



## Horse Parade 2006 was a dashing affair

Harem girls and Zorro joined handsome caballeros as they made their way through the streets of Oranjestad on Monday afternoon for the Carnival Horse Parade. The island's equestrians made their way down the Vondellaan to the Havana Beach Club and along the L.G. Smith Boulevard attracting the public's attention on their beautiful mounts as they pranced along Paso Fino style.

"The Horse Parade became a part of Carnival about twenty years ago," reveals Arnold Martinez, Vice-President of OCA (Organisacion Cabaista Arubano,) "as a group of riding enthusiasts enjoying the legal holiday that is the Monday after the Grand Parade. Eventually the group grew to the thirty to fifty participants that join in from the various private stables around the island."

Not only were the riders in gay carnival costume, but often their horses were dressed up for the party as well! They certainly created a stir as they made their way through town, and fortunately, they brought their own street cleaners so that anything remaining of their passage would only be a fond memory!