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Independence Day Parade Mendocino style



MIASA SISTER CITIES
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The Miasa Sister City float was a colorful entry.

It was a true delight. That was the sentiment of the estimated 2,500 persons who attended the Independence Day parade last Friday afternoon in Mendocino.

Colorful entries, some 46 in all were featured in the annual holiday parade. An added attraction were five airplanes flying over the parade route signalling the beginning of the parade.

Master of Ceremonies was Bob Avery and judges were Gene Abbott, Jerry Costa, Rod Holden, Rosemary Jones and Jeanette Mendosa.

An ice cream social was held on the Kelley House lawn after the parade ended just after 1:30 p.m.

Town Crier was Esta Hirshon. Grand Marshall of the parade was Herman Fayal accompanied by Mendocino High cheerleaders Sue Hindrickson, Michelle Osborne, Roberta Root and Jenifer Stevens.

The grand marshal car was a 1967 Cadillac convertible owned by William Fleetwood and driven by Mark Quattrocchi.

The following judging was determined:

Best of Parade:

Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department's Hand Pumper Gleason and Bailey, purchased in 1879 for \$210. Restoration was done by Sierra Construction Center. It was 1931 or 1932 was the last estimated time the pumper was used.

Best Musical:

Pearls of Ragtime. Also played at the Kelley House from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. that afternoon.

Best Individual Entry:

Mendocino Coast Holiday Reservations under the direction of Paul Sutterly. It's theme: Sail on, Mendocino.

Best Commercial:

Mendocino Hotel Theme: Always in the Spirit.

Best Antique Car:

Owned and driven by Maynard Kendall a 1925 Roadster Model T Pick-up. Passenger: June Kendall.

Best Kids:

James Todd (birthday was July 4) Canada Orstad and Erica Tepfer. Theme: Class of 2001. Entered by Tim and Sue Todd.

Best Equestrian:

The Northern California Trails Council. Established in 1974 to promote and preserve trails throughout Mendocino County.

Best Bike Decoration

A \$20 prize sponsored by Mendocino Peddallers went to two persons. Ten dollars went to Mimi Huckins, age 6, for a flower salute to the Independence of us all and \$10 to Noka Aldoroty, age 6, for his bike decorated all in Red, White and Blue.

A special thanks was expressed by the Mendocino Business and Professional Council, sponsors of the parade to:

- The Kelley House for use of their grounds.

- The American Legion, Big River Post #758 for being Color bearers. Glen Richard for the five airplanes, signalling the beginning of the parade.

- Alma Mendosa for the use of her antique bells used by the Town Crier.

- The Mendocino Unified School District for the use of their piano.

- The Mendocino Woodtraders and Fred Wills for the use of their flatbed trucks.

- And all the people that worked so hard to make the parade a success.

Entries totaled 46, including nine bike entries and six old vehicle entries.

Estimated attendance by the parade organizers was between 2000 to 2500.

The well known Catch-A-Canoe truck was again the focal point for the trash-a-thon clean-up portion of the parade.

Assisting on the truck and distributing the trash bags along the route were Mrs. Dor Zimmer's Mendocino Spartans 4-H Club members.

Another repeat this year as "Barker" was Otak with the addition of Karen Rakofsky and their performing arts workshop children.

All youngsters participating in the clean up received prizes from Kolorphorme or Skys No Limit.

Grand prizes went to Matt McGee for collecting the most trash, to Jeff Carpenter for the second most trash and to Molly Atwood for turning in the heaviest trash.

Kaita Okamoto and Yoshit Okamoto received prizes as the best dressed trash collectors and Jack Kronfeld, age 4 years, for being the youngest participant.

Special district funding approved

Mendocino County supervisors and committee districts 14 percent