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Aptos' 'Unstructured' Parade Packs 'em In



"People love our parade because it's so unstructured," commented Lucille Aldrich, Aptos Fourth of July Parade director.

There were a lot of people to love the parade this year: Aldrich estimated that between 6,000 and 7,000 people crammed into the parade grounds in downtown Aptos on Monday.

Parts of the parade went well: the entire affair started 10 minutes early. Parts of it did not come off as planned: the public address system broke down.

Because there was no public address system, most of the award winners at the parade did not know that they had won. The winners are listed below, and anyone who has not claimed their award should contact Aldrich at 688-2428.

COSTUME DIVISION — Allison Moschatti, first; Erin Thomas, second,

and Cameron Lynch, third.

FLOAT DIVISION — Mike Metcalf, first; J.R. Cruz, second, and the Threshers, third.

VEHICLES — Jack Woods' redwood veneer, first; J.R. Redwood Village, second, and Cabrillo Lions, third.

PETS — Candy Lyons and Natasha, first; Lia Coniglio and Mimi, second, and Julie Brown and Helga, third.

HORSES — Solari Ranch, first; Rivers Crest Dragon Slayers, second, and Jenny Green and Gina Donattini, third.

GROUPS — Harvest of 1977, first; Spirit of 1977 by the Pebble Beach Drive Gang, second, and the Aptos Beauties, third.

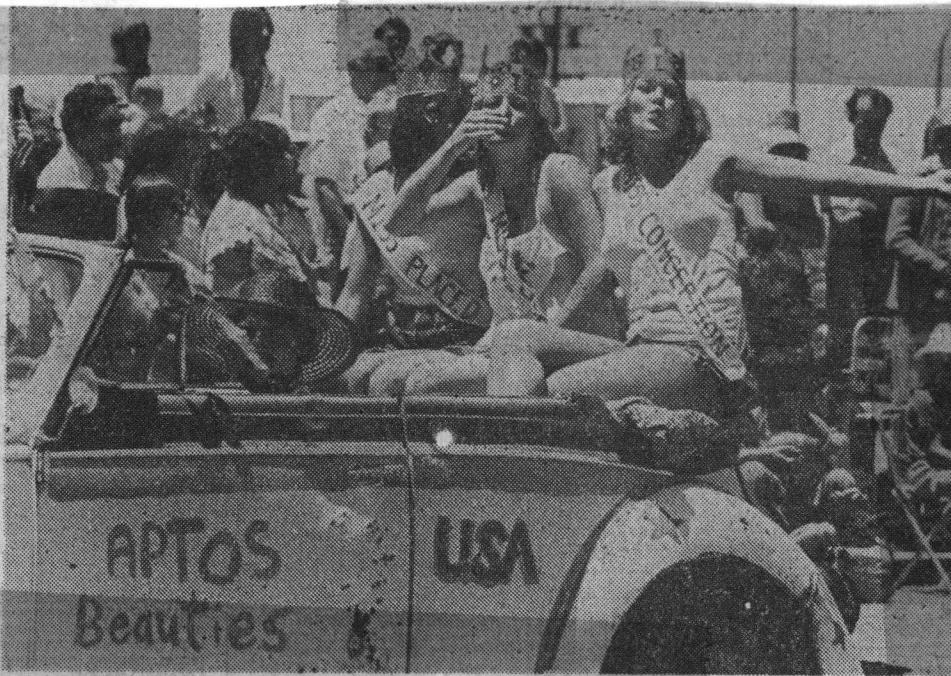
The parade was sponsored by the Aptos Ladies Tuesday Evening Society.

TOP LEFT — Parades mean flowers, funny hats, lots of streamers, and in the case of the Fourth of July, stars and stripes everywhere. The Aptos edition of America's unique independence celebration was no different, as this bevy of patriotic beauties demonstrates.

TOP RIGHT — This 13-foot high puppet was by far the biggest entry in the Aptos Fourth of July parade, sponsored by the Aptos Ladies Tuesday Evening Society. He is one of the cast of the Santa Cruz Meme Workshop's water conservation play "Water, Water!" which was performed following the parade.

ABOVE — It's not how far off the ground you are that counts, as this young parader proves, but what level your audience is on. And in the Aptos parade, these onlookers had a level view of some of the smaller parade participants.

RIGHT — It may not have been the Miss California parade, but the annual Aptos Fourth of July celebration did have its own beauty queens. Here, Miss Conception, Miss Placed and Miss Alliance bestow kisses on an adoring crowd.



The bicycle banner says it all, as Aptos helped Santa Cruz County celebrate the Bicentennial plus one Monday. Over 6,000 people jammed the streets for the annual event, complete with children, hot dogs and American flags. And riding in the wagon pictured here is certainly a "doll" of a parade queen. (Photo by The Sentinel's Bill Lovejoy)

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