**These were the 5 best moments of the**

**2016 Rose Parade**

It was a Rose Parade for the ages but now the 127th Tournament of Roses Parade has come to a close. Here were the best moments of the parade as told by viewers at home and spectators (and me) in the crowd.

(adapted from the Pasadena Star-News) • **PHOTOS:** [2016 Rose Parade float award winners](http://photos.pasadenastarnews.com/2016/01/01/photos-2016-rose-parade-award-winning-floats/)

** 5. The B-2 (Stealth) Bomber flyover**

 Flyovers of any kind are amazing to witness. This one was no exception.

The plane flew out from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri for this one precisely at 8:00 AM.

It had an amazingly quiet hum as it flew just 200 meters up.

The big military helicopter that flew over an hour later was much louder.

** 4. The Allen Eagle Escadrille**

* The nation's largest band brought their A-game to their second appearance at America's New Years Celebration. The sound from the front was disconnected from the sound from the back.
* With 782 members, it set a new record for the largest band to perform in a Rose Parade.

** 3. "Anybody but Trump"**

 As the parade wound down, spectators began to notice something kind of strange in the sky.

It wasn't a bird, nor was it Superman, it was a plane, well a few planes, writing anti-Donald Trump slogans in the air. There was even a GEICO ad in the sky.

* Five planes total scrawled the words “America is great Donald Trump is disgusting” “Trump is a fascist” and “Anybody but Trump” above the parade route and people were captivated.

** 2. Bob and Stephanie say Goodbye**

* This was the last year legendary broadcasters [Bob Eubanks and Stephanie Edwards](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/lifestyle/20160101/rose-parade-2016-bob-eubanks-stephanie-edwards-say-goodbye) hosted the Rose Parade after doing it together for 35 years.
* The pair said goodbye at the end of the broadcast and, though they remained professional, it seemed like the rest of the world wept.

** 1. The Disney Float**

* It’s Disney, after all, and they know a thing or two about parades and floats but this one blew everyone else out of the water.
* The float had Cinderella’s Castle decorated for Disneyland’s 60th Anniversary, Arendale, where Frozen’s Anna and Elsa live and a whole Star Wars section with the Millenium Falcon, Kylo Ren and Storm Troopers.
* The whole operation , float, characters and all, stopped at the beginning of the route for a musical number and a fireworks display.
* In short, Disney stole the show and everyone loved it.

** 0. Why you have to be there in person!**

* Before the parade there was a large contingent of “Jesus is great”, along with one “Lucifer”.
* All kinds of people from all over showed up to watch the parade. Best plan: park your RV there.
* Every equestrian exhibit in the parade had a trash can and shovel wielding clean-up crew.
* The signs for the award-winning floats were hung by the top and blew straight back (unreadable).
* Directly behind the parade, there were 100 sign-waving supporters of Bernie Sanders (who?).
* Five floats were being towed. There were delays late in the parade due to the freeway overpass.
* The Honda sway-pole float (from the front) struggled along behind the official end of parade.
* The most spectacular event was the 30 giant tow trucks, all blowing their horns as they fell in behind the parade as it passed by the later viewing stands.
* Disney was the biggest float in the parade, but looked post-parade lifeless without animatronics.
* Examining the floats up close in the post-parade exhibit showed why the judges did a great job in awarding the justly deserved trophies for the floral decorations. (Honda was not judged.)