



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



P.O. Box 806 Little Rock, AR 72203 Diamond State Rodeo Association

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CONTESTANT ENTRY DEADLINE APRIL 15TH

Don't forget that if you have competed in an IGRA rodeo before, you must complete an entry form by April 15th or pay a \$50.00 fine to compete in our rodeo! There are some entry forms at the Clubhouse or call Steve C. First time competitors may register as late as Friday night at the Hilton.

GRAND MARSHALLS SELECTED

The Rodeo Committee has selected the Grand Marshalls for the '95 Rodeo in the Rock! This year we will have two Grand Marshalls: Willie Oates and Norman Jones. Willie may be more familiar to some of you as the Hat Lady. She is well

known for her fantastic cha-peau. What you may not know is that she was one of the first people in Little Rock to stand up and say we have to do something about AIDS. She has been a tireless worker for AIDS charities and causes for many many years. Norman Jones is our other honoree this year. Norman has been an ardent supporter of DSRA from the beginning. He has donated much money and time through the years to help DSRA and our rodeo become the success that it is. This is our way of saying thank you to these two wonderful people.

MEMBERSHIP CARD REMINDER

Please remember to keep your DSRA membership card with you, especially if you are a new member. It should be used for entry into the Clubhouse and proof of membership at

rodeo registration. This is especially true if you decide to compete at a rodeo out of our Division where you would not normally be expected. We are required to send membership lists to all rodeos or provide you with a membership card. If you have been a member for over a month and still have not received your membership card, call Dennis at 562-3377.

DANCE LESSONS

Dance lessons are back at the Clubhouse!! Travis B. has graciously agreed to teach dance lessons on Saturdays starting March 25th.. Dancing has almost become a lost art at the clubhouse. Now that Travis has got the ball rolling we'll all be able to brush up on our dancing skills in time for the rodeo next month. Remember, all those out of town cowboys and cowgirls love to dance and dancing

is a great way to get close and say "Howdy"! Whether you're just a beginner needing the basic steps or an old hand at two-stepping come on down on Saturday nights and two-step with Travis.

ROYALTY REPORT

This month has been a very eventful and successful one for our association.

On February 25th our wonderful group of entertainers including Bill B., Lana Reeves, Christina Crackers, Dennis N., Shelly Nicole, Kelly B., and special appearance by Mr. MGRA Bill Geisert, brought the house down and left the Fort Smith crowd asking for more. A special thanks to all of our members who took the time to come to Fort Smith with us to show your support. This event raised an excess of \$600.00. Wonderful!

On March 4th, a small group of board members and entertainers were able to make the journey to Joplin MO. to take part in a fun weekend full of spectacular entertainment from several Royalty members throughout the IGRA. Enter

tainers for the DSRA were Dennis N. who did an outstanding job, and Lana Reeves. I would like to thank the MGRA for including us in this celebration and making us feel right at home.

Unfortunately, plans to take our gang to Fayetteville to do a fund-raiser fell through as the club there couldn't give us a booking before April 28th. Too bad! We would have let them have it. And trust me, they definitely would have had it coming. Coming March 18th and April 1st are our "Ride Down Backstreet" shows. I would like to urge as many of our members as possible to please come out and show your support now that our "Rodeo in the Rock" is quickly approaching. We can't do it without you!

With Love,

Miss DSRA / Lana Reeves.

WOMEN'S FILM NIGHT


DSRA has not only had another first, but a successful first. We opened at 7pm, had plenty of popcorn and pretzels, a few introductions, then the lights went down. Our first movie, "Clair

of the Moon," was viewed on our new big screen T.V., and all 17 women made a little history. With only 2 members present of the 17, 8 new women became DSRA members and 2 previous members renewed. Yeah! That in itself proves positive especially when we left our film night, with smiles. If we each tell someone about our film night this month (3-23-95), and bring them - we can grow. We have a lot of movies to see, and a lot of time to share, so spread the word girls. See you Thursday the 23rd at 7pm. A special thanks to John L. & Rick for assisting us with our first night.

Thought for the day: "If I had a single flower for every time I think about you, I could walk forever in my garden." Claudia Ghandi
Cheryl W.

RODEO VOLUNTEERS TO BE FETED

All volunteers who work some portion of the "Rodeo in the Rock '95" will be honored at a clubhouse party on May 21st.; The celebration will include a roast pig; chicken and all the fixins. Free beer and sodas will be also be avail-

The next Lariat deadline is April 14th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706. 

able. Those members who volunteer and work any portion of the rodeo from Thursday night through Sunday night will receive an invitation to attend. This includes volunteers at the clubhouse, the Hilton, Backstreet, as well as the actual Rodeo. Sign up sheets for different positions for all days and nights of the Rodeo will be at the DSRA Clubhouse starting the first weekend in March. Volunteers are needed for the arena, security, financial, registration, ticket sales, and many other positions. The DSRA needs members to come forward and sign up to be a part of the biggest lesbian and gay event in Little Rock. Hell there is even a position to just sleep at the fairgrounds all night. Surely everyone qualifies for that. You are needed and appreciated. Sign up this weekend. The Rodeo Committee

**RODEO
VOLUNTEERS
TO RECEIVE
TICKET
DISCOUNTS**

The Rodeo Committee has approved special price breaks for Rodeo volunteers when purchasing weekend

The next general membership meeting is March 17th at 9 PM. Your attendance is needed and greatly appreciated. Please attend.

ticket packages. Normal advance purchase for members of DSRA would be \$25.00 but volunteers will receive additional discounts depending on when and where they work. For example, if you worked as a ticket taker / pass checker for the Friday night dance at the Hilton (1 1/2 Hr shift) you would pay only \$20.00 for a weekend ticket package. Work any volunteer position during the Rodeo on Saturday and you would only pay \$15.00 for a weekend ticket package. A lot of the volunteers will no doubt end up with **FREE** weekend packages simply because they care enough to volunteer each day at some position to help make the "Rodeo in the Rock" successful. Please sign up to volunteer at the Clubhouse. John L. is the Rodeo volunteer coordinator and will have ticket packages to sell at a discount (maybe even give you).

The Rodeo Committee

**RODEO
INFORMATION
HOTLINE
562-4466**

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR
PEOPLE WITH HIV / AIDS**

7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. Monday nights
Starting March 27, 1995
210 Pulaski Street, Little Rock
For directions call; Roger 663-8609
Focus on living with HIV / AIDS long term
open to men and women
Free
Confidential setting
Facilitated by Roger Sample 663-8609
Smoke free for those who need it to be
Coffee and soft drinks welcome



LET'S RODEO

FOR SALE

1989 Honda Accord LX - 5 speed 4 door - power door locks, windows, sunroof. White with maroon interior - great condition AM FM cassette stereo radio - 81,000 miles - good tires - good gas mileage 1 owner - non smoker - non drinker - \$9,275.00 Call & leave message Cheryl at 771-1892. I'll get back with you.

FOR SALE

Gameboy Hand held game like new 4 games including Mario, Tetris, Waverunner. \$40.00 Call Kimi 771-1892 and leave a message. I'll get back with you.



FAX

And now, to better serve our membership, The Lariat now has Fax capabilities. If you have an article that you want to be published in the Lariat, you may call Mike at 666-3706 with your intent to Fax this article, and arrangements can be made with just a phone call.

The DSRA/Lariat just keeps getting better and better.

Order your Rodeo in the Rock T-shirts now. The same artwork as the poster printed on 100% cotton pre shrunk white T-shirts. Only \$13.00. Limited sizes in small, medium, large, and extra large. Mail your orders in today, or drop your order off at the clubhouse. First come first serve.

Name _____
Address _____

Make checks payable to :
DSRA

SILENT AUCTION

In the upcoming month, March 31st, the DSRA is going to hold a silent auction. This will be one of the largest fund-raisers for the Rodeo. It is to be held at the clubhouse. Ronnie C. is helping with this event and is requesting donations of articles and services that we can auction off. Please dig deep and HELP US OUT!!!! For more information please leave your number at the clubhouse and we'll get back with you.

CLUBHOUSE HOURS
9:00pm to 12:00 midnight,
or later, until the last cowboy crawls out the door.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't renewed your annual membership, or you have a friend who hasn't renewed, now is the time to keep your membership in good standing. Membership does have it's privileges. If you have any friends who are interested in joining DSRA. We encourage you to have them join. New membership is \$24.00 per year however it is prorated after the fiscal year. We at DSRA look forward to your participation in this organization.

Membership, new and renewals are up to 142 members at this printing.



We all seem to be a roving band of gypsies. In updating the membership list, it seems that no one is living in the same place as last year. It will be a great help if each one of you would take just a second and make sure that your mailing address is correct. Typo's do occur and heaven knows I'm tired just typing all this information. For changes/corrections call Mike at 666-3706.