



Utah Jesters December 2008



Upcoming Events

December No meeting
Dec 30 Board meeting 7pm
Village Inn in Bountiful
Jan. 15th Christmas Party
Feb. 19th Alley meeting



Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden? Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe!

Alley Dues



Our dues for the year 2009 are due. They will remain at \$20 for the first member of the family and \$10 for all others. The 2nd member of the family must reside at the same address. Bring them to our

December meeting or mail them to Grandma Cuddles AKA Barb MacPeek 1870 north 440 west Layton Ut 84041

What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas tree? A pineapple!

Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party? He had no body to go with

Christmas Party

We will not be meeting in December. It is a very busy month. We have found that we have a lot more fun having our Christmas party in January. The tentative plan is to meet at Chuck O Rama in Bountiful, with each person paying for themselves. More details soon.

Why do reindeer wear fur coats? Because they would look silly in plastic macs!

Alley Elections

The following people have been elected to serve on the board for next year

President: Flowers

Vice President: Popcorn

Secretary: Sunshine

Treasurer: Grandma Cuddles

Webmaster: Newsy

Board Members at large: Winks, Howdy, Buttons, Diddley Squat

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws!

November Meeting

We had a great seminar on working with puppets. It was fun to get some new ideas. Thanks Jolee Baxter and her daughters, Christie and Shanna coming to help us out.

What did Sammy T say when he got a comb for Christmas? Thanks, I'll never part with it

What do reindeer say before telling you a joke? This one will sleigh you!

Alley By Laws

One project for the new board will be to go over the by laws for the alley and decide what changes need to be made. It has been several years since they have been updated. If you are not on the board and would like to be involved let our new president know.

How long should a reindeer's legs be? Just long enough to reach the ground!

From Our President Elect I

want to start off by thanking everyone for your confidence in voting for me for president for the 2009 year. I have been giving the next year a lot of thought and I want this to be a teaching year in every aspect of the art of clowning. I want to touch on makeup,



costuming, balloons, magic, face painting, skits, character development, props, story telling, proper clowning etiquette, and puppetry. If we learn something from all of these areas it will

follow that we will be great in parades. I would like us to participate in some kind of volunteer project that will give back to the community. I would like us to volunteer in a fund raising project that will bring funds into the alley so that we can bring talent from out of state to teach some of these areas. We have excellent talent right here in our own alley but sometimes we need to have a new face in town to give us a bump in our creative influences. Our board meetings will be some very creative settings and of course as always board meetings are open to everyone so if you have an idea please bring it to the board. Our first board meeting will be on Dec. 30, 2008 at Village Inn on 2600 So. in Bountiful at 7:00 p.m.

Touching on the Clown convention in Laughlin, we had a great showing from Utah and a lot of awards went to our members. Congratulations to all who walked away with awards. I learned a lot of great tips there. These are my favorite; spray your neck with Aqua Net hair spray to keep your make up off of the collar of your costume, spray your net petticoats with the same to make them stiff after they are washed, do not spray glitter all over your face painting as it takes away from your design, DO

use thick and thin lines when outlining your designs, and give your puppets a history such as where they came from their names and their parents names. I would like others of you to send in your favorite tips from the convention because we couldn't all go to every class that we would have liked.

Last but not least I would like to wish each and every one of you a very safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! Joan

How do you make a slow reindeer fast ?
Don't feed it !

WRCA 2009 Convention

Please start saving so you can come with us for next year. David Ginn is going to be the Headliner. He is a well known Children performer. Also Steve Kissell will be there as well as Jodi Carr from Wolfe



Brothers. For information
<http://westregionclowns.org/index.htm>

Where do you find Reindeer
It depends on where you leave them



What do reindeer have that no other animals have ? Baby reindeer

World Clown Association

The World Clown Association will be meeting in Denver Colorado March 16 to 20 this is a good opportunity to attend an international convention. For more details go to
<http://www.worldclown.com/convention.html>



Why did the reindeer wear black boots ?
Because his brown ones were all muddy !

Board meeting

Board meeting will be held Dec 30 7pm at the Village Inn on 2600 south in Bountiful come with your great ideas as usual anyone is welcome to attend Flowers has a lot of great ideas for next year.

A bus station is where a bus stops.

A train station is where a train stops.

On my desk I have a work station

And the WRCA Winners are ...

Mason 1st place Character

Zach 1st Single balloons 3rd multiple balloons

3rd Visual paradeability

Sharon 1st in both full face and tattoos

Andrew 1st Special Joeys

John Butte 1st group balloons 1st people choice balloons 3rd masters balloons (pictures on last page)



Why did the reindeer wear sunglasses at the beach? Because he didn't want to be recognized!

Which reindeer have the shortest legs? The smallest ones!

If athletes get athlete's foot, what do astronauts get? Missile toe!

What has two humps and is found at the North Pole? A lost camel

What do elves do after school? Gnomework

Why is a reindeer like a gossip? Because they are both tail bearers



Last Walk Around

Wendy "Purple Passion" and her son Robert "Smiley" Ramirez age 15 took their last walk around on November 9th 2008. They were involved in a tragic accident while on route to the Western Region Clown Convention. The accident also claimed the life of Robert's father Jose Ramirez and the family dog Rascal. Smiley was only 15, but was already an accomplished clown with many awards for make up, costuming paradeability and balloon. He was passionate about clowning with a desire to be perfect in every detail. As words spread among the clowns attending WRCA there was a lot of sadness. Many of the clowns knew and loved them as they had been attending for several years. We all wore smiley face stickers with clown noses to honor them. Robert was about 7 or 8, when he convinced his parents to bring him to WRCA. By the second year they attended Wendy was also dressing up. Jose never dressed up but fully supported his wife and son in their clowning. Robert was an usual teenager with a great love for clowning. His lose was very hard as we felt that there are so few young people interested in being clowns. Smiley was our future to carry on the legacy of clowning. Wendy was more quite and was content to work in the background letting her son be the star. Roberts extended family and the WRCA want to set up a scholarship in their honor to aid young people in learning and perfecting the art of clowning. Our hearts were sad, but all week we shared our favorite Robert stories We kept hearing we do remember when Robert did or I'll never forget.... and our memories brought smiles to our faces. We lost a great deal but most of us chose not to think of what we had lost but rather of what we had gained by knowing and loving Smiley and Purple Passion

AND THE WINNERS ARE
Sorry I did not get pictures of everyone



John and Jeremy's Group balloon
1st place



Andrew 1st Special Joeys



Howdy 1st place Character



John's master balloon
3rd place



Zach's Balloons
1st Single balloons 3rd multiple balloons



John's People's Choice 1st