

A Fourth for the scrapbook

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An estimated 20,000 people turned out for the 24th edition of the Aptos Fourth of July Parade.

The crowd was one of the largest ever for the 24-year-old parade, Parade Mistress Lucille Aldrich said.

"We easily have 20-25 percent more people watching the parade than we ever had before," she said.

Hundreds of people participated in the parade this year, with entries ranging from pre-school groups to jazz bands, from horses to a caliope and four bands, forming in the Wells Fargo Bank and Chevron service station lots and then marching down Soquel Drive to the Aptos Village park where a community fair was held.

"I would say there must have been a thousand people in the park," Aldrich said, referring to the afternoon-long fair. "All of the booths sold out their food and Aptos Jazz Band played all after-

noon," she said.

"It was just wonderful," she added.

Capitola Chamber of Commerce director Kirk Gardner, in summing up the Capitola Chamber's "People's July 4th" celebration at Jade Street Park, echoed Aldrich.

Gardner said the Capitola celebration "was definitely a family affair."

Unlike previous years, the crowds at the park were dominated by families who stayed the afternoon.

The 4-H petting zoo and vaulting classes conducted for 150 children by instructor Kittie Burdick were the most popular events of the afternoon, Gardner said.

There were a few glitches

in the afternoon when one band didn't show up and a car club who had been scheduled to display their cars, apparently got lost and went to another park.

But overall, said Gardner, the day went just as the Chamber had hoped.

Aptos Parade judges led by Skipper Kendall handed out prizes to parade entrants.



Aptos parade spectators get an engineer's-eye view

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Teak Gillette and Dianne Defigh, of the Santa Cruz Long Board Union, make their 1948 Chrysler Businessman's Coupe parade-pretty for the annual

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Aptos parade. Below, Kristen Miller makes a new friend on a visit to the 4-H petting zoo at Capitola's community celebration at Jade Street Park.

