



GaUCHO Stuff

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F.A.R.T Storage Yard Location: 6508 North Habana Ave, Tampa, FL 33614

Comment:

First let me wish all Gauchos a happy and safe Thanksgiving

We are now coming to the end of another year and the start of the 2014 parade season is just two months away.

We have had a number of Gauchos resign this year. Some moved out of the Tampa Bay area and others for personal reasons. Some just did not respond to our e-mails, letters and telephone calls, so who knows what their situation is. It is very frustrating when Gauchos do not respond and makes life a little difficult when trying to tie up the loose ends of the membership.

Over the summer months general maintenance has been completed on the floats, two particular items come to mind that needed to be addressed. The first being was the leaking steering box and am glad to advise that this has been repaired and there is no longer any leaking oil from this unit. The second problem was the weight ratio on the rear unit which was causing a problem during the link up of the two units. Due to the weight on the rear towing unit there was an upward force on the tow bar and hence it was very difficult to attach the tow unit, in fact it needed two or three bodies to stand on the tow bar to counter the rear weight. This has now been rectified by the installation of some heavy duty steel plates under the wooden seat adjacent to the tow bar. Our thanks go to **GaUCHO John Buntin** for the supply and delivery of these plates so that this problem could be rectified. (Thanks again, John)

Membership

Would also like to welcome the following new Gauchos to the association

GaUCHO Mark Shelton was sponsored by GaUCHO Derek Pontlitz. Mark lives in New Port Richey and is a software architect.

GaUCHO Tyrone Zdravko was sponsored by GaUCHO Mark Ossian Tyrone lives in Clearwater and is an Attorney



We have just completed the membership renewal period for the 2013/14 year and as mention above a number of Gauchos have resigned during this period together with a number who have indicated that they would like to put their membership on hold for a year. What that means is that they have not renewed their membership and cannot participate in any of the parades, but still continue to received news and information on the Gauchos Association. The membership roster is in the mid 80's at present and we continue to welcome guys into the Gaucho brotherhood (as indicate above).

Now is the ideal time to recruit or sound out your friends on their interest in joining the Gaucho Association. By joining in this period would mean that they would have ample time to get a costume made and be ready for the 2014 parade season. It should be noted that we rely on you the membership to get the word out about the Gaucho Association. At the Gaucho-fest was introduced to several guys who were interested in the Gauchos, as yet have not had any feedback on whether these guys are still interested.

Gaucho-fest, Saturday September 14, 2013:

This was held at the Davis Island Yacht Club on Davis Island. This turned out to be very interesting afternoon and evening and had about 30 Gauchos turnout plus their wives, girlfriends and other friends. There were no complains about the food or the venue and everyone seen to enjoy themselves.

It was a very warm afternoon and finally we had to retreat indoors due to the heat. There was a very pleasant sunset and later we watched the lightning pattern over the city of Tampa. A number of the Gauchos brought friends along and was introduced to them and some indicated that they were interested in joining the Gauchos. To date have seen no follow thru. on those who were introduced

Veterans Day Parade, Saturday November 9, 2013:

This was an early start for some of us (6 Gauchos), as we had to leave the yard by 7:30 am due to the early road closures (8:30 am) around the staging area. We arrived in the staging area just after 8 am and then waited for the rest of the Gauchos to arrive. The morning was a bit cool, but by the time of the start of the parade it was getting very warm with a cool breeze. At approx. 10 am the parade started to move and finally we moved onto Handley Road just after 10:30 am. We travelled down the length of Handley Road and finished at the junction of Hillsborough Ave and then made our back to the yard where we arrived at 12 noon.

From the documents received from the Veterans Day Organization there were 76 units in the parade with rather large crowds along the whole parade route. It is a pity that more of you could not attend this parade, and as usual it was the dedicated few who come and supported and walked the parade route.



Parade Season 2014 Dates:

Saturday January 18, 2014	Gaicho Picnic
Saturday January 25, 2014	Gasparilla Parade
Saturday February 8, 2014	Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago Illuminated Nite Parade (Ybor City)
Tuesday March 4, 2014 moved to a Saturday Evening)	Dunedin Mardi Gras Parade (This date is provisional and the parade may be
Saturday March 15, 2014	St. Patrick's Parade (Ybor City)
Saturday March 22, 2014	Chasco Street Parade
September/October 2014	Gaicho-Fest
Saturday November 8 th , 2014	Veterans Day Parade

Latest information related to the upcoming parade season:

Gaicho Picnic: This will be held on Saturday January 18th, 2014 between the 2 and 6pm. The location of the picnic has now changed and we will be holding it at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club. More information will be transmitted to all Gauchos closer to the day of the event. Please take a note of this date, remember **Saturday January 18, 2014**

Gasparilla Parade: This event is to be held on January 25, 2015. We have recently received information on the pre-parade meeting which Greg Heid and myself will be attending. We will also receive at this meeting the wrist bands and the Acceptance, Release and Waiver documentation that has been completed by all Gauchos prior to the parade (It will be available in the staging area)

We have once again made arrangements with Beef O' Brady's on MacDill Ave for the pre-parade party. We have also made arrangements for a bus to pick us up at this venue (one trip only) and transport us to the float location (unknown at this time) in the staging area. We are also in the process of making arrangements to have some food delivery to the staging area and in this context have purchased a collapsible table to set the food out. We are also hoping to have "Doug & Jack's KA Sangria" on the float which will have to be prepared one evening prior to the actual day of the parade.

Further information on the parade will be transmitted closer to the day of the event.



Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago Parade (Illuminate Nite Parade) To date have not received any information from the Krewe on this event and hence await information on the pre-parade meeting when the parade information will be handed to us.

At this time we have made arrangements for a bus to make a number of trips to transport all Gauchos to the staging area. In the past we had made arrangements to meet at Gaspar's Grotto prior to the parade, but next year that will change. We have therefore made arrangements with "Tequilas Ybor" for the Gauchos to meet, greet and eat (and drink) with each other prior to being transported to the staging area. Further information on the location of Tequilas Ybor and the parade will be transmitted closer to the day of the event.

Dunedin Mardi Gras Parade: We have no confirmation of the date of this parade but we have assumed that it will be held on the Tuesday (March 4) prior to the start of Lent. (no information on the city's website)

Rough Riders St. Patricks Parade: To date have not received any information from the Rough Riders on this event.

At this time we have made arrangements for a bus to make a number of trips to transport all Gauchos to the staging area from Tequilas Ybor. Further information related to Tequilas Ybor and the parade will be transmitted closer to the day of the event.

Chasco Street Parade: From the website we have established that the Chasco Celebration is to be held from Friday March 21st to Saturday March 29th with the parade taking place on Saturday March 22nd. Again no other information is available at this time.

Parade Monitors: As in years past we are going to need monitors for each of the parades we attend with the exception of the Dunedin Parade, unless we are notified otherwise. Gaucho Eric Morales will be our safety officer and again be responsible for ensuring that the monitors are in the correct location, ie, each corner of the float. Be advised that they are prohibited from drinking alcohol or the throwing items into the crowd on the actual parade route.

In the early part of January we shall be requesting all Gauchos to contact friends or family to see if they would be interested in undertaking this chore for us once again. We have provided all the dates for the parades in order that you can advise prospective monitors of the dates that we will require their services. This is not something that we the association are requesting, **it is regulation that we have comply with.**

Another regulation we have to comply with is the wearing of wrist bands. The YMKG took this a step this year, whereby each Gaucho, this includes, bartenders, monitors and the driver had to wear a wrist band. To add to the problem of issuing these wrist bands they include the extra rule that each and every person has to sign for each numbered wrist band. This is a bit of a pain in the backside and is another regulation that is just adding to the problems of getting set up and notifying each and every Gauchos of the parade information



Gaicho Name/Year Tags:

Over the last couple of years a number of Gauchos have applied for new name tags with their joining year engraved.

This offer is still available to all Gauchos, so if any Gaucho wishes to have a new name tag complete with his joining year, they should contact me so that arrangements can be made to have new tags supplied

Replacement cost of tags: Engrave name tag with year = \$6.75 plus tax plus postage. (approx.)

New Gaucho Medallions:

Over the summer months we have investigating the market for the supply of Gaucho Medallions. We had approached a number of suppliers, however cost and quantities and the actual design have determined our final decision on a supplier. We have now purchase a quantity of medallions and these will be available at the Gaucho Picnic in January. Further information will be available at the picnic.

Facebook Page

Since the last newsletter the face book page has now been updated and grown with a few more people and we now have forty-nine people enrolled on the Gauchos face-book page. The page has been updated by myself with pictures taken at the Veterans Parade that was held on November 9, 2013

If you are interested in seeing the content of our Facebook page please enter in search box "Gaucho Association of Tampa" and this will immediate take you to the Gauchos Face- book page.

Look for future information on events and news of the Gaucho



New Gaucho Pin:



Am giving another plug for this pin which has been designed by Gauchos Johnny Hobby and Kevin Shearouse as shown in the example above which has been provided by Buccaneer Beads. The pin reflects the face of the Gaucho float and is about 2.5 inches high and 1.5 inches wide.

The cost of this pin is about \$14.00 (think) each and would advise that these would be available from Gauchos Johnny Hobby. Any Gaucho who wishes to purchase this pin should contact Gauchos Johnny Hobby or Kevin Shearouse at the following:

Johnny Hobby j.hobby3@verizon.net

Kevin Shearouse kevin.shearouse@verizon.net

Float Plaques:

Gaucho Donation Plaque and the Gaucho F.A.R.T Plaque

Any Gaucho interested in making a donation to the float fund, 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



We welcome all donations and submitting a donation will mean your name will be added to the Gauchito Donation Plaque. Please make out your check to the Gauchito Association and mark it "donation" and forward to the following address "38702 8th Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542-4208".

FINAL NOTE:

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 or other information.

You can reach me at the following numbers

Home (813) 788-5824

Cell (813) 843-8500

Or e-mail at: gauchos.parade.info@gmail.com

Please **DO NOT USE** my "AOL" address for Gauchito related items.

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