

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE JIV AGM

The HHI/JIV Convention in 2026 will be held in September therefore our JIV AGM (which is too hard to change with the Department of Fair Trading) will be held via Zoom at a date in May 2026 which has yet to be confirmed. Further details will be sent early in 2026 as the details for the presentation by clubs for the awards will be changing, however, just for 2026. Watch out for a special Nine Lives with this information.

HHI INTERNATIONAL 133rd CONVENTION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

- Lets see what I can say about San Antonio - very hot, dry, very old and belonged to Mexico in **1821** when Mexico became independent from Spain, and the territory of Texas becomes part of the new country of Mexico.
- Battle of the Alamo, battle during the Texas Revolution that occurred from February 23 to March 6, 1836, in San Antonio, Texas. It ended in a decisive victory for Mexican forces over "Texian" volunteers, who were annihilated.
- Many know the famous names of James Bowie, William B. Travis, and David Crockett as men who died defending the Alamo, but there were about 200 others there during the Battle. These men came from a variety of backgrounds and places, but all came together to fight for Texas liberty.
- The United States did not "take" Texas back from the Mexicans, but rather annexed the independent [Republic of Texas](#) on December 29, 1845. Mexico did not recognize this annexation, which led to the Mexican American War (April 25, 1846 - February 2, 1848), resulting in Mexico ceding a large territory, including present-day California and other parts of the Southwest, to the U.S..

Quite a long history and the Alamo is something to see.



River Walk next to hotel



Covered Wagon



Outside the Alamo



The Alamo so beautiful at night



Ron G at the Rodeo



Kent and Cindy Bond, Steve and Sandra Bernardi Stirling and Christine Angus



The Stars of Hoo-Hoo



Down to Business



Snark of the Universe Jeff Ward being pinned by Lori Ward



What would Texas be without boots



REMEMBER TO PUT THE 8-12 SEPTEMBER 2026 INTO YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND LOOK OUT FOR THE REGISTRATION AND CONVENTION DETAILS IN JANUARY 2026.

The Golden Rule is to be Fraternal, Helpful, Grateful, Friendly, Tolerant, Progressive, Industrious, Ethical and Loyal