

## Breaking the Rules!

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All right, I know the rule: "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas"! I need to break that rule in order to share the wonderful time we all had at the second annual Las Vegas 2009 Western Regional Event. The men of the chapter are to be highly commended and

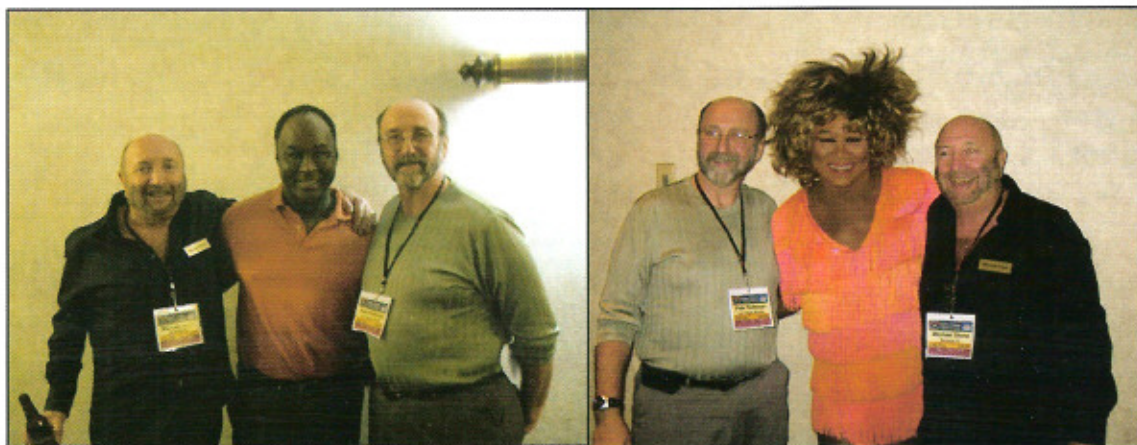


thanked for the fine job they did. It took lots of coordinated effort, work and time to make things happen so successfully.

Having been at their first event the year before I can tell you that the changes they made, this year, were wonderful. Like other Prime Timer gatherings lots of new friendships were made and, most importantly, we were all able to share time and experiences with friends and Independent members from past events.



The addition of daily excursions (shuttles to and from the Blue Moon, excursions to Hoover Dam and the Atomic Testing Museum) helped fill the days. The nightly events were all new: the Classic Car Collection had changed from last year and the Tuesday night Hawaiian Luau Dinner and Show was a super



Michael Stone and Pete Pederson with "Tina" - Before and After

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addition. Sitting together at reserved seats with friends and feasting on the wonderful food was only part of it. The talented show that followed was certainly the dessert of the feast. It was great to see the announcer mention 'Prime Timers' in her first sentence and nice to see so many of us stand up to be recognized by the crowd. Each of us also received a lei (use your imagination on this one)!

The Wednesday night buffet banquet dinner was superb; I don't think I've ever tasted better 'fillet mignon' than that. My friend (and much of the energy behind this event), Pete Pedersen surprised me by making me an honorary member of the chapter and handing me a chapter T-shirt! What could be better? And, the after dinner surprise was being entertained by our very own 'Tina Turner', who is also a member of the chapter. Oh, yes, and I came away from Las Vegas \$2.00 ahead of when arrived! Can't wait 'till next year!

## NEXT YEAR in Las Vegas

Sunday - Thursday, May 2 - 6, 2010 - at the Imperial Palace. Agenda will be similar to this year's, but with new entertainment and new optional tours. The Las Vegas Chapter is working on them right now.