



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



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Diamond State Rodeo Association

March, 2004

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HEY COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS, LOOKS like spring has finally arrived, we hope that everyone has been enjoying the nice weather. We have really had a lot going on at the Clubhouse lately. Elizabeth Trailor your Miss DSRA for 2003 did a fantastic show and all the proceeds went for the Old Buckle's for 2005. The Easter Basket Auction was a huge success this year, besides your Board members the businesses that contributed were:

- CROSSROADS WESTERN WEAR
- GALLIUPS WESTERN STORE
- VINO'S
- SCALLIONS RESTAURANT
- WILD CARD GIFT'S
- MR/MISTER
- BA FRAMER

I encourage you to support these businesses and when you go in there be sure and let them know you are with DSRA and that they are appreciated. I am working with various businesses trying to get discounts set up for our members. I will let you know as soon as I get something worked out.

have an adult Easter Egg Hunt that also included kids. There were a lot of prizes awarded, there was a cook out and the donation bar, all had a good time, and next year we hope that it will be bigger and better.

Saturday April 24th, Julie B, MS IGRA 2004 and Randy R. MR IGRA 2004 hosted a Fundraiser at the Clubhouse, Thank You's go out to the Performers:

- Reba Lynn Cole, Miss Sooner State 2004 Tulsa
- Carmen Coleman, Ms Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Omaha
- Heaven Lee, Miss Gay Pride 2004
- Elizabeth Trailor, Miss DSRA 2003
- Zia Dyor, MR DSRA 2001-2002
- Cody Aldredge, MR DSRA 2004
- David Silva, MR DSRA 1st runner up / Mr. DSRA 2004
- Mona Lisa, Miss DSRA 2004

Thanks to each and every one of you for giving up your time to be here for this event.

We do have a new Event's Chair and his name is Gary W. If you

would like to host an event at the Clubhouse call Gary at: 778-2115

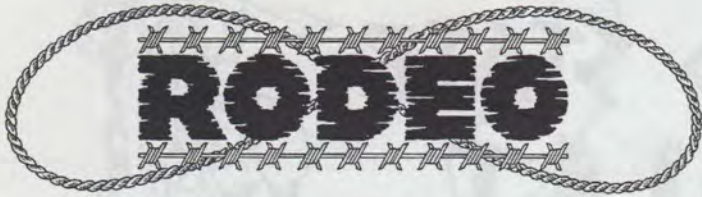
On Saturday April 17th Cody A. stepped down as your current MR DSRA 2004, due to job changes, etc Cody is moving to ST Louis, to be with his partner Tom, we wish you all the best Cody, you will be missed. David Silva Mr. DSRA 1st Runner Up was sashed this Saturday night as the new MR DSRA for the remainder of the year.

The office of Treasurer for DSRA is now open, if you feel you would like the job, please give me a call, nominations and elections will be held at the next DSRA Board Meeting.

DSRA is undergoing some changes, the monthly Newsletter will go Quarterly starting in June. We hope to have a better, bigger and more colorful newsletter. If you or anyone you know would like to advertise in the Newsletter give me a call and I will be glad to discuss rates with you. I can be reached at (501) 261-1130.

RODEO UP
Julie B. DSRA President

This was DSRA's first year to



Trustee/Rodeo Director's Report

Yeah, it is springtime again! The weather is warming up and cabin fever is rampant! This is the time of the year that so many of us look forward to. It isn't too cold and definitely not hot! So getting out of the house is looking really good!

If you haven't lately, one of the good places to go is to your DSRA clubhouse! David S. and Rodney B. have got the place looking really great! We have been having some great shows and activities at our clubhouse over the past few weeks. We had a good Bear Night Whipped Cream Auction (and cleanup only took a few licks....of a mop, that is!) along with a successful Easter Basket Auction (Thank You Julie B!).

In one of my previous Rodeo Director's reports

to the Board of Directors, I had stated that we need to raise a great deal of money to have a Rodeo In The Rock for 2005. I had originally budgeted only \$2000 to come from fundraisers at the clubhouse. ALREADY we have raised a little over \$4000, just from fundraisers. If this keeps up, we will have the rodeo all paid for by the end of the year! I still look to make more money from belt buckle sales and advertisement in the rodeo program, as



well as in our new quarterly Lariat. Wanna know what else we are going to do? Read On!

I still get amazed at the number of people in the DSRA who are unaware of what goes on behind the scenes at the DSRA, of all the tremendous work and responsibility the Board of Directors do for the DSRA. Did you know that the Board of Directors meeting is open to the General Membership (that's you!)? Do you know who is responsible for the DSRA board positions? What are the responsibilities/duties of, say, the Events Chair? The Publicity Chair? President? Vice President?

If you really want to know what will be going on for the next year, not only for the rodeo but also for the DSRA overall, I highly encourage everyone to attend a mini DSRA University this coming Saturday, May 1st. I will be presenting information about your board, our goals, the overall mission of the DSRA, as well as an up

to date Rodeo report! I am making this mini University to get you, the General Membership informed and aware of the work that we have done and what we must also continue to do for the DSRA. It will start at 6PM at the DSRA clubhouse. I will also be presenting a calendar of future rodeo meetings and events, including our annual New Year's Eve Party!

There is so much that we need to do, but so much to gain if we all work together to make the next 365 days THE BEST for the DSRA. But only YOU can make it happen! So, come out and see what is going on at your DSRA.

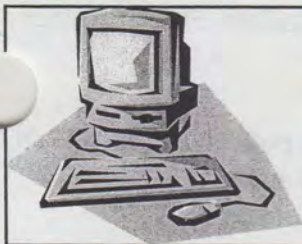
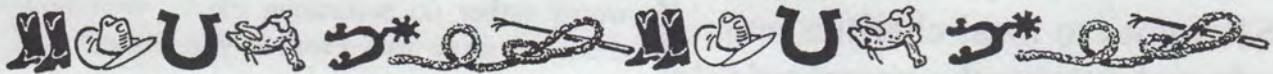


Just Fun: If you and I were the last men on earth, I bet we could do it in public.



TIPS FROM MONA

- 1) Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on.
- 2) Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.
- 3) Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.




DSRA now has an easier to remember URL for its webpage:
<http://www.dsra.org>



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The next Lariat deadline is April 16th. 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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Mission Statement

The **DSRA (Diamond State Rodeo Association)** is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the country and western lifestyle within the gay community.

DSRA has a proud history of fundraising for charitable organizations within our community. All members are volunteers who share our time and abilities to further this cause. All money raised by the DSRA goes to local charities and towards maintaining the organization's clubhouse. DSRA is an all-inclusive organization that recognizes all lifestyles and genders. We welcome anyone to become a member and to participate in our community efforts!

The DSRA is one of twenty-four members of the **IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association)**. The IGRA serves to foster the sport of rodeo amongst other country and western activities. IGRA along with its fellow member organizations such as DSRA donate thousands of dollars each year to charities.



CALENDAR

Saturday, May 8th: Road trip to Ft. Smith. Join the caravan to Ft. Smith.

Saturday, May 15th: Leather men of Arkansas. The event starts at 9pm.

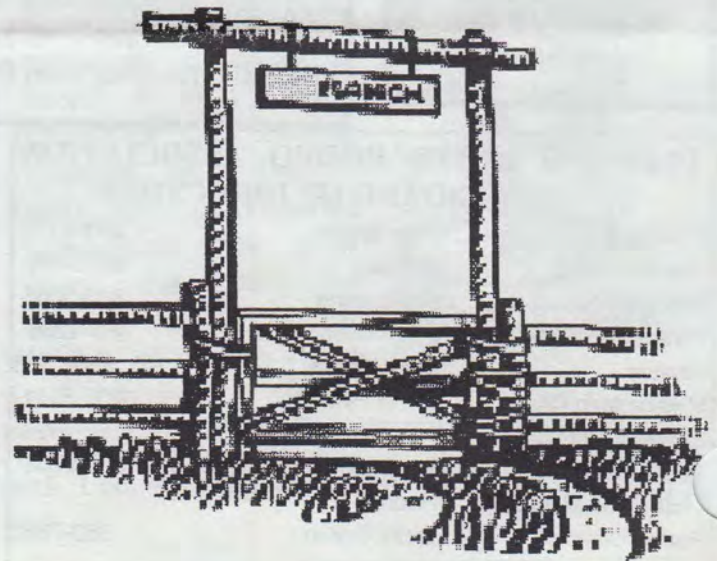
Friday, May 21st: Board meeting at 7:30pm. General membership meeting to follow, at 9pm. Lariat deadline.

Saturday, May 22nd: Prom of your Dreams. Did you miss your Senior Prom, or did you attend when you would rather do something else? Well now is the chance to go to your Prom as you wished!

Friday, May 28th: Happy double 50th Birthday Party.

Friday, June 4th: Spades and potluck night, lots of cards and yummies. This event starts at 7:30

Saturday, June 5th: AIDS walk at Murray Park. There will be lots games and activities. Come on down and show your support.














D.S.R.A. CALENDAR

May 2 - June 12, 2004



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7  7:30pm Spades Night & Potluck	May 8  Road Trip to Ft. Smith
May 9  Mother's Day	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15 Armed Forces Day  9:00pm Leather Men of Arkansas Comstock Stampede - Reno
May 16 Comstock Stampede...	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21  Lariat Deadline - 666-3706 Nominating Committee 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting	May 22 8:00pm Prom of Your Dreams
May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28  8:00pm Double 50th Birthday Party	May 29 Great Plains Rodeo - OKC, Oklahoma
May 30 Great Plains Rodeo...	May 31  Memorial Day (Observed)	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4  7:30pm Spades Night & Potluck	June 5  AIDS Walk at Murray Park
June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12 Rodeo Wichita - Wichita



D.S.R.A. CALENDAR

June 13 - July 24, 2004



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 13 Rodeo Wichita - Wichita	June 14 Flag Day 	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18 Lariat Deadline - 666-3706 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting 	June 19
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Zia Reg Rodeo - Albuquerque</div>						
June 20 Father's Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Zia Reg Rodeo - Al...</div>	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26
June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1 Dominion Day (Canada)	July 2 7:30pm Spades Night & Potluck	July 3
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Canadian Rockies Int'l Rodeo - Calgary</div>						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">North Star Reg Rodeo - Minn/St. Paul</div>						
July 4 Independence Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Canadian Rockies I...</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">North Star Reg Rod...</div>	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Rocky Mountain Reg Rodeo - Denver</div>						
July 11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Rocky Mountain Re...</div>	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16 Lariat Deadline - 666-3706 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting 	July 17
July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Southern Spurs Rodeo - Atlanta</div>						