



Florida Shrine Clowns Association Newsletter

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A Word From Our President: Joe "Boogie" Humphreys

Season's greetings to all from your Florida Shrine Clown Association President. We held a recent board meeting consisting of four officers minus our 3rd Vice President who could not make it due to some really lousy weather in central Florida. The meeting was to discuss the upcoming Ft Myers convention in May 2012. The Ft Myers officers want to make some changes from the normal 3-day schedule in consideration of members who may still be working and in hopes of increasing participation. Note that the business meeting



will be held on Friday instead of Thursday. They will also have a new twist to one of the seminars that we hope will prove productive. You can read about that else-

where in this newsletter. We believe that they may be on the right track and that more of our members may be able to attend the convention as a result. For those members who will be able to arrive on Thursday we will have registration as usual and an informal get together for dinner that evening.

My lady Judy and I would like to wish everybody a happy and healthy holiday season and we are looking forward to seeing all Florida Shrine Clown units represented at the next convention.

"1st VP: John "Smurf" Cornett

Welcome to all our Northern visitors who have migrated to the great state of Florida from the Frozen Tundra to enjoy the sunshine and friendship we offer each winter. I hope you have a wonderful time, see your old friends and meet some new ones while you are here. The summer was hot and most of the meetings, emails and phone calls concerning FSCA have been hotter! These various meetings have produced some great ideas and uncovered issues that have not been addressed in

many years. In the next few months you will be introduced to new formats and competitions for the 2012 convention and the attempt to bring our By-Laws and Guide Lines up to date. A lot of effort has been put into the 2012 Convention in Fort Myers, "Huge" Balloons up goes to Bob "Newbee" Milot. He and his Araba Clowns are working hard to stay on schedule and make the 2012 event one to remember. Speaking of remember, does anyone remember how or why FSCA got started? The

best answer I have received so far (true or not) is; there are Temples in the state that belong to FSA that do not have clown units and as the FSA convention moved to these Temples the clowns needed a group to ensure clowns were not left out of the convention and to assist those Temples that have units. Hope to see you in Fort Myers and remember; if it is not fun, don't do it!

Secretary / Treasurer: Fred "Buckey" Phillips



The E-W Shrine game will soon be here. It will take place Saturday, 21 January at 4:00 p.m. The last two games were held in Orlando. Last year Mother Nature delivered us a cold and windy day. By halftime most of us were in the buses or headed home. That will not be a problem this year as the game is taking place at the domed Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. Sahib Temple has a deal that includes round trip bus transportation from Venice or Sarasota to Tropicana Field, a tee shirt, a great pre game tail gate party, and a seat in the bleachers all for \$75.00. Four buses are full and a fifth is filling rapidly. I hope that other temples are doing as well. The idea of the tee shirts is two-fold (1) it gets one admitted to a tail gate party and (2) allows you to be easily spotted by the TV cameras thus showing that Shriners really do support this game. For those of you in the Southern part of Florida, if your temple's game buses are full or you would like to go with Sahib, contact Rocky Kearney at flbrez-zie@gmail.com or (941) 716-4227 to make arrangements. You will need to provide names, t-shirt sizes (only L and XL are available) and phone numbers. At this point there are only 17 open seats on the fifth bus. Seats go to the first ones in

with the money. Ample parking is available at Sahib.

There was some interest in clowns attending the game in face but, for obvious reasons, it is not recommended if you plan to attend the tail gate party. Also, the speculation of a parade of units now appears to have been just that – speculation. It seems that that will not happen due to other TV pre-game and halftime activities taking place. However, in years past a few clowns have dressed out and circulated around the end zone and on the side lines on their own.

Speaking of attending in face, the All Star players visit to the Shriners hospital in Tampa on Sunday, 15 January from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. is an opportune time for FSCA clowns to mingle with the patients, players, and dignitaries. Last year Egypt Fun N' Frolic, Sahib Clowns, and at least one clown from Bahia Fun & Frolic were there in face, had a ball, and did an excellent job representing Shrine clowns. To view some of the activity that took place go to <http://YouTube.com> and click on "2011 East-West Shrine Game Players visit to Shriners hospital for Children in Tampa".

The revisions to our By-Laws are about complete and will soon be on the Clown section of the Florida Shrine Association website (<http://fla-shrine.org>). Some minor administrative changes are being made as well as the addition of the Two-Man skit, Face Painting, and All Around Clown categories. These revisions will be voted on at the 2012 convention in Ft. Myers.

2012 FSCA Convention

Araba Fun & Frolic clowns will host this convention in Ft. Myers 3-5 May 2012. They and FSCA officers have been exploring ways to increase interest and attendance. One thing that will be tried is a Round Table Discussion in place of a seminar. This will be in a Town Hall format. We hope it will be a productive session where members may voice their opinions and present constructive comments. Also, information of mutual concern to all clown units could be shared—such as unit policies on participation, Red Nose compilation, frequency of meetings/rehearsals, indoctrination of new clowns, and exchange of ideas /props for circus skits.

Some changes in the Schedule of Events have been made in consideration of those members who have to take time off from work or have limited incomes. On Thursday, only early registrations and an optional group dinner outing will take place. Friday will be registrations, seminars, and the business meeting. Saturday will be late registrations, competitions, and the awards banquet.

Finally, all plans have been based on clowns staying at the Crown Plaza Headquarters Hotel. All our activities take place there except for the Awards Banquet at Araba Temple. The price is right and include a full buffet breakfast. Our competition and seminar rooms could be jeopardized if we do not have a good showing with hotel reservations. So please reserve early.

2012 FSCA Ft. Meyers–Schedule of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Thursday, May 3</u>		
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	FSCA Registration	Crown Plaza Hotel (Hqs Hotel)
6:00 pm - ????	Informal group dinner outing	TBD
<u>Friday, May 4</u>		
9:00 – 11:00 am	FSCA Registration	Crown Plaza Hotel
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Round Table Discussion	Crown Plaza Hotel
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Seminar: Entertaining as a Clown	Crown Plaza Hot
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Seminar: Face Painting	Crown Plaza Hotel
4:00 - ???	FSCA Business Meeting	Crown Plaza Hotel
6:00 – 8:00 pm	FSCA Registration	Crown Plaza hotel
<u>Saturday, May 5</u>		
8:00 – 9:00 am	Late Registration	Crown Plaza Hotel
9:00 - ????	Competition	Crown Plaza Hotel
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Social Hour	Araba Temple
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner	Araba Temple
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Awards presentations	Araba Temple

MENU

Hot Devours during Social Hour.

Choice of: Stuffed Chicken Breast or Roast Beef

Served with a salad, cheesy potatoes, a vegetable, and dessert



WANTED:
SOMEONE FOR 3rd VP FSCA
 (Contact any FSCA officer to put your hat in the ring)

Florida Shrine Clown Association Convention

Ft Myers
May 3-5, 2012

Name: _____
Lady's Name: _____
Clown Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Temple: _____ Phone () _____
E-Mail: _____

COMPETITION

MAKE UP:

(Circle) One

Senior/Handicap _ Rookie

Character _ Tramp

Whiteface _ Auguste

SKITS:

(Check one or both)

1-MAN

2-MAN

PARADEABILITY

BALLOONS: Circle one)

Single - Multi

PAINTING: (Circle one)

Face - Cheek Art

(Must provide own model and materials)

Registration Fees

Clown Registration & Banquet \$ 35.00 \$ _____

Extra Banquet Ticket \$ 25.00 \$ _____
(\$30.00 After 20 April)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: Check # _____ \$ _____

Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Roast Beef _____

Make Checks Payable To Host Unit:

ARABA FUN & FROLIC

MAIL TO:

Richard Lamb
3350 N. Key Drive
A-604
N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903

For Administrative Use:

Competition # _____

Rcvd: _____