

2016 Santa Cruz County Fair recap, (Loretta's version)

There is no sense of saying we had a wonderful fair, this we did, and I know we all know it. I want to write down the things I feel we must improve.

#1 First and foremost: We are lucky we did not get closed down the night of the Monster Truck show. We had people standing 5 deep in front and up to the fence. This is a violation of the race tract and safety code, the isles in the stands had people blocking all walk ways, again it is against the law and another safety violation. We have to have a much better way to sell tickets, taking tickets, stamping and complete crowd control. If the guest had been allowed to enter the bleachers several hours before the show, they could enjoy the preshow and be settled down for the main event. If we have to presale all the available tickets before the show that would be fine, we could advertise it as such. We also should have had some kind of signage for selling tickets. (Tickets, stamps, presale etc) the stamps of people's hands could have been anything for all I know.

#2 we have to figure how to get the guest into the fairgrounds off 152, years ago the CHP would come and help us, if not them someone has to.

#3 the guys taking money for parking was SLOW, it cannot be that hard to take \$5.00 and give change.

#4 we must have more people selling tickets at the new entrance, there should be at least 2 per booth in the front and side entries as well.

#5 we must have some place for a cooling station, this is the second year in a row that it was too hot to be healthy, Mistery? Or something.

#6 we had several episodes this year when paramedics were needed, I for one called for someone and it took 10 minutes to get there. The first call was about that long as well. What should person do and who do they call? I called Dave, and he called someone. We need to be able to have someone there faster than they were this year. Are we still using the same company we have used in the past?

#7 Diaper Derby, it was a great article in the book but NO times or date for it, and not listed in either book or the daily sheet. This it seems just does not get entered in the program for some reason.

#8 Times did not list Rodgers House tours, or the evening tours and the date and times of the Diaper Derby.

I do not want anyone to think I have any negative thoughts about our fair, I just want to put things down that I know we must improve upon.

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