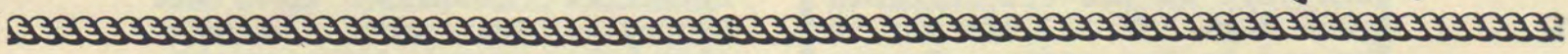


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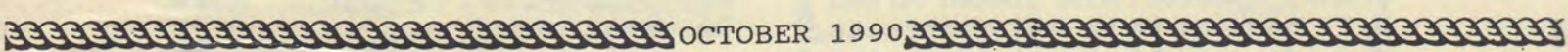
DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



307 West 7th

Diamond State Rodeo Association

Little Rock, AR 72201



OCTOBER 1990

SERIOUS PLAYTIME SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER!!

The first DSRA Rodeo Training/Playdate will be held on Saturday October 20, 1990, at the Triple Crown Arena in Cabot, Arkansas, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Currently there are plans to teach and practice the following events: chute dogging (steer wrestling out of a chute), wild drag racing, steer decorating, and goat dressing. Horse owners who are interested in competing and/or demonstrating their skills in barrel racing, pole bending, and flag racing are encouraged to attend.

All DSRA members who wish to learn and practice for the Houston Rodeo or other future rodeos, now is the time. Contact Charles J., at 227-0803 to sign up for your event(s). There will also be a sign-up roster at the October General Membership meeting. Participating DSRA members are asked to help defray the costs by paying a fee of \$5 for one event or \$10 for two or more events. Food and soft drinks will be available from the TCA concession stand. Boots, jeans, and long sleeve shirts are recommended.

ROUNDING UP AT DISCOVERY III

After the DSRA playdate on October 20th, get your boots shined cause we are gonna dance! You cowboys and cowgirls can once again strut your stuff on the big dance floor at Discovery III! Yes, we will two-step and do the "Earthquake" to the amazement of the early arriving party crowd from 9 until midnight on Saturday, October 20th. It will not last all night, so come early!

Our favorite Dallas DJ and dance instructor, Neal, says, "I'll be there!" Enjoy his great music and dancing - showing us how it's done! For all you greenhorns who keep saying you want to learn how to dance, now is your chance. These dances are great fun, so don't miss this opportunity to see and be seen as proud, supportive members of DSRA!



The DSRA Royalty Contest has been temporarily postponed. Watch for details in the LARIAT.



For directions to the Triple Crown Arena, see Article Pg. 2.

How to get to the Triple Crown Arena: Take hwy 67 North to the Cabot exit. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp, go approximately 1/3 of a mile and turn left at the Triple Crown Arena sign. Go all the way to the end to the arena. We are planning to use the outdoor arena, however, the indoor arena will be used if no one contracts for it. If it rains the reschedule date will be October 27, 1990, at the same place. Although we intend to have fun, this is serious training. Please show up with that in mind!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Steve N. has been reelected as Chairperson of the Membership Committee and has turned in a preliminary list of the committee members to the Recording Secretary. Anyone else interested in being on the committee can contact Steve N. at 224-2281 for more information.

The committee has some lofty goals for the coming year, such as increasing the number of female members and maintaining a membership of around 200. DSRA membership as of the end of September stands at 178.

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ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

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DRESS THE PART

For all of the special events coming up, be sure you are dressed in style! DSRA bandannas, T-shirts, caps and hat pins are available from Steve M. The DSRA logo for rodeo shirts is available at Creative Embroidery.

Due to scheduling difficulties, the November issue of the Lariat will be a condensed version. Notice for articles needed will be given to those individuals responsible for topics to be in this issue.

1990-1991

IGRA RODEO SCHEDULE

- NOV 9-11 TGRA, TEXAS RODEO,
HOUSTON, TEXAS
- JAN 18-20 AGRA, ROAD RUNNER
REGIONAL RODEO,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
- MAR 23-24 GSGRA, LOS ANGELES
RODEO
- APR 13 DSRA UNIT 1, MID SOUTH
REGIONAL RODEO, LITTLE
ROCK, ARKANSAS.
(TENTATIVE)
- MAY 11 NSGRA, UNIT 2 RODEO,
MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL,
MINNESOTA. (TENTATIVE)
- MAY 24-26 GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL
RODEO, OKLA CITY, OK.
- JUL 5-7 CGRA, ROCKY MOUNTAIN
REGIONAL RODEO,
DENVER, COLORADO.
- AUG 1-4 IGRA CONVENTION,
ALBUQUERQUE, NM
- SEP 28-29 GSGRA, SAN DIEGO
RODEO.
- OCT 18-20 IGRA FINALS, WICHITA
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This rough stock event is more a contest of balance and style than one of brute strength. The rhythm established in time with the horse's bucking pattern requires close coordination between lifting on the rein and spurring with dull, rounded spurs.

Two riding judges combine scores to mark each horse up to 50 points for their bucking ability, and each rider up to 50 points for their riding skill and style. With up to 100 total points available, saddle bronc riders bear down on every ride trying to maximize their score.

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CHERYL'S NOTES AND QUOTES

"Do not wish to be anything but what your are, and try to be that perfectly."

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have recently had the opportunity to discuss the Diamond State Lariat with six different DSRA members. I was conducting an unofficial survey to determine to what degree the newsletter is read. All six did receive the Lariat, and all six did read some parts. None of them read every article. Overall that is not too bad, but it did give me a feeling of concern. Other than membership meetings, we have no way to disseminate important information to the entire membership except through the Lariat. It is extremely important, if a member does care about what's going on, to read and think about what is printed. During the next couple of months, the membership will be required to make decisions that will affect the DSRA for years into the future, shape our direction toward or away from rodeos, and basically determine where tens of thousands of dollars will be directed. THAT'S IMPORTANT! Please take the time to read the Lariat and attend the October 14th membership meeting.

It has been said that there are three types of people on this planet: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say "what happened?" Right now I feel like one of those who says "what happened?" Not only that, I have great feelings of guilt for not providing the membership with more details on some of the critical votes that were taken during the September General Membership Meeting. The one that really bothers me is the elimination of satellite clubs. Let me clarify a few points:

-Contrary to what was said at the membership meeting, a majority of the "Texarkana" members do want to be a satellite/chapter club. If they cannot be one, they want their membership fees returned; and they will seek satellite status with some other association.

-It would not be confusing to have satellites/chapters in the DSRA. Texas has had them for years. Are we assuming that as Arkansans we are not as perceptive or intelligent as our brothers and sisters from Texas, or that we could not discern between a "state" officer and a "satellite/chapter" officer of DSRA?

-I am surprised by the statement, "we are a small association". We are the third largest association in the IGRA. Yes, Texas and California have more members; but if we are small compared to them, then we are GIANTS compared to the other ten associations. For example, the DSRA had more members working during Mid Summer Madness than most other associations have members. We had more people vote in our election than there are members of most other associations (and only a third of our membership voted). Want more? If the Little Rock "area" was a satellite/chapter, we would be as large or larger than any chapter in Texas!

-Our accountant, (whom we pay \$50.00 an hour), recommended that for our best interests, the 501(C)3 status, and for dealing with state and federal laws, we should have satellites/chapters.

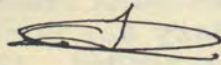
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-The lament that Little Rock would be required to have five more people elected is misdirected. Would it not be better to have five more people holding office and working toward the goals and purposes of the DSRA?

It is my sincere hope that this subject can be discussed again at the October meeting, that our Texarkana members be there in force and that we have a "BIG" turnout so that we are able to make a more informed decision.

Stay Healthy and Happy



SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

At the last general membership meeting, the Chairman of the Public Relations/Fund Raising Committee was authorized to negotiate an agreement with Norman J. for a regular "DSRA" Sunday night once a month at Discovery III. The League, RAIN, and HPWA each have activities for the other 3 Sunday nights. As an example, the arrangement could provide DSRA with \$1 per admission between 4 and 9 p.m. The cover charge would be \$3 for members and \$5 for others, with drink specials and free draft beer. A final proposal will be brought to the next membership meeting. Although 4 p.m. may sound early now, it may be great on a cold, dark Sunday this winter.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 1990

5-7th IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix

14th General Membership Meeting

20th DSRA PLAYDATE AND DANCE!
(See articles)

NOVEMBER 1990


4TH General Membership Meeting

9-11 TGRA Rodeo, Houston

DECEMBER 1990

9th Membership Christmas Party

31st New Year's Eve Party

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10:45	"THE BODY OF CHRIST"	7:00
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HOUSTON RODEO DRAWS NEAR

The TGRA Rodeo will be held November 9, 10, and 11 in Houston, Texas. The festivities will begin Friday night with a Rodeo Kick Off Dance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Rodeo will run throughout Saturday and Sunday, followed by a dance each night.

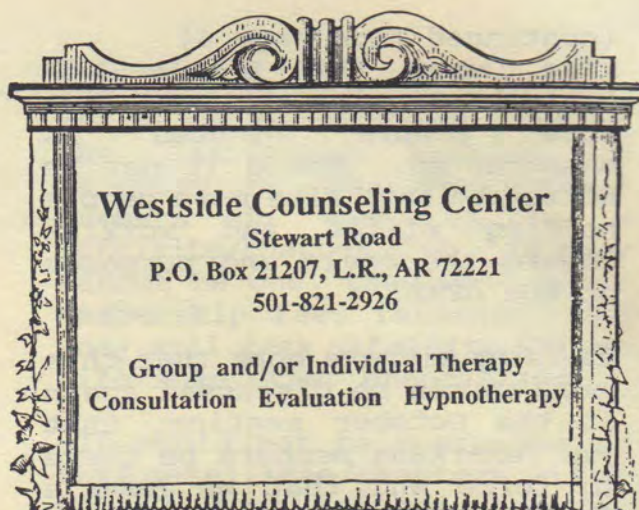
The DSRA is making arrangements to hold its own cocktail party early Saturday evening. (Be sure to check the November Lariat for more details.) It will give our members a chance to get together for a few drinks, make new friends, and get a little crazy.

Call the Hyatt Regency Houston (713-654-1234) for room reservations and be sure to mention TGRA for special room rates.



BUS TRIP

As of October 1st, 40 people have signed up for the bus trip to Houston. There is still room for a few more people so if you are interested please call 224-2281 as soon as possible. Bring your \$40.00 to the membership meeting on the 14th, or call 224-2281 to make arrangements for payment. The bus must be paid for by October 20th, or the trip will be cancelled.



DSRA "SHOWS" MISSOURI

The DSRA was well represented at the MGRA round-up. Chandra D., Mary R., Steve M., and Gary S. attended the Labor Day Weekend event and left quite an impression on Missouri.

On Saturday, Chandra and Steve won the goat-dressing competition, while Gary S. had the honor of judging the Mr., Ms., and Miss MGRA competition.

On Sunday, Chandra and Gary won the goat-dressing competition, while Chandra and Mary took second place in horse shoes.

The DSRA delegation was responsible for raising over \$100 for MGRA by having Miss Mae, the outgoing Miss MGRA, arrested and put in the double-ante jail; then raising the money to get her out.

To cap off the weekend, Chandra joined Miss Mae on stage doing a "drag" show in Miss Mae's BIG red pumps.

The fun and fellowship was well worth the drive to Joplin. MGRA will never have to say, "Show Me", to the DSRA again!

ARKANSAS AIDS FOUNDATION
HUMANITIES CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Aids Foundation held their Humanities Conference on September 7 and 8 at UAMS. Randy Shilts, author of And The Band Played On and Politics, People, And The Aids Epidemic, was the keynote speaker. He is regarded by many to be the foremost journalistic expert in the country on the Aids epidemic.

In addition to the various seminars, medical and drug information was available, and many service and support groups were represented.

FIRST HEARTSONG RETREAT
A SUCCESS

September 10-13, RAIN (Regional Aids Interfaith Network) sponsored its first Heartsong Retreat for HIV+ persons. Thirteen Arkansans joined fourteen other HIV+ persons from Louisiana, Kentucky and Texas for a weekend of fellowship and learning, mixed with some down-home fun.

Individuals from Little Rock and New Orleans made up the eleven member retreat team; and Father Bob Powell, from New Orleans, presented a series entitled "Loving Yourself".

For fun, there was good competition in the canoe battles, and Tuesday's talent show closed the events, following a "Dogpatch" theme dinner. (Douglass G. says he was a BIG success as Daisy Mae!)

{ BE AT NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING }
{ SUNDAY, OCT. 14th - Little Rock Inn. }

DIGNITY - LITTLE ROCK

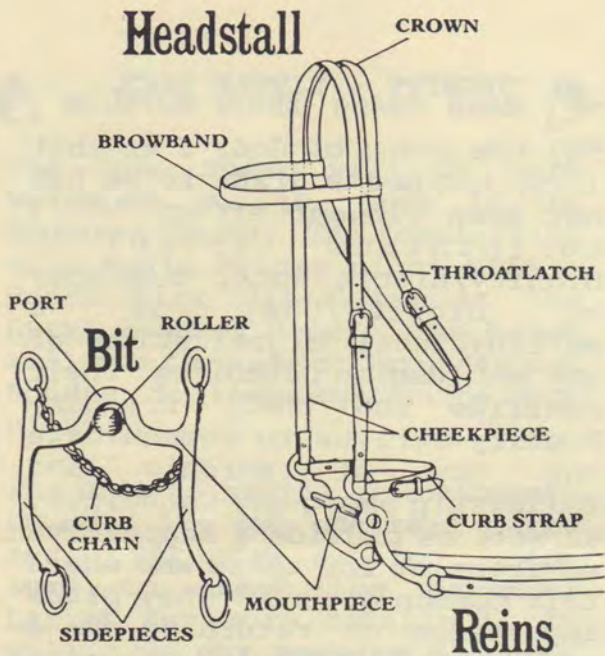
"By the grace of God, I am what I am, and God's grace to me has not been without effect." (I Corinthians 15:10)
Dignity/Little Rock, a member of Dignity/USA, is a multinational organization of gay and lesbian Catholics, their families and their friends. Dignity strives to communicate the joy of worship and fellowship among gay Catholics, as well as provide a supportive environment for those who share this common ground. They place importance on returning to a sacramental lifestyle, and being of service within the community.

Dignity's ministry encompasses:

- The spiritual development and growth of members through celebrating the Mass and encouragement of personal prayer.
- The education of members in matters of faith as well as all things that concern the gay and lesbian community.
- The social involvement of members exercising Christian charity in their personal lives.
- Sponsoring social events which can help to develop friendships that will strengthen members' sense of dignity.

Dignity/Little Rock meets at 7:30 p.m each Tuesday night in the ARKLA room of the Health Education wing of St. Vincent's Hospital. The first Tuesday in each month, members and guests meet in St. Vincent's chapel to celebrate the Mass.

For more information, please contact Bill B. at (501)758-3512, or write to P.O. Box 3015, Little Rock, AR 72203.



The headstall is made of leather and fits over the horse's head. It has a crown, which goes behind the ears; a browband, which rests on the forehead; two cheekpieces, which catch the top rings of the bit; a throatlatch, a noseband, and a curbstrap, which sits behind the lower lip and holds the bit in place.

The bit is the metal part of the bridle which is inserted into the horse's mouth. The bar, or mouthpiece, rests on the tongue; the two side pieces, support the bar and line up at the corners of the mouth. The curbchain holds the piece in place and provides pressure on the jaws when the reins are pulled.

The reins, which guide or stop your mount, are usually made of leather and are open or closed, the closed rein makes a complete loop from one side of the bit to the other; while the open reins are cut in the center of the loop so that either side will touch the ground. It is interesting to note that when the open reins are dropped, the horse considers himself "tied". He will not move, since moving means he will step on his reins and trip.


In the old days many western bridles were homemade; there were a great many variations in style, and in the types of materials used. The rigging of the bridle could be very simple or it could be a full complement of equipment ready for show.

COWPOKE CORNER

Unscramble these words and you'll have an idea of what to expect at the Texas rodeo in Houston. The number to the left denotes how many words are in each scramble.

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- IMPORTANT -
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
AT
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7:00

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The next general membership meeting will be host once again to the discussion of whether or not DSRA should have independent chapters. This month's Letter From The President strongly advocates this proposal, and many members feel that this would be a good idea. The membership voted this issue down at the last meeting, but some feel this was not a well informed decision. It is important that we know all the facts - once and for all; that we make a decision and go on with the other business of the association.

In addition to the viewpoints expressed in the President's Letter, there is the matter of the new system of government this gives to DSRA. At this point, we would have three elected sets of officers if we have chapters. The Texarkana group, the Little Rock group, then the state group. This means three sets of records, three checkbooks, and three separate groups of leaders. It is hard to see "new" members holding these positions for the Little Rock chapter, especially since the current Board of Directors ran for their positions unopposed. Most likely, these duties would be filled by the some of the 30 members that remain consistently active in DSRA. Is this giving DSRA too many Chiefs and not enough Indians?

Texas is a great place to look at how satellite chapters are run - and supported. Aside from their enormous population, Texas has some of the finest experienced rodeo participants in the country. These are the

people that make up these chapters. We, in comparison, have had less than 10 people compete in rodeos. The number of members that participated in an event that involved a horse is less than half of that. My point is: is it realistic to be going to independent chapters when it appears we could work better together as a group - working to someday be able to be as strong and competitive as states like Texas?

DSRA is a charitable as well as a "western" organization. In looking at our dollar figures for what we have given to charitable organizations this year, it does not add up to any amount to be proud of. There always seem to be more pressing matters to be concerned with, both financially and officially. It appears that the matter concerning chapters has already taken up a great deal of time over the past several months, and would most likely require additional time to get things ironed out in the beginning. Is this time well spent? There is no question that we are proud to have the Texarakana people as a part of DSRA. The question is do we have to have them as a chapter in order for it to be a benefit for all of the DSRA? Growth is good, but productive growth is what is important.

There are valid and good reasons why DSRA should have chapters. There are many facts that need to be considered on the other side of this issue as well. It is my concern that this decision be made in a fair and objective manner, and that if we are to have chapters, we have them for the right reasons.

Mary R.



October 1990

Community Round-Up

October

- 1 Twelve-week support group for female adult survivors of child sexual abuse, Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., *The Women's Project*, 2224 South Main, Little Rock, AR 72206 (372-5113).
- 3, 10, Series of lectures on AIDS, 7:30 p.m., St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. Call the *Arkansas AIDS Foundation*, 663-7833.
- 7 Tea Dance to benefit *The League*, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m., Discovery III.
- 14 Art exhibit, recent works of Jay Baxter, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., The Cheese Keeper, 1517 Rebsamen Park Road, Little Rock, to benefit of the *Arkansas AIDS Foundation*.
- 20 Yard Sale to benefit *The Women's Project*, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., K-Mart parking lot, corner of Asher and S. University, Little Rock. For information call *The Women's Project* (372-5113).
- 31 Halloween Masquerade Ball, sponsored by *The League*. 8:00 - 11:00 p. m., Little Rock City Women's Club, Tickets \$10.00.

Every Friday, happy hour, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Discovery III, to benefit *The League*.

November

- 4 Tea Dance to benefit *The League*, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m., Discovery III.
- 17 Volunteer training for the *Arkansas AIDS Foundation*, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Woodlawn and Monroe Streets, Little Rock.

Every Friday, happy hour, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Discovery III, to benefit *The League*.

More on the other side

National Round-Up



- * The city of Louisville, Kentucky, recently enacted a comprehensive hate crimes ordinance. The ordinance increases penalties for crimes motivated by an individual's sexual orientation or health-related condition, as well as other characteristics. Also, the Governor of New Jersey recently signed a law that increases the penalties for crimes motivated by a bias against a person's religion, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation. (Reported in The Washington Blade, August 3 and August 24, 1990).
- * In August the U. S. Congress approved legislation that would provide more than \$4 billion over five years for AIDS services. The legislation targets funds for 16 cities that have been the hardest hit by the disease and has provisions for grants to all states for the purpose of improving the quality and availability of AIDS care services. (Reported in The Advocate, September 11, 1990)
- * The Washington Blade (August 24, 1990) reported that Ithaca, New York, became the first city on the East Coast to provide a procedure for citizens to publicly register as domestic partners. The ordinance applies to both homosexual and heterosexual unmarried partners who are at least 18 years old and who are each other's sole domestic partner; share a primary residence and intend to do so for the indefinite future; and who are in a relationship "of mutual support, caring, and commitment and are responsible for each other's welfare".
- * The Des Moines, Iowa, school board has adopted a policy that prohibits discrimination against gay teachers, students and staff members. (Reported in The Advocate, September 11, 1990)

Arkansas Information Services

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard/AIDS Information Line, 666-3340 (in Little Rock);
1-800-448-8305 (outside Little Rock), 6:30 -10:30 p.m., daily.

Our Community Hotline (1-900-369-5600) \$2.00 per minute for information on current events, in Little Rock and other parts of Arkansas, of interest to members of the gay and lesbian community - updated weekly.

National Information Services and Hotlines

Hate Violence Hotline - 1-800-347-HATE, for collection of occurrence statistics only
National AIDS Hotline - 1-800-342-AIDS; 1-800-AIDS-TTY (Deaf access)
National Gay and Lesbian Crisis Line - 1-800-221-7074

The Diamond State Rodeo Association

invites you to

The First Roundup



See YOU there !!!

Saturday, October 20, 1990

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Playdate/practice at Triple Crown
Arena (outside), Cabot

chute dogging
steer decorating
goat dressing
wild drag race!

Horse owners are encouraged to demonstrate/compete in:

barrell racing
pole bending
flag racing

\$5 for one event/\$10 for two or more

Sign up at the next general membership meeting
or call Charles at 227-0803

9:00 p.m. - Midnight

Roundup Dance at Discovery III

Put on your dancin' boots and come out a little earlier than usual to dance to the latest country/western hits. Music will be direct from *The Roundup* in Dallas provided by our favorite dance instructor and DJ, Neal. Come to Discovery for some real dancin'! Maybe you'll learn a few new moves!!