



DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



P.O. Box 56503 Little Rock, AR 72215

Diamond State Rodeo Association

September, 2004

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howdy Cowboy's and Cowgirl's,

Here we are off to a new year with DSRA, and we hope that everyone had a fun summer. I would like to take this time to thank the Membership of DSRA for re-electing me President for one more year. We have a lot of new faces on the board this year, and a lot of things planned so we hope that you will come on out to the Clubhouse, and have fun and meet the board.

Rodeo in the Rock for 2005 is just seven short months away and preparations are well under way. From the talk on the IGRA Circuit this year, if people are right in their predictions, it look's like we may be having a pretty good size Rodeo. This Rodeo will mark the Tenth Year for Gay Rodeo in Arkansas. The name DSRA is starting to really get out on the Circuit. Over the last three year's we have gone from no one competing at Rodeo's from DSRA to 10+ competitors. We have had two of our Royalty to win and be the IGRA Royalty Team, and Arena Crew headed up by Monica B. has been asked for the

third straight year to be the Arena Crew for the IGRA Finals Rodeo. Congratulations go out to Mike P who brought home a ribbon from the Missouri Rodeo, along with Julie B, who placed second in Wild Drag at Detroit Rodeo, Crystal M. who placed third in Calf Roping on Foot at the Missouri Rodeo, and Susan W. who won the Belt Buckle at the Missouri Rodeo for Barrel Racing.

Rodeo in the Rock, 2005 will be held in Little Rock, April 29th thru May 1st, we need to start getting

the word out now, so that we can make this a huge success, remember all the proceeds from our Rodeo go to local charities, the more we make the more we have to give. If you are interested in being involved with the Rodeo give Jacky G. your Rodeo Director a call.

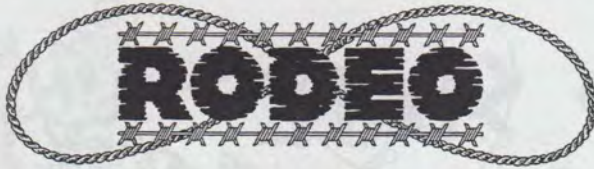
On a closing note I would like to send out our Sympathy to Keith Clark's family and Partner JT. So many of us new Keith as Sister Keith, Keith passed away Monday Morning, he was a great friend to many and will be truly missed by DSRA for a long time.

Starting this weekend the DSRA Clubhouse will be open every weekend, we are starting to Fundraise for the Rodeo. For those of you who are not aware of the cost, it cost DSRA around \$35,000 to \$40,000 to produce Rodeo in the Rock, and most of the expense has to be paid upfront. So we hope you will watch your calendar's and come out and support your organization and Rodeo in the Rock.

Rodeo Up,

Julie B. President





RODEO INFORMATION;

- RODEO DIRECTOR - JACKY G. ----- 455-4805
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- VENDOR'S ----- LIN L. ----- 590-5496
- PROGRAM ADS ---- JACKY G. ----- 455-4805

IN MEMORIUM

It is with sadness that I let everyone know about the passing of one of our own. Keith Clarke, a member of DSRA for many years, passed away early Monday, September 20th, 2004. He was 39 years old.

Keith had been an active member of DSRA for many years. He was among the first to join DSRA in its early years. He had spent the past 2 years in Booneville, AR with his partner, James T., doing what he loved doing best: Living on a farm and living life to the fullest!

He was my best friend. When I first came out, he was the first to befriend me and show me the ins and outs (no pun intended) of being a gay man. We spent many a time laughing with our friends and family, and crying on each others shoulders when it was needed. He was always there for a friend and he was always there for me! It was his wish that he be cremated and his ashes scattered on the land he and his partner loved so much. I will miss you, Sista. With all my heart, I wish I could have one more day to spend with you. If the Lord above is willing, we will meet again by the river Jordan.

With all my love, Jacky



FYI---Any member of DSRA or Non-Member may submit an article for the newsletter each month, we encourage articles. If you are interested in submitting an article please contact Mike B, our publicity chair.

that they get a copy this could be fun.

DSRA is trying to purchase a pool table, if you know of one for sale or to be given away please give a board member one of the board member's a call.

HAPPY AD'S

Starting with the next newsletter DSRA will start publishing Happy AD's. These AD's are \$5.00 for 25 words or less. You can put most anything on them. You may want to wish someone a Happy Birthday, announce that you are single looking for someone, having a yard sale whatever. If you want to send a wish to someone who does not receive the newsletter just include their name and address and we will make sure

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES BECAUSE THEY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US:

- CROSSROAD'S WESTERN WEAR
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- WILD CARD MR/MISTER BA FRAMER
- SCALLIONS RESTRAUNT
- VINO'S
- BUFFALO GRILL

Just Fun. I like you. You remind me of myself when I was young and stupid.



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

- October 9 - Royalty Fundraiser
- October 10 Rodeo meeting (5:00PM)
- October 14-17 18th Finals Rodeo, Omaha, NE
- October 22 Board Meeting DSRA (7:30)
- October 22 General Membership Meeting (9:00PM)
- October 23 - Casino Party
- October 29 - Halloween party (9:00pm)
- October 30 Lip Sync (9:00PM)
- November 5 - Spades and Potluck
- November 6 - Turn About Show (9:00)
- November 11 - 14 20th Annual IGRA Convention - Denver
- November 13 - International Dance Competition - Denver
- November 13 - Leather Men of Arkansas (9:00 pm)
- November 19 - Royalty Step Down Show
- November 19 - DSRA Board Meeting
- November 19 - General Membership Meeting
- November 20 - Royalty Competition 2005
- November 26 - 27 Clubhouse Closed



UPCOMING EVENTS

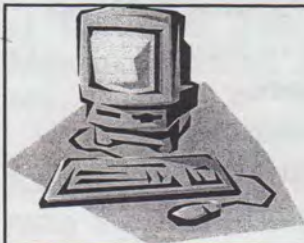
- Christmas Party; December 18
- New Years Eve Party; December 31





NOTICE

Jody C. is raising money for competing in Rodeo's. What she is asking is, the membership to save aluminum cans and she will come pick them up. She will be representing the DSRA other rodeo's and getting DSRA to become a household word. 888-3663



DSRA now has an easier to remember URL for its webpage:

<http://www.dsra.org>




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Solomon Bures, LMT

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The next Lariat deadline is September 17th. 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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