

2016 CTCI Convention San Diego

Over 150 Early Birds

The San Diego CTCI Convention was a *huge* success in that there were about 150 cars and over 560 persons attending . Unfortunately, the Hoiseths didn't drive out because of a "busted" radiator and the Brewers had to cancel because the car wasn't ready. Waymond & Jean Davis flew out in time to participate in the fun and help with the judging.



Johanna and Merlin flew out Wednesday morning and arrived in time to take advantage of the Hospitality Suites, which were stocked with all kinds of eats and refreshments (non alcoholic). That evening the Welcome Party included Polynesian entertainment by Hula dancers who invited some volunteers to participate. Ron Bickel of the Big D club created additional entertainment getting instructions on how to swing & sway.



The next day buses took over 350 to the aircraft carrier USS Midway. The Midway had over 30 airplanes and helicopters from WW II to the Vietnam era. This ship is one of the longest-serving aircraft carriers in the United States Navy, operating from September 1945, just after World War II ended until 1992 when she was decommissioned. After touring the ship we were treated to a barbeque lunch with all the trimmings.



Friday, the Trolley buses provided a tour of the City for those not involved with their cars while judging was taking place. Stopping at various locations, one could get off and shop, eat, etc., and get back on at their leisure. Little Italy was such a stop.

Friday night was a caravanning tour to the Corvette Diner where a competition of TBirds & Corvettes was to occur, but few Corvettes showed up. So, TBirders won!

Saturday AM allowed time to look over the cars (mostly from California). Many of them were Concours quality even though entered as Touring, making for really stiff competition.

The Convention culminated Saturday night with the Awards Banquet passing out raffle prizes, special recognitions, Newsletter awards, and of course, trophies for car awards.



All in all, it was a GREAT convention. The San Diego and Southern California clubs did a marvelous job in organizing and managing all aspects. They are to be commended.