

Notes from Roundtable:

Attended by members of Santa Clara and Golden West.

Region Officer: Judy Bechthold, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Region XII

Facilitator: Dale Harrington, Past President, Golden West

Recording Secretary: Cecelia Stansbury, President, Santa Clara Unit

Dale began by having each attendee state something they liked about the Club.

Likes: Friendships (camaraderie), because other friends you know are members. Help from other members, tapping in on the experience of others who have owned their rigs. Going to new places and different places we wouldn't normally go. Gets you to use your RV a lot more than you would if you weren't a part of the club. Like the flexibility of knowing you don't have to always go to a rally, 100% attendance not a requirement and no one makes you feel guilty when you can't go. Security in the group, especially when you are single. The ability to travel with others (caravans). Courtesy parking. Newsletters with helpful information. Buddy rallies.

Concerns:

When an email goes out to the members asserting misappropriation of funds, the International Treasurer should directly address those accusations to all members with financial information.

Reduce the formalities (pomp and circumstance). How can we make major changes when minor changes get so bogged down.

When the Blue Beret comes around, the resumes of the members should state a mission statement, what they plan to do for the club, etc.

Doesn't like to wear the Blue Beret, find a better hat or none at all.

Realizes a need for structure, but the formalities need to be loosened up, (no tuxes, red jackets.)

Flag ceremony needs to be shortened, possibly by having each region march in together being led by Region President and while the units are marching in can quickly read names but march in a group. Or just mention the region.

Reception for new International Officers should not be by invitation only but maybe have a big barbeque and let all the members join in on the welcoming and congratulating them.

Installation of International Officers is too long and boring, less formal.

To lessen expense, do not have new colors for the rally each year. Makes it very expensive for International Officers having to buy new outfits. Possibly could come up with an standard International Rally t-shirt to be used each year, which would save money.

Early workers coming so early and how does that expense affect the overall cost of the International Rally, especially when we are in a full hookup location.

Have less door prizes but up the value (not everyone needs to get a doorprize).

Less entertainment, but better quality.

Encourage people to either put their numbers or a WBCCI logo on their trailers, so that other members when travelling can identify fellow members.

More vendors with how to seminars. How to properly flush tanks, how to operate your refrigerator between gas and electric, how to winterize your rig, how to maintain rigs that are stored outdoors (cobwebs, etc.).

Who determines what vendors are allowed to come to a rally, can competitors come? Is there a way to reduce the cost for vendors to come to encourage more vendors?

Better communication of what the cost of the International Rally covers so that members can understand. Publish the budget for a rally.

Blue Beret Publication need to be updated and a more useful tool, better information in it. Have you explored going on line with all the literature and letting members have a choice of getting the Blue Beret electronically in their email. Several members felt the Blue Beret had improved. Look at Escapees newsletter for samples of a newsletter (concept wise, we realize Escapees is a much larger organization). Encourage input from members for the newsletter, helpful hints, articles of interest, articles about technical information on RVs, etc.

Informational meetings (or seminars) on how to maintain your rig: check lug nuts, are you properly hooked up to your tow vehicle, gas leaks and how to check for them, general maintenance of your rig, things like that.

Highway Patrol presentation at Regions for information on road rules for towing.

A better mentoring program of new members. Offer information on how to greet people, include them, etc. or seminars on how to mentor new members. Suggestion of making it a part of the Unit workshop.

More interesting seminars at International with practical information.

Concern as to why we can't have Airstream included in the name.