (each person)	\$ 52.00 (each person)
TOTAL	\$ 7,020.00	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 2,106.00	\$ 1,404.00

IF NO ONE PLACES IN AN EVENT, THE MONEY FOR THAT EVENT WILL ROLL TO THE ALL-AROUNDS AND WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE TOP 3 PEOPLE (50%, 30%, 20%). FOR EXAMPLE: NO COWGIRLS PLACE IN BULL RIDING, THE \$260.00 WILL ROLL TO THE ALL-AROUND COWGIRLS & WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE TOP 3 COWGIRLS (50%-\$130.00, 30%-\$78.00, AND 20%-\$52.00)

IF NO ONE PLACES IN TEAM ROPING, THE MONEY FOR THAT EVENT WILL ROLL TO THE ALL-AROUNDS WITH HALF OF THE MONEY TO ALL-AROUND COWBOYS AND HALF TO ALL-AROUND COWGIRLS. THE MONEY WOULD THEN BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE TOP 3 COWBOYS & COWGIRLS (50%-\$130.00, 30%-\$78.00, 20%-\$52.00)

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Mr. AGRA 2006

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