



Communications John Waltman

As this year comes to a close, the TCI Board is wishing all of it's members a Merry Christmas, A Joyous Hanukkah and Happy Holidays. No matter what your belief, our thoughts are with you and your families at this time of the year.

Now, on a sadder note. Over the last few months the TCI family has lost several of its members:

Jim Harrison Allen Olsen Dave Garland

On behalf of the TCI Organization, Our prayers and condolences go out to their families and friends.

Wickenburg Arizona January 25, 26,27,28



As of our last conversation there will be over 70 TCI members from the US and a few of our European friends gathering for this January weekend. So far there are two hotels sold out and several members waiting on a standby list. This should be an exciting event to attend.

From the looks of things, it seems that the downsizing of TCI over the last decade or two has placed us into rethinking our directions for weekend events. It seems like the unorganized events where you pick and choose what you wish to do and see by yourself or with others is the direction that we are heading. No-matter what we do, It is always an adventure with our friends from all over the country. Please support any effort from any club to keep things going.

That being said!!! Local Clubs it is now your turn. Just get something in the works. Any idea. Anything,

that your friends can get together for a weekend or for 4 days or better.



Happy Holidays everyone!
I have some TCI updates to report on.

A \$1900.00 check has been sent to TCI Foundation. You may recall that RCCL would not allow us to have our own fundraiser. These funds came from a deal with RCCL who contributed to TCIF based upon our cabin usage on the cruise. This amount was higher than expected.

Claudette reports that there have been discrepancies between her and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines on the finances which has delayed a report. She reports that she has been assigned a personal representative from RCCL to work out the differences. She sent me a preliminary financial report this week.

Shirleen Murphy has resigned from the Alt. Exec. Officer position due to health concerns. If you would like to fill in this position which will be an abbreviated term of 8 months, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Wickenburg in January. Patty and I will be getting in late Friday and are expecting lots of tall fun.

Sacramento is hosting a Picnic gathering in May, (flyer pending) and a weekend in September 2024 to the Great Reno Balloon Races in Reno, Nevada with a side trip to Virginia City Camel and ostrich races. The Reno flyer is up on Tall.org (<https://www.tall.org/events.html>).

We are still without a convention for 2024. If you have a suggestion for what we can do, like a weekend gathering somewhere where we might get together for a "short" convention or gathering. Please let me know ASAP.

I hope that everyone out in the TCI family has a wonderful holiday season whichever holiday(s) you choose to celebrate.

My New Year's wish is that in 2024, TCI becomes better and bigger. That means that you need to get out and promote your club or MALs need to recruit more MALs. Get your club active and those event calendars full.

Highest Regards
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Sacramento Gathering September 2024

Sacramento Tall Club Weekend Event
September 6, 7, & 8, 2024



Friday we will attend The International Camel & Arabian Races in Hahoneto Virginia City NV. The events, activities, and a great old fashioned family fun returns this year. This tradition and family favorite tradition started as a prank between two newspaper editors more than 100 years ago and remains as silly and fun as to origin.

The Races bring the laughs for all as jockeys, both professional and amateur, race their camels, ostrich, and other around the horseshoe track to the roar of the crowd. You never know what might happen it's a surreal racing spectacle guaranteed to leave the entire crowd laughing.

We will be attending Friday Night, while the actual events last all weekend. Friday night, Sat, & enjoy Hot Camel Nights, an evening show with discounted rates. Go up early and enjoy site seeing in this historic mining town.

Here is the link for more information.
<https://tallclubinternational.com/events/international-hot-camel-races-virginia-city-nv/>

Saturday & Sunday we will be participating in **The Great Reno Balloon Race.** The Great Reno Balloon Race is **FREE** to spectators thanks to the support of event sponsors. STC is requesting a **\$75.00 per package fee to cover costs.** (Includes Camel Race entry, Paris Dinner Saturday Evening, Sunday Brunch & Transportation parking fee Saturday & Sunday). Partial Packages can be arranged. Contact Patty Huggert.

Be prepared for early mornings and bring your picnic basket & basket, lawn chairs, and warm clothing etc. Food vendors are available. For more information, check out their website - <https://renoballoon.com/>

Look for us on the edge of the balloon launch area in front of the Prepared tent.

Saturday & Sunday Schedule of events 9:30 a.m. - Gates open to Reno-Toe San Rafael Regional Park
9:30 a.m. - Super Glow Show
9:30 a.m. - Dinner/Picnic
9:50 a.m. National Anthem
10:00 a.m. - Mass Ascension Launch
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Shopping along Balloon Boulevard

EVENT LOCATION
Reno-Toe San Rafael Regional Park
1700 N. Sierra St.
Reno, Nevada



Our Home Base will be The J Resort, 345 N Arlington Ave, Reno, NV, 89501

Please check with your favorite travel booking site or The J Resort directly for the lowest rates. This weekend will sell out. Please book your rooms as early as possible for the best possible rate.



Checkout this newly added event for the 2024 year

Please remember to also check the Tall Club International web page for any upcoming events in the future.