

# THE DSRA LARIAT...

#### THE PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT



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I guess the most I can say right now is "Holy Cow what a year" So much has happened it would confuse the normal persons mind and it aint over yet

The whole board and so many members have been working so hard to get Rodeo 2009 organized. Of course there is always room for more helpers (hint hint). Fundraisers have been a lot of work for all but dang they are a lot of fun too. There have been some hilarious ones and many more to come. Read the calendar and blips throughout the Lariat so you dont miss any. Its not been a year without turmoil and there are regrets over what has been but we must now concentrate on what must be, to have the best Rodeo we have ever had in April 2009.

The people that are looking forward to our rodeo are not just Arkansans. The convention was held in New Orleans this year and the constant remark heard was about coming to Arkansas for rodeo. As you have noticed, finances of the world are not what they used to be and our rodeo has suffered like the rest of the world. We have gone from a rodeo each year to one every two years like many other associations. Money is hard to find and of course we are counting on our members to come through with help by volunteering, supporting, and attending not only the rodeo but the events that are literally dreamt up to entertain you as well as help DSRA. So lets show the world that we can have the best rodeo ever... Lets Get er Done guvs

Lou Rushing, President, DSRA 2008 - 2009



Date: December 6th 2008

DSRA Clubhouse Event: DSRA's
Christmas Show/
Party
Doors open at 7PM
(Happy Hours) show
STARTS AT 9 PM

THE FIRST EVER SONG AND DANCE/ARTS AND CRAFTS AND EVEN HOME MADE COOKING DAY YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW OFF WHAT YOU LOVE TO DO...AND THEN AUCTION IT OFF FOR CHRISTMAS, OR OUTRIGHT SELL IT AFTER JUDGING OR JUST EAT IT.

A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON FOLLOWED BY COMEDY NIGHT AT DSRA.

REFRESHMENTS OFFERED/SNACKS PROVIDED

December 13, 2008 at the DSRA Clubhouse.

**FUN IS ALL NIGHT** 

Bring your talents to 4525 Hoffman St in Little Rock for showing off/judging and selling. Think Christmas Presents. All proceeds to benefit the Rodeo in the Rock, 2009

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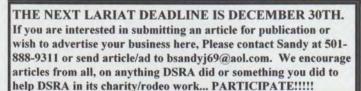


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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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 rganization's clubhouse. DSRA is an all-inclusive ganization that recognizes all lifestyles and genders. We

ganization that recognizes all lifestyles and genders. We welcome anyone to become a member and to participate in our community efforts! DSRA is one of twenty-eight members of the IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association). 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.



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Games People Play...Get em Gary!! Now Hop! Nate, How do you really feel??



It sure wasnt all play in New Orleans at the Convention to get all our new rules in place..Dusty worked her butt off...but we helped her prime herself the night before..lol



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Is your household receiving two Lariats?
"Save the DSRA a few bucks"

Names

Would you rather receive the Lariat on email? Email address

Send changes of addresses or emails to bsandyi69@aol.com

## over the last year..you missed all of this.....



Karaoke Night at DSRA usually turns into quartet. And they were

If it isn's Jan and Jan .... This must have been around Valentines Day...heh Girls.

Ms Tizzy meets the St Patricks Day Leprechaun. Red headed and all. Looks a little like "Lisa"??



ulie and Sherry just wondering??

What are they looking ar? U should have been there....!!!!!! Could have been My cha dancing, Lana singing, Diamond teetering on spike heels, or..TJ. Use vour imagination or just come and join

miss the

Bowling We had

a ball,

not down

alley

but...

Friday

Night

Gay

2008 brought the horrid tornados to friends of DSRA. Some of us just had to help... These pictures don't do justice to the loss Rose and Susan sustained at this time. Thanks Sonny, Judy, Dorothy, Rita, Sandy and Lisa for your help. Thats friends for ya....



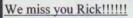
Mardi Gras brought out the "Pimps" of Hensley..heh heh Below: Birthday Party for 4 old cogers.

hard time telling Rodney, those pants arent for your head boy!!!



Rose. We love you guys. Hello 2009

What do the girls do in their off time??? Eat baby fish fresh caught in Hot Springs. There was a pic of Lou but ... ] like being alive..lol



And who is with Mycha, Pretty....damn pretty









## December newsletter

### **Diamond State Rodeo**

#### **SANDY'S BITS AND PIECES**

I really don't know where to start this year guys. It has been one of the most OMG years, in years. Last January was our first Comedy night and it was hilarious. Marvin (Marvella) was his/her normal self and I have no idea where people come

up with ended up enjoy also and NOT King and they made



those songs. Dan even got me out there after spending hours memorizing a comedy song, I loving. It was more fun than I thought so if I can do it....hmmm. You have a chance to on the 13th of December as we are done it again. I dare you to find a song, lip sync it here, enjoy it. Elsewhere in this lariat are pictures of some of our Mardi Gras party...The Queen picking was a hard job but Rodney and Marvin won out and what a cute couple

We have been thru many Karaoke nights with some great singers and some that get all my admiration because they got up there and let loose. We even started giving prizes for the Best and the Worst. Now I have a chance there too. This last year has shown us pleasure by having fund raisers for ALS, AIDS, and even a political rally for one of our own. We celebrate every holiday possible and some we make up...We travel to Hot Springs, Texarkana and pretty much, anywhere that will have us and those are the best trips for helping spread the word of DSRA. Of course it might cost some of us a little

hehe Dusty???

more than others...like new dog beds, We had a super yard sale that will be money and so do we..fair enough? I missed...for the dress up alone and We crown. She was the best....and I cant

the loved in year rone.

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repeated so hang on to your stuff guys. You get to earn some remember the DISCO night..there's one you should not have helped the bears in there quest for Zia's attempt at a new wait for her next try. We love you Zia. And who can forget Show. Ms Tizzy has the most energetic dog I ever met...he eryone just like she does. And Dan and Nate have a new love

their life from adopting Sadie from the Dog show. A bunch of us missed Halloween this but heard there was the best turnout. Thank you Lin for taking such good care of us while

course, not all is peachy creamy all the time. We have lost our President, Allan and now hear he has been sick for quite a while. We all adore Allan and wish him nothing but the

best. We also will be losing our Treasurer of forever, Lyndon, as he has decided to relax in the future...he will be sorely

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missed. Lifes changes...dang it.

One thing new this year has been Mycha's Alternative night shows. I didnt think I would like them either guys...but talk about feeling the music. You cant help but be happy...try it, you'll like it..... So look at allyou have not been privy to. I send out calendars and emails and newsletters so, its your own fault you haven't been around to laugh as much as I have this year.. Look at this picture>>>

Where else can you be part of this kind of fun???? This is what you do when your dinner is taking WAY to long to be served. You gotta do something so we all dove it>>>>>

your board members everyone...Ain't it

great>>>>> Now how a will be meethis Alterna-...He will be right now... Plans are in prises never

Memorial

Here are



bout this year???? We are already planning for January 2009. The Bears ing on the 2nd Saturday of all odd months of 2009. Mycha will be having tive Shows on the 2nd Saturday of all Even months...except for January having his Birthday show on 17 Jan. Write it down, come on, go do it,

the works for the MOST ROMANTIC Valentines Day ever...to include sirthought of. And there is Easter (basket Auction), and Mothers Day, and Fishing Day...RV Camping weekends...and so much more. If we forgot

something, let us know. If you have ideas you want to do, let us know. But for heavens sake...dont miss the fun...Come to DSRA...keep your calendar handy...let me know if you change email, move, get married (we do ceremonies here) or have a baby. We love celebrating everything. MOST of all: Dont forget to Follow the Rainbow to the Rodeo in the Rock...2009. This years Rodeo Director and his right hand woman are working overtime to make it the best but we need you. If you ant to work it...let me know. I am in change of Volunteers....If you want to be part of it...keep in contact with us for onne registering this year. Its gonna be great.

Your Friendly Event Coordinator...Sandy B 501-888-9311.....bsandyj69@aol.com bsandyj69@yahoo.com

Subj: [DiamondStateRodeoAssociation] Non smoking dance/Silver Dollar Reunion 7 March at

DSRA

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Do you recognize the woman above??? Does the name Ms Tizzy ring a bell??? She is the Matriarch of DSRA (Diamond State Rodeo Association) and was the prime dancer (lol) at the Silver Dollar.

DSRA would like to invite all the "old" croinies to the DSRA Clubhouse for a Good Old Family Homecoming and Reunion and meet all the new "cronies" that have keep your reputations clean. Many of us have scoured the town looking for "us" and want all to come and visit at the Non Smoking Event/Dance on March 7th You can even stop by and see the original cash register used at the Silver Dollar..we ask you to bring pictures that will make us laugh or cringe too.

So get your dancing shoes out and prepare for Ms Tizzy to take you for a trip around the floor at least once and meet old and new friends. The bar will be open and refreshments available. There will be no ashtrays inside, but we have a huge asphalt smoking area outside.

No Cover charge, just a hug at the door, but there will be a 50/50 to help defray costs...Bartenders will be Pam Mac and Jody, Your host is Lin Long

Spread the word,,,and if you have any questions: Call Lin at 590-5496/Jody 350-1438 or Sandy at 413-2008. and Check out DSRA;s website for more party/show/get together opportunities: <a href="http://www.dsra.org/">http://www.dsra.org/</a>

Directions; Take Patterson Ave off of 65th St (LR), and then take the left to Hoffman Street. Watch for the twinkling lights on the left and get ready to party.

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