

In the Parks – December 21, 2007

(Feather River Cinema - *find out date it was built*)

The other day I was riding a John Deere tractor prepping the infields at Nolan Complex for the coming year when I stirred up some magic dust. For me, driving a tractor is as good as it gets, although listening to music and going to the movies follow a close second and third. The holiday season is one of the best times to watch movies and you can go to your local video store such as Blockbuster, All the Best Video and Star Video to rent one of the many holiday classics.

A Christmas Story – Ralphie and his red ryder bb gun

A Christmas Carol – with Reginald Owen

It's a Wonderful Life – with James Stuart and Donna Reeve

Miracle on 34th Street – with Natalie Wood

White Christmas – with Bing Crosby, Rosemary Clooney,

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer – who could forget the Bumble

Frosty the Snowman

How the Grinch Stole Christmas,

Polar Express – computer animation with Tom Hanks

Home Alone – whether it's the first, second or third, Mcauley Culkin

The Santa Clause – Tim Allen

Scrooged – with Bill Murray

Elf – Will Ferrell

Nightmare Before Christmas –

There's a common theme in all these movies. It's about those who are special to you, be it family, friends, your dog or cat – all of those we truly love we want to be close to this time of the year. You want to bring close to you those that you love. One of the things our family usually does is go to the theater to see a first-run movie. And one of the things that Santa gives me that I like best is a coupon to the Feather River Cinemas. Even though when I talked with Santa recently I told him I wanted a motorcycle or an i-Pod, movie tickets are always a welcome gift. I remember when the Feather River Cinemas first opened their doors in Oroville, and watched their evolution and growth as they added screens. I admire their efforts to bring good recreational entertainment to the people of Oroville in a very clean and well maintained movie house, and I always look forward to going to see a movie and eating lots of popcorn loaded with butter and other goodies. What I'm trying to say is that the Feather River Cinema is my first choice for gifts to others. Let them see a good movie, like the ones listed above, and enjoy the memories with their families during the holidays. Feather River Recreation and Park District is happy to be one of the sponsors that precedes your favorite film. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to check it out. All the elves here at FRRPD wish you a happy holiday season and a very prosperous new year. Save some figgy pudding for us.

FRRPD TREASURE HUNT

Clue #5

Argh! I was talking to Spongebob and his friend Gary and they told me to read between the lines.

Argh! Me thinks somethin's afoul here. Argh!

(PREVIOUS CLUES)

Clue #4

Argh! It be dark and gloomy and the storm be upon us. But ahead I can see the land of gold. If ye want to find tha treasure, look for tha diamonds. Argh! But ye better be careful – there be deadlights upon ye, matey.

Clue #3

Arrgh! It be dark and gloomy with the impacts to bow of the ship. But our swords be sharp and ready for battle in the land of gold. "X" marks the spot by a rock for James.

Clue #2

Argh! I hear tell there may be a leak aboard our FRRPD ship. So watch out! There may be a scoundrel walkin' the plank. It was around 1735, or it was 1835, maybe 1935 (it be built and now it be beat and battered). Argh! And don't ye be tellin' any mate, or ye may be walkin' the plank with that scoundrel to dark water. Har har har! I be watchin' ye with my one good eye. Argh!

Clue #1

It was a past time, but it was a good time. I heard it from a mate named James. And what a bountiful treasure it be! And remember, dead men don't tell tales!

QUOTE

(quote here from Bob and the staff at FRRPD)

Peace on earth.

FUN FACTS

The movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) features more than 52,000 Christmas lights, about 8,200 Christmas ornaments, and nearly 2,000 candy canes.

The first Animal Crackers were not made for eating...they were made as Christmas tree decorations!

The original ball lowered in Times Square on New Year's Eve back in 1907 was made of iron and wood and decorated with 100 light bulbs. The modern New Year's ball is made of Waterford crystal, covered with 696 light bulbs, 96 strobe lights, and 90 rotating pyramid mirrors.

Happy holidays, and see you in the parks!