### Masked Pumpkin Festival Parade

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# OF XANADO PROPENS THE MASKED PUMPKIN



#### **History and Tradition**

- The City of Xanadu was founded in November 1850
  - Same year that Santa Clara County was formed
- Founding celebration included a festival and a parade
  - Because of the time of year, a pumpkin theme was chosen
- The legend of "The Great Pumpkin" was formed
  - Yes, this is where Charles M. Schulz got the idea for the Peanuts movie
- The parade continues to be held every year
  - Very popular; now a county-wide attraction
- This year, the parade goes on; name changed due to COVID-19
  - "Masked Pumpkin Festival Parade"

#### The Great Masked Pumpkin Will Return To Xanadu



## With his Friends and Family On Saturday, October 10th

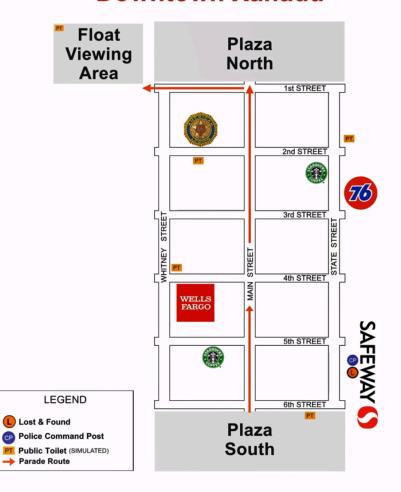


## Masked Pumpkin Festival and Parade

Join Us In A Celebration
Of The
Masked Pumpkin

Kids Games
Colorful Floats
Marching Bands
Food and Craft Booths
Pumpkin Carving Contest

#### **Downtown Xanadu**





View down Main Street before parade starts



The crowd count is found on the checkpoint cone.



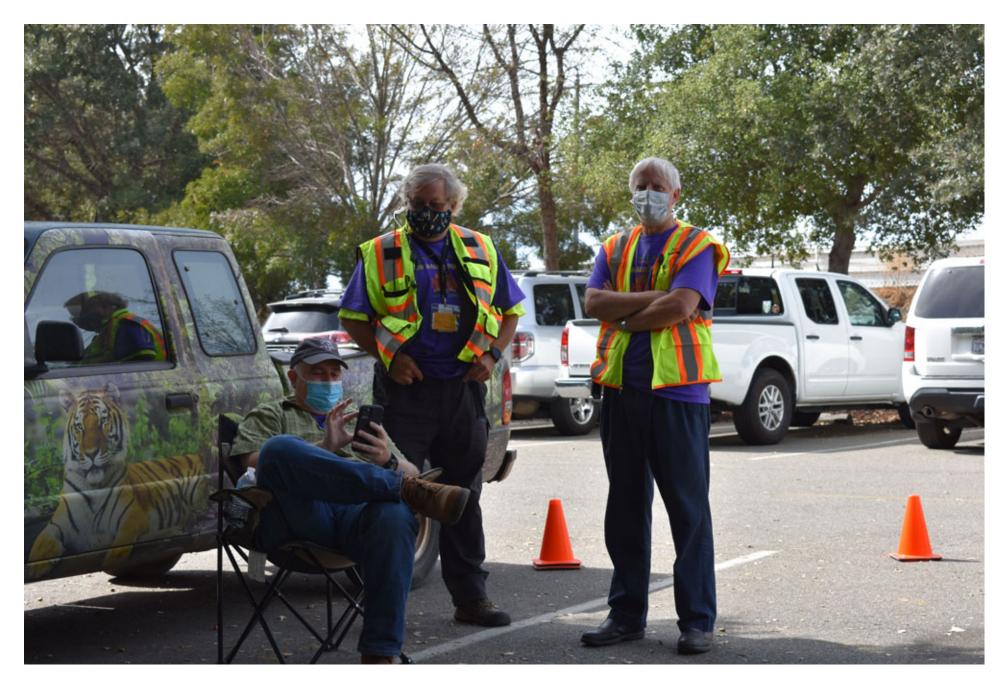
Floats assemble for group photo.



Loretta with her creations (including the shirt).



Michael secures guy wires to the Last Float.



Michael, Mark and Tim look pretty relaxed.



Staging takes check-ins.



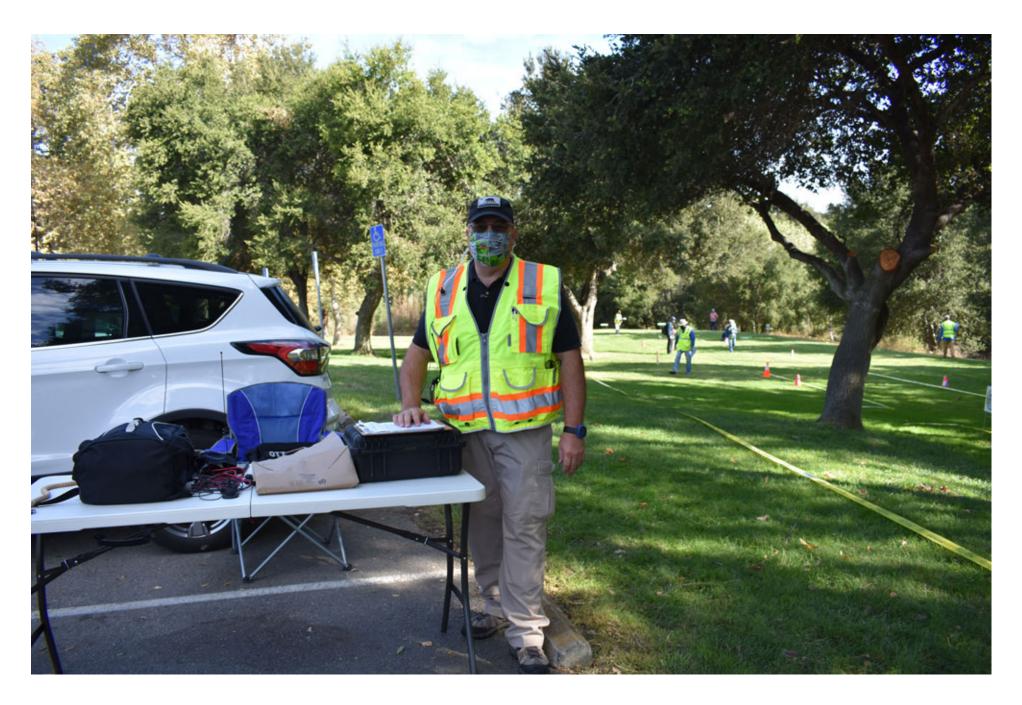
Hams are sworn in for DSW.



Net Control briefing and set-up



**Shadow Briefing** 



Simulator manager, Andreas, is ready to brief operators.



Simulator Briefing



Checkpoints in position



Floats line up at Plaza South.



Truck illegally parked on parade route



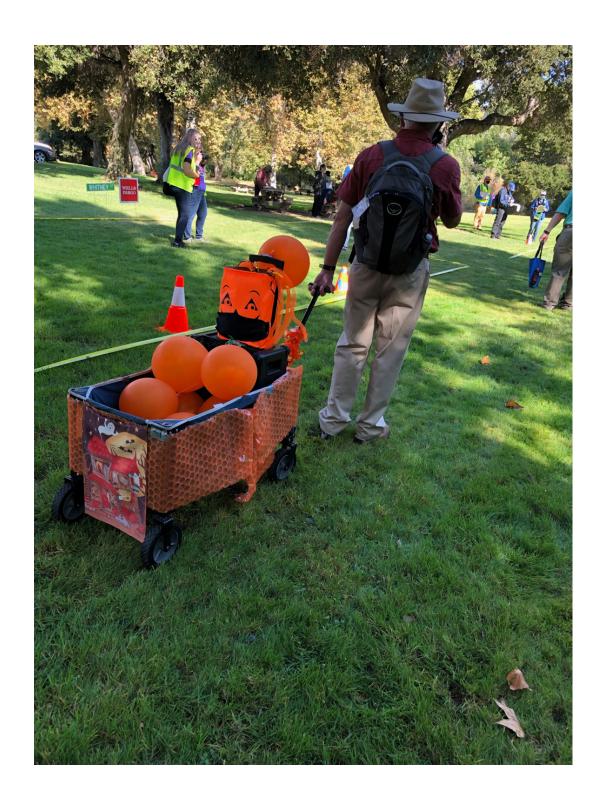
Driver sitting in sports car illegally parked on route



First Float passes a checkpoint.



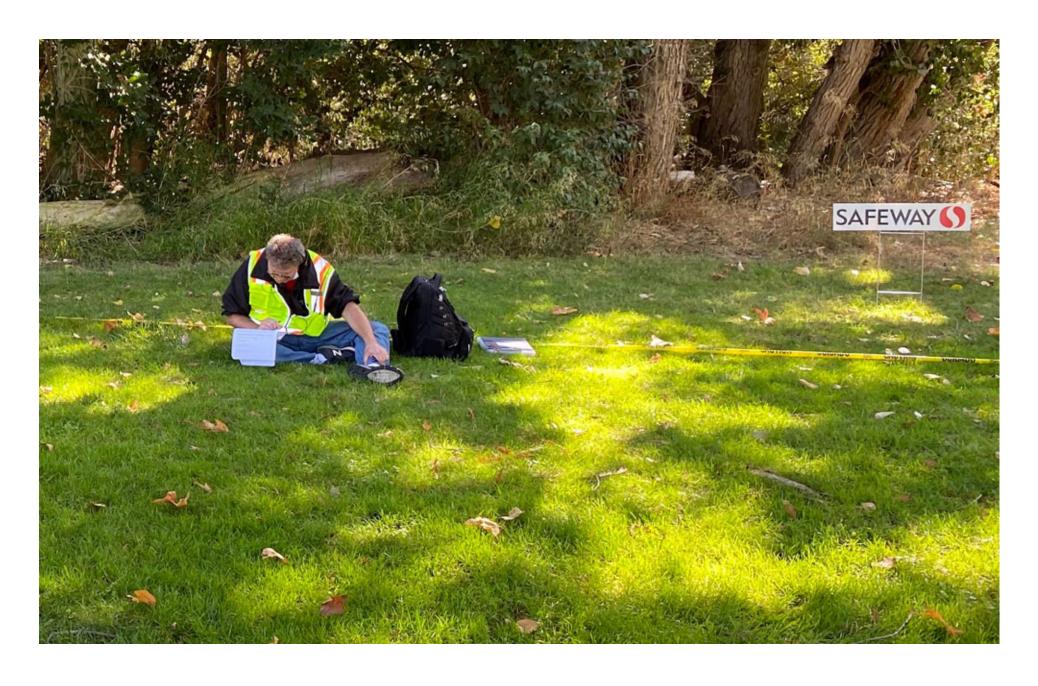
Checkpoint 1 watches crowd person dancing to the music of First Float.



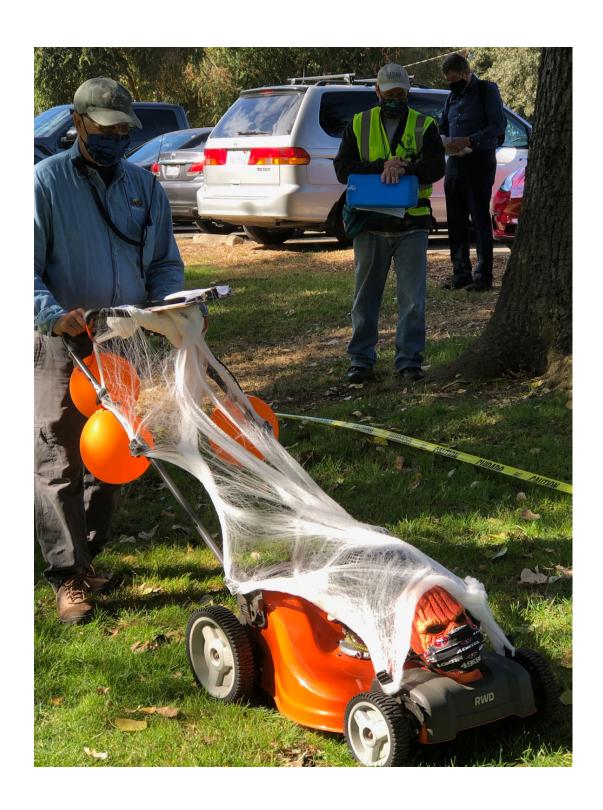
Princess float passes by.



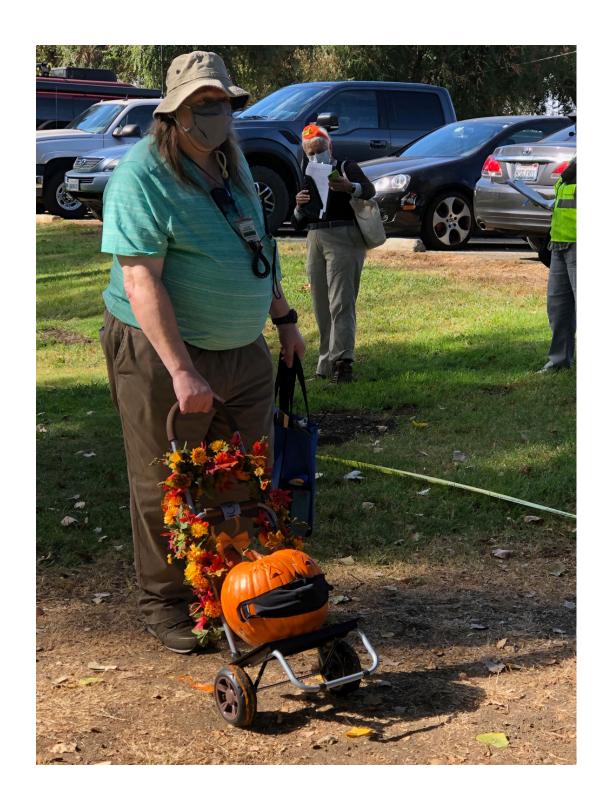
Oh dear! A suspicious package is left on the parade route. Checkpoints will have to report this to Police Liaison!



The Police Liaison needed two ICS form 309s to track all the mischief!



This float is pretty scary...



A flowery float comes along.



Oops! The float breaks down!



Yay! Parade "fix-it" expert arrives and repairs the float.



The scary float pops a wheelie!



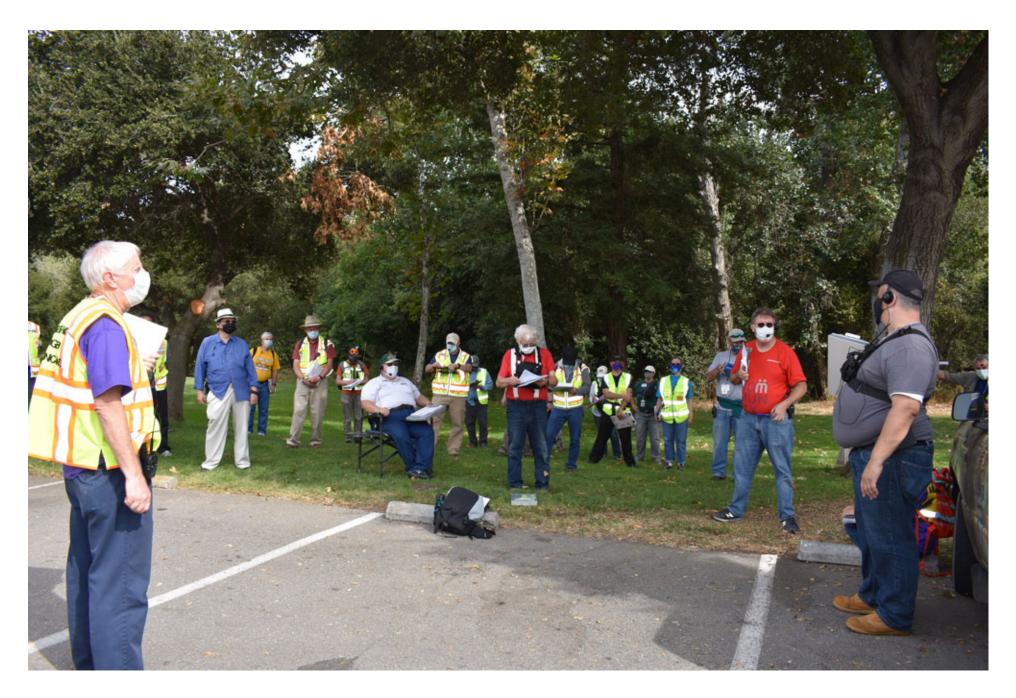
The last float enters the parade.



Illegal vendor tries to sell glow-sticks after parade ends.

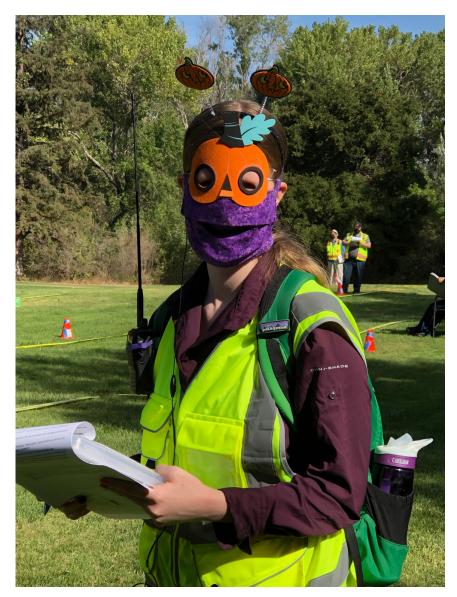


Parade Official explains that the truck can't cross barrier yet even though parade ended.



Everyone gathers for the Debrief





The winners of the "best masks" contest: Jeff and Kelly