



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



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Diamond State Rodeo Association

June, 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun - 29 Bear Night / Whip Cream Auction
- Jul - 5 Party Night
- Jul - 6 Independence Party
- Jul - 13 Royalty Show
- Jul - 19 Lariat Deadline
Board Meeting
General membership meeting
- Jul - 20 Toga Party
- Jul - 25 - 28 Convention
- Aug - 2 Party Night
- Aug - 3 Turn about Show
- Aug - 10 DSRA Yard Sale
- Aug - 16 19 Lariat Deadline
Board Meeting
General membership meeting
- Aug - 17 Candidate Show



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls, I hope your summer is going well, and you are managing to stay out of the heat. We have a lot of activities planned for the clubhouse this summer and also

around town so keep those calendars handy.

I would like to Thank every member of DSRA for your support this past year and I would like to extend an invitation to each and everyone of you to start coming out for the General Membership meetings, which are held on the third Friday night of each month at 9pm. Come out and get involved. We have taken on a renovation and clean up campaign at the clubhouse and it is really looking good. A special Thank You goes out to: David S. Miss Rita Rogers and to Rodney B, they have spent a lot of time, and hard work reorganizing and cleaning the clubhouse, also we need to recognize, Mike A., Jim S, Julie B, Sherry P, Harold, B., Jeff A for their time redoing the bar and cleaning the office. You need to give them a big thank you when you see them the place looks great.

IGRA Convention is coming up mid July and this year we do have a delegation going. We get 6 Delegates and 6 Alternates, this year there are going to be a lot of changes. At the present we have five of the six delegates going. Julie B, Sherry P, Mike A, Roy D, and Jackie G. if you are interested

in going as a delegate or alternate please give Jackie G, a call at 960-7353.

If you have ideas for fundraisers or would like to host a party give David our Events Chair a call. All of the Boards names and phone numbers are listed of the back of the Lariat.

Don't forget Membership Renewal is due July 1st. Have a good summer til later.

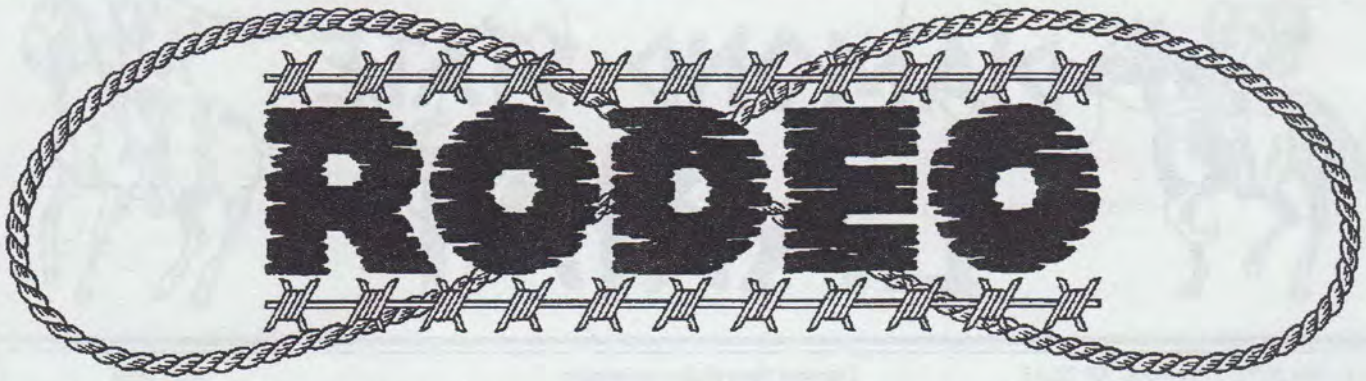
Julie B. President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth Friday of every month "Birthday Night" Free drink card & Birthday cake. You have to be a current member for free drink card. To start in August for August babies. Proof of birth month required!

Time for renewal of your DSRA membership. Please see renewal form in this Lariat. Membership ends June 31st.

Nominations for Board members. Please nominate by July 19th! Nominees will be announced in the July Lariat. Elections to be held August 16th.



Hey Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I'd like to wish you all a fantastic Gay pride week and the most spectacular of Independence days.

With all the plans DSRA has had in works, I'm sorry to say that this month has been a little quiet of the rodeo front. That's not to say that the executive board hasn't been keeping a keen eye of some prospects for next year's rodeo. Even though there are many fine traditions that go along with "Rodeo in the Rock", I have to emphasize that nothing is ever cut in stone. If new and inventive ideas make it past our eyes and ears, we are always willing to check them out. Each year, our rodeo is capable of reinventing itself. Everything is debatable, from the hotel, to the parties, to even the site of the

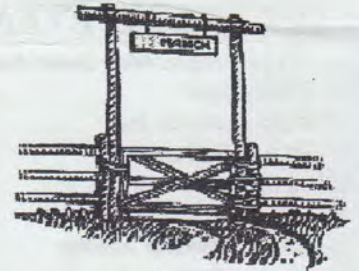
rodeo. So, if any of you have any ideas, please feel free to let us know.

One thing that we are definitely looking at is a way to get our bars more involved in rodeo weekend. It is no secret that our rodeo brings tons of gay men and women to the central Arkansas area. It is also no secret that once they leave our rodeo parties, many of them head out to the local party establishments to continue the night away. Most of our bars have been very supportive of our efforts to put together Arkansas largest charity event, and I am issuing a call to all our members and guest to let those establishments know that you appreciate their support. Let them know that DSRA appreciates them more than just on rodeo weekends. And those establishments that have,

for one reason or another, not been as supportive; let them know that we are interested in having them come on board as well. With all the great gay establishments that we have in Little Rock, there is no reason that more intense and careful planning can't get everyone a piece of the rodeo action that wants to be involved. One great saying that seems especially true here is: A rising tide raises all boats!

For all our members who share memberships in other non-profit groups, look for an innovative new idea coming down the road involving your groups in the rodeo as well.

Until next time,
Michael Ashley
Rodeo Director 2002



DSRA Annual Yard Sale August 10th

Yep it's that time again so go through your cabinets and closets and find that stuff you haven't used for awhile and bring it to the clubhouse. We will be holding a Yard Sale on August 10th to raise money to produce next year's Rodeo In The Rock. Remember your junk could be someone else's treasure. Call Sherry at 281-1130 for more info.

Just Fun. What do you call a blonde behind a steering wheel???

An airbag.



DSRA WISH LIST

GALLONS OF FLAT BLACK INTERIOR PAINT
 4 GALLONS OF GRAY CONCRETE PAINT AN ELECTRICIAN WHO KNOWS ABOUT REFRIGERATION INDOOR OUTDOOR CARPET FOR THE FRONT AREA OF THE CLUBHOUSE RUBBER MATS FOR THE NEW BAR AREA

\$360 REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE DELEGATES WHO ARE ATTENDING CONVENTION. THE DELEGATES PAY FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION AND EXPENCES HOTEL ROOM ETC, IT IS A BIG EXPENSE BUT THEY ARE GOING SO THAT THEY CAN REPRESENT OUR ORGANIZATION. ALL WE ARE ASKING IS THAT THEIR REGISTRATION BE PAID. If you would like to donate to this cause make out your check to DSRA and ear mark it Convention Registration.

Thank You



ROYALTY REPORT

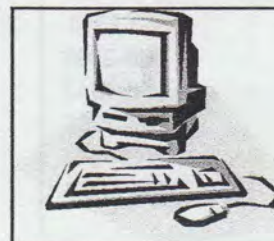
Happy Pride!!!!!!!!!!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the best of Pride celebrations as we observe Gay Pride Month and Gay Pride Week. Sherry, Rita, Cody, and Elizabeth all wish you much joy and happiness as we take this month to look back at where we come from and where we are heading as a gay community. Although their have been many man strides for gay rights over the years, I am especially reminded of "Stonewall". For all you who might not be familiar with it here's some background: In 1969, " Stonewall" took on an entirely new meaning. On Friday, June 27, late in the evening, New York City police made a planned raid on The Stonewall Inn. What began simply for the police department

as a routine "fag-bar" raid quickly escalated into five inconsecutive nights and early morning hours disturbances during which gays, lesbians, and transgender employees began being arrested. Some customers were told to leave. Others were detained. But the raid turned ugly around 2 a.m. Saturday morning when angry gay patrons, several transgender, and others started yelling "GAY POWER!" and throwing stones, coins, and bottles. There are many versions of what happened next. When ultimately the cops barricaded themselves inside on one of the nights, the place was attacked from outside by

as many as 300 people, maybe 400. The police, trapped inside, called for reinforcements. Not all onlookers were pleased, and some threw bottles at the gays. When police reinforcements arrived, some of the rioters dispersed for a while but regrouped. For the next several evenings, and after the media reported the eye-catching, escalating incident, they and hundreds of others returned. The word got around fast. The last week of June 1969 became known as the time of the Stonewall Rebellion, which inspired the start of Gay Pride Week.

Until next time,
 Peace and Rodeo,
 Roy Diaz (Mr. DSRA 2002)



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The next Lariat deadline is July 19th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706  MIKE4DSRA@aol.com FAX 661-1427 (Call first)



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