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From the desk of the President

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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Branding Iron:

Desk of the President:

I am honored to work with the members to get AGRA back on track. We are coming into our 25th year of rodeo and we need to be aggressive at getting our financials in line and building our reputation in the community. Your board committed to new ideas and energy and I'm confident we will be a successful organization.

Let's share the energy you have towards a goal of building AGRA, and then I am confident we will continue to be an event leader on the IGRA circuit!

I am very motivated to make the 25th anniversary of AGRA rodeo as best we have ever had. Remember if you are interested in being the Rodeo Director for 2010 you must notify a board member prior to the March 4th board meeting! This is not a "nominated" position.

See you out and about

Gary Hatterman

President AGRA 2009

From the desk of the Vice-President

Hello—

Just want to take a minute to introduce myself. My Name is Michael Weidmann and have been a member of AGRA for the past 5 years. I have been the promoter for the Miss Gay Phoenix-America system the last 4 years. As well as a promoter for the Mss Gay USofA system two years ago. In both systems my prelim winners have gone on to win state titles. This is our 25th anniversary and I want to make the Royalty Contest one that will be remembered for years to come. I am really excited about this upcoming year and look forward to working with all of you. Cheers to a new year!!!

Michael Weidmann

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MEETING NOTICE

Board of Directors Meeting: To be determined on Sunday 8 Feb 09 at the AGRA Membership Meeting.

General Membership Meeting: To be determined on Sunday 8 Feb 09 at the AGRA Membership Meeting.

For any questions about assisting in setup, teardown or volunteering please see any of the Board Members or call the AGRA Office.

From the desk of the Secretary

Welcome all to 2009.

This will be the year to beat all years. We are moving into 25 years of Rodeo. WOW!

We have a good group of people aboard and a positive future ahead.

Lets all make this the best year we have ever had.

I personally want to thank the membership for backing me once again as secretary for 2009.

I have been off the radar and the board since 2004 and am glad to be back. Thank you all for your vote of confidence.

I welcome any criticism and assistance. I will do my dead level best to make you all proud you brought me back.

Just a few announcements: **YOU ARE WANTED.**

The 2009 AGRA Board of Directors is looking for the right person interested in being the 2009 Branding Iron Editor/Publisher. All those who have an interest can enquire with the AGRA President or any of the other board members. The Board is also looking to fill a few more positions, CONTESTANT and MEMEBERSHIP LIASON, RODEO DIRECTOR 2010, CORPORATE AUDITOR and the ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR. If you have an interest in any of these positions and wish to be considered please see one of the 2009 Board of Directors. Current Board members contact information is listed on page 11 of this publication.

Again thank you.

Keith A. Carson

AGRA Secretary 2009

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From the desk of the Trustee

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

I want to remind everyone that the 2009 IGRA University will be February 20-22, 2009 at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. On-line registration ends February 17, 2009. Late registrations will be accepted on site, but must be paid in cash only.

The special room rate at the hotel has been extended till February 19, 2009!

The class schedule and curriculum along with other university details can be found on the IGRA website – www.igra-com.

I encourage all members to consider attending the 2009 IGRA University.

Ron Trusley, Trustee

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From the desk of the Treasurer

As of end of January-2009

Balance Sheet	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$37,269.54
Non Rodeo Income & Expenses	Net Income	\$ 2,582.58
Rodeo-2009	Net Income	\$21,749.72
Year to date Rodeo 2009	Net Income	\$21,505.90

Walt

AGRA Treasurer

From the desk of the Fund Raising Director

Hello members,

Here we go starting out on another Rodeo Year and what a great milestone year it will be. Congratulations to AGRA on 25 Successful years.

Thanks to everyone who had confidence to vote for me for Fund Raising Director for the 6th year. I truly appreciate it.

I have a few new ideas for our Silver Anniversary Year and as always I'm looking for help and suggestions. Happy V.Day to all

And keep those dollars coming in!

Kevin McSweeny, aka Pussy LeHoot

Fund Raising Director 2009.

From the desk of the Public Relations Director

Hello A.G.R.A. Members -

Welcome to 2009 - and thank you for being members of our rodeo association! In fact, you are not simply members of this group; you are its leadership. As the Public Relations Director you selected, I look forward to hearing from you and working with you - as you lead this association closer to its charitable goals and its 25th anniversary rodeo in 2010.

My current vision is to serve as a liaison between A.G.R.A. and the LGBT community and media. I will be partnering with you and our board members to inform the public about our association - including its plans and accomplishments.

I look forward to both serving and leading as we move through and beyond our transitions.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Greg Gillum
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From the desk of the RRRR Contestant & Membership Liaison

AGRA Contestant Liaison Committee Chair Report:

Chuck Browning

For February 2009 AGRA Branding Iron:

AGRA Contestant Results from 2009 Road Runner Regional Rodeo: AGRA Wins 9 Buckles! & Finishes with two Cowboys in the All- Around!!!

Women's Events:

Steer Riding: **Claire M** – took 1st Place Saturday & Sunday and WON THE BUCKLE!

Chute Dogging:

Mater took 2nd Place on Saturday

Angie D took 3rd Place on Saturday & 4th Place on Sunday.

Calf Roping on Foot:

Shelda W took 5th Place on Sunday

Sharon S took 8th place on Sunday

Shelda W took 3rd Place on Saturday

Pole Bending:

Teri R took 7th Place on Saturday

Flag Race:

Teri R took 4th Place on Sunday

Jennifer B took 5th Place on Sunday

Men's Events:

Chute Dogging:

Brian Helander took 2nd on Saturday and 4th on Sunday

Travis J took 6th Place on Saturday

Calf Roping On Foot:

Mikey B took 4th Place on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday

Ken Brown took 3rd place on Sunday

Chuck B took 5th Place on Sunday

Breakaway Roping:

Greg Took 1st Place on Saturday and Sunday and WON THE BUCKLE!

Ken B Took 5th on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday

Barrel Race:

Dan H Took 4th on Saturday

Greg took 7th Place on Saturday

Rick M took 1st Place on Sunday

Robert B took 4th Place on Sunday

Pole Bending:

Dan H took 6th on Saturday

James L took 7th Place on Sunday

Clinton B took 8th Place on Sunday

Flag Race:

Popper D took 1st place on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday and WON THE BUCKLE!

Chuck B took 4th place on Saturday

Mitch P took 6th Place on Saturday

Jaimes L took 7th Place on Saturday and 3rd on Sunday
Brian H took 5th place on Sunday
David Q took 6th Place on Sunday
Eric S took 8th place on Sunday

Team Events:

Team Roping:

Ken B and his roping partner Michelle W took 1st Place on Sunday

Steer Decorating:

Ken B and his Partner Phil L took 8th Place on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday
Claire M and Lacey E took 7th Place on Sunday

Wild Drag Race:

Brain H & Keenan A Took 1st Place Saturday & Sunday and **WON THE BUCKLES!**
Chuck B & Claire M took 4th place both Saturday and Sunday
Mitch P and his team took 6th Place on Saturday and 5th Place on Sunday

Goat Dressing:

Chuck B & Brain H took 1st Place Saturday & Sunday & **WON THE BUCKLES!**
John K & Leif S took 6th Place on Sunday
Dan H & Dan O Tied for 7th Place on Sunday

Brian H also **won one of the All-Around Camp Buckles** – Way to go Brianna!

Two AGRA Contestants made it into the top 5 All-Around:

Brian Helander won the All-Around Cowboy Buckle! His first AGRA All-Around Cowboy title! Congratulations Brian!
Chuck Browning was 3rd Runner up to All-Around Cowboy.

Team Points –

GSGRA – 3,322 points

AGRA - 2,139 points (2nd Place)

NMGRA – 2,035

RRRA – 665

SCCGRA – 512

Congratulations to all the AGRA Rodeo Contestants for a great job!

From the desk of the Rodeo Director

2009 RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I want to say a special thank you to the 2009 Road Runner Regional Rodeo Committee members who worked so hard and diligently to produce the rodeo. You all did a great job, and I really appreciate everything you did.

I also want to thank everyone who volunteered in any capacity. You were awesome, and I appreciate your dedication and the time you gave to AGRA and the rodeo. You all are the best!

And, of course, I thank all of the entertainers who gave so graciously of their time and energy to produce a good show for everyone.

You all make AGRA and the rodeo proud, and we are so privileged to have your support! Thank you so very much!

At this time, I am unable to provide any final numbers as we are still waiting for more revenue and to settle all expenses. Hopefully, this will all be accomplished within the next couple of weeks.

It looks as if paid admissions were 1,833 on Saturday and 488 on Sunday. This compares to 1,979 on Saturday and 870 on Sunday at our 2008 rodeo. In 2009, we had 145 contestants, and in 2008 we had 146 contestants. In 2009, we had 31 vendors excluding the AGRA booth and media sponsors. In 2008, we had 38 vendors excluding the AGRA booth and media sponsors.

Ron Trusley

2009 Rodeo Director

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