



August 15, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is time to get ready for the annual Raylrode Daze Festival parade on Saturday, September 24, 2016. We know that you will want to be a part of our festival this year with a parade entry. Last year's parade was a great success and that is thanks to people like you who come out and participate in our parade. The festival committees are working hard to ensure a fun-filled weekend for our festival guests. We hope each of you will join us once again!

Enclosed is an application for the parade. **Applications must be received by Wednesday, September 21st in order to ensure that everyone can be placed in the proper spot in the lineup.** We need to have you complete this application in order for our parade announcer to properly announce you to our audience. Thousands will be on hand to enjoy this year's festival and parade, so don't miss this opportunity to participate.

You will sign in and pick up your numbers at the parking lot at Horton Field (the baseball field in town) next to the Healthplex. **Once you pick up your number, you will then follow the signs to your spot in the lineup.** Check in will open at **9:00 A.M.** and will close at **10:30 A.M.** We encourage you to come early so that you will have plenty of time to get your entry set up and ready. The parade will begin at 11:00 A.M. Awards will be given in various categories such as: Best Band, Best Antique Car, Best Military Display, Best Float, Best Overall Entry, Best Farm Equipment, etc. Please note that awards will be presented at the stage in Branch Junction 30 minutes after the conclusion of the parade.

Again, thank you for your interest in our celebration and I will be looking forward to your replies and seeing you in September. You will find more parade information on the back of this letter. Should you have any questions, please give me a call at 803-707-8972 or email me at whisenhunt@centurylink.net

Sincerely,
Sam Whisenhunt
2016 Parade Chairman





Directions to Registration Table

From Orangeburg

Come into Branchville on US Hwy 21. Horton Field will be on your left not long after you enter Branchville.

From Charleston

Come into Branchville on US Hwy 78. At the stop sign, take a right. Follow Hwy 21 and Horton Field will be on your right.

From Bamberg

Come into Branchville on US Hwy 78. Take a left onto US Hwy 21. Follow Hwy 21 and Horton Field will be on your right.

IMPORTANT PARADE INFORMATION FOR 2016

- ✓ **Please keep a reasonable distance between your entry and the entry that you are following. Not too close, but definitely not too far away.**
- ✓ You will be crossing the railrode tracks during the route and I ask that you proceed with caution.
- ✓ **No parade entries will be allowed to throw out candy.** This decision was made due to several instances where children were almost injured running out to get candy during the parade. You are more than welcome to have someone from your group walk along the sides of the road and pass out candy to the kids watching the parade.
- ✓ If you are driving a car, golf cart, four wheeler, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle in the parade, we ask that you please refrain from “performing” with your vehicle during the parade. This includes squealing tires, doing wheelies, driving quickly, etc. We ask this for the safety of the children and adults watching the parade. The only exception to this rule is the Shrine, Omar, and Jamil groups with the small cars (go carts) that perform in parades on a regular basis because they have been trained to do so.

