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Fellow members,

How many of us have ever heard a roadie from the rock concert scene speak?

If you were at lunch this past Thursday, you did. 15 members, other than myself, heard the guest of Gary Bates speak on his experiences.

Ron Kress (?) worked as a roadie for Bob Seger during the years 1977 to 1981. He took care of the keyboards for the band. He and his fellow roadies travelled in a tour bus that slept 12. The Silver Bullet Band flew from concert to concert.

Punch Andrews (Seger's manager) liked to keep the roadies separate from the band. They stayed in different hotels at each town.

A typical concert set up went like this:

- Riggers start work at 6 a.m.
- Sound crew and others begin their work at 10 a.m., or so
- Sound check scheduled for 4:30 p.m.
- Tear down after concert
- Hit the road

Roger got to play the keyboards as a second keyboard player at some concerts. You might recognize the two songs he normally played on:

Hollywood Nights
Feels Like a Number

Those in attendance enjoyed pulled pork along with mac and cheese for lunch. Cookies and salad were also available.

Remember the upcoming Skunk Hunt. The first tour bus leaves after lunch on February 15th, it will return sometime on Sunday, February 18th. The hunt admittance fees are:

$160 for Thursday thru Sunday
$ 90 for Friday arrivals
$ 45 for Saturday arrivals

The cost includes lodging (bedding and towels provided), beverages, and food while you are at the Am Vets Lodge. We always have a steak dinner on Saturday night.

The badge drawing was won, and lost, by Rev. Al.

This is my last bulletin for 2018.

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