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Detroit Weekend update:



Here's a pic of Prez Bob at the costume party on Friday night. He could almost pass for Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin. And then there are the 80's party girls. There were lots of pictures from the very successful weekend.

TCI Upcoming EVENTS :

**MAY DAZE MERRIMENT -MAY 5-7**

Sacramento is celebrating Cinco de Mayo during their weekend with authentic Mexican food as well as entertainment highlighting your experience. Drinks and dancing to follow your. I'm sure the margaritas will be flowing!!

### **KLM Europatreffen 2023 MAY 14-21**

This is our European T.C.I. Families from abroad, having their 2023 CONVENTION.

Experience Berlin Germany and it's many historic landmarks and neighborhoods. The Berlin Wall. The Tempelhof Airfield. The Sanssouci Palace as well as numerous museums and quaint out of the way shops. Dining, dancing, and socializing is a must for the full effect of the Convention.

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### **Convention At Sea 2023 JUNE 30- JULY 7**

This is the T.C.I. Convention for the Clubs here in the States. A cruise, sightseeing, glaciers and trains. Dining, dancing and more. With stops in Canada along the way, this is sure to be an experience of a lifetime.

<https://www.tall.org/tci-2023-convention-at-sea.html>

### **Sacramento "CHEESBURGER IN PARADISE" OCT 8-15**

Mayan Rivera Adult Resort CANCUN

Authentic dining, spas, and live entertainment. All from your very own ocean front rooms. Experience the vibrant culture of Cancun. All inclusive week with round trip transfers to and from the airport.

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## The PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we get closer to TCI Convention 2023, I wanted to share some reflections and misconceptions about hosting a TCI convention.

Why are TCI conventions always on the July 4th week

TCI conventions are almost always scheduled over July 4th. Here is why. TCI Convention committees often use the 4th of July week to schedule conventions because you can usually get better room rates. Most of those hotels are more business hotels rather than vacation hotels. Business based hotels usually have low room occupancies due to lack of business travel over the 4th of July period. Because of this, the committee can usually get a better room rate and the hotels are often more willing to “make a deal”. The better deal means that you, as a conventioneer” get a better room rate. A convention does not need to be scheduled at a business hotel. Business hotels also usually have better banquet facilities to host dinners and events that our conventions usually need.

So then, when is convention supposed to be?

There is no set time frame to have a TCI convention. The convention usually hosts a day for a delegates meeting, but it doesn't really have to. There is business that TCI needs to conduct through the delegates meeting. This needs to be done before the end of August. There was a proposal for this year to have the convention in October. That would have required TCI to host a delegates meeting to be a Zoom meeting by the end of August to conduct TCI Business before September.

How long is a convention supposed to last?

The bylaws do not specify any length of time for a convention. The norm has been Monday – Saturday. This year, on the cruise, it will be Friday – Friday. It could be just a few days.

Who runs a TCI Convention?

TCI conventions are run by members of TCI. They work and plan the convention using the TCI by laws as a guide. Any potential convention must be approved by the delegates. This is usually, and preferably, done at a convention.

Where is the convention in 2024?

That has not been determined yet. As of this writing, no one has come to me and mentioned that they are interested in hosting the convention.

What resources can TCI offer as far as planning, scheduling and hosting a convention?

There are past hosts of a convention that will be happy to share their experiences and knowledge of running a convention. I can put you in touch with them.

Can I (you) host a convention?

With the help of many of our TCI members who have done it before, you can certainly try. As I said, we have many people who can talk about it with you. Let me know and I can direct you to them.

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