

CLOWNS GALORE



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2000 Parades

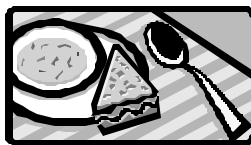


Here is the Parade schedule so far for 2000. These are tentative schedules and will be decided on at the next Clowns Galore Monthly meeting. Plan to attend the meeting to get the latest info on all the upcoming Parades!!

- March 18th Sat. Chasco Port Richey
 - 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.

Upcoming March Meeting

Looking ahead to March, start cleaning your attics and trunks for clown treasures. Yes, Hobo Dinner Night is coming back, and we want your fleas! (Plan on bringing some scratch, too.) For the uninitiated, Hobo Night is an invitation to come dressed as a hobo/tramp, share some "hobo food" (chili, beans, chips, etc.) from your own clean tin cans and utensils. We will invite other alleys to join us to share



their "stuff" for our flea market and partake of our humble meal. Remember to bring your tin utensils, and any food you signed up for call Maureen Belote 736-8422, if you forget what you are bringing.

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 by-laws 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

Note from the President

Come one and all to our Annual Hobo Dinner & Flea Market.

We have invited other local alleys to join us in this tradition, your families or guests are also welcome to join us. Bring your fleas, or any other old stuff you wish to part with. No fee to sell or swap merchandise, you keep all monies exchanged.

Our committees are busy getting programs, parades, and some activities lined up for our alley to enjoy. PLEASE take time at our meeting to check the sign up sheets if you plan to attend any functions. Our phone committee is being utilized to remind anyone who has signed up for an event, but only members on the sheets will be reminded between meetings.

The phone committee is busy contacting members who have not paid dues for the year 2000. We are about to print an official roster, however 22 members have failed to pay at this time. We hate to leave anyone off our list who intends to remain a member--rosters will be printed as soon as these members let their intentions be known. Sorry for this inconvenience!

As your president, my duty is to uphold the by-laws of our organization. I believe some of these by-laws are ambiguous, and others are not applicable anymore. I have asked a committee to review the by-laws, make the necessary recommendations for changes, and then all members will be issued a copy.

Soda Pop's Book Review

'Behind the Big Red Nose' by: Dave Bartlett
As many of the Laugh Makers Magazine readers know, Dave 'Mr. Rainbow' Bartlett is one of the cleverest writers in the clowning world today. Dave is extremely sharp-witted, and everything he puts down on paper tends to make me smile. If you want one book that covers all of the serious aspects of developing your talents and discovering the direction you should be striving for in your clowning, this big book has a truck-load of information! I wish Dave had numbered the pages, because I just won't take the time to count... but if I had to guess, I would say this book is approximately 200 pages thick... and I do mean THICK! 'Behind the Big Red Nose' is a collection of columns about clowning from the pages of Laugh-Makers, The New Calliope and Clowning Around. It also contains some material previously published in Dave's Pot of Gold series. 'Behind the Big Red Nose' is divided up into different topic sections, including: Foun-



Membership requirements for Clowns Galore are in our by-laws. One of these requirements is that every Clowns Galore member, also be a member of Clowns of America (COAI). This is being monitored by our Treasurer, Kerry, and no dues will be accepted if you are not a current COAI member.

Our alley must remain a charter alley of COAI for nonprofit status under their incorporation. This protects each of us in the event of a mishap or libel suit. We also benefit from

training tapes and other materials provided from COAI. Including the Clowning 101 books each of you received at clown school.

Speaking of Clown School (sneaky aren't I) our great teachers are at it again! Chuck & Judy are starting up a new batch of hopefuls beginning Tuesday, February 29, at Sable Palms. Every member is encouraged to help out. Even if you think you are too new--you do have something to offer. Get out & apply make-up during the three nights that the types are taught. Offer to work with skits any night, how about balloon basics, or face painting? You all remember how hard it all seemed at first--offer to be a mentor or sponsor to these new clowns to make them feel welcome at our alley.

Keep smiling & bump a nose!

dation (basic understanding of clowning), Education, Character Development, Creativity (my favorite), Performance and Professionalism. I get bored easily, so it is always a great pleasure when a book will get me to laugh out loud now and then - and this book did exactly that. There were so many articles that made me say, "Oh boy, I had that EXACT thing happen to me!" Dave writes in such an entertaining way, with many of his famous punch line jokes sprinkled throughout the book. If you have met Dave Bartlett, you know he is famous for his never-ending puns. This book is highly recommend for every clown, not just beginners or the old-timers... but everyone. If you are serious about your clowning, 'Behind the Big Red Nose' is an tremendous resource of information. For more information: Dave (Mr. Rainbow) Bartlett: MRRAINBO1@aol.com

Good reading all! Rick (Soda Pop) Struve

Balloon Corner

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

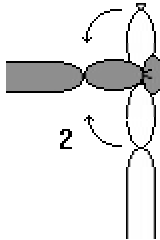
Tigger needs three orange balloons and one white one (260's). Inflate one orange and one white leaving 4 inches un-inflated in each.



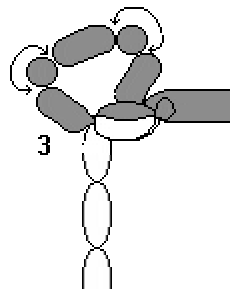
Begin with a soft 1.5" bubble in the orange balloon and ear twist the nozzle to the base. This is his nose.

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Twist a 2-inch bubble in the white balloon and lock it to the base of the nose. Make another 2-inch white and a soft 1 1/2-inch orange. Twist the orange and 2 white bubbles to make his muzzle.



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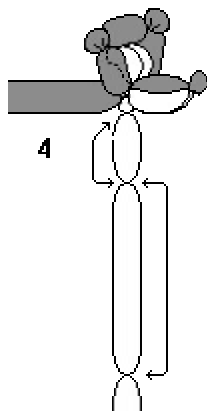


For the top of his head make a 2", 1 1/2", 3", 1 1/2" and 2" in the orange balloon. Lock the last 2" to the first one and ear twist the 1 1/2" bubbles for ears. For the eyes make two very soft 2" white bubbles above the muzzle and lock the second one to the muzzle. Tuck the tops through the opening at the front of the face.

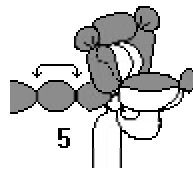
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Make a 1" white bubble to separate the jaw from the muzzle. Next, a 1 1/2" bubble ear twisted, followed by a 6" wrapped around it. The head is now complete.

You should have about 20" left on each balloon. Make a 1 1/2" orange



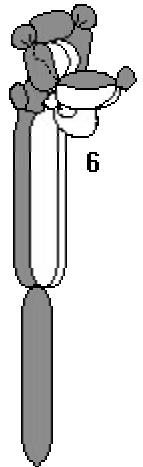
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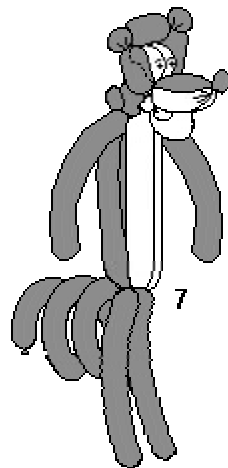
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bubble followed by an ear twist. Make a 1" white bubble followed by another twist half way to the end.

Hold the white and orange balloons parallel and twist them together between the 2 long white bubbles. Lock the long white bubbles together to make his tummy. The orange balloon is now his backbone and one leg. Fully inflate an orange 260 and then let it deflate to soften the rubber. Wind the deflated balloon around your finger and re-inflate it, making a spiral shape.



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This makes a springy tail and the other leg. Inflate the last orange 260 and let out a little air to soften it. Find the exact middle, make a twist, and attach to the hips. Bring up both ends to fill out the body and twist together just below the neck between the tummy and the backbone. The rest of the balloon becomes the arms. Add eyes and whiskers with a permanent marker.

Website of the Month

Clowns Galore is an associate Alley of Clown of America International, so this month's Website is the:

Clowns of America International
<http://www.coai.org>

There is a search capability to find clowns in your area. The site will be growing to include a Frequently Asked Question category, History of the COAI, types of clowns, and many other things. A calendar is included along with listings of Alleys, Lifetime members, officers of the

COAI, a clown mall, information about the Artist in Residence program. There are many, many things that this site can provide.

Stop by and take a look around. Oh, by the way our own Steve Fowler is the web master for the COAI website.



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Next Meeting March 6th
Monday Night 6:30pm

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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