

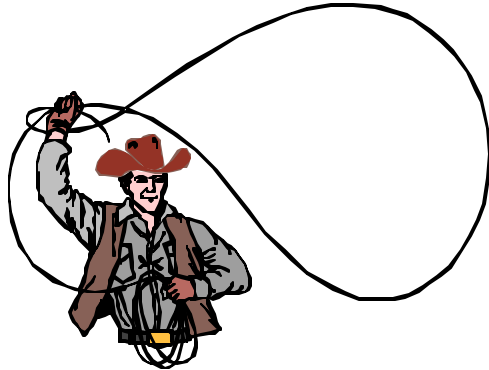
THEE BRAINBING IRON

HATS OFF FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

On Thursday, April 19th a handful of volunteers met at Woody's to build a float for the Arizona Central Pride Parade. I as a board member would like to thank Richard Tally and John for volunteering so much of their time and to build an AGRA logo for the float.

"Thank you guys for all the hard work".

Then on Saturday morning sometime before **OH DARK 30** we got ready to ride in the parade d o w n Avenue. ple defi-joyed the ing as we by. When decision it turned we had Judges Award for a non-profitable organization. Our hats are off to all who volunteered either building or riding in the parade. The day was great fun and a good time had by all until Mother Nature decided to end it all.



Again, congratulations AGRA.

Glen May, Phx. Chapter Vice President

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May Birthdays:

Leone, Ric	1st
Straghn, Wally	31st



A WORD FROM YOUR PR DIRECTOR

On Saturday April 21st 2001, AGRA made an impressive entry at the Annual Arizona Central Pride Parade.

The caravan of 2 convertibles, which carried AGRA & IGRA Royalty, were beautifully decorated with Roses. The 1st vehicle carried the lovely Victoria London, our reigning Miss IGRA 2001. The 2nd one carried our reigning Miss AGRA 2001, Suzanne Targe't and Ms AGRA 2001, Gaylia Young, both looking as stunning as usual.

Following the cars was our award winning float, displaying an incredible replica of the AGRA logo. The driver of the float was none other than Board member Will Lann. On the float and looking ever so good was our reigning 2nd Runner up Miss AGRA 2001, Noel Christine. Former Royalty included Ms AGRA 1999 and 1st Runner up to MS IGRA 2000, Lacey Edwards and Miss AGRA 1997, Adrian Adair.

Board of Directors and members included Bob Pimentel Jr., Jay Lovejoy, Glen May, Claire Miller, and yours truly. AGRA member Peter Irons was also on board, waving to the crowd in response to the numerous "thumbs up" they gave as we passed.

It was a great showing at a great parade.

Richard Tally was responsible for the entire entry. He put the entire entry, from the cars, to the flowers and the float together. He, along with AGRA's newest member John Voyten, spent days making the eye catching symbol of AGRA, which made the float.

I would like to extend my greatest thanks to Richard for all his incredible hard work to make this event happen. And a big thank you to John for all his assistance. AGRA is grateful to have members like these.

And thanks to all the members who helped construct the float: Aron Grebner, Paul Nicholson, Woody Howard, Rolland Lawrenz, Alan Tomalavage and thanks to Scott Darnell who supplied the flat bed and hay.

Ric Leone, Phx Chapter Public Relations Director

YOUR EDITOR SPEAKS UP

This issue of the *Branding Iron* marks the first anniversary of my services as your newsletter editor. We have come a long way in improving this publication and I believe that it turned out competitive and presentable.

Unfortunately, I am still experiencing problems beyond my control which make this job very hard and frustrating. Most of all, my fellow members will not send their submissions in accordance with the deadline which is set in order to get the newsletter into your mailboxes on time for you to plan ahead for the month of activities that AGRA is putting on to raise funds for charities or, to get the membership involved and give them a chance to meet and make new friends.

Another problem is the fact that we do not receive a variety of articles from a variety of readers which would make this publication a lot more interesting to you. It would also help all of you get to know each other. On several occasions I asked for articles about yourselves or your rodeo experiences, but I have not received anything yet.

I enjoy publishing the *Branding Iron* and will try to do the job for months to come. I hope that the height of the 2001 rodeo season, this newsletter will be back to eight pages this summer and contribute to the growth of AGRA.

Anna Shannon, Editor

**SCHEDULE
OF
EVENTS**

May 2001

- **5/11/2001**
Contestant pre-registration deadline for Southern Spurs and UGRA 2001 rodeos.
- **5/11 & 12/2001**
Las Vegas Pride Festival. For information check ngra.com
- **5/13/2001**
General membership meeting at Charlie's at 7:00 pm
- **5/19/2001**
AGRA Cookout
- **5/26-27/2001**
Great Plains Rodeo, OKC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Contestant Pre-registration Deadline, OKC Las Vegas Pride	12 Las Vegas Pride Festival
13 AGRA Membership Meeting 7:00p.m.	14	15	16	17	18 Contestant Pre-registration deadline Atlanta and SLC	19 AGRA Cookout
20	21	22	23	24	25 Great Plains Rodeo, OKC	26 Great Plains Rodeo, OKC
27 Great Plains Rodeo, OKC	28	29	30	31		

BOARD MEETINGS

The following is a list of AGRA Board of Directors Meetings:

- May 13th 2001: The Phoenix Chapter Board of Directors
4:30 p.m. at Charlie's
727 W. Camelback Rd. Phx Az
Phone # 602-265-0224
- June 10th 2001: The State Board of Directors
2:00p.m. at The Lexington Hotel
100 W. Clarendon Ave Phx AZ
Phone # 602-279-9811
- June 10th 2001: The Phoenix Chapter Board of Directors
4:30p.m. at The Lexington Hotel
100 W. Clarendon Ave Phx AZ
Phone # 602-279-9811

All members are welcome to all AGRA Board of Directors meetings both on the Chapter level and the State Level. We encourage members who wish to attend to do so. Thank you.

Ric Leone, State Secretary

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Ms AGRA 2001

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NGRA ANNOUNCES POSTER COMPETITION

NGRA is holding a competition for the Big Horn Rodeo 2002 poster. The deadline is May 14th. However, all entries have to be at the Backstreet, 5012 S Arville Rd. in Las Vegas that evening. Two winners will be selected during the RPC meeting at the Backstreet. The first prize of \$ 200.00 will go to the winning rodeo poster and a second prize of \$100.00 will go to the winning design for the poster for the dance competition.

For more information or the rules and criteria, please contact NGRA. Their e-mail is: info@ngra.com. Or just check their web site: www.ngra.com.

Good luck!

Anna Shannon, Editor

Upcoming I.G.R.A. Seminars

Arena Directors (contact: jeanneaustin@aol.com)

June, 30th in Omaha
 July 26th in Long Beach
 June 15th in San Jose *
 September 8th in Washington, D.C.

Chute Coordinators (contact: rodeokd@hotmail.com)

June 29th in Omaha
 July 26th in Long Beach
 August 18th in Sacramento
 September 8th in Washington, D.C.

Judges (contact: patrick.terry@igra.com)

July 26th in Long Beach

Secretaries and Scorekeepers (contact: larry.lindstrom@igra.com)

April 27th in Los Angeles at the Burbank Hilton, 10:00 a.m.
 June 1st in Atlanta at the Marriott, 1:00 p.m.
 July 26th in Long Beach at 9:00 a.m.
 September 1st in Kansas City at the Fairgrounds, 1:00 p.m.

PR and Media (contact: dgraff01@home.com)

June 1st in Atlanta at the Marriott, 10:30 a.m.
 July 26th in Long Beach

* New Date

AGRA COOKOUT

Hey AGRA Members and Board! I am glad to announce that our AGRA cookout is still on for May 19, 2001. This planning for this year. Please have some fun with fellow

This cookout will be at Chuck 27th Ave. He has been gracious ranch for us to get together and will start around 1:00 pm and out. We will have several activi- Meat and buns (bread) will be handled as a potluck.

Come and enjoy and get to know your fellow members.



is the first of three that I am bring a friend and expect to AGRA members.

Browning's home at 6828 S. enough to offer his home and have some fun. The activities will last until Chuck kicks us ties as well as a lot of food. provided. Side dishes will be

Will Lann, RED (Rodeo Events Director)

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