

Here's the Parade October 6, 2018



The Color Guard was followed by an armored plated Humvee in the event of any trouble.



2 St. Louis Police Mounted Patrolmen leaving Forest Park partially unprotected and two backup ponies.



Former Cardinal Manager Whitey Herzog replaces the late Red Schoendienst as Grand Marshal of the parade. Okay you can't see his face, but the other shots were of the back of his head.



I got Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith to laugh with a joke about when they put up the sign for his rehab facility (that says Ozzie Smith's) I went and asked if the Baby Back Ribs would be on the menu making a reference to his former restaurant in West Port Plaza.

Who is Riding and Who is Walking? The guys rode and the women walked.



Mayor & Cigarette Lobbyist Ald. Jon Benigas Former Mayor and Ald Skip Mange Ald. Matt Reuter



Ald. Lindsey Butler Ald. Sue Allen, Ald. Tiffany Frautschi not in the cars assigned them but walking. Frautschi was behind a float of the Wirth Blacksmith Shop. Illinois License Plate Tax-Cheater Ald. Fred Meyland-Smith and Ald. Lynn Wright were missing.



I have been friends with Jackie Smith for over a decade. I was yelling if he was a afraid he might melt, but I think the top being up may have been the car owner's decision.



This was pretty sad. KTVI's sports anchor Martin Kilcoyne had the top up and the windows up!



I got a laugh out of former KSDK Chief Meteorologist who was forced to retire in a cost cutting move, when I pointed to my Tower Tee Golf shirt and yelled it was my way to give the finger to her former employer.



There were only two Shriners in the midget cars this year instead of the usual eight.



This was the worst Santa Claus I have seen since Billy Bob Thornton. His beard was below his lower lip.



The Missouri Senior (over 60) Beauty

Queens



Some very senior veterans plus Jay Randolph, Jr, and former Cardinal manager Mike Matheny



Mary Kay and Fred Wiesenhan along with another Fred as a guest in the backseat.



Members of the Clarkson School of Irish Dance, some who look like they would rather be somewhere else.



Ald. Tiffany Frautschi made this float with horse saddle and something claiming to be the Wirth Blacksmith shop. We found Tiffany walking away from her assigned car behind this float.





The only live music was provided by the T&C Symphony Orchestra brass. Two years ago it was Mozart's Little Night Music intro, which the Bob Kuban band would play for kickoffs at St. Louis Cardinal Football games. This year it was Take Me Out to the Ballgame, just not the same.



Here is State Rep. Dean Plocher from Des Peres, giving me the stink eye since I'm always quick to point out that he was the municipal judge in Pine Lawn which at the time was considered one of the worst run and most corrupt city courts in the State.



There must have been 10 or 12 of these grossly expensive cars in this parade. I had one resident tell me that a suburb he lived in outside of Chicago that was a lot like Webster Groves, had an annual 4th of July parade and you might see a Mercedes and a BMW and that would be it for the expensive cars. Welcome to Snoburbia!

It was good to see my former neighbor and amateur golf champ Jim Holtgrieve. We grew up four doors from each other in Webster Groves.



When this vehicle rolled by I wasn't sure if I was at a parade in Ferguson or Town and Country.



But I realized we were not in Ferguson when I saw a croc leaning over an O'Miss wheel cover.



Here is something that you don't see every day in Town and Country. No, it isn't Al Hrabosky, he lives in nearby Frontenac. It is a Mercedes Benz with a front license plate. (Al is a regular guy who drives a 7-year-old Jeep Cherokee.)