

JULY 1990

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

My sincere thanks to everyone who attended the June 10th meeting. It was touch and go for a while wondering if we would achieve a quorum in order to conduct business. We did and we did!

It was so important to the association to have the Calendar of Events and the Annual Budget approved. Yes, I would have liked to see one hundred forty members approve it; but I will take the approval of the thirty-two who showed up. I would really like to know what the Board of Directors is not doing to motivate members to attend meetings. I realize it is summer and weekends are for enjoying life -BUT- it is only a couple of hours. Anyone got any ideas?

Our next meeting will be on Sunday July 8th in the Colony West Club House (see article this newsletter). Please set aside a few hours on this day and attend. There will be a lot of information and discussion about upcoming events and functions. On the sly I also hear there may even be some heated discussion concerning spending and how the DSRA functions. It may be the right time for you to express your opinion(s). (See **President** pg 3)

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November 9,10,11

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WICHITA BOUND IGRA CONVENTION '90

May 25, 1990 was a red letter day for the DSRA! On that day, the Diamond State Rodeo Association became a recognized chapter of the IGRA. Arkansas joins 15 other chapters to comprise the "International". We will not be officially seated, however, until the annual convention in Wichita, Kansas, July 27-29. We have sent in the names of our delegates and alternates to the Recording Secretary. If you want to attend the convention as a visitor, there is still time to make arrangements. Contact Steve N. (224-2281) for the information about registration and call "Travel by Philip" (227-7690) to make your reservations. The convention itself is quite an experience, somewhat similar to an organized melee! Seriously though, it will be a great opportunity to understand the inner workings of the IGRA and meet the dedicated and hard working people from across the nation who keep the IGRA going. The night life is not too bad either!

**DADDY AND RUTH-ANN'S
ANNUAL FISH FRY**

JULY 14, 1990
2015 W 18TH
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202
8:00 PM

This year's fish fry is a fundraiser for the AGLTF Switchboard. Tickets are \$10.00 and are tax deductible. Mail checks to Jim Norcross at the above address. Call 376-7397 for reservations and leave a message. Donations will be accepted. Food, entertainment and prize drawings are included. Ya'll come!

JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The July general membership meeting of the DSRA will be held on Sunday July 8th at the Colony West Apartments Club House. The schedule of activities is as follows:

4 pm - 5:45 pm BOD Meeting
6 pm - 7 pm Social Hour
7 pm - 8:30 pm Meeting

A donation bar will be open from 4 pm until the end of the meeting. All members are invited to bring snacks or finger food for the social hour. Colony West is located behind the Kroger shopping center at Rodney Parham and Breckenridge Street, just off of I-430. The Club House is in the middle of the complex and is located with the pool and office. Please park on one side of the street only, so traffic can pass. If you need more information call 227-0803. NOTE: A drawing for a mini-basket of cheer will be held just before the meeting. Make sure your membership number is put in the basket when you sign the attendance roster.

DSRA AND RUMORS PART FRIENDS

The President of DSRA and Mr. Don Cyre met recently to discuss the future association between the DSRA and RUMORS bar. Many important items were discussed in both a positive and supportive manner. It was agreed that the DSRA would no longer designate RUMORS as a "home" bar. DSRA members can no longer use their membership cards for free entry into RUMORS. More importantly, however, Don expressed his long-standing and continued support to DSRA. To emphasize this Don has offered to work with us to hold future fund raising or social events at any of his establishments. Mr. Cyre was critically important to us when we were getting started. His generosity and support was and still is appreciated. Don, you are a true friend to DSRA. We look forward to working with you in the future.

PERSONAL NOTE AND QUOTE

To be no one,
but myself -
In a world which is doing
its best night and day.


To make me,
everybody else,
means to fight the hardest
battle which any human
can fight and never
stop fighting.

Unknown & Cheryl

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PRESIDENT (Con't from pg 1)

Did you see the new name for the Newsletter?--DSRA Lariat!--What do you think? Well that also was approved at the June meeting. You will notice, I hope, that this Lariat contains advertisement. It may be a humble beginning, but the new Editorial Committee has some real go-getters as members. I expect you will be seeing bigger and better things of the Lariat in the future. OH! the Editorial committee does have an article inside you might enjoy reading.

I still cannot get use to writing these letters so far in advance. Again, by the time you read this one the cookout/softball outing and the PROM dance will be history. If you did not attend either, you will have again missed out on some great fun and super socializing. Instruction and Riding is still scheduled for June 30th. Get on the phone and call Randall at 376-0689 for the details.

Take the time to read about the DSRA's main summer fund-raising event "Mid-Summer Madness" August 11-12th. A lot of effort has gone into making this one hell-of-a fun weekend. We will however need your support and attendance to make it a success.

If you are interested in who will be implementing your decisions and running the DSRA between meetings, I recommend you block Sunday the 26th of August off on you calendar. That is when the annual election for the officers and Board of Directors will be held. If you are not there to vote, then you will not have a say on who gets elected. Read the article on the election and absentee ballots.

So much to say and so little space! Stop reading me now and go on to the really important stuff. Please read the Lariat all the way through and keep it handy for reference. See you at the stables, the cookout, the Mid-Summer Madness, the meetings, and the elections my friends.
Health and Happiness,



"LOCK UP ONE"

The members of "The Officers Club" NLA Arkansas, extend an invitation to all members of the DSRA to participate in their first annual celebration "LOCK UP ONE". This is an excellent opportunity to share in the brotherhood/sisterhood of leather in the Little Rock area. It is not too late to sign up for the weekend (July 13, 14, 15) and enjoy the festivities. The cost for the entire weekend is just \$65.00 and includes all activities, cover charges, parties, scheduled meals and shows. Stop by Chaps for a flyer. The DSRA is doing the cookout for the "O" club on Saturday, July 14th at Chaps. All DSRA cowpokes mosey down and let your presence be known. The cookout starts at 7 pm.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

DSRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 1990

- 6TH** Special BOD Meeting at Randall's 7pm
8th General Membership Meeting (See Article)
12th Membership Committee meeting 7 pm at Tommy F.'s in Jacksonville.
14th "LOCK UP ONE" cookout by DSRA at Chaps (See Article)
22nd Fellowship Potluck at Kanis Park (See Article)
27-29th **IGRA Convention, Wichita Kansas** (See article)

AUGUST 1990

- 3rd** Special BOD Meeting at Ronnie's 7 pm
11-12th Mid-Summer Madness Weekend (See Article)
12th General Membership Meeting at Discovery III
26th **DSRA ELECTIONS (SEE ARTICLE)**
8/30- MGRA Round Up - Training

9/2 for Houston Rodeo

SEPTEMBER 1990

- 7-9th** San Diego Rodeo
9th General Membership Meeting- Installation of new BOD.
21st Special BOD Meeting
22nd Fellowship Cookout at Chaps 6 pm
22nd Bar Night at Chaps 9 pm until Midnight. Cowgirl and Cowboy bartenders.

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A.M.
Service

10:45

"THE BODY OF CHRIST"

- Holiness unto the Lord -



Eph. 4: 11-12

P.M.
Service

7:00

Ron Burcham
Pastor

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NLR, AR.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

The annual DSRA elections are scheduled for Sunday, August 26, 1990 at 6 PM in the Colony West Apartments Club House. The doors will open at 5 PM for a social hour before the elections.

The DSRA has been fortunate to have many of our commercial members and DSRA friendly businesses donate numerous door prizes for that day, so when you register your voter number, be sure to get a ticket.

If you want to vote, but will be unable to attend the elections, please send your request for an absentee ballot, along with the reason you will not be present, to the following address as soon as possible:

Chairman, Membership Committee
DSRA
307 W 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

All requests must be received by August 11th. Immediately following the membership meeting of August 12th, absentee ballots, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, will be sent to those requesting them. The completed ballots must be returned to the above address no later than August 25th. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

The individuals that are elected will be representing you and your desires in the year to come, so be sure you exercise your right as a member to vote!

SEE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 5

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RODEO WORK AND TRAINING INFO

For those members that are interested in working at the rodeos, there will be certification and training classes held the Friday of the IGRA Convention in Wichita, Kansas for various areas of rodeo production (i.e. shoot coordinator, judging, arena team, roping shoots, bucking shoots, etc.). The IGRA requires all workers to be certified.

The CGRA has extended an invitation to any DSRA members interested in working in their upcoming rodeo July 27th thru 29th in Denver, CO.

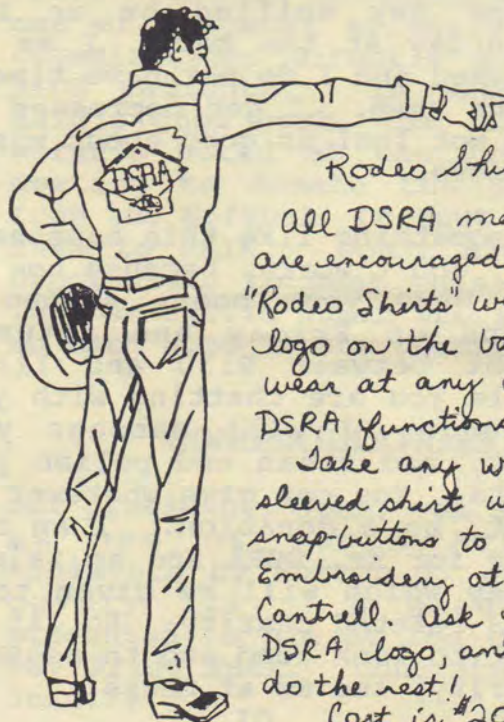
The Houston chapter of TGRA has also extended an invitation to the DSRA members who would like to work in their rodeo November 9th thru 11th in Houston, TX.

Anyone interested in working in any of these rodeos will gain experience and a better all around knowledge of what is actually involved in putting on an event of this nature. (Remember...The DSRA hopes to have a rodeo some day and we could use the experience and knowledge.) If you are interested in working in any of these exciting areas, please contact Steve C. at 663-7110 or Steve N. at 224-2281 for more information.

Interested in a play day? A play day is a day when an association gets together and the contestants from that association (or possibly more than one association) get together and actually practice their speciality for the upcoming rodeos with livestock provided by a contractor for that day. Needless to say, it is a learning experience for all involved. The TGRA (Houston Chapter) has extended an invitation to the DSRA to participate in their annual play day. At the time of this article, the date has not yet been provided; but we will keep you posted!

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

A fellowship potluck is scheduled for Sunday, July 22nd at 5 pm at the Kanis Park Pavilion. Music, volleyball and other activities are planned. Sodas will be provided, so prepare your favorite recipes and join the fun! For information call Ken at 568-4491.

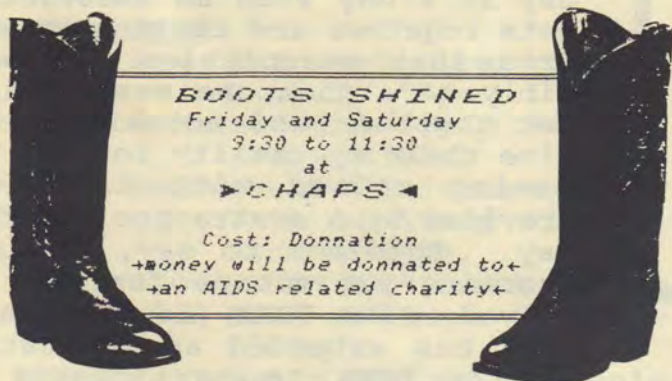


Rodeo Shirts

All DSRA members are encouraged to buy "Rodeo Shirts" with our logo on the back - to wear at any and all DSRA functions.

Take any white, long sleeved shirt with pearl snap-buttons to Creative Embroidery at 7811 Cantrell. Ask for the DSRA logo, and they'll do the rest!
Cost is \$20.

RODEO INFORMATION



BOOTS SHINED

Last Saturday I was about ready to go to the clubs. My shirt was starched and ironed. My jeans were freshly washed. I had taken a long, steamy shower and shaved my two day old beard. "Good", I said to myself. I am ready.

I was at the door, bending over to put my boots on. "Shi...", I said. My boots were all sticky and dusty from last weekend. It must have been the beer that the drunk guy spilled on me last Saturday at the bar. I am all dressed and I do not have time to shine them. I got depressed and did not feel as good about myself anymore.

If something like this happens to you, don't worry, because now you can have your boots shined at Chaps on Friday and Saturday night between 9:30 and 11:30. While you are chatting with your friends, I will massage your feet, and clean and polish your boots. You can give whatever you want, as a donation. I am running for Mr. DSRA and am raising money which will be given to an AIDS related charity. So, if you want to look good and to assist a charity, see me at Chaps.

CJ

Well, if you are like a large number of people I have talked to lately, you have caught rodeoitis. As more people attend the rodeos, they become more and more involved and preoccupied with the next rodeo. Where is it? When is it? In which hotel are the different associations staying? It is almost unbelievable. Only the people who have been to a rodeo can relate to what is being said. For those suffering from rodeoitis, and anyone interested in traveling to new places, meeting new friends and enjoying a week-end full of fun and frolic, here is a list of up-coming rodeo events.

June 29 - July 1 --

Rock Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver, CO

July 27 - 29 --

IGRA Convention (Rodeo Certification Classes) in Wichita, KS

September 7 - 9 --

San Diego Rodeo in SAN Diego, CA

October 5 - 7 --

IGRA Finals in Phoenix, AZ

November 9 - 11 -

TGRA Rodeo in Houston, TX

FUN IN THE SUN

On Sunday afternoon the DSRA and the River Rats met at Reservoir Park for an outing of softball, eating, drinking, and fellowship. The DSRA showed up in spectator force as most "forgot" their ball gloves; but those who did come to play were kindly picked up by the River Rats and split into two teams with their players. The DSRA served great hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Our proceeds will go to support RAIN. All had fun in the sun!

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE LETTER

During the June membership meeting the new Editorial Committee was formed to take on the responsibilities of publishing the monthly newsletter. The seven people who volunteered have met several times to discuss changes, priorities, proposals, etc. The Committee has great ideas for the Lariat, and this month's issue is just the beginning. Because the content of the Lariat is growing, the first priority will be getting a bulk rate permit for mailing. This proposal and other ideas will be discussed at the BOD meeting on July 6th.

The Lariat is intended to be the voice of DSRA. You are encouraged to let the Committee know your reactions to each issue. What do you think of the articles? What more would you like to see in the Lariat? What do you find interesting? The Committee will take all responses seriously, so take some time to talk with one of them. You can call Mary at 224-9329 or visit with Randall, Shan, Wesley, Bill G., Steve C., or Chandra at the next membership meeting. All of them would like to thank Steve N. for his work on the new front page design!

MID-SUMMER MADNESS IS COMING

By the middle of August, we will all be going a little mad with all the heat and humidity. So we are making plans for the DSRA's first Mid-Summer Madness celebration. Verbal agreements have already been made with Don Cyre and Norman Jones to go MAD in Rumors on Saturday, August 11th and in Discovery III, on Sunday, August 12th. Neal has agreed to return from the Roundup in Dallas to DJ

and to teach dance lessons both nights. In addition, on Saturday there will be a short warm-up show at Rumors with a variety of entertainment including IGRA state royalty from the region. There will be a longer show Sunday night in the showroom at Discovery III while Neal DJ's in the disco. More details will follow in the next newsletter and at the membership meeting on July 8th. Get ready to go MAD and party!

RAIN DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT JULY MEETING

The DSRA will be joined at our next meeting by Trudy James, the Regional Coordinator of the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN). Ms. James works with clergy and lay leaders to coordinate the development of Christian and Jewish congregation-based Care Teams for AIDS patients. The RAIN program educates the general public and provides care to people in real need. RAIN is becoming known as one of the most effective local organizations directly assisting AIDS patients. In support of RAIN's good work, the DSRA membership voted at the June 10th meeting to donate the proceeds from the Softball Cookout on June 24th to RAIN. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this wonderful, energetic woman who is doing so much good in our community!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our president, John, was selected as one of seven Arkansas Achievers by Norman J. and Discovery III. A plaque was presented to him at the close of Gay Pride Week. Congratulations John!!!

WHAT?

Together: "...mass, collection, group, body, union, into association or relationship, by combined action-, jointly with each other, organized balanced, composed in mind or manner." Does this sound like DSRA? It should! We are a group of people from many different groups. We are all individuals, very separate, yet united. We can grow and become strong, bound together with a single point in mind or we can stay apart, divide or disrupt. Let's use all of our unique and individualistic traits, bind them together and become a strong link to success, a type of family, a kinship. We need you, we need each other, I need DSRA!

Cheryl

CORSAGE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

Lipstick and spurs, mustaches and furs, dates of all fashion showed up for the "Prom of Your Dreams", the final Saturday night of gay pride week. Members from area organizations that supported the colorful event showed up with their dream dates by their side. We are proud to say that DSRA members were by far the easiest to spot - most sporting the DSRA logo on their shirts, not to mention plenty of cowboy hats and polished boots.

The music was well mixed, allowing the cowboys and cowgirls several opportunities to kick up their heels and even share a two-step lesson now and then. The line dances proved to be great fun for the crowd, as well!

Information about each organization participating in the prom was made available in the ballroom. The DSRA received many

requests for even more information, and several signed up for a complimentary copy of the Lariat

It was great to see folks posing for prom pictures; and again, DSRA members stood out in numbers when everyone posed for a group Prom picture. (Copies are available for \$5.00. Call 375-8525 and ask for Pat or Sandy.) All the proceeds from the pictures benefit the AGLTF.

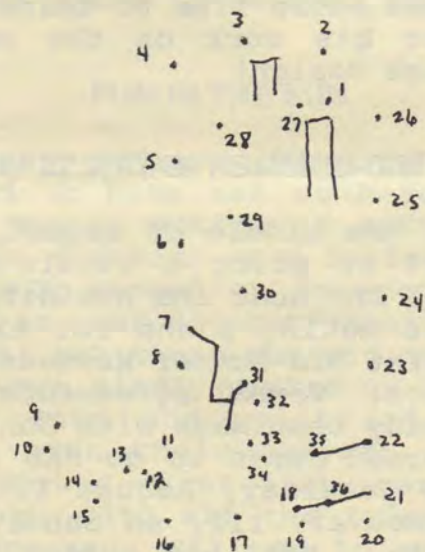
It was an evening enjoyed by all, and as always, it was a great opportunity to let people know about the DSRA. We all look forward to the next one!

DEADLINE

Articles for the next issue of the Lariat are due Wednesday, July 16th.

COWPOKE CORNER

Traditional burials include: Captains at sea, soldiers with dog tags, and cowboys with these...





DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION



NAME: _____ MEMBERSHIP #: _____
Last First

ADDRESS: _____
Street Number Apt.

City State Zip

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

OFFICE DESIRED:

- PRESIDENT
- VICE-PRESIDENT
- RECORDING SECRETARY
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
- TREASURER

CHAIRPERSON DESIRED:

- P.R. AND FUND RAISING
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RODEO EVENTS
- MEMBERSHIP

HAVE YOU EVER HELD AN OFFICE? yes no

WHY DO YOU WANT TO RUN FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE IN THE D.S.R.A.?

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE?

DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION
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Subject: Membership Approved Budget Fy 91
From: D.S.R.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Office/Standing Committee		Projected out-lay	Projected income
President		0	0
Vice-President			
Historical Committee	\$	50.00	0
News Letter	\$	1500.00	?advertising
Corresponding Sec	\$	50.00	0
Recording Sec.	\$	326.00	0
Treasurer	\$	241.00	0
Membership	\$	860.00	5000.00
P.R./Fund Raising	\$	4230.00	11,138.00
Entertainment	\$	2500.00	0
Activities	\$	875.00	260.00
Rodeo	\$	1600.00	1800.00
	\$	12,232.00	18,198.00

DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION



6-10-90 General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order by the president at 7:50.

Secretary's report: There are no minutes from the May meeting because there was not a quorum.

Kenny moved that we waive the reading of the minutes of the April 8th meeting. Passed unanimously.

Ted moved that the minutes be accepted. Passed by acclamation.

Financial report: See attached. The financial committee will meet at Jim G. next week.

P.R. and Fund-raising report: DSRA and TGRA pins are still available to members.

Membership report: The Prom is coming up. This will be a tremendous opportunity for us to get exposure to people we would otherwise never see. All members are encouraged to attend and to wear hats and boots to increase our visibility at the Prom. Bill G. was introduced to the group as our newest member.

Trustee report: The trustee attended three meetings in Oklahoma. North Carolina will be recognized at the next rodeo. Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Nebraska and South Dakota are all organizing. Nevada is reorganizing. Australia and Canada (Vancouver and Calgary) are organizing now. IGRA finals will be in Phoenix on October 5-6-7. The IGRA convention will be in Wichita in July. Wichita, Phoenix and Albuquerque are all bidding for the 1991 finals. The roundup in October will contain the Mr., Ms., and Miss contests. The next rodeo will be in June in Denver. The Texas rodeo will be in November in Houston at the Sam Houston Colosseum. The host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency in Houston. Brochures are available. Texas has added two new chapters in Amarillo and Corpus Christie.

Nominating Committee report: The chairman is Cheryl. The other members are Jon C., Peter H., Charles J., and Gary S. If you want to run get an application from one of these people. One person will be nominated for each office by the committee. Other nominations will be taken from the floor. Applications will be enclosed in the next newsletter.

Old Business: Shan moved that we adopt the proposed calendar of events for the DSRA for fiscal year 90-91. Passed unanimously.
Fred B. moved that the budget as proposed for fiscal year 90-91 be accepted by the membership. Passed unanimously.
Steve M. moved that we donate any proceeds from the cookout on the 24th go to RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network). Passed Unanimously.

New Business: John reported on his meeting with Don C. Don no longer wishes Rumors to be associated with the DSRA as a home bar. There are no hard feelings on either side. We part as friends. Rumors will sponsor 3 or 4 bar nights for us in the next year. Kenny expressed regret over past incidents and misunderstandings between the DSRA and Rumors and hopes that our interactions in the future will be harmonious.
The editorial committee is now forming. Anyone interested in joining this important committee should contact Mary R..
Bill G. moved that the Board of Directors be empowered to spend up to \$200.00 at its discretion. Passed with 30 yes, 1 no.
The name of the newsletter was voted on. The new name is the Diamond State Lariat.
Ted H. told us about the Prom on the 23rd. He also told us about the AGLTF banquet. Tickets are \$15.00.
Charles J. is officially running for Mr. DSRA. He will be shining boots at Chaps on Friday and Saturday nights to raise the required \$500.00 to be donated to AIDS related charities.
Peter H. moved that we adjourn at 9:50. passed unanimously.



DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION

Adopted F.Y. 91 Calendar

JULY

- 1 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, Denver
- 6 Special Board Meeting - Randall's
- 8 Membership Meeting
- 14 Assist w/ Officer's Club Cookout, sell DSRA items
- 22 Fellowship
- 27-29 International Gay Rodeo Association Convention, Wichita

AUGUST

- 3 Special Board Meeting - Cates
- 11 Camp Event Rodeo Training/Fellowship
- 11 Mid-Summer Madness
- 12 Mid-Summer Madness - Entertainers and IGRA Royalty at Discovery w/western dancing in the disco.
- 12 Membership Meeting at Discovery
- 26 Election

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Missouri Roundup
- 7-9 San Diego Rodeo
- 9 Membership Meeting
- 21 Special Board Meeting
- 22 Chaps Bar night/promotion for the Diamond State Roundup

OCTOBER

- 5-7 IGRA Final Rodeo, Phoenix
- 14 Membership Meeting
- 19-21 Diamond State Roundup - The major event of the year. Barbecue/dance with horseback riding maybe some camp events Saturday afternoon/evening. Eventually a playday and then a rodeo. Royalty contests at Febe's, Discovery, and Rumors.
- 28 Fellowship

NOVEMBER

- 4 Membership Meeting
- 9-11 Texas Gay Rodeo, Houston
- 24 Hayride and horseback riding

DECEMBER

- 9 Membership Christmas Party
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY

- 11-13 Roadrunner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix
- 13 Membership Meeting
- 27 Chili Fellowship

FEBRUARY

- 10 Membership Meeting
- 15-17 Second Annual Western Jamboree - Weekend of bar parties.

MARCH

- 9 Rodeo Training
- 10 Membership Meeting
- 24 Fellowship
- 29-31 Los Angeles Gay Rodeo

APRIL

- 14 Membership Meeting
- 19-21 Diamond Derby Weekend - Major event focused on the Arkansas Derby. Maybe chartered bus(es) to the race. Dance in Little Rock Saturday night, maybe at non-bar site.

MAY

- 11 Rodeo Playdate/Fellowship
- 12 Membership Meeting
- 24-26 Great Plains Regional Rodeo

JUNE

- 9 Membership Meeting
- 23 Gay Pride Week Party
- 28-30 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, Denver