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TCI'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...



Reflections on Another Successful TCI Convention

The latest TCI Convention has come to a close, filled with laughter, rekindled friendships, and new connections. Highlights included group events, classic cars, the X-President's museum, spectacular fireworks on two nights, karaoke, a delightful boat ride, town tours, beach time, stunning gardens, a concert, a formal dinner featuring TCI and club awards, dancing, a fun game event center, ice cream, and delicious complimentary breakfasts each morning. There were also moments of joy and bittersweet goodbyes. Oh, and let's not forget the business meeting.

All of this brings to mind the words of Sister Sledge: "WE ARE Family."

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Convention Committee. Pat was fantastic, while Coral and Sue managed on-site duties as Barry kept track of finances from his home office. Many attendees also pitched in, whether it was carrying cases of water, snapping photos, or assisting others in navigating the venue. I recognize that the committee couldn't have accomplished everything alone. Thank you all!

I also want to express my gratitude to everyone who collaborated with me during the Delegate Meeting, the Executive Board, and those who helped with the Awards Banquet.

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Indeed, it was a wonderful convention. I sincerely hope to see all my tall friends again next year!

There is a group considering the possibility of hosting Convention 2026, but I won't share more details just yet. I hope they can create a proposal for the Delegates to vote on soon, without putting too much pressure on the team at this early stage.

As Roy Rogers would say:

"Happy trails to you, until we meet again.
Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together?
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.
Happy trails to you, 'til we meet again."

Chicago? Phoenix?



Highest Regards!

Bob Huggett

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Please email: TCICommunications@tall.org

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The June and July issue of *TALKIN' TALL* has been combined into one edition due to the timing around the 2025 Convention. We hope you were part of the wonderful experience we all shared. This Convention came together in a remarkably timely manner, evolving from one idea to another, leading to a collaborative effort.

This team hit the ground running and never looked back. Their efforts were evident in the choice of hotel, the venues selected for our lunch and dinner, as well as our excursions to local hotspots. Hats off to this committee for their outstanding work. We at TCI truly appreciate the dedication this team displayed to ensure our time in Grand Rapids was exceptional.

I must say, the team did a superb job organizing the 2025 Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They made excellent choices for our travel adventures and sightseeing, showcasing many articulate places and attractions.

Tuesday was a busy half-day as all the delegates reviewed the TCI bylaws, streamlining them to reflect the changes that have occurred over the years. It can be quite meticulous to ensure the wording is precise, eliminating any ambiguity regarding the amendments being made. I commend those who dedicated extra time to help keep the TCI organization thriving. Without your involvement, things could quickly fall apart.

And to our fearless leader, Mr. Bob Huggett, your passion has not gone unnoticed among us. Sir, we salute you for your vision of restoring this organization to its former glory. Your countless hours of dedication, coupled with the relentless challenges facing TCI, have not deterred you from your goals. Your commitment to moving things forward while accommodating others' ideas is a remarkable achievement.

In closing, remember that information, publicity, sharing, and communication is vital. Please utilize the tools at your disposal to assist you with your Convention, weekend, or gathering. This organization is yours, and we are here to support you!

Until next month,
John L. Waltman
Communications Officer



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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE VP / PUBLICITY

Publicity is essential for any organization and crucial for our growth. We recently had two publicity opportunities in Grand Rapids, MI, which generated a lot of excitement. If you missed them, you can find the links below. They are also available on tall.org in the "Tall Clubs in the News" section.

There's a Tall Club? Yes, and it's in West Michigan this week by WOOD TV in Grand Rapids. See the complete story and watch the video taken at Convention 2025.

[Some of the world's tallest people gather in West Michigan for convention](#)

Ellen Bayer speaks with News 8's Brittany Flowers while visiting Grand Haven with The Tall Clubs International convention on July 2, 2025.



[From WGVU is a radio interview](#)

with talk with those President Bob Huggett, Kristen Gallagher, and Patricia Radloff.



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Tall Topix 2025

Were you present at the 2025 TCI Convention?

Did you capture any photos?

Do you have an interesting story to share?

Would you be open to writing about your convention experience?



If you answered YES to any of these questions, please send your photos, stories, or memories for potential inclusion in the 2025 Tall Topix.

All images & write ups should be directed to Anna Rowen at **anna.rowen@live.com**

By submitting your photos and write-ups, you grant permission for their use in the publication.

What is Tall Topix?

Tall Topix serves as a “yearbook” for the convention, capturing cherished memories, sharing stories, and much more! If you were a full-time attendee, you will automatically receive a copy in the mail once it is completed



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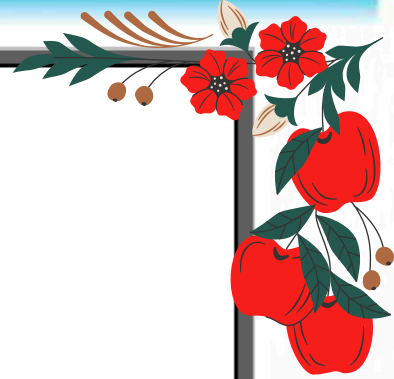
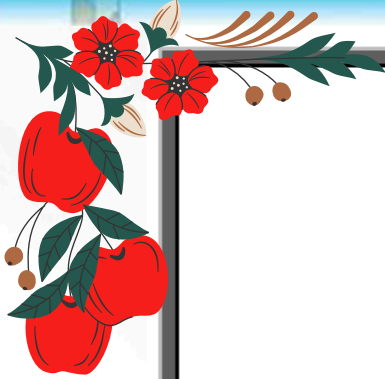
EVENTS





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Apple Picking Party & Concert



Big Bob's 43rd Annual

Saturday – August 2, 2025

Gates open 2 PM | Band starts: 3 PM

Don't miss one of Big Bob & Redwood Empire's most popular events for his Tall and "Dance Tribe" friends from throughout Northern California, and beyond!

For the fifth year in a row, we are having a live band. This year's band is the **Sonoma Shakers**. Last year we had approximately 150 guests at the event, and a great time was had by all!

THIS YEAR'S EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE, BUT PLEASE BRING SOME CASH, AND BE GENEROUS IN TIPPING THE BAND.

Swimming Pool | Darts | Pool Table | Fun | Shaded/carpeted dance floor |
Music and of course if you would like to have some to take home:

Apple Picking

Bring your Swimsuit & Towel. Wear Comfortable Shoes for dancing & walking in the apple orchard.
BRING your lawn chair, blanket, umbrella, drinks, etc. for sitting in the apple orchard.

POTLUCK DINNER: Bring something to share (salad, dessert, hors d'oeuvres, main dish), whatever you want to drink and anything you might want to grill. 2 BBQs available.

Bring your own everything (plates, cups, utensils).
(usually someone volunteers to help with grilling, if needed).

Everyone is welcome to hang around for bonfires on the patio in the evening for lighter music and conversation. Plenty of room for overnight guests (plan to volunteer).

Let Bob know in advance at the number below.

Bring bedding, your favorite pillow, your RV, or even a tent, if you like to camp.

LOCATION: At Bob Hirsch's Home (Big Bob's Fun Ranch)

RSVP REQUIRED: bigbobsfunranch@gmail.com

RSVP with first and last name of all in your group.

1055 Montgomery Road, Sebastopol, CA. 95472

(3 miles west of Main Street, .8 mile off Bodega Highway)

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED TO HELP WITH THE PARTY: CALL 707-483-6228 (Bob's cell/text).

Every guest must RSVP with FIRST & LAST name to bigbobsfunranch@gmail.com





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Tall Club Reunion (10th Annual)

August 23, 2025



LOCATION:

16912 North Pacific Avenue (between 9th & 10th Streets)
Sunset Beach, CA 90742

This is my family's beach cottage built in 1907 and one of the early Tip Toppers' stomping grounds including founder Kae Sumner Einfeldt. My mother, Lucile Poor (one of the original 9 Tip Toppers) met my father, John Q. Long, in the Tall Club at a Sunset Beach party and honeymooned here too. We recently had the famous artist, Melissa Murals, paint the porch furniture and gates. It's beautiful! A must-see.

Arrivals begin at 11 AM and BBQ will start at approximately 1 PM

Please bring the normal beach accoutrements (swimsuit, sunblock, hat, sunglasses, boogie board, towels, beach chair, ice chest, change of clothes). We have extras of most of these things, if you can't bring them. We will have pop-up tents set up on the green belt and in front of the house. **NOTE:** There is a 7-11 and a liquor store ½ block away.

This is an **RSVP** event since we will provide hamburgers with the fixin's for the low cost of \$5 per person. We are asking you to bring a dish to share and whatever beverage you want to drink

Parking: Don't worry about parking. If necessary, park near Peter's Landing. A volunteer shuttle will take you to and from Peter's Landing to the Beach House.

IT'S TIME TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN!!!

Please RSVP after JUNE 15th and no later than AUGUST 16th as we will be travelling.

RSVP required directly to Gail & Levi Swift

Call or Text 415-847-4775

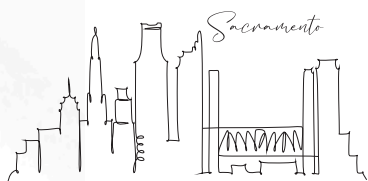
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Sacramento Tall Club Event

The Great Reno Balloon Races

Friday, September 5—Sunday, September 7, 2025



Friday we will attend the International Camel & Ostrich Races in historic Virginia City, NV. The camels, ostriches, zebras and good old-fashioned family fun returns this year for the 66th annual International Camel & Ostrich Races. This hilarious and family-favorite tradition started as a prank between two newspaper editors, and 66 years later it remains as silly and fun as its origin.

The Races bring laughs for all as jockeys, both professional and amateur, race their camels, ostriches and zebras around the horseshoe track to the roars of the crowd. It's a comical racing spectacle guaranteed to leave the entire group laughing.

Go early or stay late and explore Virginia City, an historic mining town with shops, restaurants, saloons, and live music on Friday nights.

Here is the link for more information about tickets, transportation, parking, etc.:
<https://visitvirginiacitynv.com/events/international-camel-ostrich-races-virginia-city/>

Saturday & Sunday we will participate in The Great Reno Balloon Race, the world's largest FREE hot-air ballooning event. Be prepared for a very early morning and bring your picnic blanket & basket, lawn chairs, flashlight, and warm clothing, etc. Food vendors are available.

For more information, check out their website - <https://renoballoon.com>.

Saturday, & Sunday Schedule of events

3:30 a.m. – Gates open to Rancho San Rafael Regional Park

5:00 a.m. – Super Glow Show

5:30 a.m. – Dawn Patrol

6:45 a.m. – National Anthem

7:00 a.m. – Mass Ascension Launch

4:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Shopping along Balloon Boulevard

EVENT LOCATION

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park
1595 N. Sierra St.
Reno, Nevada



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

Rooms are currently available at a rate of \$148 a night + resort fees for either a King Room or Rooms with 2 queen beds. Check your favorite hotel booking site for the best going rate. I would advise that you book rooms ASAP to guarantee availability.

Group meals, events & transportation will be arranged on site. Contact Carla Munt if you are interested in attending at vicepresident@sacramentotallclub.org or by phone at 916-365-5601.





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2026
Chicago

Cheers to 80 Years!

1946 - 2026

Celebrate Paramount Tall Club of Chicago

January 29 - February 1, 2026

Hotel Information:
Marriott SpringHill Suites
Chicago O'Hare
8101 W Higgins Rd.
Chicago, IL
773-867-0000

\$122 per room per night
Rate: 1-4 people
Includes Breakfast
Free O'Hare Shuttle
Free Parking
Pool

Room Block Available
until Jan. 15, 2026
[SpringHill Marriott](#)
Reference
Paramount Tall Club

**Celebrating Paramount Tall Club
Weekend Themes**
Choose your costume from
weekends past!

Weekend Package Pricing:
\$120 postmarked by Dec 8, 2025
\$130 postmarked by Jan 8, 2026
\$140 postmarked after Jan 8, 2026

****Pay before Dec 8, 2025
to be eligible to win a
FREE weekend package****

Thursday Night:
Activity to be Decided

Friday Night: Costume Party
Open Bar
Music & Dancing
Afterhours Food & Drinks

Saturday Night:
Semi-Formal
Cocktail Hour, Photos
Buffet Dinner, Open Bar
Music & Dancing
Afterhours Food & Drinks

Bring CASH for Raffle

2026 Weekend Chair: Barbara Smith – Chicagotallweekend@gmail.com		www.tallclubchicago.org
Registration Chair: Jim Nelson – jnelson1225@cs.com 847-421-2049		
Registration Details: A non-refundable deposit of \$70 (US Funds) is due with each registration to save your package rate. Send this form and the deposit (for each registration) to Jim Nelson at 6959 W. Hobart, Chicago, IL 60631. Please make checks payable to <i>Paramount Tall Club of Chicago</i> .		
Name(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Pkg Deposit: \$70 <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs. Night Dep. \$30	
Email: _____	Cell Phone: _____	
Do you require a Vegetarian Dinner? Y or N _____	Club Name: _____	





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Chicago

PARAMOUNT TALL CLUB of CHICAGO

PAST WEEKENDS

Choose from one of our many past
weekends for
your Friday Night Costume!!

YEAR	THEME
1958	Annual Birthday Ball Weekend
1959	Happy Holiday Weekend
1960	Weekend in Chicago
1961	Key Club Weekend
1962	The Chicago Splash
1963	Roman Holiday
1964	Mardi Gras
1965	Valentine's Weekend
1966	Big Top Weekend
1967	The Pajamas Game
1968	South Pacific Weekend
1969	Psychedelic '69 or (LSD I Love You)
1970	Spirited 70's
1971	Paramount Second Roman Orgy Weekend
1972	Weekend Funnies
1973	Nifty Fifties
1974	Wild World of Waffles
1975	Tall Fantasies
1976	Play It Again Sam ' 76
1977	Plant Your Toes in Chicago
1978	Down on the Funny Farm
1979	Weathering Height's
1980	Mardi Gras
1981	Being Tall is All Part of Growing Up
1982	Eskimo Rendezvous
1983	Treasure Chest Island
1984	Paramount's Gangster Getaway
1985	How the West was Fun
1986	Forty Years of Funnies
1987	Safari; Weekend in the Wild
1988	Animal House
1989	M*A*S*H

YEAR	THEME
1990	Paramount Strikes Back
1991	S.S. Paramount
1992	Frontier Days in the Wild, Wild Midwest
1993	Paramount Athletic Club Playoff
1994	20,000 Leagues Under the Lake
1995	High Jinks with the Sphinx
1996	50 Years of Tallevision
1997	M*A*S*H Reunion
1998	Paramount Paradise
1999	Chicago Tall Toon
2000	Blast From the Past
2001	Paramount Goes Hollywood
2002	Black & White
2003	Signs of the Times
2004	Super Commercial Weekend
2005	Fantasy on an Island
2006	60 Years Diamond Anniversary Weekend
2007	Get Your Kicks on Route 66
2008	Live from Chicago it's Saturday Night
2010	TALL-zan of the Jungle
2011	Tall Times at Paramount High
2012	Club Paramount Casino Weekend
2013	Games People Play
2014	Crazy in Chicago Head to Toe
2016	Mardi Gras DeLuXX
2017	Super Hero & Villains
2018	I Wanna Be in the Movies Paramount
2019	Camp Paramount
2020	Roaring 20's
2022	Celebration Holiday Weekend
2023	Mermaids and Other Tall Tales
2025	1960's Sitcoms - Laughter Guaranteed



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Central Arizona Tall Society Presents...



FLIP FLOPS & TALL TOPS

ARIZONA CHILL FEST

Where the shorts are short
and the legs are long!



April 30, 2026 - May 3, 2026

CATS invites you to a "chill fest" gathering where you can do as little as you want or as much as you can handle.

OUR HOTEL

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Phoenix - Glendale Sports District.
9310 W Cabela Drive, Glendale, Arizona, United States

\$139 for two doubles or a king

\$149 for a king suite (limited number available)

includes breakfast & free parking

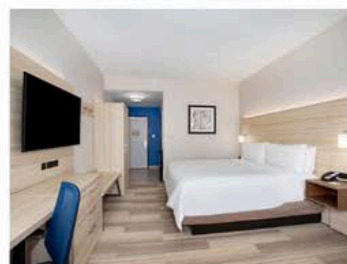
Room rate valid for two days before and two days after!

24-hour cancellation policy

Block held until March 30, 2026.

[CLICK HERE >](#)

[Phoenix Hotel Booking Link](#)



TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday Group Event @ PopStroke Glendale | Eat. Putt. Drink.

Mini Golf, Full-Service Restaurant, Ice Cream Parlor, Rooftop Bar and more!

Saturday Afternoon we'll head to [Glendale - Chicken N Pickle](#)

An indoor/outdoor entertainment complex that includes a casual, chef-driven restaurant and sports bar that boasts pickleball courts, a variety of yard games (think cornhole, ping pong and more) and enough space to kick back and relax with your favorite peeps.

Saturday Night: BBQ / location TBD

THINGS TO DO

[Desert Diamond Casinos - West Valley](#)

[Westgate Entertainment District - Where Fun Happens](#)

YOUR HOSTS

Ellen Bayer: ebratpack3@gmail.com

Mary Elemen: elemen5555@sbcglobal.com



Please email your hosts if you intend to go.
Headcounts are needed for planning purposes





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OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

BOSTON BEANSTALKS TALL CLUB (BBTC)

When: First Friday of every month 6 pm to 8 pm

Where: Boston Newton Marriott 's Riverbend Lounge.

Join fellow Talls to kick off your weekend! This the perfect place to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends.

Details can be found on the BBTC Facebook Page under events.

Promote your event here!

