



Communications Workers of America — Local 9509, AFL-CIO

Dear CWA Retiree,

January 11, 2018

The December meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the CWA Local 9509 Union Hall, 7548 Trade Street San Diego, on January 17th. The meeting will be at 10am with lunch to following. Lunch is \$4.00 if you wish to participate.

If you need to contact the RMC, please call into the Local number at 858-695-1509. Someone will get back to you.

We had our annual Xmas lunch last month. It was good to catch up with our retirees. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Now is the time to renew RMC membership dues. Dues are \$12 a year. The dues are what pays for our operating costs throughout the year. You can either pay at a RMC meeting or mail in your dues to the Local payable to RMC 9509. Please put ATTN: RMC on the outside of the envelope. I'd like to thank you in advance for supporting the RMC.

At this meeting we will be taking a vote to do our annual charity contributions. So please bring your ideas to the meeting for discussion and a vote.

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President RMC

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Vice President RMC

Lyle Wright
Treasurer RMC Secretary RMC





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I am happy to announce that the RMC Treasurer Lyle Wright is doing better with his health issues. We are hoping he can return to our meetings soon.

Retiree Rose Hicks is still having health issues. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Linda Tippon, retiree, has written a short story that will be featured in the March 2018 addition of Reader's Digest. Please be sure to pick it up and give it a read. Congratulations Linda.

Our very own retiree Bonnie Love, alias Bon Bon the Clown, and the San Diego All Star Clowns are featured in the attached article. They were winners of the 2016 Alley of the Year award. Congratulations to Bonnie and the San Diego All Star Clowns winning and all your hard work.

If you are a retiree who has a service to offer others, please let us know and we will list it in our newsletter. Please support our retirees. (see attached)

I hope you find the attachments helpful.

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If we have missed listing your birthday, please call the Local and leave a message when it is and I will make sure it gets in the newsletter.

We would really like to grow the club. We invite you to attend the meetings and bring a friend. If you would like to mention anyone in the newsletter, please leave a message at the Local. We also welcome any articles or information you think would be of interest to our retirees.

Happy Birthday to the following retirees: Patricia Donahue 1/1; Priscilla Caswell 1/3; Marie Rayos 1/5; Adolph Rodriguez 1/12; Sharyn Wilson 1/24; Tim Page 1/30 and Myra Wilson 1/31.

Sincerely,

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Services Offered by our Local Retirees

Bird Rock Travel

Penni Kai

11128 Avenida Del Gato

San Diego, CA 92126

858-566-7778

travelbug@sbcglobal.net

Bon Bon The Clown

Bonita Love

619-282-9668

bonbonsandiego@yahoo.com

InteleTravel.com

Algredia Roberson (Rita)

P.O.Box 741711

San Diego, Ca 92174

619-431-3151

travelaway@gmail.com

Carole's Handmade Scarves

619-583-6844

2016 ALLEY OF THE YEAR SAN DIEGO ALL STAR CLOWNS



Congratulations to our 2016 Alley of the Year winner - the San Diego All Star Clowns. This group of clowns is very active in the San Diego, California, area and provides a very positive presence in the communities of their region. They are actively bringing good will to nursing homes and hospitals, as well as performing and entertaining at many parades and public events.

They performed in 2016 for 8 different civic groups at events such as the Christmas train to Tecate, 4 performances at Circus Vargas, a pancake breakfast for Fire Station #5 and events for the military battalions in the area. The American Legion Christmas party would not be the same each year without their presence.

Every month saw at least one parade or charity walk/run with highlights being the Boo parade in City Heights in October and the North Park Toyland Parade in December. The All Stars purchase and deliver school supplies to Sleep Train for foster children each August and have a long list of other events with balloons and face painting a well-recognized skill of their talented group.

The members have an educational event at each monthly meeting. The business portion of the meeting is 6:30-7:00 and then the 1st Vice President schedules an educational portion at each meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Clown skills are rotated so everything gets covered during every year. Primarily it is the members of the All Stars teaching the classes as there are a number of areas of expertise found in this talented group of clowns.

This year they have updated and revamped their clown class schedule to offer a one day event from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was an introduction to clowning and was FREE. It was felt that a class of 3 hours a night for 8 weeks was becoming a huge commitment for both students and instructors. People seem to be much busier with work and family commitments now and the one-day event was more successful. One of the students



is very active in the All Stars hospital clowning at Grossmont Hospital once a month and another one is planning on going to the F.A.V.E. convention in Las Vegas in November for continuing education.

This alley has established the Bogey/Bo Scholarship Fund which gives funds to members to be used as the registration fee for a clown educational event. This is a perk in addition to their policy of keeping the dues to a minimum to attract members. The All Stars meet at the American Legion and they are allowed to use the facility at no charge in exchange for clowning at the American Legion events during the year, such as their picnic, Halloween party, and Christmas party plus any other special events they might have.

The San Diego All Stars have found a winning combination in having a wide variety of performance opportunities for everyone, keeping dues at a minimum, and having ongoing educational events at every meeting. Congratulations on keeping the laughter alive in your area and representing the World Clown Association so well. ●



2016 SDASCC NATIONAL CLOWN WEEK

July 13 Wed 6:45pm to 7:20pm Wed check in with the City Clerk Patsy Bell Santee City Hall, 10601 Magnolia Avenue Santee, CA 92071, in the Council Chamber, Building 2 ACates@CityofSanteeCa.gov Arliss Kathy "Grandma Huggs" Cannon, Rosemarie "Wower" Ballard, Chloe "Rainbow Cupcake" Cannon and Bonita "Bon Bon" Love entertained at the Santee City council meeting and picked up the proclamations for National Clown week.

July 30 and 31 Sat & Sun Relay for Life Mar Vista High School 505 Elm Ave Imperial Beach.

Wanda Bonkers Boyce, Kathy "Grandma Huggs" Cannon, Rosemarie "Wower" Ballard and Bonita "Bon Bon" Love represented the San Diego All Stars at the Relay for Life at Mar Vista High School 505 Elm Street Imperial Beach

Aug. 1 Monday 3pm to 5pm Kearny Mesa Bowl 7585 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Uncle Rusty, Uncle Moe, Bon Bon, Wower, Fare N Hite, Grandma Huggs, Dizzy Dave

7:00pm Balboa Park Organ Pavilion Kevin Bowyer, "one of the world's hardest and most formidable virtuosos," Organist to the University of Glasgow Wower Grandma Huggs, Dizzy Dave

Aug. 2 Tuesday 4pm Night Out Against Crime Santee Plaza Shopping Center Wanda "Fare N Hite" Boyce, Bonita "Bon Bon" Love, Rosemarie "Wowzer" Ballard, Kathy

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Roadside...

Tips for maintaining & driving your car in winter

Snowy winter weather frequently comes just as millions of drivers are embarking on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's road trips. Those frosty driving conditions often carry over into the new year, too. At best, window frost and icy roads are a nuisance; at worst, they can be deadly. We look at what drivers can do to prepare their vehicles for winter's challenges, and how they can adjust the way they drive to help avoid a crash.

Make sure your car is ready for winter



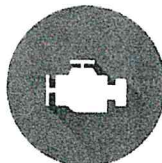
Oil

Change your car's engine oil and oil filter as recommended by the manufacturer. If you're changing the oil yourself, make sure to refill with an oil rated for cold weather.



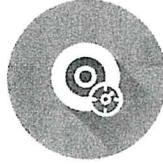
Headlights

Inspect all lights and replace burned-out bulbs. Have badly weathered or hazy plastic headlight lenses restored for better visibility and increased safety.



Engine & exhaust

Have any Check Engine lights or other engine problems corrected as soon as possible. Have your vehicle's exhaust system examined for leaks, including floorboards and trunk.



Tires

Get your tires rotated every 5,000 to 7,500 miles. Check the tires' pressures once a month. If you live in a cold climate, consider a set of dedicated snow tires.



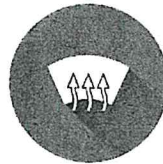
Battery

Batteries typically last three to five years, and failures are common in winter because of increased cold-starting electrical loads. If your battery is old, have it tested.



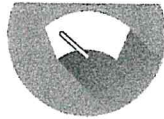
Cooling system

Flush and refill the cooling system with factory-approved coolant at the interval specified by the manufacturer. A 50/50 mix of coolant and water is usually recommended.



Heater & defroster

Check for proper system operation to ensure visibility and passenger comfort. Replace the cabin air filter at intervals specified by your car's manufacturer.



Windshield wipers

Replace worn wipers and fill the windshield washer system with winter solvent. If you live in a harsh climate, buy beam-type or rubber-clad blades that help prevent ice buildup.

Tips for safer winter driving

- **Leave at the right time.** Monitor weather and traffic reports ahead of time to avoid running into built-up holiday traffic or a severe storm.
- **Drive slowly.** Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads, so allow yourself enough time to maneuver by driving slowly. Also, maintain your speed when ascending a hill rather than accelerating; speed combined with snow or ice can be very hazardous.
- **Maintain speed to get over hills.** Build up a little extra inertia before going uphill. Once you're on the hill, avoid strong acceleration or braking. As you crest the hill, reduce speed and steadily descend the other side.
- **Don't use cruise control.** Without cruise control, you can instantly decrease speed by lifting your foot off the accelerator. This quickly transfers weight to the front tires, giving them more traction.
- **Increase following distance.** The normal dry pavement following distance is three to four seconds behind the car in front of you, but should be increased to eight to 10 seconds during winter driving.
- **Don't panic if you enter a skid.** Continue to look and steer in the direction you want the vehicle to go. Avoid slamming on the brakes, as it will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to regain control.
- **Know when to brake and when to steer.** When traveling over 25 mph in wintery conditions, AAA recommends steering rather than braking to avoid collisions. Braking on slippery surfaces takes more time, so you should be scanning 20 to 30 seconds ahead of your vehicle. Don't brake and steer at the same time—that makes it more likely your vehicle will lose traction.
- **If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle.** It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Leaving your car in a severe storm makes you more likely to get lost than find help. Make sure you pack extra jackets, gloves, and hats.

Consider renting a car instead of driving your own

While driving your own car on a long road trip has its benefits, renting a vehicle comes with advantages, too: