



THE CRUISER

A Newsletter for the Columbia Basin Cruisers, a chapter of the FMCA Northwest Area Serving Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, and Alberta, Canada

RALLY DATES

August 11–13, 2006

Eighth Wonder of the World Rally, Grand Coulee, WA. Hosts: "Bullet" & Marlene Laughton and Roger & Linda Ferrell.

September 1–4, 2006

Ellensburg Rodeo and Annual Membership Meeting Rally. Hosts: Pat & Morrie Sorensen.

September 14–17, 2006

Dutche Fest & 10th Anniversary Celebration Rally, Odessa, WA. Hosts: Bill & Sally Groth and Bud & Jan Trutton.

October 12–15, 2006

Stars & Stripes RV Park, Quincy, WA. Hosts: Leonard & Florence Greenwalt and George & Betty Green.



Frank-ly Speaking

By Frank Ward, President

In case the hint hasn't hit you between the eyes yet, it is time to celebrate. The Odessa Rally is CBC's 10th Anniversary Party. Be there or it will be another five years before we party anything like this again. And you know what five years is like...well, it's like buying green bananas. For our new members, don't be bashful. This celebration is more about the future of CBC than it is the past, and you are as important to this celebration as are the charter members. Think of yourselves as the charter members of the next decade of CBC fun.

As we are rapidly approaching the start of CBC's second decade, I would also like to challenge the membership to a few easy goals. First, by the end of our Ellensburg Rally, help Wagon Master Tony Russell fill the rally calendar for the 2007 season. Then, support our newly elected Wagon Master to see those plans through by helping host, if you can, AND every member attend at least ONE Chapter event next year. That would be a forty percent increase in attendance and the rally size would remain in the 18 to 25-coach range (unless everyone decides to show at

one rally). The reason I bring this up is our hosts (while not overworking themselves) put a great deal of conscientious effort into planning our rallies—and their reward, if you will, is seeing you there. That's what "Hosting" is all about. (Wouldn't hurt any if more RV Park Operators could get their minds around this one.)

Second, stretch yourselves and start roughing out the 2008 Chapter events/rallies in further support of your new Wagon Master. This way our Hosts and Board Members can better support your interests by making earlier arrangements with parks and event sponsors.

This is becoming increasingly important as groups and individuals seem to be holding closer to home with their travel plans.

Finally, I would ask you to consider holding a Board Office. Our By-Laws have term limits and while serving on the Board is fun, change is good for the Chapter and for those who have served for a number of years. Look at your 2007 and 2008 plans and see if travel and family will allow you the luxury of a one- or two-year commitment in this area of service. Then call a member of the nominating committee (listed on page two of this "Cruiser" and in your roster) and see where you can be of help. Above everything else let us see you there—and remember to keep those coaches marking their territory. Frank



Rally News

July Baker City, OR Rally Report

By Frank Ward

Some would say it was hot, some not. All things being relative, it was ten degrees cooler than the record-setting highs surrounding Baker City. Hosts Tony and Doreen Russell did a great job, so all you had to do was lay around the pool or sit in the shade of the

Important Notice:

Annual elections are upon us. Ballots will be mailed immediately following the August rally. Send the ballot back in the return envelope provided in time to reach the secretary by August 30th.

Dues renewal notice: your 2007 dues (\$20) are due October 1st. Plan on sending them in with your ballots.

CBC Officers

President: Frank Ward

1st Vice President & Wagon Master:
Tony Russell

2nd Vice President & Membership:
Leonard Greenwalt

Secretary: Della Ward

Treasurer: Pat Sorensen

National Director:
Ken Kirschner

Alternate National Director:
Duke Blakley

2005-2006 Nominating Committee:
Jim & Marlene Slaughter
Bud & Verna O'Dell
Norm & Sonia Green

Sheriff: Jim Slaughter

Deputy Sheriff:
Bob Powers
George Green

Historian: Norma Schultz

Membership & Sunshine:
Kathy Storrs – Patty Kirschner

Newsletter:
Duke & Sandie Blakley

Web Master:
Sandie Blakley
<http://geocities.com/cbcers/>

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cottonwoods and be waited on. NOT. Well, close to. The rally packets had detailed information about things to do in the area including the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Sumpter Valley Railroad, gold dredges, scenic drives with mountain lakes, and if that wasn't enough, it was "Miners Days" weekend complete with Quilt Show, vendors in the park, Saturday morning parade, rodeo, and gold mining competitions. From potluck to continental breakfast to BYOM BBQ to pancake breakfast to pizza party with ice cream bars for dessert...WOW. Then add to that Tony and Doreen's guests, Hal and Berna Mallet, and first time attendees, James and Mary Jacobs accompanied by son Ryan (in between military service and college), Jack and Shirley Peart, and Bruce Lane and Liz Johnson mixed with some CBC Vets like Slaughter's, Power's, Searl's, Greenwalt's, Kinder's, Phippen's, Maloney's and Ward's, and you have an idea about what a great rally this was.

August—"Eighth Wonder of the World Rally" Grand Coulee RV Park August 11-13, Grand Coulee, WA

Hosts: "Bullet" and Marlene Laughton and Roger and Linda Ferrell. Registrations were due by July 26th and direct reservations with the RV Park by August 1st. Detailed information is in your rally confirmation.

August-September—Rodeo and Fair August 31-September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) Ellensburg, WA

Hosted by Morrie and Pat Sorensen and the CBC Board
NOTICE: This is the Annual Membership Meeting & Elections

Location: Morrie and Pat Sorensen's Dry Camping around "Lake Sorensen." Come prepared for whatever. Except for a Potluck and Membership Meeting Saturday Evening, expect a very spontaneous weekend. Things to do: Rodeo, County Fair, Carnival and Midway Rides, Rodeo Bowl football game CWU vs. University of North Dakota, Crowning of Miss Rodeo Washington 2007, Pancake Breakfasts, Rodeo Parade, PRCA X-Bulls Event, Cowboy Church, Posse Night—Exhibition drills and activities performed by mounted posers—Cattle Baron's Brunch, and don't forget the Yakima Nation Indian Village and the Western Village. Directions: Go to Ellensburg and take Exit 109 from East or West bound I90. Turn South onto Hwy. 821 (Canyon River Road towards Yakima). Just past the truck stop, turn left onto Berry Road. Next turn right onto Bull Road, watch for signs and lake on the left. There will be NO registration confirmation sent for this event.

September—CBC's 10th Anniversary Rally & 36th Deutschesfest September 14-17, Odessa, WA

Hosted by: Bill and Sally Groth and Bud and Jan Trutton. Join us for 3-4 days packed with fun and entertainment. Come as early as Wednesday the 13th. The Fest starts Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with tricycle and bed races. Starting Friday there will be art exhibits, craft vendors, a flea market and food booths serving wonderful German food. Throughout the Fest, there will be music and food in the block-long Biergarten. There's also music on an outside stage. Friday evening the Odessa Tigers Football game will be held close to where we will be parking. On Saturday morning there is a 5k and 10k fun run followed by a parade along Main Street. You can go to garage sales/flea markets, visit the Museum, Antique Quilt Display, or take in an Art Show. Each morning one of the civic organizations puts on a breakfast. A great 9-hole golf course is close by. To read about all the Festival and the town of Odessa, go to www.odessachamber.net Come prepared for a finger food potluck on Friday. Directions: Hwy. 28 goes right through Odessa. If you are driving from the West on Hwy. 28, turn Right on Fairway. That is the street in front of the golf course. Drive about 2 blocks to the football field. The street curves and you'll be on Fourth Ave. The entrance is in the middle of the athletic field on Fourth Ave. If you are driving from the East on Hwy. 28 (you'll be on the main street of Odessa which is named First Ave), turn left at Alder Street (That's also Hwy. 21). Drive about 3 blocks to Fourth Ave. Turn right, go two blocks to the entrance of the athletic field.. Any other route, you are on your own. See you at CBC's 10th Anniversary celebration and the Deutschesfest. Registration Confirmations WILL be sent with any changes or updates.

October—Another "You Won't Want to Miss This One"

October 12-15, Stars & Stripes RV Park, Quincy, WA

Hosted by Leonard and Florence Greenwalt and George and Betty Green. This rally has a little of everything with finger food potluck; continental breakfast, food processing plant tour; drive-by tours of Microsoft, Yahoo, and Colstor construction sites; catered baby back rib dinner; guided geology tour; turkey dinner; membership meeting; and pancake breakfast. Not to mention lots of what FMCA and CBC are all about—good times, good friends, and time enjoying our coaches.

