Dear Paraders,

Congratulations to all of the paraders that participated in Ripon’s 57th Annual Almond Blossom Festival Parade to celebrate our Annual State Parade and Awards Banquet.

The Almond Blossom Equestrian Sweepstakes, as well as, the Scheurer-Standley Sweepstakes Trophy were earned by the Merced County Sheriff's Posse. The Bob McMackin Silver Punchbowl was presented to Charlie Alamo of Stevinson. The Dino Horse Trophy was a tie this year with the most horses ever being considered for this award. Both of the above perpetual awards are selected by a five member committee consisting of judges and parade program members from nominations received each year.

Dog, a palomino gelding, owned by the Fellinghams of Livermore has been a member of their family for fifteen years serving as an outriding horse for the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, cowhorse and parade horse for Corky and Granddaughter Payton Gillians since Payton was three years old.

Pogo, a miniature snow white champion driving horse at age twenty-nine and thirty-three and one half inches tall also earned the Dino Horse Award. He is driven by Connie Hawkins of Columbia and Ed, Connie, and Pogo have traveled to eighty-eight parades in the past eight years. Pogo consistently has won major sweepstakes including many sweepstakes that were Best of Parade Awards that included all other non-equestrian entries in these parades.

The Overall High Point Junior Buckle and the Hank and Alice Trophy were earned by Payton Gillians of Tracy. The Overall High Point Senior Buckle was presented to Laurette Locke of Hilmar who participates in the Silver Mounted class and also has earned several Sweepstakes Awards this past year. The Parade Program thanks the following CSHA State Officers and Program chairs that supported our event with their long traveling distances to attend this event:

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The State Parade and Awards Banquet were dedicated in memory of
Pam McLain, Region 12 President and one of the early members of
the Parade Program from Southern California

Please contact me anytime with your concerns and ideas to make
the Parade Program successful. Our next Quarterly Meeting will
be Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Oro Hotel in Santa Nella.
209 826-4444. Time for the one hour meeting TBA.

Sincerely,
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