

REALLY, RHINOS!



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D.B.A. Rhino

Ever wonder who is using RHINO or RHINOCEROS as part of a business name and what the product or service is? Here are a few rhino businesses found in the Dun & Bradstreet microfiche listing of U.S. companies.

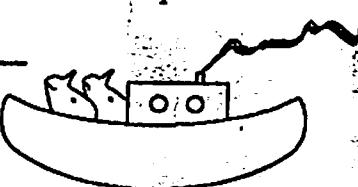
RHINO ROBOTS, INC. PO BOX 4010, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820. Their XR Series is an "integrated high-tech robotic system for education, research and training. They claim to be the "world leader in instructional robotics"

If you are ever lost in Southeastern Arizona, you might head for THE RHINO'S HORN at 885 W. Cleveland Street (the main drag) in St. Johns, AZ. Their greasy spoon menu (take out only) includes "Baby Rhino Burger (ground beef), Baby Rhino Special (cheeseburger, fries, drink), Rhino Burger, Jumbo Rhino Burger and

for dessert, a Rhino Split (with a banana horn down the middle).

RHINO RECORDS INC. 1201 Olympic Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90404 sells records, audio and video cassettes of oldies but goodies, including the delightful animated short short, "Bambi Meets Godzilla" and the very timely "Rhino's Guide to Safe Sex" which every teenager should see. Their catalogue looks like a comic book with a rambo rhino on the cover and they do offer t-shirts and sweatshirts with the great behemoth, Sgt. Rhino emblazoned on the front. You can also get a t-shirt of a leather-jacketed rhino with a "D.A." and a record impaled on his horn (not as gruesome as it sounds). Write for your catalogue today!

If you know of any businesses that use the word RHINO... please let the editor know! Brochures or menus, etc. are helpful.



Ark System

There's a new ARK on the horizon. ARK (Animal Records Keeping System) "allows zoos to tap into information about their animal collections, ranging from how inbred an animal is to how much it costs and the number of times it has been on loan. Each program is tailored to the zoo using it, covering only the animals in each particular collection." (New York Times, July 12, 1987) Mentioned here because the byline says: "Getting the Rhino Into the Computer" and it has a large illustration accompanying the article. For a copy of this article, send us an SASE and \$.50.



Quiz:

Rhinoceros "Envoy Extraordinary", Mr. Ramatur, comes from what delightful children's book? (answer in the next issue)

RhinoceVerse

...and there he was-
the Rhinoceros!...
His hide caked in sun-dried mud,
fresh from his daily wallow,
a very amiable and placid fellow,
smelling richly of straw and
fermenting grass.

I am sorry, Rhinoceros
you have been sadly
misrepresented to us
as vicious, intractable and
ponderous,
a blindly-charging
two-spiked battering-ram.
Rhinoceros,
you don't know how sorry I am.

Durer saw you as if dressed
in riveted armour plate,
a medieval tank.
Your hide is flexible enough I
think.

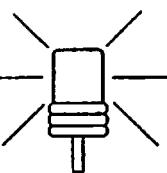
That's right - amble over
and rest your chin on the
concrete.

Your little eye is bright
and surprisingly intelligent.
Your nostril hawse-holes are wet,
and I am surprised
how very sensitive your lips are.
Rhinoceros, you are far
more of a friend than I thought
you were.

Here - you like them?
Have another cheese straw!

- William Hart-Smith -
(A Book of Animal Poems.
Selected by William Cole, 1973)

Attention K-Mart Rhinophiles!



Does anyone collect rhino greeting cards and stationery? I have some duplicates and am always looking for new ones. Please let us know what you have or want.

All you collectors out there - send me your want list. With your permission I can make it available to other readers who, like me, can be on the look out for new and interesting rhinos. I just bought over 250 rhinos at an estate sale and I have an entire box of duplicates which I would like to sell or trade. So let us see your list.

If you have any spare change, there's a piece of Steuben glass in the shape of a rhino horn with rhinos etched at the base for a mere \$6750. Check with your local art museum or gallery.

'Round The World

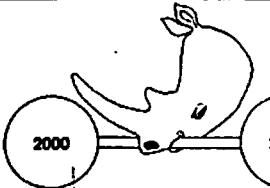
If you get to the San Diego Wild Animal Park, there should still be a rare Indian rhinoceros named Jumia who is about fifteen months old now. He was born on 1-24-86 and can be found in the Asian Plains exhibit at the Park.

For Sale By The Editor:

- "Rhino Bath" liquid soap (\$5.95)
- "Barnum's Animals" inflatable toy collection (\$8.95)
- "Ramblin' Rhino" push toy (\$7.95)
- Small rubber squeeze toy (4") (\$3)
- Stuffed Dakin rhino (6") (\$6.95)

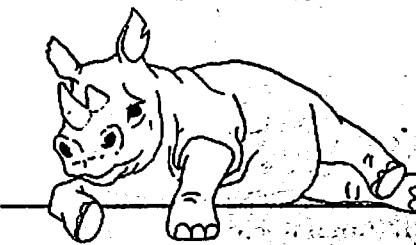
Two-Ton Trivia

- A black rhino does not have any front teeth.
- When he walks and runs the rhino goes on tiptoe.
- Oxpecker birds and cattle egrets eat ticks and insects off the rhino skin and from its nose and ears. They also warn the rhino of danger.
- Black rhinos have no hair on their skin except on their eyelashes and the tips of their tails and ears.
- Rhinos have good hearing. They can twist their ears around to hear in all directions.
- Rhinos have small eyes on the sides of their head; they can only see to the sides.
- Rhinos can smell very well. They use their noses to find their way about and to choose the food they want to eat.
- Although they are heavy and bulky, rhinos can gallop round corners and change direction quickly, and they can run as fast as 45 k.p.h over a short distance.



Charge It!

No pay, little glory, but CONTRIBUTIONS to this newsletter are encouraged. If you would like to share some information, plug a product, embroil readers in controversy, excite us into action, or whatever, send me your typewritten, double-spaced copy.



Phil and Margie Matter

- water colors
- banana fiber statues
- wooden salad servers
- verdite or ivory carvings
- verdite carved pendant (no chain)
- wooden carvings by Joseph
- kishi stone rhino-shaped box from Kenya



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Pachyderms in the Press

"How the Rhino Got Its Flaky Skin"

(by Emily Levy) is the unlikely name of a chapter in the book: With the Power of Each Breath: A Disabled Woman's Anthology, Susan E. Browne, et al, Cleis Press, 1985.

First her mother was trampled by a rhino. Then things really got wild.

At the start of Cindy Packard's The Mother Load, a nature photographer is squashed by a rhino. And that's only the beginning. (Atheneum, 1986)

Since 1970, 84% of the world's rhinos have disappeared.

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From Our Amazing World of Animals:

"Oddly enough, the black rhino is considered the most easily tamable animal in Africa. Once penned, he soon becomes so gentle that he will eat out of his keeper's hand. Captive rhinos will come on call to have their ears rubbed, and some will roll over to have their stomachs scratched." ("Rhino" by David Reed)

Breeding rhinos is difficult. How difficult?

"It's one of those jobs that... well, somebody has to do it. So how, exactly, do you accomplish the artificial insemination of a rhinoceros?" From an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Monday, April 21, 1986. Copies available by sending \$.50 and a SASE.

Nat'l Geo.

Some black and white photos can be found in the September, 1960 issue of National Geographic. (Gertie, Amboseli's "Tame" Rhinoceros.) and also the April, 1957 issue (Lucy, first baby white rhino displayed in the U.S.)

Save the Rhino Day

February 29th was officially the first annual **SAVE THE RHINO DAY** and although the electronic media wasn't too receptive save for a lone radio station in Decatur, Illinois, the print media was most interested. I got calls from South Carolina, Bloomington, Delaware, Atlanta, California. I sent Willard Scott a rhino hat but he didn't wear it on that Monday nor was anything said on the Today Show or ABC World News Tonight (they had called me weeks before) nor did David Letterman take me up on my offer to have me and Jack Hanna on the same show. But there's always next year and I think the date should be March 1st. If any of you out there think another date is more appropriate, let me know by May 1st so I can send the date to Chase's Calendar of Annual Events which is the publication that most people check for daily happenings.

Yes, I want a subscription to **REALLY, RHINOS!** so I can keep charging!!!

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Ecology and Behavior of the Black Rhinoceros

(Diceros Bicornis L.) A Field Study by Prof. Dr. Rudolf Schenkel. Verlag Paul Parey 1969. Report of an investigation carried out between January, 1963 and October, 1966 in Tsavo National Park, Amboseli Game Reserve and several National Parks and Game Reserves in East Africa.

Who's Sick!

by W.B. Park. Houghton Mifflin 1983. Two brothers (one an elephant, one a rhino) try to outdo each other with aching throats and terrible coughs until

they find they have gotten themselves into a terrible fix!

Rhinos Don't Climb!

by Ruth Rosner. Harper & Row, 1984. "No more climbing!" Rena's father tells her. "Go play in the mudhole, where a rhino ought to play!" But Rena loves to climb, high above the mud where none of the other rhinos can see. With her friend Gerald, she builds a mountain high above the mud and almost convinces the other rhinos that climbing is something every rhino ought to try at least once.

Rainbow Rhino

by Peter Sis. Alfred A. Knopf, 1987. Red, Blue and Yellow, each of Rainbow Rhino's three companions, are lured away from home by the exotic temptations they see on their travels, only to discover their need for one another and the true meaning of friendship. A lush, warmly illustrated text.

SAWARA YOU?

From SAWARA, publication of the East Africa Wildlife Society:

"In a move that could be crucial in halting the extinction of rhino in the wild, the North Yemen government has agreed to take major steps to close down their country's illegal trade in rhino horn.

"Lucy Vigne and Esmond Bradley Martin's project to close down the trade in rhino products resulted in a trip to North Yemen where they urged the government to take stringent action against illegal imports of rhino horn. They followed up trade statistics gleaned from their monitoring of rhino horn exports from East and Central Africa. Thanks to their efforts and those of other conservationists world-wide, almost all the rhino horn consuming countries have now banned rhino horn imports. However, illegal trade remains a problem in several Asian Cities; Martin and Vigne are trying to decrease the amount of rhino horn being made available and are also encouraging use of substitutes for it."

From the World Wildlife Fund:

Save the Rhino... Roger Whittaker Sings Out

World-renowned singer Roger Whittaker, born and raised in Kenya has committed proceeds from his U.S. tour to World Wildlife Fund rhino projects. The 90-city tour will continue through August, 1988. For information on a concert near you, call Tembo Productions at (904) 471-3711.

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