

CLOWNS GALORE



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Parade Report

Seven clowns plus driver from Clowns Galore participated in the Seminole Pow Wow Parade. Great job and thanks to the Chafins for coordinating this event.

Due to lack of participation, we are canceling the Safety Harbor Jester Days Parade. If anyone still wants to participate, please call Joyce Saxon 789-6736 and if we have enough in attendance, we will sign up again. They are anxious for our participation.

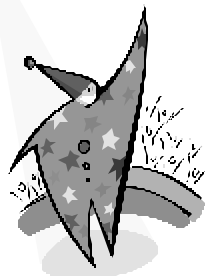
It's not too late to sign up for the Festival of States Parade, St. Petersburg. It will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. This is an evening parade. Call Elaine Pettit 572-7465 if you are interested in participating. We will be marching with the group from All Children's Hospital.

Oldsmar Days Parade - 10:00 AM on April 8th. This is their 39th annual parade with festival afterwards. Please call Joyce Saxon 789-6736 for sign up. Joyce "Buttercup"

Upcoming April Meeting

Reminder--this month's meeting topic is games. Bring your ideas or props to share with others.

Balloons for sale--the alley always has standard 260's available for sale. Pam will also take special orders for other sizes, hearts, geos, smiley's pumps or whatever--just call ahead!



Your Membership

This note is to inform everyone that they must be members of Clowns of America International. This is a mandatory requirement in the bylaws of Clowns Galore. If you have not provided your COAI membership number or proof of registering, your name will be dropped from the mailing list and thus will not receive this newsletter anymore. Please sign up with COAI and continue to receive this wonderful newsletter, plus gaining all the benefits of being a member of COAI. A Copy of COAI's membership application is enclosed.

Please sign up!!



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'In every real man a child is hidden that wants to play'

- Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

We have been invited to Morton Plant's meeting on April 10th. They are having what they call a Western Hoedown. Come one come all.

Note from the President

Thanks again to all the great Chili,
Plus cooks for the meal at last
month's meeting. Who says all
clowns can do is be funny!!

Clown School is in progress -- Don't
wait to get a call, because you won't!
Get over to Sable Palms (you've all
been there) and help out. We have 8
students eager to learn all they can---
show them what great clowns come
out of Clown's Galore Clown School!!

Our committees are running full thro-
tle to keep us active. Check the list in this newslet-



ter and remember to sign up for
parades -- Thanks to Joyce
Saxon, we have an entry in
nearly every parade in the area.

Our program committee has
been working overtime to bring
educational and entertaining
events to the meetings--Don't for-
get to bring games to share.

*Remember to Smile, Life's too
short to frown!*

Elaine

2000 Parades

Here is the Parade schedule so far for 2000. These are tentative schedules and will be decided on at the next Clowns Galore Monthly meeting. Plan to attend the meeting to get the latest info on all the upcoming Parades!!

April 1st Sat. Bellaire Beach Anniversary

April 4th Tue. Festival of States Night 8:00 pm

April 8th Sat. Festival of States Day 10:00 am

May 6th Sat. Fun & Sun Parade 7:00 pm

To find out more or to sign up for any of these parades, please contact Joyce Saxon @ 727-789-6736. Clowns Galore new Parade Coordinator.



Soda Pop's Book Review

"So You Wanna Be a Clown!

- MO's Guide To Becoming a Real Clown"

- By: Mona 'Mo' Webb, Ed.D.

I had several people speak of this fairly new book called 'So You Wanna Be a Clown' by Mona Webb... but until just recently, I had not actually seen the book. Let me say this, I was most impressed! I had met Mona a time or two at Clown Camp and a convention, and was pleasantly surprised at what a high-quality book she had put together! This 154 page book is an excellent tool for the newer clowns out there, or the clowns that feel they might need some work perfecting their art. The book is created in the form of a fun to read school book... I guess that comes from Mo's education background. She puts fun facts, jokes, and little tips mixed in with each instructional section.

Every facet of clowning is well covered - Types of Clowns, Makeup and Supplies, Makeup Techniques, Wigs, Wardrobe, Clown Character and Clown Skills. To help the younger clowns, she even has pages filled with eye and mouth makeup designs in order to get you started in the right direction. Mo has

several pages of Clown Resources that include other clown books, clown suppliers, clown organizations, and clown educational events - and she even included a 'Terminology' section to help people like me who constantly have to stop and wonder what a certain word means!

This large, 154 page, 8 1/2 x 11 inch book sells for only \$25.00. There are several clown suppliers that sell "So You Wanna Be a Clown!" in their catalogs and dealer tables, so keep your eyes open at that next convention. Of course, you can always go straight to the source and get a book by writing to Mona Webb at: Email: linnyandmo@aol.com. You can also find even more information (including excerpts from the book, mailing addresses, and multiple copy orders) at Mo's Website: <http://members.aol.com/LinnyandMo/index.html> Book info page: <http://members.aol.com/linnyandmo/beclown.html>

I highly recommend this book... like I said, an EXCELLENT tool for those of us newer to the clowning world.

Good reading all! Rick (Soda Pop) Struve

Balloon Corner

Supplied by Professor Wonder's Wonder Factory <http://www.willinet.net/~gardner>

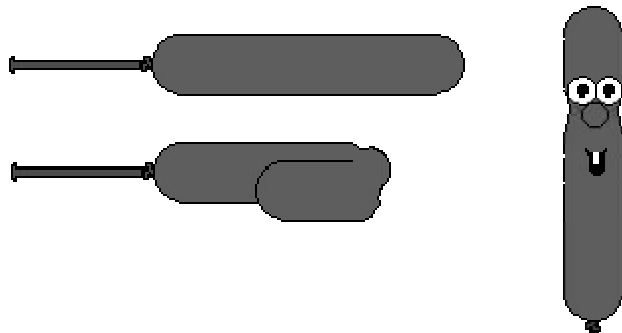
Veggie Tales:

Each of the three characters in the photo has a different kind of nose. It's the nose that makes attaching the eyes possible. (Some people prefer to make small eye and nose bubbles and glue them on with rubber cement. These instructions are for the 'balloon-only' method). In all three figures, the eyes are made from a small segment of white balloon, twisted in two to make two connected bubbles as in the previous sculpture. These are then wrapped around the nose and then given a twist to hold them in place. Now for the noses.

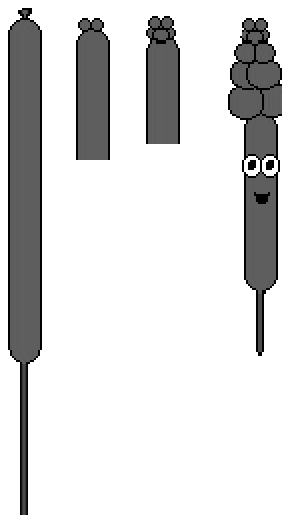
For Bob the tomato I used a 6-inch red heart balloon inflated only enough to look like a 4-inch ball (the lobes don't inflate until you get more air pressure into the balloon). Squeeze the balloon to force air into one of the lobes, and then give that lobe a few twists. This gives you a 4-inch ball with a smaller (about 1-inch) ball on one side. Wrap the eyes around the small ball, decorate with a marker, and you have Bob.



Larry the cucumber is made in essentially the same way, but using a green 350 instead of a heart. Inflate the 350 from the far end about 12-14 inches. Tie the knot close to the bubble, making it fairly firm. The long nozzle may be cut off when you're through. Since a straight balloon has no lobes, you need to make one yourself. Fold (NOT TWIST) the balloon at the point you want to attach the eyes and grab a bubble from one side. Twist this bubble and then let the rest of the balloon straighten out. The balloon will now have an hourglass shape where you took the twist. To minimize this, slowly untwist the nose bubble until the air just begins to escape into the main balloon. When the nose diameter gets below about an inch, twist it shut again and attach the eyes. Add eye details and a mouth with a marker. I used a piece of a gummed label for the tooth.



Junior asparagus in the photo was my first version, but I have since developed a version that looks more asparagus-like. Before you inflate the balloon, take a balloon scrap and tie a couple of knots in it to make one big knot. Then drop this 'raisin' into the balloon. You will use this later when you make a 'Raisin twist' for the nose. Inflate a 260 balloon about half way and tie it.



At the knot, make a half-inch pinch twist and then toe twist it in two, giving two very small bubbles at the tip. Follow this with three half-inch pinch twists, spaced evenly around the balloon. Next make two 3/4 inch pinch twists, one on each side of the balloon. Follow in the same way with a pair of 1-inch pinch twists and a pair of 1.5 inch pinch twists. The result should be a bumpy section of balloon, tapering to a point at the end. This is the asparagus top. Locate the place you want to put the nose, and grab the "raisin" through the side of the balloon (you did keep it out of the top section didn't you?!). Twist the raisin

around, just as you did the noses for the other faces and attach the eyes.

Website of the Month

Balloon HQ

<http://www.balloonhq.com/index.html>

This is Balloon Headquarters - if you haven't heard about this great site for balloon twisting, you are sorely missing out! Great information, Great photos, Great instructions, Great balloon sculptures - hey, did I tell you this was great?

Balloon HQ presents the most comprehensive collection of toy and decorative balloon information available on the Internet.



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Next Meeting April 3rd
Monday Night 7:00pm

Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5

We're on the Web
[http://www.geocities.com/
Broadway/Alley/3725/](http://www.geocities.com/Broadway/Alley/3725/)

Dates to Remember

This section will always have the latest dates and times to remember about coming events.

Every Wednesday – Tampa Bay Jugglers Club 7PM 4719 Prescott St, Tampa For details call Ed (813) 527-1716.

3rd Sunday (even Months only) - Storytellers Guild, Seminole Library.

All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the appropriate group for any schedule changes and details.

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