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THIS WEEK'S FEATURED TOPICS

FIRST WEEKEND REVIEW

There's the Good, the other good, the other other good, the Bad and the Ugly...

Good: Great weather and record attendance for a first weekend. Good for TRF, anyway. Some vendors had good sales, many vendors reported average sales, but some had a truly disappointing first weekend. That's the bad. We'll get to that in a minute.

Good: How the rebuilt DragonSlayer looks. However, the rest of that story is the ugly. And we'll get to that in a minute, too.

Good: The new fire spinning/blowing/stuff show by Solar Rain just before the fireworks. They do some very cool stuff with fire (see what we did there?). With all due respect to Adam Crack (whom we haven't seen this year and suspect isn't here), this show is a MUCH better lead in to the fireworks. Speaking of fireworks, a lot of the marketing for TRF has the fireworks show in it. This should please one Alan Hutton. We hope TRF is paying this guy enough, because they are sure getting their money's worth from the colorful imagery created by all those mysterious fireworks people.

Bad: The Florence Market. We are disappointed to report that our worst fears about this little project may be realized. With some exceptions, this area looks less like the Florence street markets and more like something from Mogadishu. It's going to take a lot of work before it even vaguely hints at the colorful pics posted in the forum by Lord Albert as he attempts to polish the turd, because a lot of stuff appears to be missing. To paraphrase Fat Albert on the forum, we still seem to be missing the enormous multi-story stone palaces, cathedrals and other structures that transform the real Florence street markets from essentially third-world slums, into beautifully contrasting cultural icons. Or something. And although Lord Albert claims money was spent, vendors claim there is no power or water for them. Truth or no, Milord? But wait, there's more™! From a report we received, apparently there is no list of the shoppes in the Florence Market to be found in any TRF marketing materials. Perhaps you have to move up in the vendor caste system before you get that.

Ugly: A rumor has surfaced as to why MIL isn't here anymore and it points to King George (blessings and peace be upon him). As the rumor goes, apparently George wanted to expand his personal kingdom over at his place and coveted some adjacent

property he doesn't already own. When certain individuals said they didn't want to sell, MIL's permission from said King to operate at TRF was revoked. Bad timing? Coincidence? Bullshit? This is still unconfirmed rumor, but if proven true will reveal asshattery above and beyond any asshattery ever witnessed from a certain individual before at this faire. We're really hoping it isn't true. Facts and proof, for or against, are greedily coveted. Please let us know.

HELP WANTED

Want to be a secret agent for TRF(WTF?)? Drop us a note in the Yahoo mailbox. The pay sucks, but you get to do good things. Come join the Dark Side. We have cookies!

WATER WOES

There is a bit of a row building over the water situation. The old water system was decommissioned (apparently rather recently), leaving some folks high and dry. The response from Lord Albert is:

"A message was sent early in the year that if you were in need or dependent on water that we needed to be made aware. A new water loop was put in and it was going to be some time before everyone was put back on it. The new loop is to replace the old breaking system and to control from full shutdown[sic]. Dan and Lisa are going to mark the working one and get a map out this week."

So the short form is, if you didn't get the memo, you're SOL until the construction catches up to you (the notice was real, some of our agents got one). The old water system really was falling apart (and blowing it's lid) all over the place, so our peerless advice to all those people bitching is to stop bitching and go get a map.

WE CAN'T HEAR YOU

Although it is really up to each individual whether they really want to listen to the Monologue Theater at the joust arena four times a day, the option to actually do so was removed the first weekend because the geek squad that runs the sound system apparently couldn't get the damned thing to work properly. We know these guys, and they're actually pretty good at this stuff, so we can only surmise Somebody Else bought a load of shit gear and stuck them with it.

IMAGES YOU CAN'T UNSEE

Come on folks, we can't create EVERYTHING for this newsletter! (Well we can, but we don't want to.)

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We ran out of gossip, opinion and useless news for this week.

WORDS FROM GOD'S FAN CLUB

Apparently, these words are to the guys...



TRF ROCKSTAR AWARDS

We're going to get an early start on this little recognition project this year. The rules are the same as always: Send us a name and reason why that name is a RockStar to the Yahoo email box, or on the forum (there's a topic for it under TRF(WTF?) Announcements).

Also this year, we are pondering a **Polishing the Turd Award** for a deserving recipient. We already have someone in mind.

PARTICIPANT PRIVIES

Fuck it. We're not going to say it again.

TRF AFTER DARK

It sounds like a swingers club, but it isn't. Most of our minions were busy last weekend, so could one of our cherished and respected patrons that patronized this After Dark Campground Club please let us know what you think?

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See you next week!