Third Annual Governor's Conference On Tourism Scheduled

CARSON CITY - Nevada's top hotel, marketing and tourism officials will gather October 21-22 at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas for the third annual Governor's Conference on Tourism.

The two-day event, which will carry the theme, "Tourism Means Busine\$\$," brings together tourism industry representatives ranging from the state's largest hotel-casinos to business owners from Nevada's rural communities.

"Nevada tourism industry employs one third of the state's total workforce and generated almost \$7 billion last year, excluding gaming revenues," said Governor Richard Bryan. "The Governor's Conference on Tourism gives everyone involved in the state's number one industry a chance to meet and share ideas."

One of the highlights of the conference will be a special "Discover Nevada" dinner on October 21, which will feature an evening of special entertainment, including displays of the state's attractions and special events and presentations of new videos about Nevada.

Conference panels will consider topics such as the "Recreational Vehicle Travel Market," "The Future of Advertising," "Communicating your Message is a Competitive Environment." "The Future of Gaming" and "Entertainment: An Important Nevada Travel Product."

Panelists include: singer Robert Goulet, a longtime Nevada resident who will speak about Nevada's entertainment product; Burton Cohen, president of the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas, who will sit on the gaming panel; Thomas Volz, president of Sunworld Airways, who will talk about transportation; and David Humphreys, president of the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, who will address the RV market.

Imperial Palace Auto Collection Makes Loan To Clark County Museum



The Imperial Palace Hotel's Auto Collection which features antique, classic and special interest autos, will be loaning the Clark County Museum on Boulder Highway in Henderson, NV, a Sherman Tank Retreiver next month for a year as soon as the restoration is completed on the World War II vehicle.

Painting the tank is "Lucky" Cacecido while Earl Averman (top right) and Jack Henderson (top left) ready other parts of the tank for its new coat of Army olive green paint at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino's Restoration Shop.

The Frontier Hotel is offering a special daily rate of \$45 per night during the conference. For more information about room reservations, call (702) 734-0100 and ask for reservations to the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

For more details contact the Nevada Commission on Tourism, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710, telephone (702) 885-4322.

Happy New Year The Sherman Tank retreiver was used to pick up derelict tanks in battle during the war years. Although not used for battle itself, the tank was armed with 30 and 50 caliber machine guns and could, if needed, be used on the front lines. It did not, however, have the heavy artillery like cannons usually associated with Sherman Tanks.

This particular tank had not been running for 30 years, but after the mechanics at the Restoration Shop worked on it, it is now completely operable. It is 20 ft. long, 9 ft. 10 in. wide and stands 9 ft. 6 in. high.

While at the Restoration Shop, the tank stands on wood planks because its metal treads and 70,000 lbs. (35 tons) would break up any asphalt or concrete. This powerful vehicle is equipped with a Ford V-8 tank engine which is 1,000 cu. in. and has 540 HP. It was able to carry a crew of four, but usually it was three -- the driver, the gunner, and a mechanic. There are two hatches which open above the driver and gunner's seats, but were closed while under fire. Then periscopes were used to spot the enemy.

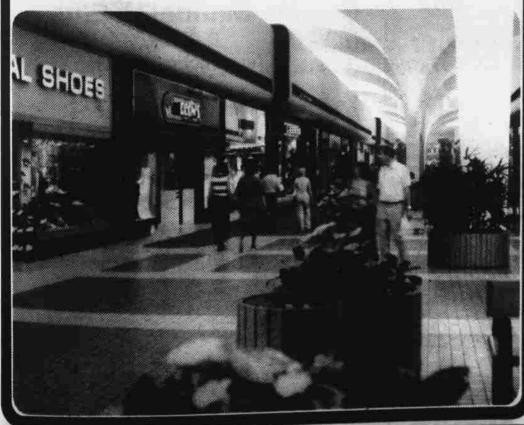
In addition to making the tank's engine operable, the Restoration Shop's crew also had to fix and straighten trim, replace torn off light brackets and straighten the skirts in addition to painting it to make it look as though it had just come off the assembly line in a WWII factory.

Richie Clyne, executive administrator of the Auto Collection, also loaned the Clark County Museum the Hitler display and several pieces of military equipment from WWII for their inauguration recently.

The Imperial Palace Auto Collection, valued at over \$30 million houses over 500 antique, classic and special interest autos with 200 on display daily. The collection attracts many repeat visitors as the vehicles are rotated on a monthly basis. The Imperial Palace Auto Collection, voted one of the top 10 in the world by "Car & Driver" magazine, is located on the fifth floor of the hotel's parking facility in a gallery-like setting. The collection is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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