

Treffen committee meeting minutes 10/12/16

Members in attendance:

Mario de Francisco, Dick Maybach, Don Grainger, Bob Herrmann, Keith Antal, Donna Antal, Matt Pohsweg, Don Oakes, Joe Esposito, Broadus Brannon, Ron Camarata, Michael Dietzel, Peter Gradain (sp?), Jim Peterson, Don Therien.

Committee chair Bob Herrmann called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Bob reviewed some background on Treffen and info he received in a recent conversation with Craig Kugler of Sierra Nevada Region, Treffen Tahoe Coordinator.

AI (Action Item) - Bob provided Dick Maybach with copies/info to post on the website and distribute to committee members. Dick indicated he would assist Bob/ the committee in disseminating Treffen committee information as it develops. Note: Committee members need to review the "Destinations, Local Color and At OGPI" note as they add/offer ideas for drive destinations and Friday (NDO) activities, tours, etc.

AI - By next meeting, committee members invited to use the Treffen Tours - 2016 (Sierra Nevada Region) template to identify and develop possible drives which should include a destination (and a starting point if possible.) Will (later) need to identify a location/mechanism for lunch on the drives that are selected by the committee. These submissions will be compiled at the next committee meeting for review. Although the list will be large initially, we hope to whittle it down to 5-7 drives by the time we begin advanced planning.

AI- Don Therien offered to check with Blue Ridge Parkway mgt. per permit issues and Treffen plan/approach. Will ideally seek some type of blanket provision or daily permit for (all) Treffen drive groups. Will attempt to negotiate best arrangement locally and reserve the right to refer the issue to Treffen mgt. if we cannot work out an amenable arrangement locally. Reasonable budget/fee is implied as available. NOTE: the Parkway seems critical to routing and uninterrupted drive and tour flow for a number of destinations.

AI - committee members encouraged to identify destinations and activities for Navigators Day Off (NDO), which will be provided to Treffen mgt. for consideration in Friday activities/options, self-guided tours, etc. Submit these ideas at/by next meeting. See Treffen material to be posted on website of items already identified. Can also think about some destinations/POIs that could be visited on the way driving to or from Treffen/OGPI/AVL. NOTE: committee priority and key responsibility is Thursday and Saturday DRIVES; NDO (Friday) activities and tours are Treffen National mgt. responsibilities and of secondary importance to the committee at this time.

AI – committee will (later) need to check with AVL convention bureau/Chamber to ensure that drive destinations selected do not have conflicts with other scheduled events/groups.

Drives will be limited to/by # of cars, depending on destination and/or lunch capacity. First come, first served on Treffen registration for drives.

AI – Get Larry Koupal involved on the committee as it relates to drives, tour-meisters training and instructions, # of cars/drive, drive tourmeisters staffing, etc.

AI – Peter Graham to check with David O’Neal per Treffen tooling available - radios/walkie-talkies, etc.

AI- at next meeting we will need to identify sub-committees for following on more detailed planning. One example/sub-committee will be to take the total list of potential drives (destinations, starting points, some lunch spots) and whittle this down to 5-7 recommended best candidates for Treffen AVL drives. Other committees will address volunteers/staffing at OGPI (registration and info desk), car show parking, etc.

Because of the location of the OGPI, starting points offsite but close with EZ access to drive routes will be critical. Committee members encouraged to scout possible staging locations in proximity to OGPI.

AI – Matt Pohsweg and David Butler offered to help evaluate the off road drive (or tour) option.

AI – Bob will identify and begin to staff various sub-committees at the next meeting.

Next meeting Thursday 10/27/16 at 4 p.m. in Harmony Motors conference room. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.