

The **BRANDING IRON**

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SAGUARO REGIONAL RODEO

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AGRA stepped into the past with Saguaro Regional Rodeo held at the Old Tucson Studios. Shown here is **Ken Davis** on horseback, heading to his next event, as Miss AGRA **Jacqueline De Savoi** and 1st Runner-Up **Victoria London** are escorted to the soundstage for their next performances... or is that front couple **Ron Westmoreland** in his duster escorting **Robert (Maria) Rone**? The weekend was occasionally confusing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our second Saguaro Rodeo, and Tucson's first is over. My thanks to all our AGRA Members who contributed so much to make it the success that it was. Tucson Members especially are to be commended, for all their hard work, warm hospitality, and the overwhelming support that we received from all the Tucson area bars. You all contributed to making Saguaro Regional lots of fun!

Welcomes go out to all our new Contestant/Members who joined our ranks during the Saguaro weekend from both the Phoenix and Tucson areas. I hope you'll stay involved and have as much fun as the rest of us.

One downside of the weekend was the number of Arena injuries that were perhaps higher than our usual. Most notable is the serious injuries sustained by one half of one of our Founding AGRA Member couples who live out in Laveen. As of this writing, he's still in a Tucson Hospital, but is getting better, and may be back in Phoenix by the time you read this.

It's been a little difficult charting the progress of this closeted man who's Mother has been firmly ensconced in his hospital room, but rest assured we're keeping tabs as best we can.

Get well quickly guy, we all want to see you "back in the saddle again" just as soon as possible!

Dan Iversen

AN ELECTION THAT COUNTS

Sometimes it's nice to belong to a "non-political by Charter" Organization. On the "outside", we have to deal with depressing choices between the likes of GEORGE, I'm killing you by ignoring you



Up in the booth and trailer over the weekend doing scoring and announcing were (left to right) WAYNE JAKINO, JEFF COON, BILL DARNELL, TREVA LONDON, RON TRUSLEY, and (sitting) MOLO the MONKEY BOY, our runner, and Jeff's trick for the weekend.

BUSH, PAT I'd like to round you all up and shoot you BUCHANAN, BILL trust me I like you today, but I refuse to discuss it in public CLINTON, and JERRY trust me I adore every Minority and therefore don't stand a chance BROWN. Inside of AGRA we have nice civilized elections, where everybody wins in the long run as we continue expanding Gay Rodeo and raising more monies for our own charities, just as we always have.

Tucson didn't quite manage a quorum at their May Membership meeting, so TELVI ROYBAL will vie to become Rodeo Events Director, as well as Tucson's first female Board Member at the June 21st meeting.

Up in Phoenix, HELEN MARVIN and her Elections Comm. made things look easy as SCOTT TICKLER won a run-off election on May 3rd to become AGRA's new Fundraiser.

At that same Gen. Mem. Mgtng., the attendees voted on this year's slate of Delegates for IGRA's upcoming Convention. Those masochists heading for Minneapolis as both Delegates and Alternates will be CANDY BELL, TIM DOUGHERTY, RON ERICKSON, FRANK GALLEG0, JOHN KING, JEFF PARKER, MICHAEL ROYER, ERIC SMITH, & SEAN THOMAS. Other AGRAers in attendance will be Pres. DAN IVERSEN, Trustee LARRY JONES, IGRA Treasurer JEFF COON, and IGRA Recording Secretary RON TRUSLEY. Sounds like fun, care to come along with us?

DENVER'S BIGGEST PARTY

Billed as Denver's Biggest Party, CGRA's 10th Anniversary is fast approaching with this year's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Fourth of July weekend is once again when the party will be held, this year moving to the completely indoor, and climate controlled, National Western Stock Show Stadium and Arena Complex.

All functions are being held in the Complex this year, even the horses are being pampered with indoor, air-conditioned stalls and a practice Arena. Stalls are \$30 for the weekend if prepaid, \$35 at check-in if you don't plan ahead, so call CGRA at #(303)839-8810 for more details. Only thing the Arena isn't providing for your horsies is bedding, so you will have to pack the futon.

People have to pay more, but we get more too, at the Host Regency Hotel at #(303)458-0808. Mention CGRA to get single rates of \$55 per night, or doubles, 3-ways, and/or 4 people orgies for \$65 per night.

Entertainers need to tap dance their way to the phone and sing to ROB HART at #(303)839-8810 for their details.

A \$22 ticket package will get you both days of Rodeo, as well as three nights of dances, entertainment, and awards.

An extra \$18 gets you a private guided tour to one of Colorado's gambling towns including a champagne breakfast buffet and a 10% discount at the "Glory Hole". It's a Gift Shop MICHAEL COONEY, so calm yourself. Call the above listed CGRA number for details on that, and we'll see you in Denver!

KANSAS CITY RODEO

While we're on the subject of Rodeos, we want to mention IGRA's continuing expansion, with the first "Kansas City Heart of America Rodeo" scheduled for the 12th, 13th, and 14th of this month. Produced by MGRA's Kansas City Chapter, they're opting to do a prize money/buckles only Rodeo this time around to cut down on expenses. No IGRA points will be awarded which saves them money by not having to meet all the IGRA standards. From what we hear though, MGRA is putting on a "regular" Rodeo in every other sense of the word. Two days of Rodeo, as well as three nights of partying and entertainment. Add the buckles and prize money for the Contestants, and Kansas City looks like the place to be in Mid-June. The Host Hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Crown Center at #1(800)272-5912. All other information can be found by calling Kansas City at #(816)231-4133.



Preparing for the Demolition Horses Event were AGRAers SCOTT DARNELL, KEENAN ALLEN, LARRY JONES, JEFFREY SCHROEDER, and KRIS EISENHUT.

TUCSON PRE-COME

As in planning sessions/events prior to people coming in to the actual Rodeo. Geez, where are you people's minds at?!

Planning session weekend was just bizarre. We do remember that PETER & MICHAEL from CLUB 2520 give good BBQ, not to mention fun meeting space. That restaurant up North gives good food too, but we're probably not welcome back there after our disgusting and loud conversations there Sunday night.

TOMMY READ was the only one of us who found a trick that weekend that we know of, but nobody wanted to ask for details.

Details were also not wanted as to why one particular AGRAer was wandering the Hotel halls in a drunken/sleepwalking stupor in the middle of the night wearing only his socks and underwear. We do know

that he finally "came to" in an elevator, and MICHAEL ROYER wants to know if a housekeeping to elevator operator position would be a promotion, demotion, or a lateral transfer?

Speaking of Michael and his other half BILL SPRINGS, why did one of their heads keep disappearing in the car on the long trip home Sunday night? Michael was the driver with a smile.

This overheard: DAN IVERSEN lost control of his hose and sprayed stuff all over JEFF SCHROEDER. Think they were talking about vehicle hoses?

Always trying to stay in control, JEFF PARKER showed up at the Boots and Boxers Cotillion w/ his Wranglers on. Of course other Members helped him out of them, a photo of which ended up in the OBSERVER. We didn't see it, does his butt look as cute out of Wranglers as in them?

And why was BILL TRAVIS so insistent that we tell you that RALPH GEROR did PHIL LOOBY's taxes this year?



R. T. STACKED loses his anonymity as the Dance & Entertainment emcee during the weekend.



Butch little Treasurer's RON SHAW (left) and his Phoenix Board counterpart MICHAEL ROYER, before donning dresses for the Wild Drag Event.

PIKE'S PEAK RESULTS

The reports say that all went well in Colorado Springs as last year's Unit Rodeo became this year's Major Rodeo. A beautiful Arena, and great "crisp" weather greeted the 83 Contestants and hundreds of spectators as the Pike's Peak crew greatly increased last year's small audience turn-out.

AGRA's DENNIS TERRELL took the All-Around Cowboy Buckle, with ANDREW ANAYA as 1st Runner-Up. CANDY BELL took 2nd Runner-Up in the All-Around Cowgirl category.

We hear that there's a new C/W bar in town called "The Branding Iron", which has NOTHING to do with this Newsletter. Fun bar, but why's it so BRIGHT in there?! Much darker over the weekend was CARL PETERSON's room and probably almost as busy as the bar with the likes of DAN IVERSEN among others booking "dates" in there.

And Woody's back! WOODY KIEHN finally settled down in Denver and now sporting a dual Membership, the bitch competed under CGRA's title all weekend, but we still want to congratulate him on Saturday's placings.. he tied for 1st on Steer Riding, and got 10th in Goat Dressing and 17th in Steer Decorating. Sunday he nabbed 4th in the Wild Drag Race, 6th in Goat Dressing, and 20th in Steer Decorating.

AGRA competitors winning Buckles were



GREG OLSON left his battered legs at home, but still showed up at Saguaro to do some of the horse Events.

Andrew Anaya and Dennis Terrell for Team Roping. Andrew also won the Pole Bending Buckle, while Dennis picked them up for Steer Riding, Chute Dogging, Barrel Racing, and Break-Away Roping. Candy Bell picked up Buckles for Bull Riding and Calf Roping on Foot. Other placings over the weekend were as follows...

SATURDAY

Barrel Racing-
2nd - Dennis Terrell
3rd - Andrew Anaya
4th - Candy Bell
9th - Kris Eisenhut
Break-Away Roping-
1st - Dennis Terrell
3rd - Andrew Anaya
Bull Riding -
Only Placer - Candy Bell
Calf Roping on Foot -
1st - Eric Smith
5th - Andrew Anaya
6th - Dennis Terrell
Chute Dogging -
4th - Dennis Terrell
8th - Dan Iversen
10th - J.C. Werner
Flag Race -
1st - Kris Eisenhut
4th - Dennis Terrell
5th - Andrew Anaya
Goat Dressing-
2nd - Dennis Terrell
& Andrew Anaya
3rd - Jeffrey Schroeder
& Eric Smith
7th - Kris Eisenhut
& Dan Iversen
Pole Bending-
1st - Dennis Terrell
4th - Andrew Anaya
6th - Kris Eisenhut

Steer Decorating-
4th - Jeffrey Schroeder
& Eric Smith
7th - Kris Eisenhut
& Dan Iversen
8th - Andrew Anaya
& Dennis Terrell
11th - Candy Bell
& Judy Portock
20th - J. C. Werner
Steer Riding-
1st - Candy Bell
2nd - Dennis Terrell
9th - Jeffrey Schroeder
13th - Eric Smith
Team Roping-
1st - Dennis Terrell
& Andrew Anaya
2nd - Andrew Anaya
& Dennis Terrell
Wild Drag Race-
5th - Kris Eisenhut w/
Dan Iversen &
Judy Portock

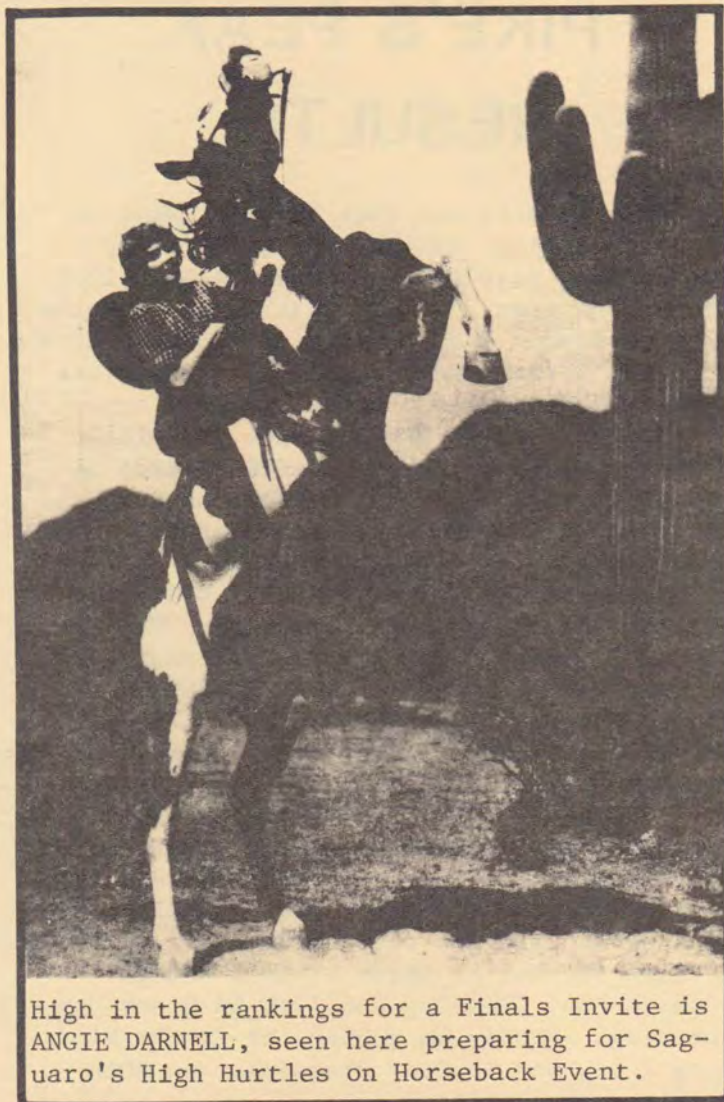
SUNDAY

Barrel Racing-
1st - Dennis Terrell
5th - Andrew Anaya
5th - Candy Bell
13th - Kris Eisenhut

Break-Away Roping-
1st - Andrew Anaya
2nd - Dennis Terrell
Calf Roping on Foot-
1st - Candy Bell
5th - Dennis Terrell
6th - Andrew Anaya
Chute Dogging-
1st - Dennis Terrell
2nd - Candy Bell
16th - Kris Eisenhut
Flag Race-
1st - Dennis Terrell
4th - Kris Eisenhut
Goat Dressing-
5th - Jeffrey Schroeder
& Eric Smith
11th - Andrew Anaya
& Dennis Terrell
Steer Riding-
1st - Jeffrey Schroeder
2nd - Dennis Terrell
4th - Kris Eisenhut
Steer Decorating-
6th - Andrew Anaya
& Dennis Terrell
10th - Candy Bell
13th - Kris Eisenhut
& Dan Iversen
17th - J.C. Werner

Pole Bending-
1st - Andrew Anaya
9th - Kris Eisenhut
13th - Dennis Terrell
Team Roping-
1st - Andrew Anaya
& Dennis Terrell
2nd - Andrew Anaya
& Dennis Terrell
Wild Drag Race-
1st - Jeffrey Schroeder
& Eric Smith

SAGUARO DENNIS



High in the rankings for a Finals Invite is ANGIE DARNELL, seen here preparing for Saguaro's High Hurdles on Horseback Event.

DENNIS TERRELL took another All-Around Cowboy honor at our recent Saguaro Regional Rodeo. OGRA's CANDY PRATT continued her streak at the top with All-Around Cowgirl honors. LARRY JONES and GREG OLSON took 3rd and 4th runners-up respectively, in Cowboy honors, while the Cowgirl honors went to CANDY BELL as 1st runner-up, and ANGIE DARNELL as 3rd runner-up.

Dennis also took home buckles for Calf Roping, Flag Race, and Pole Bending. Larry picked up Break-Away Roping and won Team Roping with Greg. BECKY WATTS took home one for Calf Roping, and won a Steer Decorating one along with MICHAEL ROYER. Angie brought back the women's Pole Bending buckle. The daily results are as follows...

SATURDAY

Barrel Racing-

- 3rd - Angie Darnell & Dennis Terrell
- 4th - Ken Davis & Carol Pribyl
- 5th - Kris Eisenhut & Jan Stallings
- 6th - Candy Bell
- 8th - Larry Jones
- 9th - Teri Rowe
- 11th - Keenan Allen
- 13th - Scott Darnell

Break-Away Roping-

- 1st - Dennis Terrell
- 2nd - Angie Darnell
Larry Jones
- 3rd - Greg Olson

Calf Roping-

- 1st - Carol Shearer
- 2nd - Candy Bell
- 4th - Dennis Terrell
- 6th - Greg Olson

Flag Race-

- 1st - Greg Olson
- 2nd - Dennis Terrell
- 3rd - Donna Auer
Larry Jones
- 4th - Kris Eisenhut
- 5th - Keenan Allen
- 6th - Ken Davis

Goat Dressing-

- 5th - Ken Davis & Ron Shaw
- 7th - Dennis Terrell
- 9th - Angie Darnell &
Scott Darnell
- 10th - George Lopez & Clyde
Mitter
- 11th - Dan Iversen & Larry
Jones
- 13th - Bill Travis
- 16th - Telvi Roybal
- 17th - Joseph Mendez &
Jim Toevs
- 18th - Glenda Chamberlain
& Jamie Saragosa
- 19th - Donna Auer &
Danny Clouse
- 20th - Helen Marvin &
Becky Watts
- 24th - Michael Royer &
Bill Springs
- 25th - Tana Copeland &
Sally Sellett

Pole Bending-

- 1st - Angie Darnell,
Dennis Terrell
- 2nd - Greg Olson,
Carol Pribyl
- 3rd - Ken Davis,
Jan Stallings
- 5th - Kris Eisenhut
- 7th - Teri Rowe
- 9th - Keenan Allen

Pole Bending

- 12th - Tommy
- 15th - Larry
- 16th - Scott

Steer Decorating

- 1st - Dennis
- 2nd - Michael
Becky
- 4th - Dan Iv
Bill S
- 7th - Bill T
- 8th - Tana C
Jamie
- 11th - Candy
Glenda
- 12th - Jeffre
Eric S
- 18th - Robert
Larry

Steer Riding

- 2nd - Candy
- 3rd - Jeffre
- 10th - Ron S
- 11th - Eric S
- 17th - Keenan

Team Roping-

- 1st - Dennis
- 2nd - Larry
Greg O

Wild Drag Ra

- 1st - Telvi
- 3rd - Donna
Chamb
Danny
- 4th - Betty
Davis
- 5th - Larry
Carol
- 6th - Angie
Darne
- 10th - Georg
Clyde

Barrel Racin

- 3rd - Angie
Denni
- 4th - Candy
Larry
- 5th - Ken I
Jan S

REGIONAL RODEO RESULTS

TERRELL TAKES ALL-AROUND

Barrel Racing (cont'd.)

- 6th - Greg Olson
- 7th - Carol Pribyl
- 8th - Teri Rowe
- 10th - Scott Darnell
- 13th - Keenan Allen
- 14th - Tommy Read

Break-Away Roping-

- 1st - Larry Jones

Calf Roping-

- 1st - Dennis Terrell
Becky Watts
- 4th - Larry Jones
- 7th - Greg Olson

Flag Race-

- 2nd - Dennis Terrell
- 4th - Greg Olson
- 5th - Scott Darnell
- 6th - Larry Jones

Goat Dressing-

- 2nd - Dennis Terrell
- 5th - Glenda Chamberlain &
Jamie Saragosa
- 6th - George Lopez &
Clyde Mitter
- 7th - Dan Iversen & Larry
Jones
- 10th - Donna Auer &
Danny Clouse
- 11th - Jeffrey Schroeder &
Eric Smith
- 14th - Bill Travis
- 15th - Michael Royer &
Bill Springs
- 17th - Ken Davis & Ron Shaw
- 18th - Helen Marvin &
Becky Watts
- 19th - Telvi Roybal
- 20th - Angie Darnell &
Scott Darnell
- 21st - Joseph Mendez &
Jim Toevs
- 26th - Tana Copeland &
Sally Sellett

Pole Bending-

- 2nd - Angie Darnell
- 3rd - Candy Bell,
Dennis Terrell
- 4th - Greg Olson,
Carol Pribyl
- 5th - Ken Davis

- 6th - Larry Jones

- 9th - Keenan Allen

Steer Decorating-

- 3rd - Jeffrey Schroeder & Eric Smith
- 4th - Michael Royer & Becky Watts
- 6th - Candy Bell & Glenda Chamberlain
- 8th - Ken Davis & Tommy Read
- 10th - Donna Auer & Angie Darnell
- 11th - Scott Darnell & Sally Sellett
- 13th - Keenan Allen & Carol Shearer
- 14th - Dennis Terrell
- 18th - Robert Fields & Larry Jones
- 22nd - Bill Travis

Steer Dogging-

- 1st - Candy Bell
- 2nd - Dennis Terrell

Steer Riding-

- 2nd - Candy Bell
- 3rd - Jeffrey Schroeder
- 4th - Dennis Terrell
- 8th - Ken Davis
- 11th - Ron Shaw

Team Roping-

- 1st - Larry Jones & Greg Olson

Wild Drag Race-

- 3rd - Candy Bell
- 4th - Dan Iversen, Dennis Terrell &
Becky Watts
- 6th - Bill Travis
- 7th - George Lopez & Clyde Mitter
- 9th - Larry Jones & Carol Shearer



ERIC SMITH preparing for the Goat Dressing Event (before someone told him this wasn't a goat.)

OKLAHOMA RESULTS DOING FINALS?

And this just in from RON TRUSLEY, with a cold. Poor guy coughed and wheezed his way thru these Oklahoma Rodeo results during a 10:00PM phone conversation with us. Hope we get it right going to press with DENNIS TERRELL taking yet another All-Around buckle, with ANDREW ANAYA taking 1st Runner-Up. Other placers were...

ANDREW ANAYA-
 Barrel Race- 16th/Sat. - 15th/Sun.
 Break-Away Roping- 1st/Sat. - 6th/Sun.
 Calf Roping- 6th/Sat.
 Goat Dressing- 4th/Sat. - 3rd/Sun.
 Pole Bending- 10th/Sat. - 13th/Sun.
 Steer Decorating- 3rd/Sat. - 5th/Sun.
 Team Roping- 1st & 2nd/Sat. - 2nd & 4th/Sun.
 Wild Drag Race- 1st/Sat.

CANDY BELL-
 Bull-Riding- 1st/Sun.
 Steer Decorating- 19th/Sun.
 Steer Riding- 2nd/Sun.
 ANGIE DARNELL-
 Barrel Race- 6th/Sat.
 Calf Roping- 4th/Sat.
 Flag Race- 4th/Sun.
 Goat Dressing- 22nd/Sat.
 Pole Bending- 4th/Sat. - 15th/Sun.
 Steer Decorating- 9th/Sat. - 22nd/Sun.
 Wild Drag Race- 8th/Sat.

KRIS EISENHUT-
 Barrel Race- 21st/Sat. - 6th/Sun.
 Flag Race- 5th/Sat. - 2nd/Sun.
 Goat Dressing- 10th/Sun.
 Pole Bending- 7th/Sat. - 9th/Sun.
 Steer Riding- 5th/Sat.
 LARRY JONES-
 Barrel Race- 18th/Sat. - 17th/Sun.
 Break-Away Roping- 1st/Sun.
 Calf Roping- 4th/Sun.
 Flag Race- 5th/Sun.
 Goat Dressing- 22nd/Sat. - 10th/Sun.
 Pole Bending- 11th/Sat. - 11th/Sun.
 Steer Decorating- 9th/Sat. - 22nd/Sun.
 Team Roping- 3rd/Sun.
 Wild Drag Race- 8th/Sat.

DENNIS TERRELL-
 Barrel Race- 2nd/Sat. - 9th/Sun.
 Break-Away Roping- 3rd/Sat. - 2nd/Sun.
 Calf Roping- 3rd/Sun.
 Flag Race- 2nd/Sat. - 1st/Sun.
 Goat Dressing- 4th/Sat. - 3rd/Sun.
 Pole Bending- 4th/Sat. - 21st/Sun.
 Steer Decorating- 3rd/Sat. - 5th/Sun.
 Steer Dogging- 9th/Sat. - 10th/Sun.
 Steer Riding- 1st/Sat. - 5th/Sun.
 Team Roping- 1st & 2nd/Sat. - 2nd & 4th/Sun.
 Wild Drag Race- 1st/Sat.

Buckles went to Dennis and Andrew for Team Roping, Candy for Bull-Riding, and Dennis for Flag Race, and Break-Away Roping.

The numbers keep increasing as 22 AGRA Members now qualify for invitations to Finals '92 in one or more categories. These totals are up thru our Saguaro Rodeo. This marks a 7 person increase since the last time we looked, just after the L.A. Rodeo. Topping the list are GREG OLSON and DENNIS TERRELL who both qualify for all eleven Events. Other Members qualifying to date are... ANDREW ANAYA with 6 Events, and CANDY BELL and ANGIE DARNELL with 5 Events each. Qualifying with 3 Events apiece are DONNA AUER, DAN IVERSEN, JEFFREY SCHROEDER, and BECKY WATTS. Receiving invitations to 2 Events apiece should be DONNA BELL, KRIS EISENHUT, and LARRY JONES.

Some nice surprizes round out our list of 22 people, with returning Member CAROL SHEARER of CASH INN COUNTRY, and brand new Members CAROL PRIBYL and JAN STALLINGS doing so well at Saguaro that they now qualify for a Finals invite in 1 Event each. Also qualifying for 1 Event are GLENDA CHAMBERLAIN, DANNY CLOUSE, KEN DAVIS, JOHN MURPHY, JUDY PORTOCK, MICHAEL ROYER, and ERIC SMITH.

Two more Rodeos to go in our Division, keep up the good work Contestants!



AGRA Rodeo Events Director JOHN KING pictured here with his Tucson counterpart TELVI ROYBAL, before the start of the weekend.



A view of the Grand Entry mishap on Sunday when IGRA Royalty JIM CARTER & ROXIE HEART mis-cued the lead fire truck which then drove through the Arena, down Old Tucson's Main St., and continued west to California. Upshot was that San Diego's RICK SIMMONS, and L.A.'s WAYNE BLACK both made it home to celebrate Mother's Day. Figure at right is GEORGE KAMINSKI, who finally threw up his hands and headed for the Saloon.

TRASHING IN TUCSON

Some one-liners from Saguaro... ROXIE HEART spent the weekend claiming that she was behaving herself, and threatening us with a riding crop if we dared to say otherwise. So we won't say anything about the Grand Entry Royalty fire truck breaking down in the Arena on Saturday, due to excess weight. JACQULEENE found the bright side of standing in all that swirling dust, said that w/ 3 layers of dust, no one would need face powder the rest of the weekend. By the way, Jacquleene was not a drag queen all weekend, she was either an "illusionist" or "a man in a dress" as she worked the crowd by asking groups of people if they were "queers". VICTORIA LONDON also working the crowds with lots of new clothes, and no shoes, all weekend. Last month's "do not print" new Tucson Member got all caught up in the festivities and decided to come out, so welcome "ZACK" who works with the occasionally homophobic Hollywood people at Old Tucson, and no longer cares. TREVA LONDON has now worn underwear for two Rodeos in a row, so now who do we pick on? How 'bout TERI ROWE show us your Underalls! AGRA's Hospitality Suite (which we could never even find) was apparently hopping all weekend, and came stocked with condoms? Newly recognized Nevada Gay Rodeo was there in force, MARK, TIM, and PAUL all were a hoot, looking forward to their official seating at the Convention. Who is San Diego's HARRY, and when can we see him again? RON SHAW was busy Saturday night counting out and depositing large cash amounts into the AGRA account. We tried talking him into leaving the Country with us, but he remained a good boy. So good in fact, that he claims not to have done anything with JAKE from Wisconsin on Thurs. night. A claim that JOHN KLEIN can not make. Believe it was the New Mexico Mr. that kept getting double looks all weekend, JERRY ANAYA would be the cute guy's name, and what's this thing with all of these ANAYA's all of a sudden? Is there some sort of sick homosexual in-breeding going on here? And if there is, is ANDREW a by-product of it? CLYDE MITTER in a white wedding dress during the Wild Drag Race Events? Wedding dress maybe, white, we think not. Unlike Zack, that AGRA/Sunburst Square couple did NOT come out over the weekend. The taller one said "sure, I never filled out those applications saying do not print". The shorter one had a stroke at the very thought, and fell over. Some things never change on the Circuit.



Pictured above is TOMMY, part of J.R.'s security force that we again hired to help us at Saguaro. Things went smoothly so Tommy's main function on the weekend was keeping Tucson cops out of our areas. What their fascination was with us, we don't know, and don't care to know.

PRACTICING THAT 2-STEP?

AGRA's Annual Dance Contest from Hell finally takes place this month. The winning dance couple will be sent to the IGRA Convention in Minneapolis to compete for the title of IGRA Dance Champions. AGRA will be picking up the tab for the winning couple's plane fare, and four nights at the Host Hotel, as well as their Convention and Entry fees.

There are three categories to enter into IGRA's Competition this year. Amateur means both partners are strictly dancers for fun. Pro-Am means one of the partners has either taught dancing and/or has danced professionally before, while the Professional category is for those couples where both partners can be considered professionals. AGRA's winning "Bobby and Cissy"

dance team (and won't those names probably just perfectly fit whoever wins?!) will be entered into whichever one of the three categories that they fit into. Preliminary contests will be held in Tucson on June 7th, and in Phoenix on June 14th. The Finals will be held in Phoenix at "CHARLIE'S" on June 21st.

Give RON "Ginger Rogers" ERICKSON a call for more details at #246-8458.

GRAND OLE OPRY RETURNS:ROYALTY '93 BEGINS

Friday and Saturday, June 19 & 20th are the dates set for AGRA's now annual Grand Ole Opry fundraising weekend. "CHARLIE'S" patio area is the place, with the fun running from 7:00PM 'til Midnight each evening.

If you remember last year, then you will recall a covered over volleyball area filled with entertainment, open dancing, and lots of booths offering games, food, and shopping. Expect a repeat of that.

Friday night starts things off with the kick-off of our '93 AGRA Royalty Contest and Show at 9:00PM. This is the night to pick-up your informational packet if you're interested in running for next year's Mr/Ms/Miss titles. Also the evening to enjoy a show put together by our current Royalty and their friends.

Saturday night at 9:00PM is the Grand Ole Opry Country Show featuring all manner of entertainment groups and singers. Contact RON ERICKSON at #246-8458 for details on entertaining and/or the Royalty Contest.

SCOTT TICKLER is the man to see for booking a booth for the festivities. They're only \$10 for the weekend, so that should be a great way for your outside groups/clubs to raise some money of their own while also helping out AGRA. Contact Scott at #230-9762.

Keep in mind, AGRA still has one more Rodeo to produce this year with the upcoming October IGRA Finals, so grab your friends and come on down to Grand Ole Opry weekend, help support the cause!

BITS

Just a few items, old and new, that have been buzzing around under Hedda Hopper's hat, and that haven't been addressed yet... like the upcoming June 16th vote on Phoenix' expanded non-discrimination policies. It would include "us", so get in touch w/ the Mayor and your Council-member and DEMAND that they pass it!

JOE RUBIO and JIM STIRNAMEN recently celebrated their fifth year together by repeating their vows. Nice ceremony from what we've heard. Now concentrate on your health CONSUELA!

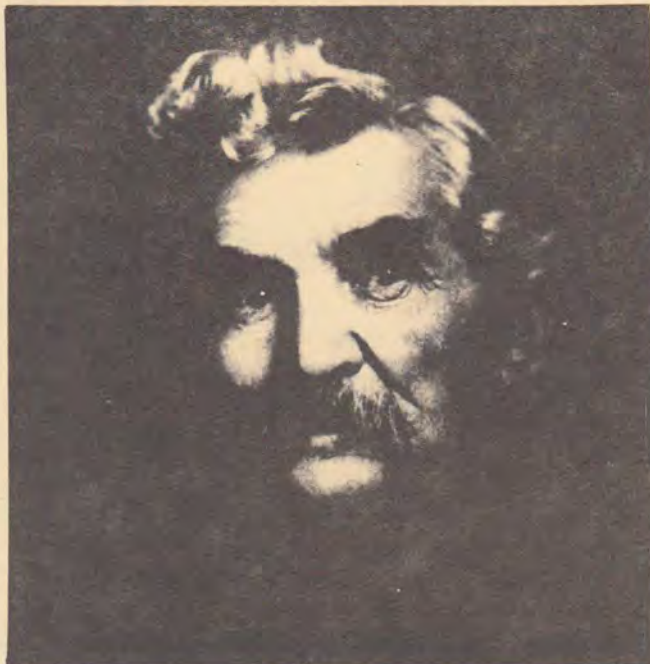
ASGRA's first Rodeo will be held the weekend BEFORE the Names Quilt hits Wash. D.C., NOT the same weekend. Decisions, decisions.

Did JEFF COON really have his entire trip to Oklahoma paid for by THAT guy?!

Nice card from CARL PETERSON thanking us all for a great time at Saguaro. And we like you too Carl, especially your room.

NSGRA's FRANK BOLANDER swears he's working on a date for us at the upcoming Convention. Now don't let us down Frank!

And finally, what two esteemed AGRAers recently came to drunken blows and had to be broken up by "CHARLIE'S" doorman? Since they're both very well known, we won't embarrass them further by revealing their names here, this time.



Lost our notes on this one. It's either RON ERICKSON with a new hair-do for Tucson, or TOMMY READ with a new hair-do and color for Tucson. Doesn't really matter as we all are always confusing the both of them anyway.

MEMBERSHIP

Fourteen new Members this month take our totals up to the 200 mark again, and include another Champion Member. Thanks to returning Member CAROL SHEARER for her Champion support from the CASH INN COUNTRY bar.

Also signing, or re-signing, up are...
John Adams - Tucson
Keenan Allen - Mesa
Jeff Beard - Westminster, CO
"Harold Bowling" - Tucson
James "Jim" Chessman - Phoenix
Robert "Bob" Fields - Phoenix
Jim Fisher - Tucson
Another "No Mention" - Tucson
Shawn "Kelly" O'Neill - Tucson
"Lynn S." - Frederick, CO
Sally Sellett - Glendale
Geoffrey Wilcox - Tucson
"Blake Williams" - Tucson

Have had a flurry of activity with people updating their addresses as well, by giving the information to anybody who looks like an AGRA Member. We assume they're just desperate to stay in touch through the pages of this newsletter... or were they just updating for Saguaro Rodeo purposes? Whatever, your scraps of paper are slowly circulating their way to the proper places. Fastest action of course would be to get your changes directly to "the Source", that would be Membership Titan, MAX SUTHERLAND. Max is lonely, bored, and in need of a life, so would love to hear from you at #265-0224.

Speaking of Membership, thanks go to those who have been discreetly keeping track of our injured Laveen Member. The names we've heard who are keeping us informed are CANDY BELL, RANDY BILBRO, JODI HINES, and MIKE MAHYNKSKE. We appreciate your help. And special thanks to TONY OWENS, who as an employee of another Tucson hospital, managed to get through that "family members only" stranglehold in the beginning, and get those initial medical conditions to us. Tony, by the way, was NOT working the halls at a Phoenix Motel last weekend. Just wanted to pass that on.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- June 3rd - Wednesday - Tucson Board Meeting
7:00PM - Tentatively at the Ramada
- June 7th - Sunday - Phoenix Gay Pride Festival
Tempe Diablo Soccer Fields
- June 7th - Sunday - Dance Contest Preliminaries - Tucson
Time and Location TBA
- June 12-14th - Weekend - Heart of America Rodeo
Kansas City, MO
- June 14th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- June 14th - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- June 14th - Sunday - Dance Contest Preliminaries - Phoenix
Evening at "Charlie's"
- June 19th - Friday - AGRA Grand Ole Opry/Royalty Show - Contest
Starts at 7:00PM - "Charlie's" Patio
- June 20th - Saturday - AGRA Grand Ole Opry Country Fair/Show
Starts at 7:00PM - "Charlie's" Patio
- June 21st - Sunday - Tucson Gay Pride Week Kick-Off
Annual Himmel Park Picnic
- June 21st - Sunday - Tucson Board Meeting
2:00PM - "The Graduate"
- June 21st - Sunday - Tucson General Membership Meeting
4:00PM - "The Graduate"
- June 21st - Sunday - IGRA Dance Contest Finals
Evening at "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- June 28th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - "Charlie's" - Phoenix
- July 3-5th - Weekend - Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
Denver, CO
- July 12th - Sunday - AGRA Board Meeting
3:00PM - "Hours" - Tucson
- July 12th - Sunday - AGRA General Membership Meeting
5:00PM - "Hours" - Tucson

Remember to plan ahead as our once-a-quarter Board and General Membership meetings move to Tucson in July!