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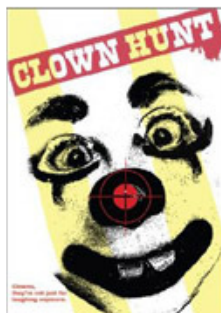
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Clown Hunt

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Clowns; some people love them, others loathe them. I find them to be nothing more than an annoyance but have found a quick look of disapproval generally has them leaving me alone. Clowns though have also become something which can be worked into cinema rather well, usually in a horror setting. Taking what is supposed to be a happy, childhood memory and twisting it into a perversity has worked very well for most. Then you have those who want to put clowns into a comedy, or at least what is supposed to be one, and the results are utterly disastrous.

I had hoped based just on the title alone that *Clown Hunt* was going to at the very least be a horror film but it's nothing of the sort. Instead it's about a group of hunters in Texas where it has become legal to hunt clowns. There's really never any logic given to why they can hunt them. We're just supposed to accept that this is the way things are. Eventually the clowns have had enough and decide to hunt the hunters, not a surprising turn of events in the least, and their leader, Albino Willie, become the one target that eludes the gunmen as they try and bring a stop to the menace of the clowns.

Clown Hunt has barely any plot to speak of. Even though there was supposed to be a script, most of the movie feels like it was just adlibbed by the cast. It's filled with horrible jokes that never once even elevate themselves to a point where they could muster a mild chuckle. While I'd label the movie as being juvenile humor, that would actually be degrading to other movies that fall into the same category.

Once *Clown Hunt* gets started it's more or less the same thing over and over again. The hunters are gathered at the camp, they tell some bad jokes, and then it's off to hunt. This is followed by clowns in a number of situations that are meant to be funny but never are, and then more bad jokes, finally clowns are killed. For some reason the hunters also mention eating them which gives the movie a slight cannibalism vibe for an unknown reason, but the classic cannibals films of Italian cinema are much better than what this is not to mention far bloodier. Even with the concept to murdering clowns at the core of the film there's never any moments of blood splatter although even that couldn't have saved this movie. It's just nothing more than bad filmmaking.

The only extra feature on the disc is a slideshow. I guess it's hard to be a behind-the-scenes when there's really no structure at all to the movie.

Clown Hunt is a film to be avoided. This is the type of cinema that's so poorly constructed and put together than MST3K wouldn't even touch it. If *Clown Hunt* was trying to present a hidden statement, I failed to find it and as far as "comedy" I'd rather sit and watch Jay Leno since maybe one of his writers might be lucky and hit one something that's actually mildly humorous.

-mike-

Directed by:
Barry Tubb

Written by:
Barry Tubb

Cast:
Tanner Beard
Jamison Driskill
David Keith
Trick Kelly
Matthew Posey
Kasey Stevens
Paul Timek
Barry Tubb
Brendan Wayne

DVD Features:
Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1
Audio: English Dolby Digital 5.1
Slideshow

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