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Newsletter Deadline: Aug 25th 09

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From the Desk of the President

Howdy All,

I can't believe it is August already and only 6 months away from our 25th anniversary RoadRunner Regional Rodeo. Things are starting to heat up not only outside but in AGRA as well. I am proud to announce our newly updated web site has been launched. I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to Gino Meriano from Pinkweddings.com. Gino and his crew is responsible for our new look. Also, thank you to Kyle Ross and Ron Trusley for all the hard work getting everything updated with our domain name. Please check out our web site AGRA-PHX.com and if you have any suggestions send them my way.

The Rodeo committee is hard at work setting up fundraisers and promoting the 2010 rodeo. I had the pleasure of attending the Kowboy Karaoke event at Apollo's last weekend. What a blast! Not only were the shots flowing but they had their popcorn popping and country tunes being belted out by great singers. Unfortunately I don't think I am ready for my American Idol debut. Ha. Thank you to the owners of Apollo's Ron and Lee, your staff and patrons are always so kind to AGRA.

These fund raising events are a great way for our organization to get out our message and to let people know what our Rodeo is all about and what we do for our community. It's a great way to get out and meet new people and make new friends. It is also a great way for our membership to come together and get to know each other a little bit better. The Rodeo Committee has great fundraising events scheduled please make it a point to get involved and help them out. Like I said they are a blast!!!

The next six months will fly by and before you know it we will be putting on one of our best Rodeos ever. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. I encourage all members to get involved roll up your sleeves, hang on to your cowboy hats and wigs because this is going to be an exciting ride!!! 25 years is something to be very excited about you can feel it in the air.

Respectfully,

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

From the Desk of the Vice President

Howdy All,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our 1st contestant for the 2010 AGRA Royalty Team. Ferdy Quezada he is a contestant for Mr AGRA 2010. The Current AGRA and IGRA royalty want to wish you the best of luck.

If you are interested in being on the 2010 Royalty team, please see a board member or current and past royalty if you have any questions. You must be a AGRA Member before you put in your application.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President



From the Desk of the Secretary

Howdy Folks,

I do hope the summer is being kind to you all. This is the time to remember all our members who have a birthday this month. Please give them pat on the back and wish each one a Happy Birthday.

- 6-Aug Shane Miller
- 12-Aug Keenan Allen
- 12-Aug Ronald L. Dreiling
- 13-Aug Nicholas "Nikki" Sharma
- 18-Aug Walt Hutter
- 25-Aug Brian Gidcumb
- 29-Aug Harry Mourlam



All is going well for the day to day operations within the AGRA office and we are working to make the office a more usable space. I will soon have the Bylaws updated and ready for the website. Since we voted to change the Bylaws they have to be rewritten. I am checking into the possible need that the new By-laws will have to be submitted and filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission. I will have to get back to you all later on that. Have a GREAT AUGUST!!!

Keith A. Carson
AGRA Secretary 2009
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Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

June:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$22,271.24
Checking		\$9,849.49
CD		\$12,421.75
Non Rodeo	Net Income	<\$131.84>
Rodeo	Net Income	<\$1,200.00>
Year to Date Rodeo	Net Income	\$4,800.00

The June amounts have changed from last month publishing because of the \$20% (\$1200) that was taken out of the 2009 Rodeo and move to the 2010 Rodeo.

The numbers for July thus far (books are still open)

July:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$17,638.77
Checking		\$5217.02
CD		\$12,421.75
Non Rodeo	Net Income	\$167.53
Rodeo	Net Income	<\$4,800.00>
Year to Date 2009 Rodeo	Net Income	\$0

The 2009 Rodeo had \$4800 left to be divided up between charities. In the membership meeting the membership voted to give the following:

Community Church of Hope	\$768.00
Joshua Tree Feeding Program	\$1296.00
PFLAG	\$1104.00
Susan G Komen	\$638.40
TIHAN	\$993.60



For the Non Rodeo for July we had various income:

- Pussy Lahoot sold some tamales for \$20
- We had 2 new members \$70
- Royalty Contestant Fee \$50
- Chili Verde Day \$260

And regular AGRA Office Expenses \$346.47

And some income and expenses for 2010 Rodeo that will transfer to months report for 2010 Rodeo.

The rodeo kickoff party and jello shots at BS West raised \$189.

Expenses to get ready for the event at Apollos were \$75.

Thank you for your time,

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



Those Krazy Kowboys Darrell Dern and Kyle Ross (aka Ionna Doublewide) continued the marketing and fundraising for A.G.R.A. and RoadRunner Rodeo's 25th - on July 25th that is. Mr. Dern and Miss Doublewide joined up with Apollo's to host Kowboy Karaoke night. The Bud Lights and Alabama Slammers helped keep the singers cool, but not necessarily in tune. Oh my, that is another story for another time....

More promotion and fundraising is on the way Sunday, 16 August: USA Skates - Glendale is hosting Rodeo Roller Derby. This fundraiser for the RRRR runs from 10am - 1pm and admission is just \$13.00. You think you've seen barrel racing, flag racing and pole bending before, right? Oh no, not until you've seen it and done it on roller skates! (please don't quote me out of context here!) USA Skates is at 10054 N 43rd Ave in Glendale. See y'all on the 16th!

I'll take a moment here to thank our I.G.R.A. Trustee, Ron Trusley, for the opportunity to serve as Trustee Alternate at July's Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Yours truly served as Protest Chair for the rodeo, which required cracking open the rodeo rules book and filing reports. There's no substitute for on-the-job training.

Save the Date: the 8th annual Rainbows Festival is coming up 3-4 October - just 2 months from now. You will be hearing more about it at upcoming meetings ---- so save the date!

Greg Gillum
Public Relations - A.G.R.A.

Rodeo Events Contestant Liaison Committee

Branding Iron Report for August 2009 Issue

Rodeo Results on the IGRA Circuit!

AGRA's Buckle count for 2009 = 28!!!

Canadian Rockies International Rodeo - 2009

AGRA had a few Contestants in Beautiful Calgary Alberta Canada for the CRIR 2009 All in all, **TEAM AGRA** brought home 2 Buckles including two AGRA Cowboys placing in the All-Around top 5!

Men's Chute Dogging:

Saturday – Chuck B 4th Brian H 3rd Sunday – Chuck B 4nd

Chuck B - Missed the buckle by .24 seconds and came in second for the weekend.

Men's Calf Roping on Foot:

Saturday – Chuck B – 2nd Brian H – 7th Sunday – Eric S. 2nd Brian H 3rd

Brian H – Missed the Buckle by .29 seconds and came in second for the weekend.

Men's Breakaway Roping:

Sunday – Brian H – 3rd

Men's Pole Bending:

Saturday – Brian H – 6th Chuck B – 7th Sunday – Chuck B – 4th

Chuck B ended up in 3rd place for the weekend.

Men's Flag Race:

Saturday – Brian H – 3rd Chuck B – 4th Sunday – Chuck B – 1st Popper D – 3rd

Chuck B missed the buckle by .26 seconds and ended up second for the weekend.

Steer Decorating:

Saturday – Chuck B & Brian H 3rd

Chuck & Brian ended up 3rd for the weekend.

Wild Drag Race:

Saturday – Chuck B, Brian H and team 4th Eric S and his team took 6th

Sunday - Eric S and his team took 2nd

First Time Buckle Winner – Eric S (Way to go Eric)

Goat Dressing:

Saturday - Chuck B & Brian H 3rd , Popper D & Ed M 4th

Sunday - John K & Leif S – 2nd , Chuck B & Brian H 3rd

Brian H & Chuck B took second for the weekend, and John K & Leif S took 6th.

All-Around Cowboy / Cowgirl:

Chuck B – won the All-Around Cowboy title with 405 Points! (BUCKLE WINNER!)

Brian H – 4th Runner up All-Around Cowboy with 315 Points

Way to go AGRA for taking 3rd place in the team standings!

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo -Denver - CGRA

AGRA had a very strong presence at the 2009 CGRA Rodeo.

AGRA had a few Contestants in Denver! All in all, **TEAM AGRA** brought home 2 Buckles including one AGRA Cowboy placing in the All-Around top 5!

Calf Roping on Foot:

Saturday: Shelda W. 3rd place, Sharon S. – 3 way tie for 1st (A first Blue ribbon)

Sunday: Shelda W – 6th place – 2nd place for the weekend.

Chute Dogging:

Saturday – Brian H 1st place, Chuck B – 2nd

Sunday – Brian H – 4th - **BUCKLE WINNER!**

Steer Decorating: Sunday – Chuck B & Brain H – 6th place

Goat Dressing:

Saturday: Chuck B & Brian H -6th place

Sunday: Chuck B & Brain H – 5th place 3rd place overall for the weekend.

Wild Drag Race:

Saturday – Brain H & Kennan A – 7th Place

Sunday – Chuck B & Team – 1st Place Brian H & Kennan A – 6th place

Barrel Race:

Saturday – Robert B. – 1st place, Rick M. 4th Place

Sunday – Robert B – 1st place, Rick M – 2nd Robert B – **BUCKLE WINNER!**

Pole Bending:

Saturday – Robert B – 1st

Flag Race:

Saturday – Brian H – 1st place, Chuck B – 7th

All-Around Cowboy – Brian Helander 2nd Runner Up all-around Cowboy – with 280 points!

Team Points – AGRA took 4th place out of 16 associations represented with 900 points!

The CGRA team also conducted an “Open Barrel Race” on Friday Evening. This event attracted almost 90 competitors, and was run on a 5D Format. Rick M. (an AGRA Contestant) won the 1D with the fastest time. Bob B. and Kennan A. also competed in this event and placed in the 2D and 3d. Congratulations to you all.



An excerpt from our bylaws as an educational opportunity:

ARTICLE III A.G.R.A. ORGANIZATION

3.5 Duties and Responsibilities

- A) Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall:
- 1) Be responsible for the operations of the Corporation including the collection of adequate funding for the Board and the membership
 - 2) Acquire a basic working knowledge of parliamentary laws and procedures, specifically based on Robert's Rules of Order
 - 3) Acquire a thorough understanding of A.G.R.A. Bylaws
 - 4) Appoint the Treasurer in February of each year accordance with Article II, Section 3.3
 - 5) Appoint non-voting board members as deemed appropriate
 - 6) In March of each year appoint the four (4) Standing Committees/Chairpersons as described in Article IV, Section 4.1.
 - 7) Upon appointment of the Standing Committees/Chairpersons, determine the publication and frequency process for the official A.G.R.A. Newsletter (The Branding Iron)
 - 8) Appoint ad-hoc committees and or committee chairpersons as requested or deemed appropriate
 - 9) Make every effort to attend all Board of Directors and membership meetings
 - 10) Notify the President prior to the respective meeting if unable to attend the meeting
 - 11) Submit a verbal report at each Board and membership meeting
 - 12) Not enter into any contractual agreement on behalf of A.G.R.A. unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors or the membership
 - 13) Delegate to the Executive Committee such authority as is necessary to govern the day-to-day operations of the Corporation



AGRA MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

August Board Meeting 5th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
August Membership Meeting 9th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

September Board Meeting 23rd @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
September Membership Meeting 27th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

October Board Meeting 7th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
October Membership Meeting 11th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

November Board Meeting 4th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
November Membership Meeting 8th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

December Board Meeting 9th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
December Membership Meeting 13th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

January Board Meeting 6th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
January Membership Meeting 10th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor



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