

# Gaucha Stuff

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## COMMENTS

I don't have a lot to comment about this month. Work continues on the new float and it was hoped that we might see a few more faces down there, especially those of you who said they would like to help but have not appear yet.

So here are the contents for this newsletter as follows.

1. Membership Renewal
2. Gaucha Stuff
3. New Float Construction
4. Membership
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7. Information on Parades
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## 1. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD

There are still a number of you who have still not committed to paying their renewal. There is still time to complete this and I will be giving you a little nudge in the coming weeks, to remind you that we have not heard from you on this matter.

As I have indicated in the last couple of Newsletters we have extended the membership renewal period until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

**Please note you need to have paid both the assessment and membership renewal fee to partake in the 2010 parade season.**

## 2. GAUCHO-STUFF

Forms for Gaucha-Stuff will not be available until the next Gaucha event which will be the Picnic is to be held in January 2010. Fliers for the picnic will be forwarded along with Gaucha-Stuff forms sometime before Christmas.

**Please also be advised that we have limited number of medallions available.**

Further, we will not be reordering a further batch of medallions at this time due to financial restraints related to the float construction.

## 3. FLOAT CONSTRUCTION

The status of the new float is shown on the photographs that were e-mailed out on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and is on schedule.

**THE NEW FLOAT IS NOW LOCATED AT REAR OF 6508 NORTH HABANA AVENUE**

At present we have had five working Saturdays and a number of Gauchos have shown up to help out at this time plus some working days during the week. We appreciate the Gauchos who

do show up even if it is for just a few hours, however, it would be nice if we were to see some other Gauchos even if it is just for one Saturday. It goes to show that you are interested in seeing this project completed prior to the parade season.

We still have quite a lot of work to undertake and we have only a number of Saturdays in November and December plus the month of January. We also have to account for the public holidays in November and December.

For your information the new float is to be permanently located at 6508 North Habana Avenue. In this respect we have ordered a large storage building to house the float which is due to be delivered and erected the week after Thanksgiving.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

This month our membership dipped to 135, with the resignation of Gaucho due to ill health. I feel we may lose a few more members the closer we get to the end of the year., hopefully we may be able to turn the corner in the New Year.

#### **5. PARADE COMMENT**

##### **October 31**

Captain Morgan Fantasy Fest Parade, Key West

This year we had about 10 gauchos who attended the parade with family and friends. As usual everybody had a good time and it appears the only

complain was the time it took the parade to complete the route.

#### **6. 2010 PARADE & EVENT**

##### **DATES**

##### **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Battlefest (Signature Kick Off event associated with the Ybor City Naval Invasion)

##### **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Gaucho Picnic
- Gasparilla Children's Parade

##### **January 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Ybor City Naval Invasion (High Noon, Ybor Time)

##### **January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Gasparilla Day Parade

##### **February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sant'Yago Illuminated Knight Parade

##### **March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Rough Rider's St Patrick Parade

##### **February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dunedin Mardi Gras Parade

##### **March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Chasco Fiesta Street Parade
- St.Petersburg Festival of States Day Parade

##### **March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Honda Grand Prix Illuminated Night Parade and Fireworks, St.Petersburg.

## 7. INFORMATION ON PARADES

### Party before the Gasparilla Parade

Please be advised that we have once again make arrangements with the Beef O Brady's Bar on McDill Avenue to party prior to the Gasparilla Parade.

Gasparilla Parade: Please be advised that we now received our invitation to participate in the Gasparilla Parade. Our application has been submitted and has been approved; however, we will not be advised of our location in the parade until closer to the date of the parade.

The YMKG have invited us to a parade meeting in early December in which they will outline the various rules and regulation related to the parade

Ybor City Knights Parade: Pease also be advised that we have received our invitation to participate in this parade. At this time our application has been submitted but we have not received confirmation that it has been accepted.

Safety Officer: As in past years we have had to nominate a Safety Office and as we did for the pass two parades above, we have submitted Gaucho Eric Morales name for this position.

Beads etc: As in past years we have to meet the requirements of the Federal, State and Local Standards, specifically addressing the lead

content of our throws. There will be a separate notification on this matter at a later date which will detail these requirements.

## 8. WEBSITE APPLICATION FORM

Still want friends to join, then, look for the Application Form on our website at [www.gauchoassn.com](http://www.gauchoassn.com).

An acknowledgement will be forwarded to every application as it is received.

**Please keep me informed of any changes you make to your address and telephone numbers. (whether it is e-mail or home address) If you don't inform me then you may miss out on important parade information**

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You can reach me the following numbers

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Please **DO NOT USE** my AOL address for Gaucho related items

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