



ERIN ROBBINS, MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2007

NEBRASKA'S FIRST LADY OF RODEO

"CHERISH YESTERDAY, DREAM TOMORROW, LIVE TODAY!"

Sitting down to write this newsletter, I had to go back to the last newsletter to see where I had left off. When I discovered that I had left off around the end of February with my trip to the Silver Spurs Rodeo in Kissimmee, FL, I was a little overwhelmed! That meant that I had about 25,000 miles and over 40 individual appearances to update you on! But, I was up to the task and started writing all the stories down, and sent the final copy to Kristen Corfield, our Newsletter Chairman, she said, "Erin, seriously, we can't possibly print and mail an entire book!" Okay, so maybe that is a slight exaggeration, but, here I am trying to downsize so many amazing adventures and experiences to fit within a couple pages!

...So, the end of February found me at the Buffalo Bill Birthday Bash, which is a huge fundraiser for Nebraskaland Days & the Buffalo Bill Rodeo – the theme of the party found the committee men in togas, boots, and cowboy hats – it's a good thing they are such good sports!

In March, we had our 15th Annual Rodeo Queen Clinic, with 21 young ladies in attendance, and a couple weeks later was the "Lil' Cowgirls" Clinic, with 40 little cowgirls, whom I got to see several times throughout the summer helping at various events! I took a short break from the road to visit my hometown elementary school & read to the kindergarten class – it is so rewarding to see a child smile! I also got to work with Mosbrucker Rodeo Co from North Dakota, again, at the Grand Island Championship Rodeo, the weekend of the 23rd & 24th.



April was the month for school visits! I went to three very special schools – Rushville Elementary, Culbertson Elementary, & Stratton Elementary. At the first one, I went to each of the classrooms, and visited with them about the difference between animal welfare and animal rights, and what we do within the rodeo industry to ensure that our animal athletes are being properly cared for - everything from proper nutrition, protective gear, and PRCA rules and guidelines! At the last two schools, they were celebrating Library Week, so I had the opportunity to share my love of books and reading, and why I feel it is so important to read. Every girl loves to receive flowers, and they made me feel extra special when they both saw me down the road with a dozen roses! If you enjoy Bluegrass music, you have got to mark your calendar for the last weekend in April! Don & Donna Mentzer put on a tremendous bluegrass show in North Platte that drew in world class performers from across the U.S. and Canada!

In May I traveled to Guymon, OK with Miss Rodeo Kansas to the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo, and met up with her again at the Abbyville Frontier Days Rodeo in Abbyville, KS. Also while I was in Abbyville, I got to meet up with Bronc Rumford (stock contractor & former Miss Rodeo America President) & his family – they really are a great crew! On the way home from Abbyville, I made it to McCook, NE just in time to help at the final day of a timed event jackpot that Garret Nokes organized.

June was a crazy month! It started out at the Cattleman's Ball, which is a huge fundraiser for cancer research – they had over 3,400 people in attendance! I got to spend the day with my sponsors - Summer/Zoellner Ford of North Platte & Ogallala. They donated a new ford pickup for a raffle! The next week, I was at the Miss Nebraska Pageant, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, and Nebraskaland Days! Nebraskaland Days is filled with too many events for me to even begin to mention! If you are bored during Nebraskaland Days, it is definitely your own fault – whether you enjoy cooking (or eating!) food, quilting, history, plays and drama, running, dancing, or watching a great rodeo – Nebraskaland Days has it! Congratulations to the Nebraskaland Days Committee & Buffalo Bill Rodeo Committee on a job well-done & good luck trying to improve it next year! Congratulations are also in order to Kristen Schott of Battle Creek, NE who was named Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2008! Well, after Nebraskaland Days were over, I went home for less than a day to unpack, then turn back around to North Platte to spend the day with my sponsor – Jody's Auto Sales for a big sales event they were having! The next morning I left for the Nebraska High School Rodeo Finals in Hastings for 2 ½ days, then to Ponca, NE for the



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