



**ARIZONA
GAY
RODEO
ASSOCIATION**



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Hope you all had a great Halloween!!! We are heading into our busy time of the year where we need all members to get active and participate. We have our team of delegates and alternates heading to IGRA convention in Reno, NV November 11-14th 2010. I wish everyone safe travels! I am excited to be headed to convention again this year. Should be very informational and as always a great time with old friends and new friends!

We will be accepting nominations for all Board of Directors positions in November and December membership meetings. The voting will take place in our January membership meeting. I encourage all members who want to be a part of the Board of Directors to come to these membership meetings. This is a great opportunity to have a front row seat within AGRA. It's been a great learning experience for myself and a whole lot of fun meeting a bunch of great people.


Remember we will be looking to our membership for volunteers the next 4 months to really help out with our 2011 Rodeo. Please get involved!! Have a great Thanksgiving with family, friends and loved ones!! I hope to see you all on our next membership meeting November 7th 2010.

Sincerely,

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

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December Edition
Newsletter Deadline:
November 25th '10

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Howdy All,

Sharon Starks and Michael Butts have met their requirements to compete at the IGRA Royalty Contest. The contest will be held at the IGRA convention in November. Good Luck to the both of you.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President



Howdy Folks!

Well Folks, Baseball is in the final stages with the World Series and Football is well underway. And the Holidays are almost here.

And for these folks that share November as a birthday month, the year has flown by and they're heading into another one. We all wish you a Happy Birthday and for many more to come!

- 11/11 Ferdy Quezada
- 11/19 Steve Poessnecker
- 11/20 Scott Blades
- 11/27 Jeff Francisco
- 11/28 Nicole Weisbrad/Evans

Our membership now stands at 78 members, 7 of which are Champion Members. Again, I would also encourage members to attend the General Membership Meetings. Even in the slowest of times for AGRA, your presence is always important. We want to keep the interest in our organization as high as possible. And again, as Rodeo approaches, do what you can to encourage new members. Talk up our organization and what great things we do for the Community through our charities. Saddle Up folks...Ride 'em hard and make the ride a good one!

Bob Shukis
2010 Secretary



Hey there, A.G.R.A. members and friends -

Around the beginning of November, many of us are naturally looking forward to the IGRA convention in Reno. It is coming up soon -- Thursday, November 11 - Sunday, November 14, 2010. In addition to the business of convention, IGRA is also hosting the Royalty Competition for 2011.

The reigning Miss IGRA 2010, Arizona's own Ionna Doublewide (aka Kyle Ross) will be among those stepping down in Reno. Miss Ionna has done IGRA and us, her home association, very proud in representing Gay Rodeo across the US and Canada.

Ionna, we tip our hats to you!

Looking ahead, the Road Runner Regional Rodeo is just a few months away - Presidents' Day weekend, February 18-20, 2011.

If you or anyone you know is interested in being a vendor at the RRRR, just direct them to our website, agra-phx.com, and have them click on the Vendors tab. Details and forms for reserving their booth space are already available to view and download.

Speaking of rodeo ---- we have one or more exciting events taking place early in the week prior to RRRR weekend. I can't share the details yet, but trust me when I tell you that you will be surprised and very happy when you hear what we are planning for RRRR and for our wonderful A.G.R.A. members! (I better sign off before I spill the beans....)

I look forward to seeing y'all soon -

Greg Gillum
Public Relations



Hi all,

Gary and I want to thank all of you that helped with the AGRA/RRRR booth at Rainbow Festival. It was hotter than H, but the booth did very well.

As you all know it takes many members to put on an event and Rainbow Festival was no different. It all started when Gary asked me back in July to help him with the booth---and I said yes.

Ron Trusley sent in the ppwk to sign AGRA/RRRR up for the event.

Michael Weidmann presented our ideas to the board.

Patrick Nichols rushed to get more "Buck Me" t-shirts (they were a hit again).

George Immerso got the rodeo handouts printed

Jai Crystal got the monies.

Bob Shukis got the mail.

It took all 8 of us plus the board to get this show on the road.

Thank you all !

Gary and I would also like to thank those that volunteered at the booth, it could not have happened without volunteers supporting this festival by representing AGRA/RRRR.

Jai Crystal and Amanda-----Jai and Amanda were fantastic and they worked the booth for 4 hours on Saturday. Amanda pulled in everyone that walked by----- she's beautiful and Miss personality !! -----love her !

Kyle and Darrell -----these two are always great help, and they worked both days.

George Immerso stopped in and helped both days.

Steve Possnecker (a new member)----Steve stopped in after walking in the Aids walk and help us out for 2 hours----thxs Steve

Elizabeth Tanner----Elizabeth stopped in after the Aids walk to see old AGRA friends, and stayed to work 3 hours. That girl handed out more handouts on her shift than the rest of us did the whole day. Thank you Elizabeth

Jay Lovejoy----Jay stopped in on Sunday and worked the booth off and on all afternoon and helped pack up after the event.

Greg Gillum----stopped in just to check up on us and got conned into helping pack up after the event.

Phillip N. -----Phillip is a member of the Phoenix Hellraisers, and was at the booth to aggressively promote AGRA/RRRR ----- to attract an expanded audience at Rainbow Festival. Phillip work both days for us. Thanks Phillip for helping us out ! It was greatly appreciated !



I just have to add that the girls (Amanda and Elizabeth) were by far the most fantastic workers !!! Those two, along with Phillip, have that special personality to draw the people to our booth. A job well done you three.

Thanks to all !
Gary Hatterman and Richard Merritt



MEETING SCHEDULES

AGRA Board Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Office)

May 12

June 2

July 14

Aug 4

September 15

October 13

November 3

December 8

January 5

February 2

AGRA Membership Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Dance Floor)

May 16

June 6

July 18

Aug 8

September 19

October 17

November 7

December 12

January 9

February 6

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