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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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April 25th 2012

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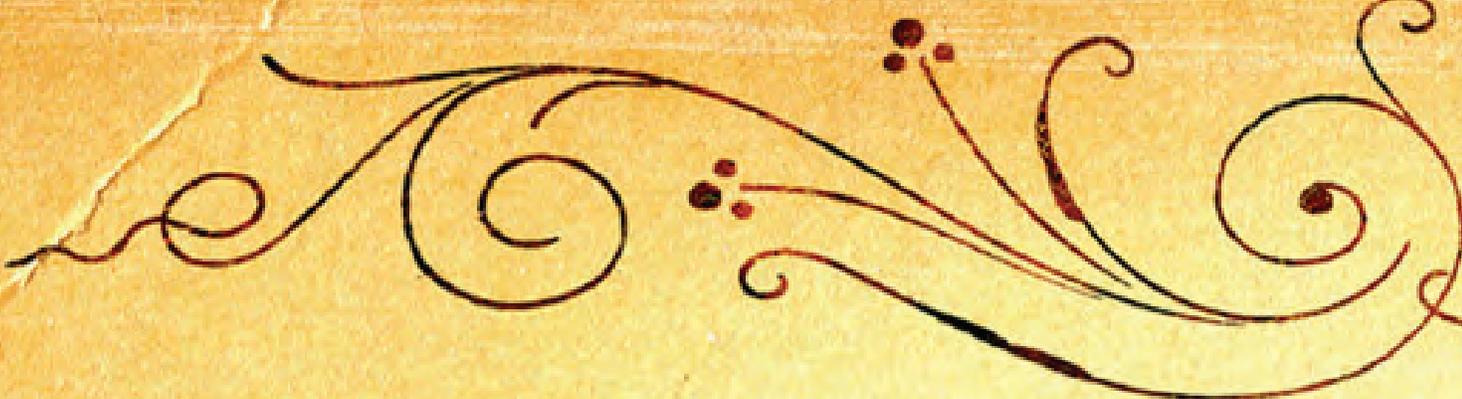
Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone has recovered a little bit since the 2012 Road Runner Regional Rodeo . We have kicked off our new rodeo year with a bang!! There is new excitement coming this year, we have already over 80 eager members that are really excited to start moving forward with the 2013 Raod Runner Regional Rodeo. I want to give a huge thanks to Pussy LeHoot for putting on a great fundraiser last month over St. Patio Days! They Raised over \$600!! Final bills from the 2012 Road Runner Regional Rodeo are being paid. I expect the books to be closed by the 1st of May.

Now looking forward to this year! The Board of Directors are looking for Committee Chairs for the following positions: Contestant Liaison, Membership Coordinator, Rodeo Director, Election Committee, Audit Committee . Requests for these positions need to be in the hands of the Board of Directors by April 10th. If you are interested in getting more involved with AGRA and getting your hands a bit dirty, WE WELCOME YOU!!

Phoenix Pride Festival is the weekend of April 21st and 22nd. We will have our AGRA booth out and we are looking for volunteers to work the booth for a few hours at a time!! We will also be entering a pride float in the 2012 Phoenix Pride Parade if you would like to ride on the float please get with our Pride Events Coordinator Richard Myers at 602-327-9988. We will also be working a BEER TRUCK at pride. I still have openings for the 3-6pm shift and the 6-9pm shift both on Saturday and Sunday so please contact me if you are interested. We have an oppurtunity to raise thousands of dollars during this event. Have a great Pride Weekend and hopefully we will see you out there!!

Respectfully,
Michael Weidmann



VICE PREZ

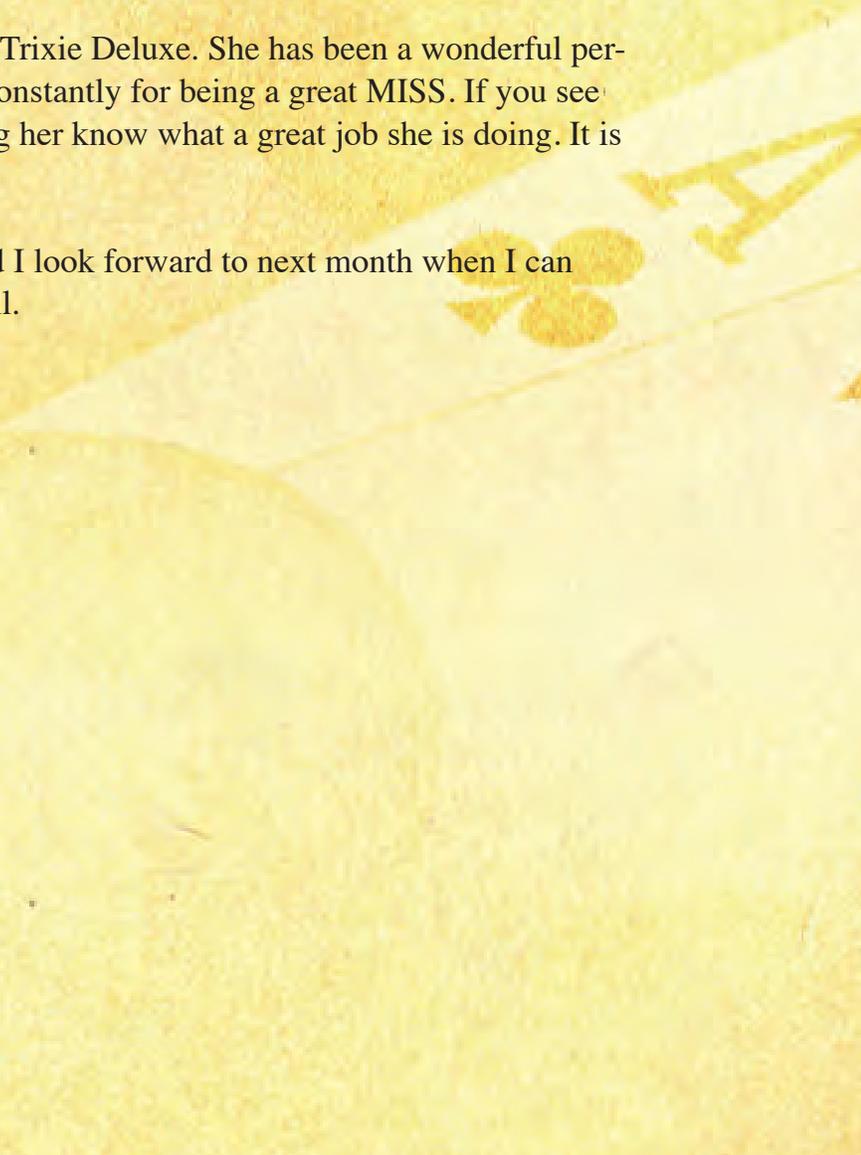
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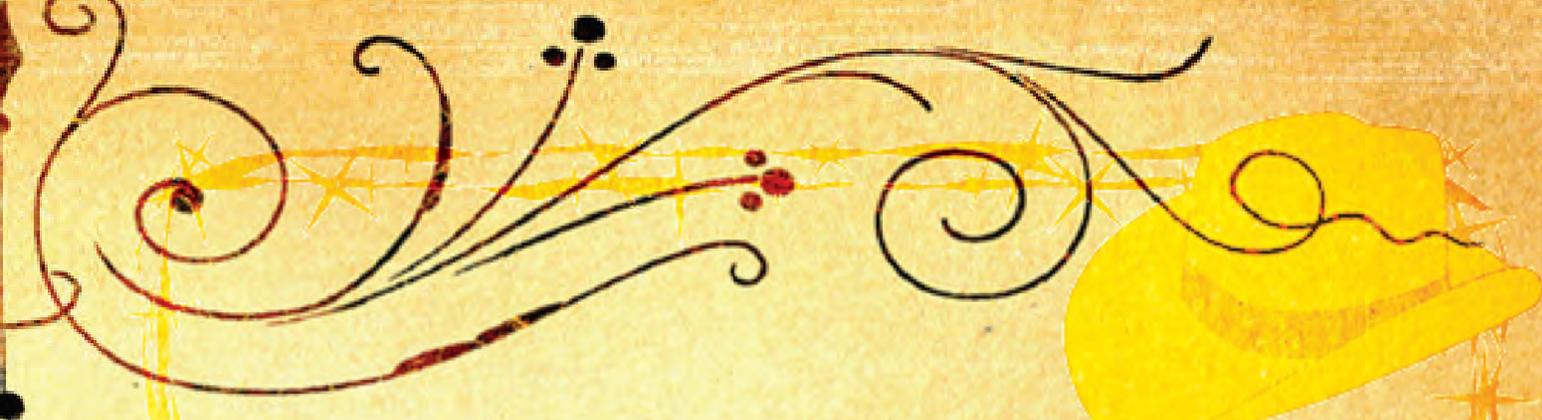
We are busy getting together all of our bylaws for our Royalty competition for 2012. We will be finalizing the the first week of April. My goal as Vice President is for us to have a full royalty team to represent us at the IGRA level. I have already recieved emails for many interested performers. New and old alike. I am so excited for what the future will hold for AGRA.

Our current royalty included Miss Trixie Deluxe. She has been a wonderful person to work with and I thank her constantly for being a great MISS. If you see her around please join me in letting her know what a great job she is doing. It is a free gig and she is doing it!!!!

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to next month when I can share all of the Bylaws with you all.

Joshua Sipe / Claudia B.
AGRA Vice President





THANKS BOB!

Secretary's Report

The AGRA Secretary position is currently vacant, and I volunteered to take care of the secretarial duties until the position is filled. I had forgotten just how much fun it can be to fill this position since it has been many years since I was the Secretary.

Currently there are 64 members with 3 of them Champion Members. I expect we will see several more applications coming in very soon – especially since several 2011 members have not yet renewed their membership for 2012.

I want to say a very special happy birthday to our members who have birthdays in the month of April. They are:

Vanessa Renee	April 1
Bob Hitchcock	April 4
Miguel Vital	April 4
Marsha Myers	April 5
Kyle Ross	April 5
Moe	April 22
Matthew Schmitt	April 29
Scott Vreeland	April 30



Bob Shukis
Acting Secretary



Hello AGRA Members,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

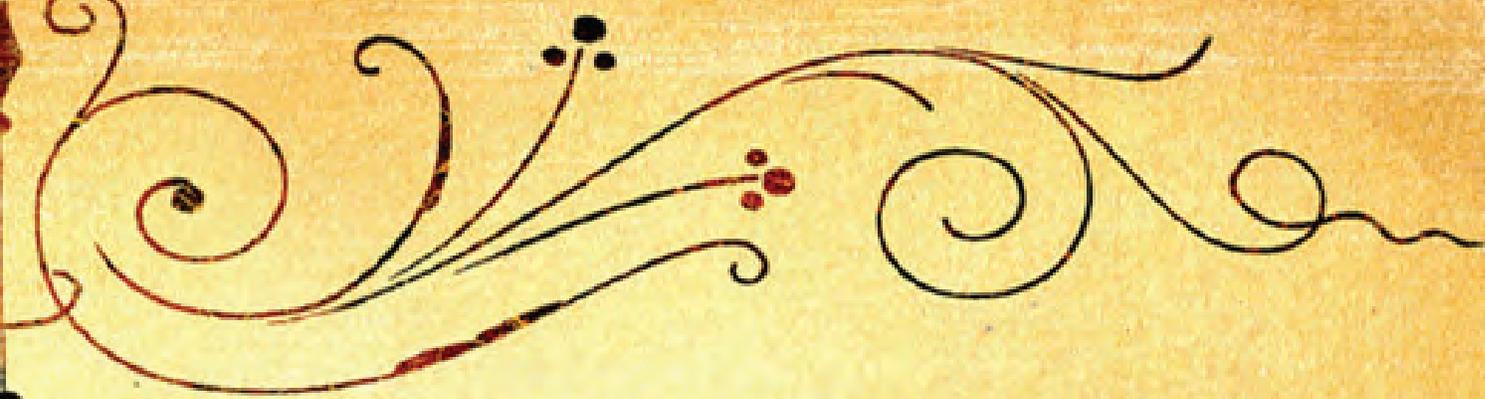
Jai
AGRA Treasurer

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January: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$16,379.17
Checking	\$16,379.17
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$34.79
Rodeo	\$13,464.64
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	\$12,151.64
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Dollar Saddle Sales \$734.25	Insurance \$216.37
Weekend Passes \$350	Officials Travel \$238.30
RV Passes \$900	Buckle Deposit \$1500
Vendor Space Rentals \$1455	Stall Deposit \$725
Sponsorships \$12750	Copies \$44.94
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$250	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$806.1
Fundraisers Ham Sale \$700	Expenses \$164.63
Fundraisers Jewelry \$348	AGRA Insurance \$216.37
Bud Light Sponsorship \$100	AGRA Sponsorship \$200
AGRA Sponsorship \$200	Royalty Crown \$418.50
	AGRA Fundraiser Hams \$40

February: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$3,386.87
Checking	\$3,386.87
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$1,144.81)
Rodeo	(\$11,847.49)
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	\$304.15
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Start Up Money \$11700	Promotion \$3823.64
Contestant Entry Fees \$21852.50	Change Fund \$11700
Hat Fines \$25	Equipment \$10343.95
Rodeo Booth \$2062.50	Contestant Prize \$14484.00
Ticket Sales \$32276.50	Area Expense \$15042.14
Vendor Space \$2380	Officials \$5463.07
Sponsorships \$4350	Buckles \$1725
Contestant Trailer Parking \$1135	Ribbons \$1190.48
Fundraisers \$1418	Stalls \$6275
Donations \$109	Rodeo Booth \$3329.72
	Volunteer Party \$400
	Rodeo Shirts \$1664.64
	Printing \$888.38
	Administration \$218.77
	Sound and Lights \$6819.18
	Bar Crawl \$245.93
	IGRA Expense \$5339.46
	Refreshments \$202.63
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$1381	Bank & Credit Card Exp 176.24
Fundraisers \$768	Rodeo Booth \$271.19
AGRA Events \$800	PO Box \$70
	Membership \$144.29
	Awards \$715.50
	AGRA Event \$1000
	Annual Banquet \$970
	Office \$185.41
	Rodeo School \$561.18



TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

The Division I Rodeo School sponsored, in part, by Bud Light has been moved from San Diego to Las Vegas. The school will be on Friday, May 11, 2012, beginning at 9:30 am. This is the same weekend as the BigHorn Rodeo in Las Vegas, so it could be beneficial for you to participate in the rodeo school. For information, visit NGRA's website at www.ngra.com.

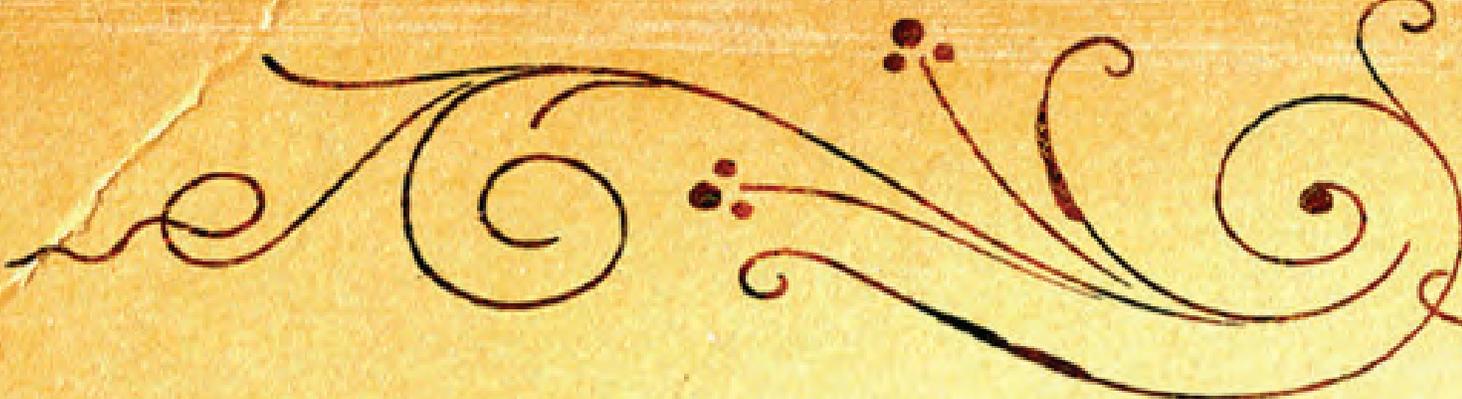
The next rodeo on the IGRA circuit is the Sunshine Stampede in Ft Lauderdale, Florida April 20-22, 2012. This is the same weekend as Phoenix Pride. But, anyone is planning to go to the rodeo and would be interested in serving as AGRA Alternate Trustee, please contact me.

Speaking of Phoenix Pride, it seems that things are shaping up pretty well with volunteers stepping up to work in the AGRA booth as well as working at the beer truck. Thank you to everyone who has or who will volunteer. There is a place for everyone!

Once again, I want to remind everyone that the 2012 IGRA Finals Rodeo Committee is asking for nominations for Grand Marshal. You can find the nomination form on the IGRA website at www.igra.com. Deadline for nominations is May 15, 2012.

I don't really have much to report this month, but please contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns; I will be glad to help in any way I can.

Ron Trusley
AGRA Trustee
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INTRODUCING VANESSA / PR

Hello A.G.R.A. Members and Friends,

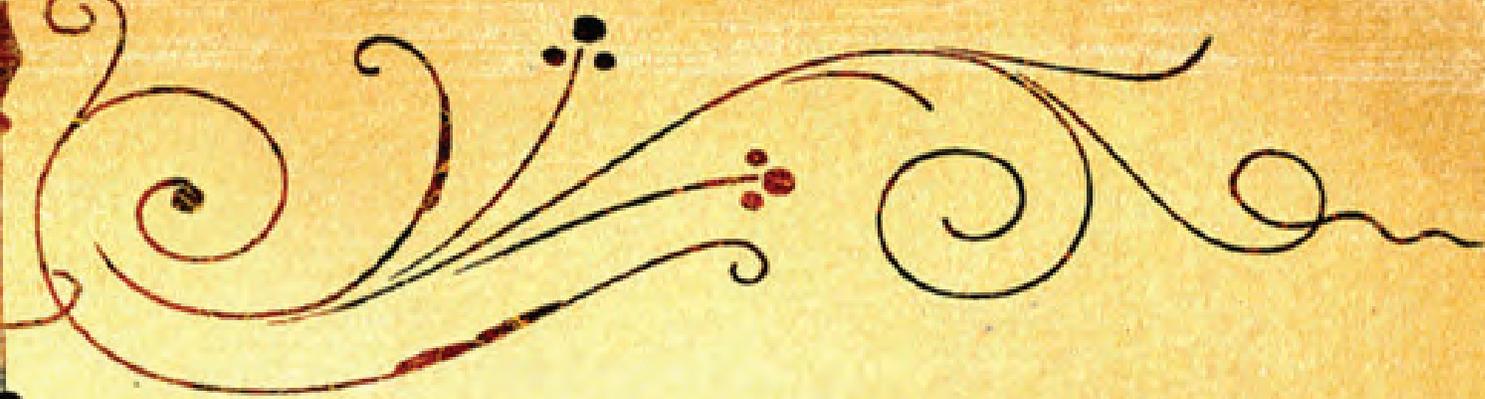
I am so thrilled to be your new Public Relations Director for 2012. The rest of the board and I are very excited about this coming year, things look very promising for our organization!

My biggest focus is to make the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association a household name in our LGBT community. This year expect to see Members, Royalty Contestants, and Board of Directors all over this state, spreading the word of A.G.R.A. We have a lot planned, starting with Gay Pride in April! Be on the look out for emails, postings, etc. Also we are working to update our website, as well as the display case inside Charlie's.

Lastly I want to thank Micheal, Josh, Kevin, Ron and Jai for giving me this opportunity, I intend on working my tail off for you all and our organization! Also our previous PR Director Greg Gillum left me with some pretty big shoes to fill. Hope I do you proud Greg!

Thanks y'all

Vanessa Jimenez
A.G.R.A. Public Relations



FUNDRAISING WITH PUSSY

Hello members,

Let me take this time to tell you all how happy I am to be back on the agra board of directors after my two year absense. Thanks to all those who voted me into this position. we had our first event of the year with our annual St. Patio Day at Charlies on march 17th.....we had Miss Ebony, Kayla Krawford, and Miss AGRA Trixie Deluxe, were on hand to perform.....we also had Kimery and Michael ran our merchandise booth , so thanks to both of them. i dont have the exact total at press time but it was over 550 dollars.

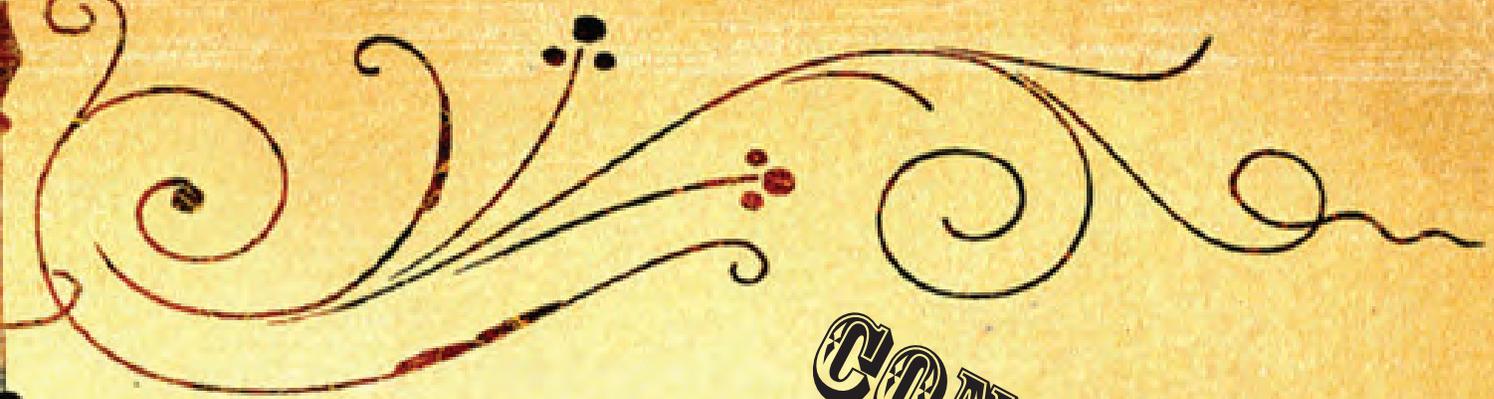
Upcoming for April we have a benefit show on charlies patio on april, 7th at 930pm and a special show is set up by drag king Crash...at the cash inn Friday, April 13th at 7pm....I know they have a great line up of kings and Claudia B, and myself will be joining them. This should be a fun night at the "Cash" as its suguaro cup weekend. Hope to see all of you at the april membership meeting,

Until then, lets keep those dollars rolling in!!!!

Pussy LeHoot Kevin McSweeny
Fundraising Director 2012

MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE			
AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2012	Texas Tradition Rodeo (Fort Worth, TX)	March 2-4, 2012	
	AGRA St Patio O Day	March 17, 2012	
April 1, 2012	Saguaro Cup	April 13-15, 2012	
	Sunshine Stampede (Ft Lauderdale, FL)	April 20-22, 2012	
	Phoenix Pride 2012	April 21-22, 2012	
May 13, 2012	Hot Rodeo 2012 (Palm Springs, CA)	May 4-6, 2012	
	AGRA Chili Verde Day	May 5, 2012	
	Big Horn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	May 11-13, 2012	
	Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 25-27, 2012	May 25, 2012
June 10, 2012	Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	June 8-10, 2012	
	Pride in the Pines (Flagstaff, AZ)	June 16, 2012	
	AGRA Grand Ol' Opry	June 30, 2012	
	Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) *	June 29-July 1, 2012	
July 22, 2012	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) *	July 13-15, 2012	
August 12, 2012	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 3-5, 2012	
	Windy City Rodeo (Chicago, IL)	August 24-26, 2012	August 24, 2012
	Show-Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO)	August 31-September 2, 2012	
September 9, 2012	AGRA Beach Party	September 1, 2012	
	Best Buck in the Bay (San Francisco, CA)	September 14-16, 2012	
	Sedona Pride on the Rocks (Sedona, AZ)	September 15, 2012	
October 14, 2012	26th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo (Fort Worth)	October 19-21, 2012	
	27th Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Ft Worth)	October 19-21, 2012	
	Tucson Pride	October 14, 2012	
November 18, 2012	28th Annual IGRA Convention (Las Vegas)	November 8-11, 2012	November 8, 2012
December 9, 2012	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 9, 2012	
January 6, 2013	IGRA University (St Louis)	January 11-13, 2013	
	Super Bowl Sunday (New Orleans, LA)	February 3, 2013	
February 10, 2013	Pre-Rodeo Bar Crawl with Hensley/Bud Light	February 8, 2013	
	Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 13, 2013	
	28th Anniversary Road Runner Regional Rodeo *	February 15-17, 2013	



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