

# "THE LARIAT"

DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 , September 2007



## Presidents Report!!!!

### Calendar

2 Sept.....Swimsuit Competition

\*8 Sept.....LMA

\*9 Sept.....Board Meeting

\*14 Sept.....DSRA Bowling

\*15 Sept...Diamond & Friends

\*21 Sept. Karaoke w/T's Tunes

\*22 Sept.....The "L" Group

\*29 Sept Amateur King & Queen

.....Contest

See Website for Changes.

Since DSRA was founded in 1989, a lot of great things have happened. We have had 13 wonderful rodeos and have had the IGRA Convention and finals here in Little Rock. I became a member of the Diamond State Rodeo Association in 2004 after moving back to Little Rock from Tampa, Fl. Since being a part of the Association, I have held many offices, Events Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Rodeo Director and Miss DSRA in 2006. Now I have been elected to the position of President in 2007-08.

It is my goal as the new President to actively build the DSRA membership and to hold functions that will pack the house like they have in the past. With your help this will become a reality, but I need all of you to help.

I understand there is a lot of hard work ahead of me and the new Board of Directors, and many burnt bridges to mend as well. I am willing to work one on one with everyone to make DSRA a better place. The DSRA is a great organization with an over abundance of wealth to offer the community. It is also my goal to spread that wealth.

I look forward to touching base with each and everyone of you in the coming year and together, we can build DSRA back into the Community/Family oriented group it can be.

Your President.. Allan C

# Great News!

## Editorial: aood ones!

Hey Guys and Gals,  
 Just woke up here from a night of partying on the town. Before I do anything else to start my day, I just had to get on the egroups and send a huge "Congratulations" to DSRA and the new Royalty team. I felt like I was transported back several years in the past when I went to the clubhouse last night. The crowd was awesome! I think the thing that made it so special was the diversity of the people there. I could just look around from where I was standing and see an amazing cross section of our community there. Men, women, black, white, hispanic, young old, butch, not so butch(grin), bears, leather, drag, old members, new members...I could just go on and on. I was sooooo impressed. Getting that wonderful array of people there was half the battle, keeping them there was a whole other feat.

Mycha....thats where you shined the most! You put together an event that #1 accomplished the goal of crowning a new royalty team in a timely manner, #2 made sure the crowd had a good time while doing it, and #3 not piss off anyone in the process. Mycha...you rocked on all 3! As someone who has organized a few events in my time, you have my respect.

To the new Royalty Team...congratulations on a job well done and may your coming year give you the opportunity to shine and illuminate all those around you. To the ones who were not chosen, there was not a single performance last night that lacked commitment, heart, and talent. You gave your all, and we, your fans are most appreciative for it. You may not have had the most points according to the calculator, but you won our respect and admiration. To DSRA, congratulations on taking a hell of a major step on RE-becoming the organization that we all remember and love. I'm going to end this email now and get ready to go meet my friends for lunch. During our lunch, I can promise you that we'll all talk about what a great time we had at DSRA last night. Hey guys ...isn't THAT what its really all about!

Michael Ashley (Diamond State Bears.....and Zia's Huzbear.



### ROYALTY ROUND-UP:

Large Congratulations to the newly selected DSRA Royalty Team for 2008:

Miss DSRA - Diamond Rose

1st Alternate - Mary Kay Arden

Mr. DSRA - Rick Loftis

1st Alternate - Dan Scott

MsTer DSRA - Dusty West

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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 organizations'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-feight 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.

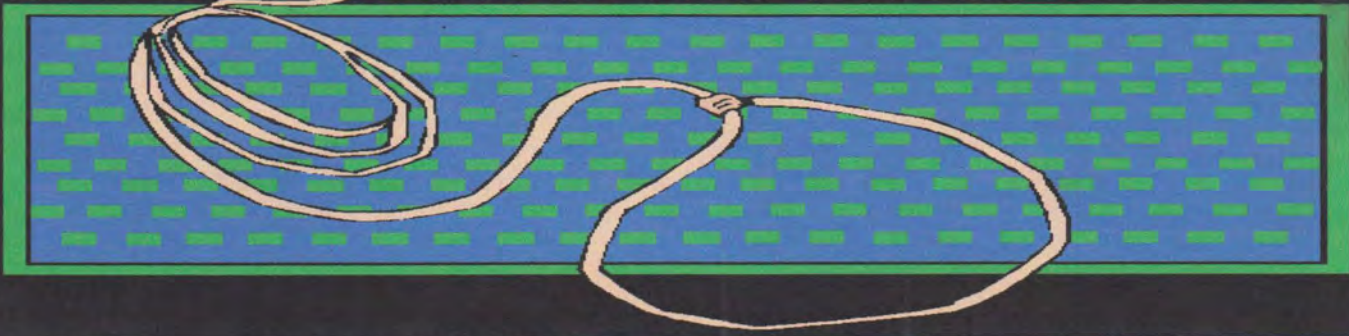
# DSRA September

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Swimsuit Competition at DSRA 5PM	3	4	5	6	7	8 ELLA MAE (LMA)
9 DSRA Board Meeting 2PM	10	11	12	13	14 DSRA Bowling with Friends 6PM  Ms Gay Arkansas at Backstreet	15 Diamond & Friends 8PM  Ms Gay Arkansas at Discovery  Razorback Football ESPN @5:45
16 Ms Gay Arkansas Con't	17	18	19	20	21 Karaoke with T's Tunes at 8PM \$	22 The "L" Group (Private) Women Only  Razorback Football @ Fay
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Amatur King/Queen Contest 7pm Razorback Football North TX @ Fay
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## And now to Present Your 2007-2008 Board of Directors for DSRA

President	Allan C.	501-831-3148	Vice President	Rick L.	501-920-1019
Secretary	Chuck F	501-247-6400	Treasurer	Steve T.	501-837-4141
Events Chair	Sandy B	501-888-9311	Membership Chair	Nate F	501-960-5549
Publicity	Dan U	501-372-3058	Clubhouse Mngr	Dusty W	501-590-6775
Rodeo Director	Dan S	501-960-5549	Asst Rodeo Dir/Publicity	Lisa S	501-888-9311
	Trustee:	TJ L	501-258-3256		

### DSRA Contributes \$ to Makes a Wish and HPWA

A Check for \$400.00 was presented to the Make-a Wish Foundation and HPWA (Helping People with Aids). Carrisa Wagnon was present to accept for Make a Wish and Kamrin Michaels accepted the HPWA check in behalf of the Charity Checks were presented at the Pre Royalty Judging Show at DSRA Clubhouse. on 24 August. The two presentations were especially planned for this night

A sense of fulfillment filled the air as this is one of the primary functions of Diamond State Rodeo Association, to help those around us. More benefits are being scheduled as we read for future donations to those in need.



## Massage

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Is your household receiving two Lariats?

"Save the DSRA a few bucks"

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you rather receive the Lariat on email?

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

The next Lariat deadline is Sep 16th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, Please contact Sandy at 501-888-9311 or bsandyj69@yahoo.com. We encourage articles from all on anything DSRA did, contributed to or benefits from.



Hi Dudes and Dudettes,

Sandy B here, your new (and scared) Event Chairperson. I have been in this position for only a short time so, I am asking for your patience and help. I sat down and read all the past Lariats I could gather up and listed the fundraiser's and fun-raisers ya'll have had in the past. I am so so very regretful I was not involved then, but I am now..so my thought is - lets go down the list and start from here!



One Major fundraiser a month with one Major fun-raiser is a good start. Of course there will be many smaller of each but ya gotta start somewhere. Look at this list of what has been done...How many did you miss and how many would you like to do now.....

Fish Fry's      Play Days      Softball/Cookouts      Hayride/Horseback riding      Dance Lessons

Amateurism Nights      Open Mike Nights      PJ Sleepovers      Potlucks      Cookoffs

Football Party      Karaoke Night      Fun Parties (you know!)      Holiday Parties

And a hundred other ideas I know you are harboring in your brains...September brings us T's Tunes Karaoke on the 21st. Remember the Silver Dollar and Debby T, Well, this is her protege and with a \$50.00 prize and judging by your friends applause...Its common sense, bring loud and big handed friends (ooh!!)

September also brings our favorites...Diamond and Friends on the 15th and don't forget bowling (fun-raiser). Do I hear a challenge Bears???

October is another full month with Halloween and UBU Show. But what do "you" want to do? Email me at [bsandyj69@yahoo.com](mailto:bsandyj69@yahoo.com) and tell me! I am not Houdini, but I will work to make what "YOU" want, happen.

.....Help me, Help you----have fun! Sandy B [bsandyj69@yahoo.com](mailto:bsandyj69@yahoo.com)



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The First Rodeo was April 13, 1991!

The First DSRA was established November 3, 1989

DSRA is one of 28 Associations of IGRA!

This years Convention is 8-11 November (2007)!

Finals are in Denver, CO on 11-14 October 2007

There will be a test on this in the future?

# UPCOMING RODEOS

## 2007

Bay Area Gay Rodeo, San Francisco, CA September 14-16 2007

MGRA Show Me State Rodeo, Kansas C ity, MO September 14-16 2007

Bighorn Rodeo, Las Vegas, Nevada September 21-23 2007

Capital City Rodeo, Austin TX, September 21-23 2007

PNWGRA Rodeo School Play Day, Portland, Oregon, September 21-23 2007

IGRA Finals Rodeo, Denver, CO, October 11-14 2007

Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix, AZ, January 18-20, 2008

IGRA University, Las Vegas, February 23-25, 2008

Cowtown Rodeo, Fort Worth, TX, February 29-March 2, 2008

Sunshine Stampede, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 11-13 2008

Gateway Regional Rodeo, St Louis, MO, May 2-4 2008

Comstock Stampede, Reno, Nevada, May 9-11 2008

Liberty Stampede Rodeo, Philadelphia, PA, May 9-11 2008

Heartland Rodeo, Omaha, NE, May 16-18 2008

Rodeo Wichita, Wichita, KS, May 16-18 2008

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Even if we are not having a rodeo in 2008, why not get together and attend our neighbors rodeos ???????



Meet your new Clubhouse Manager.....

Contact her at 501-590-6775 if you have any questions on the use or cost of using the clubhouse for your "special" events.

Hi Everyone, I am the new Clubhouse Manager for DSRA. Rodney and I have worked together for over a year and he has provided me with all of his wisdom. Rodney needed a break after being Clubhouse Manager for 7 years but plans to still be active with DSRA. He will surely be missed (especially by his "Little Helper") but I plan to make sure that your experiences at our Clubhouse will be lots of fun and I will pour your drinks like only Rodney can.

Remember the Clubhouse is for all of you and it is available for an event you might want to hold such as Birthday Parties, Retirements, Congratulations, Weddings, and we will also have all those fun things like, Halloween, Christmas, New Years, etc.

Please come visit us and enjoy a night of fun and comradery

Dusty West

### Want to Join but don't know how????????????

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We have a new Membership Chairman who is really nibbling at the bit to get our membership up. All you need to do is contact Nate at 501-960-5549 and he will make sure you get a membership application asap. For a mere \$3.00 dollars a month, you can belong to one of the fastest regrowing groups in Arkansas.

Call now or contact any member on the Board of Director, Royalty or any member for more information. Cant use the I don't know any because they are all listed in this publication..Call Now for fun and the best friends ever.

THIS SPACE CAN BE YOURS TO ADVERTISE YOUR SUPPORTING BUSINESS IN THE "LARIAT". COSTS ARE MINIMAL, CALL SANDY OR LISA AT 501-888-9311 FOR MORE INFORMATION



TILL NEXT MONTH SANDY

Oct 20, 2007



## *DSRA Royalty Fundraiser*

### *Luau Style Pig Roast!!*

Join us in supporting the DSRA while  
enjoying a wonderful meal of:

Pit-cooked whole pig

Baked beans

Potato salad

Green salad

Desserts and drinks and More!

(no alcohol will be served)

Tickets are \$10/person – advanced sales only  
Party is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm – til the food is gone  
Pig will be pulled out of the ground around 3pm  
(Yes, we will have the Razorback away game on the radio)



## DID YOU EVER WANNA?

DID YOU EVER JUST WANT TO DRESS AS THE OPPOSITE SEX THAT YOU ARE?

ARE YOU A FEMALE THAT LOVES TO DRESS AS A MALE/OR MALE THAT ALWAYS WANTED TO "DRESS UP"

**NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!!!**

**ON 29 SEPTEMBER, AT THE DSRA CLUBHOUSE (4525 HOFFMAN RD, LR), AT 8 PM, YOU HAVE YOUR CHANCE TO BE YOUR INNER SELF AND MAKE MONEY DOING IT TOO! THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 PRIZE FOR A WINNER PLUS MANY OTHER PRIZES, BASED ON AUDIENCE APPLAUSE. SO YOU BETTER BRING YOUR FRIENDS! (AND YOUR OWN MUSIC ON CD)**

**DSRA IS SPONSORING A KING DRAG/Drag QUEEN NIGHT FOR YOU TO EXPERIMENT THE WAY YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO! BRING YOUR OWN MUSIC TO PERFORM LIPSINC OR SING TO AND STRUT YOUR STUFF.**

**THERE WILL BE TONS OF HELP WITH YOUR MAKEUP, POISE, AND MUSIC SO YOU CAN BE YOUR BEST!**

**SO, IF YOU WANNA TRY AND PROBABLY LAUGH YOURSELF SILLY WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR SERIOUS ABOUT BECOMING A PERFORMER...TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO START WITH THE BEST! 8 PM, 29 SEP AT THE DIAMOND STATE RODEO CLUBHOUSE. YOU GOTTA START SOMEWHERE!!!**

**(TURN ON PATTERSON OFF OF 65<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO HOFFMAN...YOU WILL SEE THE LIGHTS!!!)**

**Just come and watch if your not ready yet and learn!!!**

\$5.00 Cover charge for non members and \$3,00 for Members of DSRA. This is the best and cheapest fun in town. Don't believe it...give us a try!

More info, call 888-9311 and ask for Sandy!

Hosted by Dusty and Diamond!

