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A Word From Our President: Joe “Boogie” Humphreys

How time flies by when you're having fun in Palm Beach. It only seems like yesterday we were on our way there for the All Florida convention and fought all those love bugs along the way.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a **Big Thank you** to all of those who attended the All Florida convention. Also I would like to thank the Amara Clowns and Komic Klownz for a great job. A special thanks to all of the officers for helping to make the convention successful.

Our business meeting went very well and this year we hope to change the By



Laws. The officers helped in running the competition and everyone enjoyed it. John Cornett ran the meeting this year and was the Master of Ceremonies for the banquet.

Next year, I would like to get all Florida clowns involved in the East West Football game. The game

is moving from Orlando to St. Petersburg. The game will be played at the Tropicana Field on January 21, 2012.

I hope everyone has marked their calendar and plans to attend next year's All Florida convention in Ft. Myers, Florida. We hope to start making plans soon.



“3rd VP Charles “Rocko” Rocky

Thank you all for electing me your 3rd VP. I'm very happy for the chance to serve you. I will do everything I can to make FSCA a great and very active organization of which we can all be proud. All of this year's officers have good

ideas concerning items that were brought up at the FSCA convention on May 5th, like update of the bylaws and the manual on how to host a convention. It's these programs we as officers are working on. If you want to call me use my cell phone number (407) 383-

3277. Or e-mail me at clown-rocko@hotmail.com. I would like to hear from you. Until then have a great summer.

Charles “ROCKO” Rocky.

Secretary / Treasurer



Helloooooooooooooo Joey's,

Well we got through the convention in Palm Beach Gardens thanks to the help of your officers and the excellent job done by the members of Amara Clowns and Komic Klownz. Co-hosts Howard "Goldy" Gold and Robert "Smurfie" Lussier deserve a big "GOOD ON YA!" for all the time and effort they put into convention arrangements. And I certainly appreciated the cooperation and understanding afforded me by everyone especially in view of all the turmoil preceding the convention.

But now all that is behind us and its time to move on and focus on the

future. Your Executive Board has met and there is much work to do. We addressed the concerns brought up at the business meeting in Palm Springs Gardens. Our proposed changes to the By Laws and the Hosting Manual will be posted on the FSA website for members review and comments. Your new 3rd Vice President "Rocko" will check into incorporating Face

Painting and Cheek Art into our competition. His findings, along with inputs from members will be consolidated and included as part of the proposed by laws changes. Our goal is to make all proposed changes available to members at least 60 days prior to the convention in Ft. Myers.

In June, President Joe "Boogie" Humphreys and I journeyed to Ft. Myers for a meeting with Bob "Newbee" Milot and his committee for the 2012 convention. They have gotten off to a good start and presented a well prepared memo outlining their plans to date. Two items of general interest thus far are a carpeted competition area and the possibility of our competi-

tion taking place on Saturday.

Your officers want to make FSCA more responsive to the desires of its members. To do that we need to improve communications. As a start, we'll try to make more use of the FSA web site (<http://fla-shrine.org>). Also, I'd like to include inputs from the units and members in the newsletter. This would provide everyone a forum to air their comments, questions, wishes, etc. Some editing may be necessary but the gist of all submissions will be included. Send contributions to: Fphill7501@aol.com. We also want to encourage joint activities outside of the convention atmosphere ([see East-West Shrine Game elsewhere in this newsletter](#)). These are some of the things your officers have in mind – let us know your thoughts. Until next time ---Keep 'em Smilin and God Bless

Fred "Buckey" Phillips

1st VP: John "Smurf" Cornett

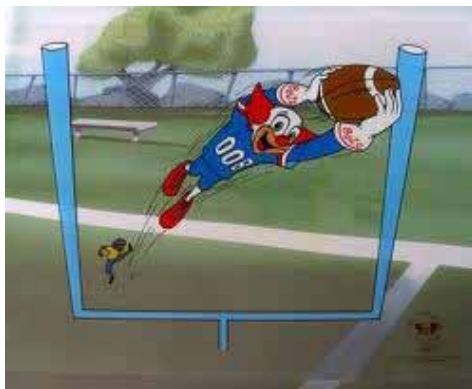
Balloons up to the Amara Clowns and the Komic Klownz! They worked together and pulled off a great 2011 FSCA convention. Those that attended had a great time and my hope they have shared with their units just how much fun they had. With that, if you missed the 2011 convention please do your best to attend the 2012 convention.

There are many issues and adjustments on the plate for FSCA and the FSCA officers. Many are mentioned in the news letter. We have a wonderful opportunity to improve FSCA and the FSCA conventions but your input and help is needed. Each member has something good to bring to FSCA, so share your good thoughts with your officers. When you can, drop me an email at cornettj@gmail.com or call me at (863) 224 2405 and share your ideas and information with me, anytime.

Remember: If it's not fun, don't do it!

East-West Shrine Game - by: 2nd VP Del "Delby" Rawlinson

Wouldn't it be great if we could get a bunch of FSCA clowns together to just clown around and enjoy ourselves while promoting our hospitals at the same time? What better venue than the East West Shrine football game which is broadcast nationally on TV every year? In the past some of our clowns have been at the Tampa Hospital the week before the game mingling with the kids, college all-star football players, and other notable individuals. Some have attended the game but only a few have



been there in face. The plan this year is for **Shriners** to take the field before the game and at half time to show off

our units. We will pass along more information as it becomes available. Meanwhile, take a look at <http://YouTube.com> and click on "2011 East-West Shrine Game Players visit to Shriners hospitals for Children in Tampa".

Minutes – May 2011 – “Business Meeting”

Meeting called to order by Ist Vice President John “Smurf” Cornett. He then led members in the Shriners Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were President Tom “Thumper” Simon, Ist V.P. Joe “Boogie” Humphreys, 2nd V.P. Jon “Smurf” Cornett, 3rd V.P. Delbert “Delby” Rawlinson, and acting Secretary/Treasurer Fred “Buckey” Phillips. The following units were represented: Amara Clowns, Amara Komic Klownz Bahia Fun & Frolic, Egypt Fun N’ Frolic, Sahib Clowns, and Araba Fun & Frolic.

Elections. A motion passed to move all line officers up one position. Joe Humphreys nominated Fred Phillips for the Secretary/Treasurer position. No other nominations were received and he was elected unanimously. Two nominations for 3rd Vice President were made: Bob “Smurfie” Lussier of Amara Clowns and Charles “Rocko” Rocky of Bahia Fun & Frolic. Both spoke briefly and Rocko was elected on the second ballot.

Old Business. Face Painting/ Cheek Art. This had been discussed at our last meeting but no further action had been taken. Discussion brought out some of the problems that might be encountered if such

competition were to be incorporated into our competitions. One possible difficulty addressed was judging of free hand face painting compared to stamped art. Some confusion ensued and Smurf suggested we table consideration while working on it during the coming year. But a motion was made and seconded “That we incorporate face painting and cheek art into our competition”. Ensuing discussion brought out that Clowns of America have such competitions. Advantages mentioned were further involvement of clowns and the promotion of the art of clowning. Motion passed with one dissenting vote. All FSCA units will be asked to provide inputs.

New Business. * FSCA ByLaws. Howard “Goldy” Gold of Amara Komic Klownz pointed out that Article V, Section 3 and Article VIII, Section 4E of the By Laws concerning conduct of competition were in conflict. Smurf stated that the FSCA officers would be in charge of the competition at this convention. Further that the executive board would make proposed revisions to the By Laws and send to all temples for their review and inputs.

* Hosting Manual for FSCA Convention. This is an informal manual and was prepared for use by units as a guideline when hosting a convention. Copies will be avail-

able at the banquet. The manual was distributed to all units and temples in 2006. Some units have been unaware of its existence and it needs to be updated. The board will review it and try to make it a more useful aid.

* Judges lodging. Bob “Smurfie” Lussier of co-host Amara Clowns said he had paid one night lodging for two of the judges who had journeyed some distance to take part in the judging. After some discussion a motion passed with one dissenting vote to reimburse Smurfie \$100.00 for the one night hotel stay.

Treasurers Report. Acting secretary/treasurer reported total money in the treasury and stated that this total did not yet reflect moneys received for this convention. Motion passed for treasurer to pay all bills for this convention when received.

Black Camel Report. Sahib reported Tom Courtney and Bob Alexander. Bahia reported Doug Bishop. Egypt reported Jack Marine and Ray Wilson. Del “Delby” Rawlinson gave the prayer for those taken by the Black Camel and for their families.

Adjourn



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2011 FSCA AWARDS

Rookie Clown

MYRON STORCH

AUGUSTE

3RD PLACE J AMES QUINN
2ND PLACE CHRIS SIZEMORE
1st PLACE ROCKY KEARNEY

HOBO / TRAMP

2ND PLACE WADE FERGUSON
1 st PLACE DENNY HARDY

CHARACTER BUTCH OWER

SENIORS

3RD PLACE HOWARD GOLD
2ND PLACE PETEY WILLIAMS
1 ST PLACE PHIL MITCHELL

SINGLE BALLONS

2ND PLACE PHIL MITCHELL
1 ST PLACE CHRIS SIZEMORE

MULTIPLE BALLONS

3RD PLACE JAMES QUINN
2ND PLACE JACK MURLAT
1 ST PLACE DENNIS HARDY

(1 MAN) PARADEBILITY

3RD PLACE DENNY HARDY
2ND PLACE MYRON STORCH
1 ST PLACE CHRIS SIZEMORE

(1 MAN) SKIT

3RD PLACE (TIE) BUTCH POWER AND ANTHONY GOLOVAN
2ND PLACE DENNY HARDY
1 ST PLACE PHIL MITCHELL

(2 MAN) SKIT

3RD PLACE ROBERT LUSSIER AND ROBERT TODERO
2ND PLACE PHIL MITCHELL AND ROCKY KEARNEY
1 ST PLACE CHRIS SIZEMORE AND DENNY HARDY

UNIT SKIT

2ND PLACE EGYPT
1 ST PLACE SAHIB

UNIT PARADEBILITY

3RD PLACE AMARA Komic Klownz
2 ND PLACE ARABA
1ST PLACE SAHIB

ALL AROUND CLOWN

DENNY "Den-Bo" Hardy

Check Out All Our Winners and Friends at Our Website:

www.fla-sbrine.org

Special Thanks to:

Denny "Denbo" Hardy

&

John "Smurf" Cornett

for putting together an outstanding

Power Point Presentation Featuring All Our Favorite Clowns