



# 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 Storrs 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.

### August 13-16, 2007

FMCA National Convention, Redmond, OR. See article on page 3.

### September 6-9, 2007

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

### October 5-7, 2007

Location and Rally Hosts Still Needed.

## Frank-ly Speaking

By Frank Ward, President

Every time I have sat down over the last four years to prepare something to publish in "The Cruiser" I have found it a challenge to write something that would encourage our members to be more active by attending or hosting rallies, running for a Chapter office, serve on a committee, or invite others to join in on our fun.

Attending rallies is an easy one. It's fun. Every time a member who hasn't been to a rally in some time shows up, I hear them say they need to come more often because the rally was so much fun. BINGO.

Then after a member has hosted their first rally, every one has said how much fun and how rewarding it was to host and will have to do it again. BINGO.

When a member serves on our Executive Board or a committee, I have never heard a complaint. Yes, there have been expressions of concern about not enough turnout for our rallies, or that so few will consider holding office, and how many are missing out on the fun. BINGO.

And when a member brings a guest (prospective member), I usually hear the new member say to their hosts something like, "Why have you been keeping this group a secret? Maybe you didn't want to share the fun?"

BINGO.

This last rally season 61 of our members attended at least one rally and 39 none. Of the 39, 15 did not renew their membership. Nine left for a variety of reasons, and six we have lost contact with because of changes in address, phone, or e-mail. Please let the treasurer

or secretary know if this information changes so we can update the roster. You don't want to miss out on the fun. We are continuing efforts to reach the lost six and hope they will renew their membership with us.

This year we again have an active rally schedule. Even with work and family obligations, everyone should be able to find space in their schedule to attend at least one of CBC's rallies. Make it a priority to do so. It's FUN.

And remember to keep those coaches marking their territory - Frank



## Rally Road



### March 30-April 1—Cabin Fever & Quilt'n Gathering

Pasco, WA, at the Sandy Heights RV Resort. Event Coordinator & Contact: Frank & Della Ward (509) 539-1297c. For the last four or five years, CBC has held a "Cabin Fever Gathering" in Moses Lake mid-March. This has become a popular event, especially for those who did not go south for the winter. It is a great opportunity to "shake" down the coach and get it ready for the season ahead.

This year we are moving the event a little south (Pasco) and holding the event two weeks later to coincide with a quilt show at TRAC in Pasco. Quilters bring your recently finished quilts or works in progress to share with your fellow CBC Quilters and enjoy the quilt show. Not a quilter? Come anyway—there are plenty of other area attractions including museums, shopping, wineries, and much, much more.

This is a "Gathering" and there will be no registration form. Call the Sandy Heights RV Resort at (877) 894-1357 to make individual reservations directly. Our group rate is \$24.80 per night (includes a club house, WI-FI, etc.)

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**Photos are from  
2005 and 2006.**

**Miss a Rally and  
Miss Some Fun!**

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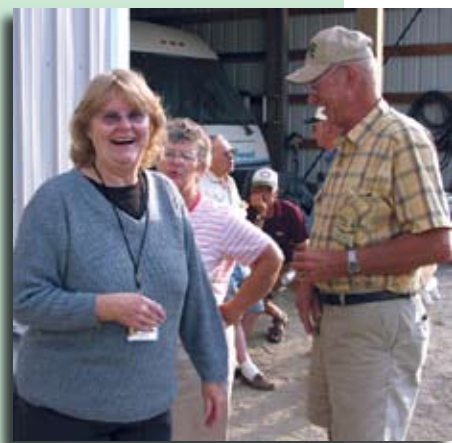
and they are expecting your call. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of Columbia Basin Cruisers. You bring the fun and food. There will be a potluck Friday at 6 p.m. After that we will check and see which way the compass points.

**Directions to Sandy Heights  
RV Resort:**

Traveling West on I-182/US-12W: Take the BROADMOOR BLVD Exit (Exit 7). Turn LEFT onto BROADMOOR BLVD. Turn LEFT onto ST. THOMAS DR. Continue on ST. THOMAS DR. to 8801 ST. THOMAS DR.

Traveling East on I-182/US-12W: Take the

BROADMOOR BLVD Exit (Exit 7). Turn RIGHT onto BROADMOOR BLVD. Turn LEFT onto ST. THOMAS DR. Continue on ST. THOMAS DR. to 8801 ST. THOMAS DR.



**April 27-29—Apple  
Blossom Festival  
Rally & Spring Member-  
ship Meeting**

Wenatchee, WA. Hosts: Tom & Kathy Storrs and Bill & Penny Kinder. Rally Registration enclosed.

This rally coincides with the first weekend of the Apple Blossom festival in Wenatchee. The “kiddie parade” is on Saturday and the food booths should be open. Penny is in charge of “activities & entertainment,” so come prepared for a FUN weekend! I’m sure there will be surprises she hasn’t dreamed up yet.

This is a beautiful park in the woods, on a river, and out of the spring winds. There is a small clubhouse where we can gather, and the people are very friendly and casual. The camping fee is \$29.00 per night, tax included, payable to the park. Full hookups include sewer

and cable. Reservation is for 2 nights (Fri-Sat). You MUST reserve additional nights yourself to avoid having to move. For reservations call (888) 548-4184.

The \$18 per person rally fee includes a German style dinner Saturday night catered by Krystals (the Phippen family) and Saturday morning Continental Breakfast. There will be the usual finger-food potluck Friday night and a potluck breakfast Sunday morning. Directions: The park is at 3300 State Hwy 97 (Blewett Pass south of Peshastin). It’s just a few miles up the pass from the Hwy 2/Hwy 97 intersection.

**May 25-28—Rally by the Sea**

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

Because of the Holiday Weekend arrangements, the RV Park requires reservation be made by April 1 (no joke) and require a one night \$25 deposit. Rally Registration enclosed.

Rally fee includes: Saturday morning continental breakfast; Saturday evening a Ham dinner and pot luck (Ham provided, you bring salads, side dishes, and/or deserts); Sunday morning pancakes and sausage breakfast and that evening grill your favorite meat (BYOM) and pot luck. Monday morning wrap it up with a scrambled eggs sausage breakfast. Social hour each evening—bring some snacks to share.

This rally promises to be an outstanding chapter event. CBC tries to have one event per year on the coast, but we have missed out the last two years. So plan ahead to get the most out of this trip. If you have friends or family who would like to come but space in the coach is limited, there are several hotels within walking distance. Just register them as guests with our hosts.

Start off by coming a couple of days early. Enjoy some of the attractions in Tillamook, like the Air Museum located in a World War II dirigible hangar, the Blue Heron Wine and Gift Shop (with lots of sampling), the History Museum, and the “not to miss” Tillamook Cheese Factory (with ice cream bar).

Venture a little farther to Cape Mears (Three Capes Loop if you wish) and enjoy a historic lighthouse and national wildlife refuge and coastal scenery extraordinary.

Then there is Cape Lookout, featuring the Largest Octopus Tree. Shop locally in Garibaldi or to the north is Rockaway Beach, a small

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coastal town with shops and beach access. You can drive, or from our host park, take a steam engine train ride along the coast to and from Rockaway.

During or after the rally, take in Lincoln City with area casinos, factory outlet mall restaurants and more.

Then there is the Air & Space Museum in McMinnville featuring the “Spruce Goose,” with the Portland-Dayton RV Park five miles north. If you plan enough time (allow two weeks), the Portland Rose Festival starts the weekend of June 2 with the Starlight Parade and ends on June 9 with the Grand Floral Parade. Information on the Rose Festival can be found on the Web at <http://www.rosefestival.org> There are multiple RV Parks in the Portland and Vancouver areas. Take advantage of our rally and plan a trip to remember by yourselves or with other CBC’rs.

#### **Directions to Old Mill RV Park and Marina**

210 S. 3rd Street Garibaldi, OR. Follow Coast Highway 101 to the town of Garibaldi, OR. The Campground is on the West side of Highway 101 within the town of Garibaldi.

### **August 13-16—FMCA’s 78th International Convention**

Redmond, OR, at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo. Event coordinator and contact Gerald & Evelyne Searl (509) 452-2070 or email [jerandev@charter.net](mailto:jerandev@charter.net)

Help the Wagonmaster out with some much-needed information. This is the third time this century that FMCA has held our summer Convention in Redmond, OR (literally in our back yard). Some CBC’rs made it to this event in 2001, others in 2004, and the question is—will you be going in 2007? If you have thought about going to one of the FMCA Conventions, this is a very convenient opportunity.

We have enclosed an event form for you to let us know your intentions of attending, interest in pre- and/or post rallies, parking with other CBC’rs as a group (requires coordinating a caravan), interest in supporting a convention volunteer activity, etc. To make this the best possible experience, we need to do some advance planning. Please return this information form by April 1st (no joke).

## Membership

### **J**anuary Executive Board Meeting Report.

Yes, your Executive Board met in January. We, in part, held a virtual meeting using conference call(s). A summary of the topics covered: Our annual FMCA reports have been submitted and we are in compliance, with the exception of the Alternate National Director (see election notice below). Chapter representation at the 2007 Redmond Convention and Northwest Area Association meetings was also discussed.

Our treasury is healthy with our newly established operational reserve fully funded at \$5000. Membership dues and chapter year 2007 operational funds collected to date total \$1800, with a surplus of about \$534 after the last of 2006 obligations have been covered.

This budget analysis is based upon the proposed amendment to the Members Handbook which was approved at this meeting and will be voted on by the membership at the April Rally/Membership meeting (see below). The dues for the 2008 chapter year were discussed and will remain at \$20.

Based on the request of the membership last April, there will be the same number of newsletters this year. To further enhance our communications, our Web Master is looking into options for our web site and will have a report for our membership meeting in April.

The upcoming rally schedule was reviewed—we still need to fill October. Call First Vice President/Wagonmaster Gerald Searl, (509) 452-2070, or email [jerandev@charter.net](mailto:jerandev@charter.net) if you have suggestions and would like to help.

Risk Management was also discussed, and the Board will work to have at least one board member at each rally or official chapter event.

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### 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:**  
Volunteer Needed  
See Membership Article

**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/>

**Cruise'n on CB Channel #14**

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Host fees were discussed. The Members Handbook specifies that a rally Host and Co-Host may be compensated up to the rally fee or a maximum of \$25. To receive this, the close-out rally financial report must request payment. No one is expected to subsidize any portion of our events, but many hosts have declined this gratuity out of generosity on their part.

Membership at the start of the year is 90, with 15 not renewing their membership for a number of reasons. This seems to be a normal trend and emphasizes the need to continually recruit.

The incorporation of CBC with the State of Washington, previously approved by the membership, was discussed with plans to have the process completed by the end of this chapter year. This is a process we want to do right the first time around. Any members with experience/expertise in this area contact President Frank Ward.

### Notice of proposed amendment to the Members Handbook (Standing Rules)

This proposed change to the Members Handbook is primarily a housekeeping adjustment to the existing rule on allocating surplus funds towards a subsidized rally each year. The change would move the month of this process back from May of the current chapter year to September of the previous chapter year making all rallies of the following (current) chapter year eligible for this funding consideration.

### Notice of Special Election to fill Alternate National Director Vacancy

As happens from time to time we overlook something. In this case FMCA's National By-Laws do NOT allow two members of the same FMCA membership (family) to hold both National Offices in the same Chapter. At the April Rally, we will be accepting nominations and holding elections to fill this vacancy. If you are inter-

ested in helping with this, please let a member of the Nominating Committee know (see the side bar of this newsletter and your CBC roster for names and contact information).

### 2007 Nominations

Members need to help out by expressing interest in serving a year or two on the CBC Executive Board. Contact a member of the Nominating Committee (see the side bar of this newsletter and your CBC roster for names and contact information) to get on the September 2007 ballot. Nominating Committee members take note: the Members Handbook/By-Laws state your report on the slate of candidates for the annual elections is submitted, and nominations from the membership are accepted in August. If you feel doing this at the convention won't work, or a member of the nominating committee won't be present, then we need to plan a pre- and/or post-Convention Rally for this to take place.

### Expressions of Appreciation

Morrie and Pat Sorensen would like to again thank all CBC'rs for your many expressions of kindness, the memorial plant from the chapter, and those who were able to attend the funeral services of Morrie's father. It truly was an expression of 'family' as in Family Motor Coach Association.

### Last Chance—10th Anniversary DVD—Last Chance

As required by the Chapter's Membership Handbook, your CBC Board is required to annually assess capital reserves and allocate funds towards a subsidized rally. While planning the 10th Anniversary year, funding was allocated towards the DVD project. Because these funds must be reallocated towards a rally this year, the DVD subsidy will expire this spring. If you want a DVD, be sure to submit the form from your November 2006 newsletter mailing no later than April 1, 2007 (no joke).



### For all you lexiophiles (lovers of words):

1. A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.
2. What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In democracy it's your vote that counts; In feudalism it's your count that votes.
6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.
7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
8. If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.
9. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
10. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
11. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.