

SO I AM DRIVING DOWN HENDERSON STREET THE OTHER DAY AND THE FIRST ONE POPS UP. CAN YOU GUESS WHAT I SAW, ~~POP UP~~? HOW ABOUT THE FIRST OF MANY FIREWORKS STANDS. THESE STAND, NORMALLY RUN BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ARE SPREAD ROUND THE CITY OF EUREKA IN AN EFFORT TO PUT SOME BUCKS IN THEIR COFFERS. THE INDIVIDUALS AN FAMILIES THAT BUY THOSE FIREWORKS PRETTY MUCH DO THE SAME THING EVERY YEAR; CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY'S FREEDOM WITH GOOD FOOD AND BERAGES AND GATHER OUND THEIR FRONT YARDS AND WATCH THEIR FIREWORKS GO OFF IN THE STREETS OF EUREKA. ~~WE ADD HERE, SAFETY FIRST.~~

~~PLEASE~~ SAFETY WE PRAY

YOU MIGHT SAY, I HELP DO SOMETHING JUST LIKE THAT, BUT FOR A FEW MORE PEOPLE GATHERED ARUND HUMBOLDT BAY ON THE 4TH OF JULY...OF COURSE WITH THE HELP FROM A BUCKET LOAD OF GREAT LOCAL SPONSORS...SPECIFICALLY, LOCAL BUSINESSES.

I HAVE ALWAYS CONTENDED THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON WATHCING THE FIREWORKS SHOW DOESN'T

HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHERE THE MONEY COMES FORM
TO MAKE THE FIREWORKS HAPPEN...LET ALONE THE
HISOTRY OF HOW WE GOT HERE...THAT IS A BIG WE,
INCLUDING YOU LISTENING TO THIS COMMUNITY
COMMENT.... AND STARTS WHEN THE CITY OF EUREKA,
USED TO FUND THE ENTIRE EVENT... AFTER WHICH THE
ENTIRE FIREWORKS SHOW WAS FUNDED BY ROB
ARKLEY WHEN HE BAILED THE FIREWORKS...UP TILL
ABOUT SIX EYARS AGO WHEN THE OWNERS OF THE BEST
WESTERN BAYSHORE INN, JOHN AND HOLLY FRAME AND
ERNIE AND RENA WESTON GAVE ME THE MARCHING
ORDERS AND HALF THE MONEY NEEDED, TO GO OUT AND
RAISE THE OTHER HALF FOR THE FIREWORKS...THAT
SAID, THE OTHER HALF IS NOW THE BIGGEST PART.

SO, NOW FOR THE NOT SO GOOD NEWS... WE ARE SHORT
OF OUR GOAL AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE GOING TO
HAVE A SHORTER SHOW THIS YEAR AND WITH NO
WONDERUFL CHOREOGRAPHED MUSIC TO GO WITH THE
FIREWORKS.

MOSTLY BECAUSE I, THAT IS PART OF THE WE, ARE IN

**OUR FINAL YEAR OF ASKING THESE WONDERFUL
BUSINESS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE AND GIVE AND GIVE.**

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**SO IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE A SWAN SONG, I GUESS YOU
COULD SAY, WHAT A BETTER PLACE TO DO IT,**

But

*ON Community
RADIO*

**SO WHOSE NEXT? I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ANY
IDEAS YOU HAVE...AND IF YOU DO, JUST ABOUT
ANYBOYD KNOWS HOW TO GET AHOLD OF ME.**

**THIS HAS BEEN MIKE JONES...AKA UNCLE SAM, FOR
COMMUNITY COMMENT...AKA #400**