



OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY
"A FAIR TO REMEMBER"

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THEY LOVED A PARADE!

ALBUQUERQUE—September 8, 2008—New Mexico State Fair Parade bands, marchers and floats were greeted by sunny skies and an enthusiastic audience that started lining up along the 2.2 mile parade route before sunup yesterday.

“There were more people watching the parade than ever before. I think there were between 80 and 85,000 people watching,” State Fair Commission Chairman Luke Otero told the awards ceremony audience this afternoon. Well over 170 entries participated this year according to the parade office. The theme was “70 Years of Fun” in honor of the fair’s 70th anniversary.

FLOAT AWARD WINNERS

Theme Award – for the Best use of Theme in the presentation of a float, went to the employees and members of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission float that honored America, veterans and the State Fair.

Judges’ Award – Most artistic use of design and music – Albuquerque Stars Dance Team - their 7th year of being in the parade.

Fantasy Award – Most Whimsical use of the theme, 70 Years of Fun - St. Therese Catholic School.

Acoma Governor Chandler Sanchez, on behalf of fair sponsor Acoma Pueblo / Sky City Casino, presented a special **Governor’s Choice award** to the Legendary Longhorn parade entry – a troupe of cowboys, riding cows along the parade.

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Awards Presentations:

Queens & Royalty

1ST – Miss NM Galaxy, Joan Marie Yazzi Gallegos, Albuquerque

2nd - Miss Alamo 2007 – 2008 Juany Padilla, Alamo Reservation

Motorcycles & Bicycles

Skycycles

Low Rider Car Clubs

1st place – Strolling Low Car Club

2nd place – Dreams & Fantasy's Car Club

Original Modified Vehicles

Deception Car Club

Antique Car Groups

1st place – Southwest Vintage Camper Ass'n

2nd place – Roadrunner Convoy

Antique Vehicles – Single

1st - 1947 Chevy Fleetline, Jose Padilla

2nd – The Happy Car 1929 Model A Coupe, Patrick Marquez

Clown Groups

1st – Ernie Pyle Middle School

2nd – Shrine Clowns

Organizational Bands

1st – Shrine Million Dollar Band

2nd – Zuni Band

Non-High School Marching Units

1st – NM Youth Challenge Academy, Roswell 1st time in parade

2nd – Tohatchi Veterans Organization, 1st time in parade

School Cheerleaders

1st – Rio Grande Ravens

2nd – Polk Middle School

High School JROTC

1st – Rio Grande HS Marine Corps JROTC

2nd – Shiprock HS Marine Corps JROTC

High School Marching Bands

3-A – West Las Vegas HS Dons

4-A – 1st place – Farmington High School

2nd place Del Norte Phantom Knight Band

5-A – 1st place – Rio Grande Ravens

2nd place - La Cueva High School

Youth Riding Groups

1st – Bosque Circle Ranch

2nd – Running Horse Ranch

Adult Riding Groups

1st – Legendary Longhorns

2nd – Single Action Shooting Society

Horse & Buggy

1st - Wells Fargo Stage

2nd – FLAC Surrey with fringe on top

Sherrif's Posse

1st – Valencia County Sheriff's Posse

2nd – Rio Arriba Mounted Sheriff Posse Search and Rescue Team

KOAT.com filmed the parade and has begun posting videos of the bands, cheerleading squads and ROTC units on its website. All the videos will be posted by Monday according to information on the website.

The State Fair runs through Sunday, September 21st. For more information about the “biggest show in New Mexico,” please call 505 222-9700 or visit www.exponm.com.

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