



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

March 30-April 1, 2007

Cabin Fever & Quilt Show, Pasco, WA.
Hosts: CBC Board Members.

April 27-19, 2007

Spring Thaw Board and Membership Meeting, Wenatchee, WA. Hosts: Tom & Kathy Itorrs and Bill & Penny Kinder.

May 26-28, 2007

Old Mill RV Park, Garibaldi, OR. Hosts: Jim & Mary Jacobs.

June 15-17, 2007

Scottish Highland Games, Prosser, WA.
Hosts: Bob & Sandra Powers.

July 12-15, 2007

Farragut Sate Park, Farragut, ID. Hosts: Bob & Norma Schultz.

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Frank-ly Speaking

By Frank Ward, President

PURPOSE: This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches."

Of our 101 coach memberships, 55 attended at least one rally this season, 33 attended two or more, and 15 attended four or more of the nine events sponsored by the Chapter.

Travel plans, family obligations, health issues, budget busting fuel prices—life circumstances—all can interfere with coach use and rally attendance. I am hopeful that all is well with the 46 who didn't make it to a rally this last season and that you will begin planning on attending at least one CBC rally in 2007. To

fulfill our purpose, the best your CBC Executive Board could hope for is that every member would attend at least one rally each year. Check out the schedule for next year and make a commitment to at least one rally before the end of this year, and when the newsletter arrives with the registration form for your rallies of choice, don't set it down. Fill it out and get it in the mail the next day.

If you are between coaches, take advantage of our new membership classification. You can still attend our rallies by using alternate accommodations at the RV Park or near by. I know this is not quite the same as having your coach, but the fun and friendship will be. Above everything else let us see you there—and everyone else, remember to keep those coaches marking their territory... Frank.

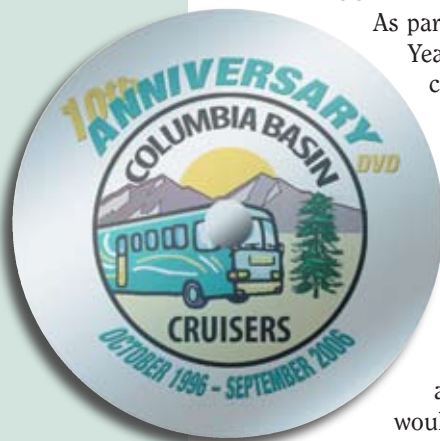


10th Anniversary DVD

As part of our 10th Anniversary Year, we wanted to share a collection of our history in photographs and other trivia. The first attempt was to produce it in a coffee-table book format. It was quickly discovered that we would be severely limited in the number of photographs we could share, and the production costs would be in the \$25-\$30 dollar range. So we scrapped that idea

and went to work on a DVD that members could play on their TVs or computers. The result is a DVD production with a video introduction; a section with rally, host, and Executive Board histories; and six slide shows each containing 98 to 100 slides grouped by chapter years. As an added bonus, the pictures, history

documents, Anniversary Roster, and latest version of the Chapter By-Laws and Membership Handbook can be accessed on a computer and read or printed. If you do not have a computer, the DVD can be taken to most any photo processing KIOSK and have the photos reproduced there. Because of the cost of reproducing and distributing the DVD, we are asking that you order one on the enclosed form. There is no charge (except for shipping) for CBC members who attended a 10th Anniversary Rally, Charter Members, and those who completed at least one term of service on the Executive Board and are members in good standing. All other members in good standing are being asked to cover the cost of \$5, plus shipping. As an added bonus, this DVD makes an excellent recruiting tool for you to use to encourage coach members to join FMCA and CBC. After all, if a picture is worth a thousand words, then you have about six hundred thousand words available to help convince them.



Rally Reports

There is no way to write enough to share what really happens at a rally. You need to be there to get a hint of what actually takes place. Following are recaps of our last four rallies of CBC's 10th Anniversary Year.



On August 11-13 at Grand Coulee, WA "Eighth Wonder of the World Rally," hosted by "Bullet" & Marlene Laugh-ton and Roger & Linda Ferrell, we had twenty coaches attend. It was another great rally by these hosts with lots of "dam" fun (yes, Roger almost made it through the metal detector the first time), laser light shows, guests to meet and visit with (now members), great food (not aware it has ever been otherwise), and of course a great time visiting with our CBC Family.



Next was August 31-September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) at Ellensburg, WA for "Rodeo & Fair Time," hosted by Morrie & Pat Sorensen and George & Betty Green. Sixteen coaches parked around "Lake Sorensen," Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Fair, Rodeo,

perfect weather (for Ellensburg), and then the Annual Membership Meeting and Elections (see the membership section for a report on this) right after a great potluck and fresh corn feed (thanks, George). Finally, there were the evening events like Penny Kinder's "Cow" (assisted by Kathy Storrs) getting loose.

Moving on, we parked 26 coaches at Finney Field on September 14-17 for CBC's 10th Anniversary Rally & the 36th Deutschesfest in Odessa, WA. This event was hosted by Bill & Sally Groth and Bud & Jan Trutton. We had a little rain, tricycle and bed races, football game, parade, bratwurst and kraut, Kraut Ranzas, apple streusel and ice cream, Biergarten, with "The Oom Pa's and Ma's!," and the "Chicken Dance," guests to meet and visit with (soon to be new members we hope...hosts please follow through). A visit by FMCA National Vice President, Northwest Area Donzella Leahy and husband Bill to present our 10th Anniversary recognition from FMCA, our own accordion song fest (thanks to Mable Becker), community wide garage sale, hugs for the Deutschesfest Royal Court when they stopped by, great food topped off with anniversary cake and ice cream, and enough rally drawing prizes for everyone and seconds for some. We also had a 10th Anniversary gift for everyone as we have had at each rally this year.

Finally, the season closer October 12-15, the "You won't want to miss this one" Rally at the Stars & Stripes RV Park between Quincy and Ephrata, WA, hosted by Leonard & Florence Greenwalt and George & Betty Green. There were 19 coaches/members attending. We dug purple spuds and russets, gleaned Spanish and red onions, toured Colstor which started out chilly on the loading dock, got cold (-2° F) in the French fry frozen tater department. Then on the return walk, we passed through the colored veggie department (-8° F). On a mild sunny fall afternoon, this was most preparatory for the seasons to come. It didn't end in the deep freeze though. We did a drive by shooting (with cameras) of the new Colstor Rail Facility,

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Photos this page (top) Coulee Dam Tour, August 2006; (center) Ellensburg, September 2006, Pancake Breakfast and (bottom) Happy Hour. Page 3 (left) Odessa, September 2006, 10th Anniversary Party; (right) Quincy, October 2006, Kathy Storrs' birthday party.

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	TYPE	HOSTS
3/30–4/01/2007	Cabin Fever & Quilt Show	Pasco, WA	Rally	Sandy Heights RV Park , Tri-Cities Quilt Show at TRAC, Museums & Interpretive Centers, Sunset Dinners, Wine Tasting, Parks, Bike Trails, Antique Shopping
4/16–18/2007	Area Board of Delegates Meeting	Redmond, OR	FMCANWA	For President, National Director or Chapter Delegate
4/27–29/2007	Spring Thaw Board, Membership Meeting and	Blue Shastin RV Park Blewett Pass,	Rally	Tom & Kathy Storrs and Bill & Penny Kinder, CBC Membership Meeting, AppleBlossom Festival April 26–May 6, 2007
5/26–28/2007 (Memorial Day)	Rally by the Sea at Old Mill RV Park	Garibaldi, OR	Rally	Jim & Mary Jacobs. Plan ahead with options to take extra day getting there, and for your return trip on the way to Prosser, take in some of the Portland Rose Festival. http://www.rosefestival.org/ Starlight Parade 6/2/07, Grand Floral Parade 6/9/07
6/15–17/2007	Scottish Highland Games (Father's Day)	Prosser, WA	Rally	Bob & Sandra Powers, Prosser's Scottish Fest, Chukar Cherries, Wine Tasting, Antiques, a perpetual "garage sale," and lots of CBC fun.
7/12–15/2007	Farragut State Park	Farragut, ID	Rally	Bob & Norma Schultz. Area options include Silverwood Theme Park, Mountains, Lakes, and much more.
7/19–23/2007	The Rally – Good Sam	Redmond, OR	Convention	Good Sam members, if interested, go as a group or on your own.
8/13–16/2007	FMCA's 78th International Convention	Redmond, OR	Convention	FMCA/CBC Members. Go as a group, park together. Pre & Post Rally there and back, call Frank Ward today (509) 539-1297.
9/6–9/2007	Hopps Harvest	Grandview, WA	Rally	Mike & Pat Stegamen. See a Hopps Harvest first hand and lots more.
10/5–7/2007	The Great Duck Race or Ho-Down Other Ideas???	Kennewick, WA or Cle-Elum, WA or???	Rally	Hosts Needed. This will be finalized by February newsletter.



RALLY DATES

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September 6-9, 2007

Hopps Harvest, Grandview, WA. Hosts: Mike & Pat Stegamen.

October 5-7, 2007

The Great Duck Race, Kennewick, WA, or the Ho-Down, CleElum, WA. Hosts needed.

CBC Officers

President: Frank Ward

1st Vice President & Wagon Master:
Gerald Searl

2nd Vice President & Membership:
Bill Groth

Secretary: Della Ward

Treasurer: Pat Sorensen

National Director:
Duke Blakley

Alternate National Director:
Sandie Blakley

2006-2007 Nominating Committee:
Roger & Linda Ferrell
Gary & Linda Pennington
Bud & Jan Trutton

Sheriff: Jim Slaight

Deputy Sheriff:
Bob Powers

Historian: Norma Schultz

Membership & Sunshine:
Kathy Storrs – Patty Kirschner
Penny Kinder

Newsletter:
Duke & Sandie Blakley

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

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Membership

Annual Meeting & Election Report The Annual Membership Meeting and Elections were held in Ellensburg on Labor Day weekend. Returning to your Executive Board are Frank Ward, President; Della Ward, Secretary; Pat Sorensen, Treasurer; Duke Blakley, National Director. Welcome to our new Executive Board Members Gerald Searl, First Vice President-Wagon Master; Bill Groth, Second Vice President-Membership; and Sandie Blakley, Alternate National Director.

Thanks to our Nominating Committee for a great job. Our Nominating Committee for 2007 includes the Truttons, Penningtons, and Ferrells. Help them out and say yes after giving considered thought to the invitation to serve.

The membership also adopted the proposed changes to the Chapter By Laws and Membership Handbook. The most significant change to the By Laws is a new membership classification. "Associate Member or Family Associate" is now defined as an FMCA member who no longer owns a Qualifying Motor Coach and is in good standing with FMCA. An Associate Member or Family Associate shall be required to pay dues, however, shall not be



eligible to vote or hold elected office. An officer converting to associate membership status shall be allowed to complete his or her term of office. Our first Associate Members, by coincidence of having sold their coach and were awaiting delivery of a new one, were Tom and Kathy Storrs.

In the Standing Rules, the notable change was increasing CBC's operational reserves to cover increasing advance reservation costs and to cover our liability policy deductible, if ever needed.

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excavations that will be Yahoo in the near future, and Microsoft's new data storage facility

in the advanced stages of construction. Then it was time to eat (yes another potluck) and party (couldn't let Kathy Storrs miss celebrating the big ?0 birthday) complete with cake and ice cream and plenty of white elephant birthday gifts. Might want to check with Kathy and see if the "Oil of Old Lay" lives up to the marketing on the bottle. Not to end there, the celebrations were topped off with a turkey fry and fresh corn (a big thanks here to co-hosts George and Betty Green for this extra nice touch) and rally prizes for everyone. A BIG Thanks to our hosts and co-hosts, Sandra Powers for the birthday party, and all who lent a helping hand for a great season closer.



CBC'ers ready for the Laser Light Show at Grand Coulee Dam.