



FALL 2009



NEBRASKA'S FIRST LADY OF RODEO

MISS RODEO NEBRASKA 2009 AMY AMACK
"RIDE FOR THE BRAND!"



Wow! How time flies when you are having fun! It's been a little over a month since NEBRASKALand Days and the pink mobile has taken me across the country, literally. NEBRASKALand Days was an experience I will never forget and will cherish forever. To think about having carried the American Flag in to the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Arena still sends shivers up my spine. What an honor!

Thank you to the NLD Rodeo Committee for another great year of rodeo action, concerts, and festivities. Also for letting me be a part of the celebration and making me feel like the Belle of the Ball. I really appreciate your support. I had the privilege to crown Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 during the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Queen and Teen Pageant. We had two outstanding contestants but only one could be chosen. Michelle Boeshart will proceed in January as Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010. I hope you enjoy your year as much as I have! Kristin Kohmetscher and I had a

blast during our state celebration going to community events, and radio and tv interviews. It was quality time with her that I thoroughly enjoyed and wish I would have had more of during her year. Kristin crowned Matisyn Humphrey as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2009. Shylee Hewitt, who is a dear friend and fellow Northwestern Nebraska cowgirl won 1st runner-up and horsemanship. All the girls did a great job and I hope to see them back next year! Thank you to all the volunteers that make these programs what they are; you are doing an outstanding job! This summer has been so much fun spending time with rodeo queens and girls aspiring to be one. We have a lot of upcoming potential candidates to make this ride in future years! Keep striving girls, it took me four competitions to win my first title. It taught me to never give up and to continue to take home what I learned and work on my down falls to make me a better person and rodeo queen. Having been a contestant for so many years I was asked to turn the tables and be a judge for the Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen Contest. What an honor. I now know what it feels like to be in a judge's shoes and commend them for the hard job that they have. I also represented at the HS Finals Rodeo, and then headed north to Ponca - Days of '56 Rodeo which was a blast! After a 600 mile drive I made it to the Greely Stampede, and finally home for the Old West Trail Rodeo in Crawford. It was a muddy mess but I had fun splashing the clown and being among family and friends for the Fourth of July. My next stop was the airport to pick up Miss Rodeo New Mexico with Miss Rodeo Alabama. We went to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs, the PRCA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and the Miss Rodeo America Seminar. It was wonderful having roomies and traveling partners for a change. Brooklynn and Victoria are my sisters at heart. Then Brooklynn came back home with me for some good ole Nebraska hospitality. We rested up and made our way to the Daddy of Them All. While in Cheyenne we went to the pancake breakfasts, a parade, PRCA rodeos, PBR, and watched the Thunderbirds Air Show. I dropped Brooklyn off at the airport and set my sights for Burwell for Nebraska's Big Rodeo. It's a mini Cheyenne with more races—Chariot and Chuck Wagon and better seating for the big show. On my way home I went to the Morrill County Fair to watch the horse show and sign autographs. It is a sign that the rodeo season is slowing down and that county fair time is here! Maybe I will see you at one of the fairs across Nebraska! Thanks again for all of your support and making this year one I will always cherish! Also I really appreciate all the folks who have opened their hearts and homes to me on this great adventure.

♥ Amy

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To provide an opportunity for young women of high moral and ethical character to promote Nebraska and the sport of rodeo.

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1. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast w/NLD Committee
2. Pictures w/future Rodeo Queens
3. Taking our turn on a Harley for Breast Cancer Awareness
4. Brittany Jeffers, Miss Nebraska w/Kristin @ NLD Thunderbirds, see them roar, I heard them roar!



20. Me, Kristin, Miss Rodeo Alabama, & Miss Rodeo Arizona
21. Kristin & I with a member of Puddle of Mudd
22. At Cheyenne with Victoria & Brooklyn
23. Visiting Royalty, Contestants, & HOF Inductees at Burwell
24. Tessa Wright and I at Burwell

6. Visiting Royalty @ NLD
7. Watching the NLD Committee decorate a cake
8. Posing w/sign @ Buffalo Bill's Ranch
9. Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen Contestants
10. Troyer's w/their hot rod; We got to ride in it too!
11. Greeley Stampede w/Victoria
12. Rylee Rich @ Ponca doing the Badger dance.

13. At the Air Force Academy
14. Inside the Church @ the Air Force Academy
15. The Girls of the West at the PPOB Rodeo
16. Pikes Peak with visiting Royalty
17. Western Horseman with Victoria
18. At Cheyenne with the Frontier Girls
19. Kristin, Miss Rodeo Montana, & Miss Rodeo Mississippi



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~RIDE PROUD~

Having the honor to be crowned MRN 2010 has been more than a dream come true. However, I don't think the reality of it all has actually sunk in yet. I would like to thank all involved in making the pageant and contest a memory that will last a lifetime. Without everybody's hard work and dedication I know it wouldn't have been the experience it was. The role of Lady-In-Waiting started right away with meetings, appearances to different types of celebrations, and rodeos. And having the privilege to judge a queen contest. My first appearance was in Seward, NE where I participated in their 4th of July celebration. While there I judged a pet costume contest, a Larry the Cable Guy look-a-like contest, and a pie eating contest. Later I had the honor of meeting the Governor of NE and riding in the parade. Next I was off to Madison, NE to help judge my first queen contest. I think that any girl interested in trying out for a title should definitely judge one first; it gives you a completely different view of it all. The nine girls that competed were all great and were very qualified; we all had a blast. Although Sherri, Miranda, and I probably had more fun than we should have! My next stop was Ainsworth, NE to help celebrate The National Day of the Cowboy. The first night was very nice; the committee had a dinner held at the Elks Club which honored all of the visiting queens. This was also the first place that Madison Humphrey, MTRN 2009, and I were together; we enjoyed a movie after dinner and caught up on everything we had been doing. The next day was filled with a parade and different events held in conjunction with The National Day of the Cowboy. The end of July I enjoyed a few nights of rodeo in Wahoo, NE and then I helped the Rodeo Rose Productions at the Lincoln County Fair. I also was in McCook, NE helping with the coronation of their new rodeo queen and I enjoyed all the events held with their fair and rodeo. With all of the events I have participated in, I have also had the opportunity to meet and stay with some very great people. I would like to give a special thanks to all those who have been so gracious and welcoming to me. This is just the beginning, and far from the end. But my boot straps are pulled up and ready to head down the rest of the trail.

Michelle Boeshart, Lady-In-Waiting MRN 2010



I began the MTRN contest looking forward to new friendships and fun and that is what I got. The other four lady's that I competed with were wonderful and we had some great laughs together. We started early in the morning and were off running the entire day until late at night. You know girls, we can't just go to sleep when the lights are out. My favorite events were visiting all of the sponsors and practicing our speeches at Centennial Park Retirement Home. I was able to get the attention of one particular gentleman and boy that did boost my confidence for the style show. The style show was a great evening. Seeing all the state queens in their gowns and then being able to walk the runway right along with them was so exciting. The morning that I was crowned was filled with photographs, congratulations, and many hugs. I am so thankful for all of the people who helped me with all the details that it took to achieve the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. One of my first appearances was the Woodhouse Ford lunch that was served Saturday at Cody Park. I got to sign autographs & helped serve drinks. It was a wonderful meal. After NEBRASKALand Days I had some time to realize that wow, I am Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. I needed to get started gathering donations so that I could get out there and do my job. My hometown of Ogallala has given me a great start to my financial support for the year. A big thanks to all the businesses there. The Sutherland Rodeo Jr. Queen contest was a great place to start supporting other area queens. I attended the queen luncheon and then joined in with the rodeo events as well. Of course you can always count on a little rain at Sutherland and we were poured on the first night of the rodeo. During the grand entry we all smiled and waved and showed our appreciation to all those who braved the weather. My queen run at Sutherland was an experience that I will never forget, but it gave me a piece of advice to share with others during the rest of my reign. Lets just say that the mud in Sutherland's arena is very soft and does come out of clothes...thankfully! The lesson learned and my new motto is: "You can't choose the circumstances that life throws you, but you CAN choose the way you react to them". I will have to say thank you to the crowd and the queen contestants for their support and encouragement. I got back in the saddle the second day and rode in the parade as well as the rodeo with a big smile. Next I traveled to Ainsworth NE for the National Day of the Cowboy. I had never been to Ainsworth before and the drive up there was absolutely gorgeous. We started the night at the Elks Club for a dinner to meet the queens. I was joined by Michelle Boeshart, Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 Lady-in-Waiting; Jimi Pinney, Miss Wilsonville 2009; Dakota Olson, Miss Clearwater 2009; and Kari Lynn Qualley, Miss Rodeo Cherry County. We all had a fabulous meal and had a chance to share a little bit of ourselves with everyone who came to the dinner. Saturday morning was filled with a progressive breakfast down the strip and then a parade. Buffalo Bill told stories in the afternoon as well as the horse whisperer sharing how he trains young horses. I was able to have my portrait sketched by a local artist. Later that evening we helped with an auction to raise money for the Cowboy Hall of Fame and then listened as they announced the new inductees. Congratulations to their families. What a wonderful honor. I had the most wonderful host family and was so thankful that they opened their home to myself, my little brother, and my mom. Thank you Barbara and Orville Morelang. In just a short time I have had so many exciting things to attend and have met many wonderful people. Once again I am so thankful for the opportunity of holding the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska and want to tell other young ladies out there to keep their FOCUS. Live each day with a thankful heart, work hard, and put others before yourself.

Matisyn Humphrey, MTRN 2009



Wow another year has come and gone. To wrap things up I give you a brief over-view of my days at NEBRASKALand Days. The days started off with the concerts. I was excited to hear that I would know both of the bands; I am a type who listens to just about everybody. Then after that came the Miss Rodeo Nebraska and Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska competitions. I had a blast with all of the girls and each of the events we were able to attend. On Wednesday I was able to sign autographs with the state queens throughout the day, and even before the rodeo on Wednesday. Then finally came my favorite part...the RODEO! Each night was wonderful, and the Nebraska weather was fairly decent. After that was the big parade on Saturday and my last night of rodeo as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska. I have been blessed with one of the highest honors a teenager can receive, and that has been the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2008 Title. It was honestly the most fun I have ever had. I would like to thank the Association Officers and Members. You guys are the strongest support group any girl could ask for, and I'm so glad to have you as a part of my family now! I would like to thank all of my sponsors; I really appreciate you guys sticking behind me in these tough times and every little bit did help. I want to thank my family for allowing me to do this, it was a full-fledged Kohmetscher Family effort and I was lucky to have the tightest support group so close to my heart. I want to wish the best of luck to Matisyn. You will do an amazing job and I hope you take in every minute of it. There are so many new doors and opportunities that will be opened to you all at once, take it in! And enjoy! To Michelle I also want to give the best of luck! She did absolutely wonderful and I know she is very excited for her opportunity to represent our home state. And Amy Amack, where do I start? I think we both agree that over ten days in North Platte and taking in the whole NEBRASKALand Days experience would have been difficult alone! I loved my time with you; you are the older sister I never had and will always be the person I look to for advice. You are going to shine bright at the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. I am very excited for you, as is the whole state! In closing, I want to leave you with a quote that I have enjoyed ever since I first discovered it. It helped me live every day of my year to the fullest. "A gold buckle is not going to define who I am as a person. In the larger scheme of life what people remember is how we live our life, not how many gold buckles we have."

Kristin Kohmetscher, MTRN 2008

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hope that you are all having a special summer, the 2010 Miss Rodeo NE pageant is over and we have a new Lady -In-Waiting—Michelle Boeshart. Matisyn Humphrey is our 2009 Miss Teen Rodeo NE. Congratulations to all of the contestants who competed, each chairman of the events held during the pageant, and the committees who worked so hard to make it the premier event that it is. Each year the State Queens who attend our pageant and rodeo compliment the members of our Association that are involved in all of our activities and the support we give our Miss Rodeo NE. A special Thank You to Amy and Kristin who attended almost every event held during NLD; what a great job they did. Appreciate those of you who attended the July meeting. Our annual meeting is October 11, 2009; anyone wishing to be placed on the ballot please notify someone on the executive committee. Budgets from each committee are also due at that time. Again, I cannot express enough thanks to all of you for your dedication to our events, our Queens, and our program. See you in October!

Mardee Swanson, MRNA President

- Welcome to Miranda Dodson, new MRNA member! -

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 29 Send-off Committee Meeting
North Platte Location TBA
- Oct. 11 MRNA Inc Annual Meeting
1 p.m.—Executive Board Mtg
2:30 p.m.—General Meeting
Election of Officers
- Nov. 14 MRN Send-Off Celebration
- Nov. 29 Las Vegas, NV
- Dec. 5 Miss Rodeo America 2010 Pageant
- 2010
Mar. 13-14 MRNA Rodeo Queen Clinics

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Former MRNA Member/Officer Kelli Barner & her husband Dan welcomed to their family: Braxton Stanley Barner on May 31, 2009

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