

Entry Information

**GASTON GOOD OL' DAYS PARADE
SPONSORED BY: BATES FARM
PRESENTED BY: KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, LODGE # 104
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008
GASTON, OREGON
7:00 PM
ENTRY FEE: \$5
THEME: HOT TIME IN THE OL' TOWN
2008 GRAND MARSHAL: RON & CORKY HOODENPYL**

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For more information about the parade please contact Parade co-Chairman/Stephanie (Crop) Hedin at 503.939.6999 or stephccrop@ipns.com or Parade Co-Chairman/Katrina Howard at 503.807.0200 or katrinaleigh@gmail.com

Gaston Good Ol' Days Parade

Once a well known event in the town's history, The Gaston Good Ol' Days Parade is remembered by many residents as a time of town tradition and clean fun, where the community came together to spend time with one another and celebrate it's once admired agriculture resources, highlighting the area's most well-known—ONIONS! Although exact records of the event are missing it is said that the parade dissolved during the 1960's. In the early 1970's the Gaston Booster Club brought back the celebration for a few years before it dissolved once again, and in 2000 it was yet again reintroduced to the community and a new generation after an estimated 27year absence.

In the year 2000, a group of community volunteers known as TEAM Gaston with the assistance of the Knights of Pythias, re-organized the once celebrated tradition of the Gaston Good Ol' Days Parade to be held in conjunction with annual Wapato Showdown. With 40 entries that included Gaston's civic groups, youth sports teams and businesses the participants traveled the town's streets eventually making their way along Front St. (Highway 47) to be announced to parade spectators.

In 2005, the Knights of Pythias took sole responsibility of the organizing and the planning of the event, which has grown into having over 60 parade entries. Entries ranging from those directly involved with the community to businesses and organizations from surrounding areas and participants from the Wapato

Showdown with their restored cars. The parade has once again turned into a celebration that is looked forward to by many and is followed by a Steak Feed presented by Gaston Market at Brown Park that feeds over 300 people.

For more information about the Gaston Good Ol' Days Parade contact Parade Chairman, Stephanie Crop at 503.939.6999 or via email at s_crop@yahoo.com

Previous Parade Themes:

- 2007 Yankee Doodle Comes to Gaston
- 2006 Back in the Day
- 2005 The Wild West
- 2004 Summer Fun!
- 2003 The Wild West
- 2002 Unknown
- 2001 Small Town on the Move
- 2000 Transportation

Parade Grand Marshals

2008 Grand Marshals

Ron & Corky Hoodenpyl of Gaston

Previous Parade Grand Marshals:

- 2007 Stanley P. Shope of Hillsboro
- 2006 Dave Rohrer of Gaston
- 2005 Don & Rhoda Spidal of Gaston
- 2004 No one selected
- 2003 No one selected
- 2002 Rick & Gail Lorenz of Gaston
- 2001 George Sharp of Gaston
- 2000 No one selected

Spectator Information & Parking

Road Closures: Highway 47 will be closed from 6:00 PM through the conclusion of the parade (approximately 9 PM) at the following intersections for parade staging: Highway 47 and Springhill Road and Highway 47 and Flett Rd. Parade Spectators and thru traffic will be detoured around Gaston using Springhill and Flett Roads. Parade Spectators will be able to enter Gaston using Gaston Road from Springhill Road.

Parking: There will be field parking available for those joining us for the parade on the North side of Gaston Road (across from the fire hall). Parking is free, however local youth groups directing parking will be asking for donations.

Parade Route

Spectators can enjoy the Gaston Good Ol' Days Parade along the following route: The Parade will begin at the intersection of Old Hwy 47/Tualatin Valley Highway and Mill Street. Entries will proceed South on 2nd Street, West on Church Street, South on Trail Street, East on Park Street, South on Oak Street, East on Cottonwood Street and North on Front Street (Highway 47) where the entries will be announced and filmed for local Cable Television directly in front of the Gaston Market. The parade will disband at the intersection of Front Street and Mill Street.