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El Camino College to Celebrate Classified Staff with Third Annual Electric Cart Parade

It's fun. It's funky. It's electric! It's the Third Annual El Camino College Electric Cart Parade. On April 4, staff members at El Camino College will show off their creative side as they decorate the college's basic service carts and transform them into moveable works of art. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m.

Past parade entries have covered it all, from the wild to the wacky. Campuswide, groups or divisions team up to design, accessorize and build the cart creation of their dreams.

Last year, the crowd favorite featured a groovy '60s theme, complete with a bright orange Volkswagen Bug. Other carts have embraced the Wild West, fire fighting, and aviation – all with style and panache.

The imaginative event is part of El Camino College's annual Classified Professional Development Day. Jeffrey Marsee, vice president of administrative services, brought the idea to the college, inspired by Pasadena's madcap "Doo Dah Parade."

"I thought, why not bring in a purely silly event like an electric cart parade?" Marsee said. "We have plenty of carts, and with a little energy and a corresponding professional development program, it brings us together to celebrate in a fun way.

"What has also been created is a sense of invention, team development and a great way to enjoy each other's creativity and laughter. It is really lots of fun!"

In keeping with the theme, original trophies are made from tin cans, everyone becomes a winner, and the rest is history.

Titled "Fun, Food, and Learning," Classified Development Day also includes a barbecue lunch on the Library Lawn and a keynote session – "Adapting, Succeeding and Thriving in the Workplace" presented by Sarita Maybin, guest speaker.

Maybin is an award-winning speaker whose upbeat and interactive style creates a fun learning environment while teaching how to stay positive, constructively confront tough communication situations, and work together better.

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