



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



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Diamond State Rodeo Association

May, 1998

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board Meeting - May 15
- General Membership Meeting - May 15
- Leather/Levi Night - May 16
- DSRA Open - May 22
- Potluck & Dancing - May 23
- Spades Couples Night - May 29
- DSRA Campout - May 29 - 31
- DSRA Dance Nite - May 30
- Margarita Madness - June 5
- Bear Night - June 6
- Lariat Deadline - June 12
- Clubhouse Committee Meeting - June 12
- Women's Night - June 13
- Board meeting - June 19
- General Membership Meeting - June 19



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's all over but the shoutin'!!! The Rodeo in the Rock for 1998 was wonderful success. As of last count, we have raised about \$7000 from the rodeo. This is a tribute to all of the hard work and dedication of ALL volunteers that lent a hand to help

out with this special event. Each and every one of you deserves all of the recognition that is due. For everything, I want to say Thank You.

From almost every person I talked to at the rodeo and at the parties, we had the best rodeo ever! So many came up to me and to others and said that our rodeo is one of the most fun to attend. Even more than that, this rodeo was organized and planned to the best of our ability and it paid off!

So, does this mean we can take a rest now? Well, for a little while, anyway. We have less than 11 months to get ready for the next rodeo. But we also have about 17 months to get ready for the really big event. We will be hosting the International Gay Rodeo Finals in October 1999 here in Little Rock. This means that, about 6 months after Rodeo in the Rock 1999 we will be having another even bigger rodeo to do. And 6 months after that we will be having Rodeo in the Rock 2000! If you never have before, now is the time to start taking vitamins and Ginsana! Trust me, we are going to need it!!!!

If you never had an opportunity to really get physically involved, such as selling T-shirts, making drinks, doing security, or working at the arena, now is the time to start learning how. It sounds like a lot of

physical labor. Well, it is! But the end result is really worth it. Your contribution will help to raise the monies we need to donate to those who need it the most. I personally think this is a small price to pay for all the good that we do.

Jacky



Camping Trip

DSRA is planning a camping/canoe trip the weekend of may 29th-31st at Kyles landing just north of Jasper on the Buffalo River. It's an every man/woman for his/herself. You are responsible for renting and paying for your own canoe and getting to the camp site. Canoe rental is through Gordon Motel and canoe rental in Jasper. Rental cost is \$30 and must be made way in Advance by calling 870-446-5252/870-446-2399/800-477-8509. Kyles landing is a very primitive camp site. No showers or plug ins for the curling irons.

You have been warned! Please watch for more info and a map of the area in the next lariat issue.

Julie



It's been another long rodeo year for us. There has been alot of hard work and determination from a committed group of DSRA members and it has once again paid off. I am so proud to announce another hugely successful Rodeo in the Rock!! At this time it looks like our profits are around \$8000!!! For those three or four people who missed the weekend I must say you missed an awesome event. My estimate for Saturdays rodeo crowd at the fair grounds is 600-700 people. Our parties at the Expo Center were really happenin' too. A little over 300 at the Saturday night party.

I am certainly proud of the DSRA membership and so should you. At the Sunday night farewell party I personally was over whelmed at all the positive responses we received. All the thank you's and congratulations I was able to accepted from the many rodeo competitors and IGRA people that our rodeo was so well done. We were thanked many times for our gracious hospitality. Basically they had a great time which is great news for us. As I

have said in the past, about the only thing we have to sell in Arkansas is our hospitality and that goes along way in promoting our future rodeos. With the kind of excitement we raised rodeo weekend, our future rodeos can't help but get bigger and better. You all owe yourselves a big pat on the back for another job well done.

At the volunteer party after the rodeo this past Friday night, I was able to give out the volunteer of the year buckle to Rick McCollum. I wish I wouldn't put myself in this position. It is truly hard to pick one person who has done the most for Rodeo in the Rock. So many people have done an outstanding job, alot of it is never noticed by the general membership. There are those people who make all the fund-raisers, donate to all the auctions, wait tables at Olde World, participate in whip cream auctions, dress up in drag, drive all over town running rodeo errands, and some of you have the truly hard job of keeping me organized (thank you Janeice). I wish I could give all of you a special recognition, such as

the volunteer of the year buckle, by I can't. Please except my generic thank you from the news letter and always remember what a great job you have done for DSRA, our community and people living with HIV/AIDS.

So having said ALL that, I'll leave you with this tid-bit of information. Rodeo in the Rock 1999 will be the weekend of April 30, 31 and May 1st. And even more important, just a little reminder, we will have the honor of hosting IGRA finals the

weekend of October 28th-30th. Please put these dates on your calendar.

The first rodeo meeting for the 98-99 season won't be until late summer. I will be calling on some of you to take up more slack. It's time for others to get more involved and give some of us who have work the last 3-5 rodeos a bit of a break.

Again, thank you for all your hard work and support this past year.

Julie



Special Meeting

As some of you may have already heard, we may be loosing our clubhouse! David of New Century Ltd. is not going to renew his lease and, as a result, we may have to leave when he does. Please note that I said that we MAY have to leave. There are still possibilities left open to us. But before we can do

anything, it is going to take everyone to discuss all of our options. That is why it is very necessary for as many people as possible to attend the next General Membership meeting this Friday at 9 PM. Your input will help to decide what plan of action we must take. It may involve everyone helping out to

Just Fun: What's the difference between a man and a catfish? One is a bottom feeding scum sucker and the other is a fish.

move everything and then helping to find a new location.

There is anyone who knows of another place for us, please come to the meeting and tell us what you know.

In the meantime, please don't PANIC! We have several weeks ahead of us and we may yet find a way to satisfy everything that we need to continue as one of the best organizations around.

See you at the meeting!!

Jacky



In the middle of a forest, there was a hunter who was suddenly confronted by a huge, mean bear. In his fear, all attempts to shoot the bear were unsuccessful. Finally, he turned and ran as fast as he could.

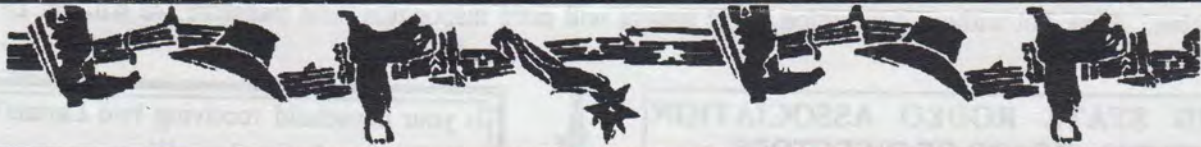
The hunter ran and ran and ran, until he ended up at the edge of a very steep cliff. His hopes were dim.

Seeing no way out of his predicament, and with the bear closing in rather quickly, the hunter got down on his knees, opened his arms, and exclaimed,

"Dear God! Please give this bear some *religion*!"

The skies darkened and there was lightning in the air. Just a few feet short of the hunter, the bear came to an abrupt stop, and glanced around, somewhat confused.

Suddenly, the bear looked up into the sky and said, "Thank you, God, for the food I'm about to receive...."



President Clinton had been walking around the White House and going to meetings all day with a pair of pink ladies panties on his arm.

Reporters and staff observed this phenomenon and wondered why he was doing.

At an afternoon press conference, Sam Donaldson got brave enough to ask him why he had a pair of pink ladies panties on his arm.

The President replied: "It's the patch, I'm trying to quit"

The next Lariat deadline is June 12th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706 or MIKE4DSRA@aol.com



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The following quotes were taken from actual medical records dictated by physicians. They appeared in a column written by Richard Lederer, Ph.D., for the Journal of Court Reporting.

By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.

Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.

The patient states there is a burning pain in his penis which goes to his feet.

On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.

She has had no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.

The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1983.

I will be happy to go into her GI system; she seems ready and anxious.

Patient was released to outpatient department without dressing. I have suggested that he loosen his pants before standing, and then, when he stands with the help of his wife, they should fall to the floor.

The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.

Discharge status: Alive but without permission. The patient will need disposition, and therefore we will get Dr. Blank to dispose of him.

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