

Trustee Line – Current Issue

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Thoughts From The Trustees – Current and Past

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Same Old Problems

5/3 – 1:00 PM

(This submission is in reference to the 4/12 submission by Henry I.
Located in the Trustee Line Archive)

It is not clear to me what the 'IT' in Henry's submission is concerning. Is it the trustee line about which he is complaining, or is it BOT meetings, or is it something else. If he would please define his 'IT' that would be helpful.

Thanks,
Terry D. – Area 3C – Nevada

What does "it" refer to?

To the "Very Limited Amount of our Members" reading this, Greetings!

In response to Terry D's submission of May 3rd, I believe the "it" reference in Henry I's post from 4/12, is the Trustee Line. I say this because Henry refers to Tom M's post from July, 2017. In that post, Tom says "This is my first post on here in over 5 years. If you ask why? Simple this platform is nothing but a bitch session for a very limited and I mean very limited amount of our members." To me, the 'platform' is obviously the Trustee Line.

While I agree with Henry's feeling about the same old problems being raised with no concrete solutions being presented by the Trustees and membership, I must thank those few members who bother to even submit an opinion to this 'platform'. Everyone (hopefully) has an opinion, so why don't we express it openly? Are we afraid of those who might criticize us? Are we afraid we might be wrong? Are we afraid we might ask a 'stupid' question? (Like where did 'Combo Book' come from?) Do we really think our opinions don't matter?

If the questions aren't asked, they'll never be answered. If the problems aren't raised, they'll never even be addressed, much less solved. Tom says this was his first post in over 5 years; but, apparently, he's been reading it. If that's the case, why not respond with suggestions on making the platform better?

In Cancun I joined the "Trustee Line For Dummies" Committee. I joined because, if possible, I want to be a part of a group making the platform more user-friendly, and, therefore, more used. This can be a valuable tool, but only if it's used. It's a shame that some see it only as a 'bitch session', instead of an outlet for ideas and constructive criticism. Let's change that. Let's become a kinder, gentler Trustee Line, submitting critiques, yes, but also possible suggestions for solutions.

It can start right now: If you agree with this submission, say it. If you disagree, say it. Either way, say something! Get involved and be of service. You have an opinion; express it. Let's see how many respond.

Your friend in recovery,

John B, Trustee, Area 13 – Pennsylvania

Combo Book

5/18 – 10:30 AM

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

Since I'm sure everyone's recovered from our over-eating in Mexico by now, its time to get back to business. And I have a very important question posed to me by a member: why is our yellow book called the "Combo Book"?

See you all in Orlando!

Your friend in recovery,

John B, Trustee, Area 13 – Pennsylvania

5/23 – 11:30 AM

In response to the "Combo Book" question I seem to remember from a prior item in this forum that what we now call the "Combo Book" was originally two separate items, and when they were combined the tag name for the combined item became, of course, the "Combo Book".

I regret I cannot quote an exact source on this so maybe some other long-time trustee can confirm this.

Terry D. – Area 3C – Nevada