



BRANDING IRON

September 2015

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President's Report

Happy August! I hope everyone has been enjoying the extra hot summer we are having here in Arizona! At our September meeting we will be handing out checks to the non profit organizations that the membership nominated and voted on the last few months. These checks are made possible by the profit that was made from our 2015 Rodeo. Please make time to attend this meeting as we give back to our community.

We are able to give this money back from the support of our members, community, and our annual Rodeo. Be sure to come out to support Pussy LeHoot's Annual Labor Day Weekend Beach Party on Saturday September 5 at 9:30pm at Charlie's. Fundraisers like this helps AGRA cover monthly costs as well as contribute to the 2016 Rodeo Expenses!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next membership meeting!
Have a safe and Happy Labor Day!

Todd M Wyckoff
AGRA President

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AGRA Shirts are now available for order! They are a rust color long sleeve cotton button down shirt that the membership voted on in our monthly membership meeting. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact:

Gabriel Medellin at gmedellin78@gmail.com

The cost of each shirt is:

\$33.50	Sizes Small to XL
\$35.50	2XL
\$37.50	3XL
\$5.00 Extra charge for	Name on shirt

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Vice President's Report

Really nothing to report, since I was out of town the entire month of August. Sharon (Rusty) and I attended the Zia Regional Rodeo, she worked with secretarial and I was strictly a spectator. We are getting ready to go to World Gay Rodeo Finals in October, and we will be taking applicants for AGRA royalty later in the month.

Michael Brent
A.G.R.A. Vice President.

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Trustee's Report

Well, the 2015 IGRA Rodeo Season is almost over with only one rodeo left before the World Gay Rodeo Finals. The Best Buck in the Bay Rodeo will be September 11-13 in Duncan Mills, California followed by the World Gay Rodeo Finals October 9-11 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

All of the 2016 IGRA Royalty Competition will be on Friday, October 9, at South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, and the announcement of winners will be on Saturday, October 10. Mr AGRA Jeffrey Smit, Miss AGRA Mipsy Mikels, and MsTer AGRA Rusty Bolts will be competing for the International titles. I wish each of them well in the competition, and I hope they bring sashes home to Arizona.

If you plan to go to the Finals rodeo and activities, I suggest you make your hotel reservation now. The finals room block was increased, and is now way over the number of rooms in the block.

All of AGRA's nominations for the International Awards were submitted. And, in the IGRA Board and Trustees' Meetings on Friday, August 14, recipients were selected. AGRA voted to give 4 Appreciation Awards. They will be presented to: Rainbow Cactus Saloon, Club Audio and Lighting Effects, Men of Charlie's-Phoenix, and The Corona Family.

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Trustee's Report (Continued)

I attended the IGRA Board and Trustees' Meetings in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 14, and then worked as Rodeo Secretary at the Zia Regional Rodeo that weekend. Ninety-eight contestants competed in the rodeo. Greg Begay was the only AGRA contestant who placed in the top 8 in any event. Greg's placings include:

Roping on Foot	3 rd place Saturday	5 th place Sunday
Breakaway Roping	1 st place Saturday	1 st place Sunday Buckle
Barrel Racing		4 th place Sunday
Pole Bending	3 rd place Saturday	2 nd place Sunday
Flag Race		1 st place Sunday
Team Roping	3 rd place Saturday	5 th place Sunday
Wild Drag Race	7 th place Saturday	1 st place Sunday Buckle
Goat Dressing	1 st place Saturday	1 st place Sunday Buckle

Greg was also the All-Around Cowboy! Congratulations, Greg!!!!

As announced in the last membership meeting, nominations to fill the position of AGRA Trustee will be taken in the September and October membership meetings with voting in the November membership meeting. This will be for a 3-year term from January 2016 through December 2018.

Ron Trusley

AGRA Trustee

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Treasurer's Report

The report will be available at the next general membership meeting.

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Secretary's Report

Happy September to all our AGRA members. Our organization is 160 strong, and I'd like to wish a happy birthday to our September babies:

September 03rd Chris

September 06th TINOS

September 09th Dan Iversen

September 09th Leo

September 12th Pussy LeHoot

September 16th Debi

September 17th Fred

September 22nd Claudia B

September 30th Arnie Chavez

Please mark your calendars and join us for AGRA's second annual yard sale on Saturday, October 03rd, starting at 8:00 AM. Donations are appreciated and are a great way to help clean out your closet while supporting our cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe

A.G.R.A. Secretary

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Fundraiser Director's Report

Howdy all,

Raised 241.00 at the august AGRA Fundraiser held at rainbow cactus on the 29th

Upcoming fundraisers

AGRA annual beach party September 5th at Charles

AGRA fundraiser on September 12th at rainbow cactus show time 10pm

Thank you for all your support

Michael Butts

Mipsy Mikels Miss AGRA 2015
Fundraiser Director

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Public Relations Director Report

Hello all,

We have our first official program ad sponsor. Joe's Diner is the first program ad sponsor. I am awaiting word from my employer to become a corporate platinum sponsor. I look forward in the weeks to come to reach out to the community and create a business relationship with several more businesses in obtaining sponsors for our 31st annual Arizona Gay Rodeo. If any of you members know of any business, organization, or individual that would like to become a sponsor please let me know.

Thank You,

Carlos L. Rodriguez

A.G.R.A. Public Relations Director

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Pussy LeDoot's annual

AGRA

Beach Party



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SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER

5TH

@ 9:30PM

Charlie's



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2015 AGRA ROYALTY

Mr. AGRA 2015
Jeffrey Smit

Miss AGRA 2015
Mipsey Michaels
AKA Michael Butts

Mistr AGRA 2015
Rusty Bolts
AKA Sharon Starks

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