



R H O D E I S L A N D R O C K Y



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It was GLORIOUS



The RI RHPS Cast's participation in the Bristol 4th of July Parade, the nation's oldest parade, was nothing but a complete success last Monday afternoon. Not only did the cast score a major victory in public relations, but our weekend was one of the most enjoyable that we have ever had.

We did have to overcome a couple of hurdles, despite the strong organization of the event on our part. On Sunday morning, the trailer that we had reserved was incompetently given away by the renting company. Luckily, we managed to retrieve it by early afternoon. In Bristol, the building, decorating, and sound system implementation went according to plan. We finished by 6:30 and we had the rest of the night to ourselves to enjoy on the town, which was buzzing with activity. Our second obstacle came when one member of the parade committee happened to walk by our float that night and had reservations about our float. He didn't feel it very patriotic looking, thought it might be a bit too commercial, and felt it even looked a little satanic!

We slept at Eric's mother's apartment, which was right on the parade route, for a few hours and then woke up early Monday morning. We added red, white, and blue ballons to the float, put on a few flags, and drove the float to the parade site. There, we found out our float was rejected until the parade committee's leader came by and approved it. She didn't understand why there was ever any question. Next time we just HIDE the float.

We entered the parade in the last division after waiting a few hours. We then got going, 19 of us on the float and 1 driver in the pick-up truck. A few people left the float to stay in the back of the pick-up. We played Rocky Horror songs, Shock Treatment songs, and pre-show songs. Everything actually worked and held together. As the songs were played, different cast members performed them on and off the float. It was hot out and proved to be a little grueling and filled with sweat, but you don't mind as much when you are performing in front of more people in one event than the total # of people in all the Rocky events in your life (estimated 150,000). The parade ride lasted about 1 3/4 hours. The crowd was very enthusiastic. People who didn't know us waved, while those who did shouted positively. The ones who knew what we were looked shocked at first to see Rocky Horror at this parade, then cheered wildly because of the recognition. There were of course a few rare booers, but where would Rocky Horror be if EVERYBODY thought Rocky Horror was moral? God bless uprighteous assholes.

To make this happen, we needed good organization, financial support, hard work, and of course execution. I don't have space to thank everyone here. But we know where this came from (or at least I do).

LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE	PRIZES
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FRI	72	M P Murray
SAT	108	Paula Sargeant

This parade was one of the most glorious achievements for any RHPS cast anywhere anytime. I personally will never forget rolling along with my friends in front of 150,000 people, having the time of my life. RR

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