

EXPO 2008 Debrief

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We held a very fruitful EXPO debrief at the November 19 meeting. The highlights of EXPO 2008 were discussed and several ideas were fielded on how to improve EXPO 2009. Canceling the Unveiling Ceremony and Seminars had no impact on the show and this will be the plan for EXPO 2009.

First of all, Chairperson changes. With John Barrett probably moving to New Orleans in 2009, we will need an Awards Chairperson. Jim Camak has stepped down as Publicity Chairperson, so I need a volunteer in this area also. Fernando Torres has agreed to be an assistant. Ken Aldridge has agreed to be the new Security Chief now that Joel Dahlin has moved to Treasurer. Dick Phelps has stepped down as Exhibits Chairperson and Ray Cartier has agreed to fill his position.

We need a theme for EXPO 2009. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know. Some ideas mentioned to tweak the show next year were to add the MAPSCO location of the Convention Center to the show fliers, buy a fresh ink pad for the cachet table, send a map to the shows to Meyers Security, and put the guard at the Silent Auction during close-out to control the crowds.

We are having a continuing problem getting club members to exhibit. We need more participation from more club members. One idea I have is why not do EXPO 2009 with no judges. We can let the public vote on their favorite exhibits and present the awards according to how the votes come out. Please send me an e-mail at elvira6@swbell.net to let me know your thoughts.

Again, many thanks to all for your hard work in EXPO 2008. It could not have been put on without you.