



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

Note the changes to our 2006 rally schedule. See Page 2 for Rally Details.

June 2-5, 2006

Caravan to Albany, Ore. Trail Boss Frank Ward.

June 8-11, 2006

FMCA Northwest Area, Albany, Ore. Chapter Fair, Parade and driving trams.

July 19-23, 2006

Oregon Trail Rally, Baker City, OR. Hosts: Tony & Doreen Russell.

Update!

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

When it is time to sit down and write for another issue of the "Cruiser," I try to look forward, like plotting a trip on a map. The big difference is the map the CBC Board has available keeps moving the trail around on us. This time, for the second year in a row, we have had to move the August rally. This is not something we choose to do, but when one route on the "map" closes, you have to look for another opening. Our new trail this time was scouted out by the Laughton's and Ferrell's...A BIG THANKS.

As I look at the "map" (Chapter plans and membership), this metaphorically is quite profound. In July we are having our "Oregon Trail Rally" in Baker City, Oregon, and like the wagon trains back then, the group had to always scout for good trails and campsites. Depending on the members' resources, skills, and availability, each would contribute to making the journey a success. Obviously, the nature of the wagons has changed, but the ongoing success of Columbia Basin Cruisers, like the wagon trains of the past, is because of the willing and often eager contributions of our members.

Our flexibility seems to be limited most greatly by calendar date conflicts (usually family events) and our commitment to our continued success is constrained only by the interest, health, and willingness of our members to participate (attend rallies, host, serve on the Board, or a committee).

As we begin preparing the "trail" map for our next rally year, make a contribution to our success by suggesting a rally site to Wagon Master Tony Russell, or even better, offer to Host a rally. Those who have in the past have found the journey immeasurably satisfying and offer to do so again.

If asked to serve on our Board or a Committee, look forward on your own map and take the fork in the trail leading to participation. You will find the journey most rewarding. Above all else, keep those coaches marking their territory.—Frank



FINAL TRIP NOTICE

On May 8th Don Hall left on his final trip. The sadness here is that we will be missing his smile, humor, and positive perspective on life. Our best to co-pilot Brenda, friends & family.



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*Host Larry hands out
Mother's Day Roses.*



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Rally News

Rally Report by Duke Blakley Walla Walla, May 12-14

Fourteen Coaches attended the Walla Walla Rally, which highlighted the Hot Air Balloon Festival. Our thanks go out to our co-hosts Larry and Teddy Beer of Walla Walla and Frank and Della Ward of Richland.

There were two first timers, Richland's Bjorn & Eveline Nilsen, Burbank's Jerry & Lynn Guess and Mom Marie St. George. We also welcomed our newest members: Steve & Desi Bang of Shelton, WA who joined our club while at the rally. Welcome, Steve and Desi.

The rally included a catered Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast, which included a Mother's Day Rose for the ladies and a 10th Anniversary Rally gift for each coach.

Although the weather didn't cooperate for the Friday launch, Saturday and Sunday were spectacular with more than 30 Balloons launching.

We had 19 guests from the Blue Mountain Chapter who attended Saturday night's dinner, catered Ribs & Chicken BBQ, and the Saturday night Balloon Glow.

June—CBC Caravan to AND the FMCA NW Area Rally

June 2 – 11, Albany, Oregon

AGAIN, if you are planning on going and haven't already let the events Trail Boss (President Frank Ward) know you are going, give him a call at (509) 539-1297 cell. Second, make sure you have sent your rally registration in (find a copy in the FMCA Magazine or go to the Area Web Site (<http://www.fmcanw.org>) and click the link "NOW POSSIBLE TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR ALBANY RALLY" just below the rally logo. Third join the caravan somewhere en route June 2nd-5th if you want to park with fellow CBC'ers (hint: call the above phone number and keep it handy).

July—Oregon Trail Rally

July 19 - 23, Baker City, OR

CORRECTION: The July Rally Registration stated the location was "Oregon City, OR." The correct location as stated in the May

newsletter is "BAKER CITY, OR." The neat thing is they are both in Oregon...just opposite sides of the state. Deadline is June 15th.

We will be at the Mountain View Trav-L-Park in Baker City, OR with hosts Tony & Doreen Russell. The Baker City area has much to offer the visitor! The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is outstanding and the downtown district is quite interesting. There's an Oregon Trail Regional Museum and the historic gold rush towns of Sumpter & Granite, as well as the Sumpter Valley Dredge and Railroad to explore...and its Miner's Jubilee, Parade and Rodeo, and a lot more.

DIRECTIONS: Southbound on I-84 take Exit 302, turn right and go three quarters mile to Hughes Lane. Turn right and go approximately one mile to the park on the left.

**Attention: Group
Reservations for
Pacific Beach have
been cancelled.**

~~August—
Sea Breeze Rally
August 9-13, 2006,
Pacific Beach, WA~~

August— "Eighth Wonder of the World" Rally

August 11-13, Grand Coulee, WA RV Park

Hosts: "Bullet" & Marlene Laughton and Roger & Linda Ferrell. This is a fun area with Grand Coulee Dam Visitors Center's great new exhibits; Walking Tour across the bridge; View Points of Grand Coulee Dam; 3rd Powerhouse incline elevator Tour; Colville Tribal Museum; An unforgettable experience!

The Columbia River tells you its story through a vivid narrated production of brilliant lasers that dance across the face of the entire Grand Coulee Dam with a patriotic finale. Make your own reservations directly with the park by August 1st. Toll free number (866) 633-0750. Rate is \$22 a night, full hook-ups with cable. Friday night will be a finger food potluck. Saturday night is a bring your own meat BBQ and last names A through M bring side dish or salad and N through Z desert or appetizer. Continental breakfast on Sat. and Sun. morning is provided.

QUICK DIRECTIONS: From the junctions Highway 155 & 174 in Grand Coulee, go West on Highway 174 about 3/4 mile. Drive way is on the LEFT from this direction. Details will be in your rally confirmation.