

Gaucha Stuff

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COMMENTS

Once again the best part of the 2010 parade season is over and the only remaining parade is Key West. We did have a fairly good turn out for all the parades and are pleased to report that all the comments about the new float were very positive.

In this newsletter there is a report on each of the last three parades we attended.

At this time would like to thank Gaucha Don Frowick, for the donation of cigars. I think everyone of you who smoked enjoyed these cigars

So here are the contents for this newsletter as follows.

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1. PARADE COMMENTS

Rough Riders St.Patrick's Parade held on Saturday March 13.

This was held on another cold evening and we had a turn out of over 45 Gauchos.

Most of the Gauchos met up at Gaspers Grotto and then took the bus

to the parade staging area. There were some, who will remain nameless, who missed the bus and had to take a taxi. It seem that they had a little adventure of their own when one of their number fell over backwards into a bush and then stood up with little white flowers over him. (better than coming up smelling roses or other things that may have been in the bushes)

Our staging location was number 44 and this meant that we did not start the parade until about 8pm. This parade was fairly short and so by 8:30pm we found ourselves at the end of the parade route.

The other incident that happen that evening was the float, upon it return to the yard, got stuck in some soft ground and when being reversed into the shelter caught against a tree root. After some digging and moving the float forward they managed to get around the root and got the unit safely back into the shelter.

Chasco Street Parade, New Port Richey on Saturday March 20.

This parade was held on nice sunny warm day that we had not had in a long time. All the parades so far had been cold and windy or raining. This was a nice change and some 30 Gauchos turned out for this parade.

The day started out with "Breakfast before the Parade" at Gauchos Chopper Davis house and must thank Chopper and the other Gauchos who sponsored this event.

After breakfast we were transported to the staging area and we found the float at location number 53. The parade was due to start at 1pm but there was a delay due to one of the emergency vehicles at the head of the parade hitting a sink hole. After about half an hour we moved off and made our way to the start and then the parade proper and finished about 2:30pm

St.Petersburg Illuminated Night Parade held on Thursday March 25

A small band of about 20 Gauchos attended this parade.

We were unit number 54 and the staging area was vacate when we arrived and stayed that way until we moved off which was about 8pm. The parade started at 7pm but we spend that long hour standing around until it was time to move and then found that we were the last unit in the parade. There was a forecast of rain and there were some sprinkles before we moved off. During the parade we noticed that the fireworks were being set off and we thought that this was because of the forecast. Anyway, we completed the parade before the rain come in.

2. PARADE AWARDS.

As you are aware we did not win any awards on the first three parades of

the year, however at the Chasco Street Parade we won the following award:

"Best Special Effects - Professional Float"

It is an award that we have won a couple of times over the past couple of years.

3 Parade Photos

Most of you have seen the photos taken during the current parades. My thanks go out to Gaucho Chip Weiner and Gaucho Bobby Floyd for their input.

All the photos have now been posted to the Picasa 3 Album Site and you should have received an e-mail with this posted album site for your reference and review.

All photos have been forwarded to our Webmaster who has posted the first three parades on the Gauchos website and now await for him to confirm that the balance of the photos have been posted

4. FLOAT PLAQUE.

At the present moment there has been no action on the Float Plaque, due to our active parade season.

It is anticipated that in June that myself and Tom Henry will be meeting and getting this project underway.

In the mean while if any Gaucho who is still interested in making a donation then here are the categories:

"Silver Category" new donation of \$150.00

"Gold Category" new donation of \$250.00

"Diamond Category" new donation of \$300.00

Please make out your check to the Gaucho Association and forward to the following address:

38702 8th Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542-4208

5. 2010 PARADE & EVENT DATES

October 16th

GaUCHO-Fest (Provisional)

October 30th

Fantasy Fest Parade, Key West

Have shown October 16th as a date for the next Gaucho-Fest, this date is shown as provisional. Gaucho Don Frowick has offered to have this event on some property that he owns. Gaucho Greg Heid, Don and myself will be visiting the venue in the next couple of months to talk over the details.

Look for more details in early summer.

6. New Gauchos and Membership

Since the last newsletter we have had a few guys complete the on-line registration form and application forms and details of the Gauchos have

been forwarded to them, however have not had any responses to date.

If you know of anyone that wants to join the association, now is the time to take advantage of the situation.

Just direct them to our website and to the tool bar on the left side of the screen where they will find the application form. Complete and forward.

When it is received, a confirming e-mail will be forwarded from myself indicating that we have received the application.

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

7. UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.

The current voluntary situation about membership renewal still exists and anyone wishing to submit their 2010/2011 renewal can do so. Please submit to the address mentioned above. Membership renewal is \$225.00 and checks should be made out to the Gaucho Association.

As in past years invoices for this period will be mailed out about July 1st, 2010.

Finally, I shall be on vacation from April 19th until May 21st. Anyone wanting to contact me should use my

e-mail address which is listed below and I should be able respond to you within a couple of days depending on the wireless connection available to me wherever I am.

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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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