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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

September 6-9, 2007

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

October 5-7, 2007

Negotiating with Cascade Peaks RV Resort, between Randle and Packwood on Highway 12 (not firm yet). Hosts: Duke and Sandie Blakley.

Frank-ly Speaking

By Frank Ward, President

In the last couple of newsletters, I have been making references to the game of BINGO. I thought that appropriate because the game is easy to play, is quick moving, and enjoyed by most everyone who plays. A lot like membership in CBC. You join the game (membership); it is easy to play (Come to Rallies); and it is fun. And what a fun season we have had so far thanks to our attending members and especially our rally hosts. Bingo!

Of immediate importance, if you want to get in the game, remember this season is almost over. That's right only two more cards to play (September & October). With this type of game it is never to late in the season to get started.

Now, on a different note. Thanks to our Nominating Committee Members for their efforts in providing us with a full slate of candidates to fill our Executive Board positions. Five will be returning for a second or third

term; one is returning having served four previous terms; and one will be new on the Board. The reason I mention this is to help jump-start

next year's nominations. Assuming five Board Members return for a second or third term ending in September 2009, we will have two very important positions to fill in our September 2008 elections because of term limitations—Treasurer and Secretary. Start thinking about it, ask the necessary questions,



look at your travel plans for 2009, and be prepared to lend a hand for a season or two. Next month, at our annual membership meeting, there will be a changing of the "guard," and CBC will continue to fulfill our stated mission just as we have for the previous eleven years—full of fun and friends. Don't miss out. Get in, or back into, the game.

And remember to keep those coaches marking their territory...Frank

Rally Road



September 6-9, 2007

Hop Harvest Rally

Country Park & Fair Grounds, Grandview, WA

Hosts: Mike and Pat Stegeman

You may arrive after 4 p.m. on Thursday. Dinner is on your own.

Friday you are on your own to enjoy the various Valley Attractions. Friday Dinner—Potluck. Saturday, Continental Breakfast, followed by the Hop Harvest Tour. Ladies, please wear flat shoes and pants; skirts could be a problem. Expect it to be a little dusty. Dust masks will be furnished. We will Caravan to Hop Harvest Site, about 6 miles. Lunch provided. Saturday, Steak Dinner, prepared by Hosts, followed by Our Annual Meeting and Election

of Officers. Sunday Breakfast: Egg in a Sack, prepared by Hosts. We will be parking on grass, and pads under jacks are required. Please unhook tow rig in parking lot before entering grass area. Small flags will mark underground sprinklers. 20-Amp outlets will be available; extension cords will be needed. Sewer dump is available on site.

Directions: "Going West" on I-82, take Exit 73 and come off freeway. At stoplight, turn left, go to next stoplight, turn right, turn left at Tee in road onto Wallace Way Road. You will see Country Park parking lot on right. Follow signs. "Going East" on I-82, take Exit 73 and come off freeway. Go straight through stoplight (if it's green), turn left at Tee in road onto Wallace Way Road. You will see Country Park parking lot on right. Follow signs.

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:**
Terry Scherer**2006-2007 Nominating Committee:**
Roger & Linda Ferrell
Gary & Linda Pennington
Jan Trutton**Sheriff:** Jim Slaughter**Deputy Sheriff:**
Bob Powers**Historian:** Norma Schultz**Membership & Sunshine:**
Kathy Storrs – Patty Kirschner
Penny Kinder**Newsletter:**
Duke & Sandie Blakley**Web Master:**
Sandie Blakley
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Rally Reports

June—Prosser
"Scottish Fest & Highland Games Rally"
Submitted by Sandra Powers

Twenty coaches enjoyed the June rally that was held in Prosser at the Wine Country R.V. Park, hosted by Bob and Sandra Powers. Saturday we attended the Scottish Fest and Highland Games, which included Scottish dancing, bagpipe music, Irish music and Irish jig dancing, Clan tents, sheep shearing, yarn spinning and interesting games. Have you ever eaten a Scottish Egg? One CBC couple, Terry and Cindy Mattson, granddaughters danced in the Scottish competition and came home with several medals. Katelyn and Alison Guard danced for us on Saturday night after dinner.

July—Colfax "Palouse Empire Rally"
Submitted by Bob & Norma Schultz

We were delighted to have 25 coaches join us July 12-15 at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds in Colfax. Forty-seven CBC members went on a bus tour of Whitman County, including the unique RR bridge over the Palouse River and Steptoe Butte. Lunch was at Kamiak County Park. The trip was narrated by Bob Schultz, who gave a brief history of the area, a few stories, and pointed out the various field crops and answered questions. What fun we had watching three grizzly bear cubs at the WSU Research center playing in a tank of water. At a restored barn in Uniontown we met local artisans painting, making pottery, knitting, and various other talents. The Bob Schultz half chicken BBQ dinner with salads, rolls and homemade cookies was followed by an optional local rodeo. Saturday saw visits to three area quilt shops, the WSU campus, yard sales, Colfax stores and others just visiting and

relaxing. The 51 members attending, plus the Stegmans' granddaughter, included two first time attendees Loren and Kitty Ryzeck and our newest member Verna Runberg.

Membership



Enclosed with this mailing are your ballots for electing our 2007-2008 Executive Board and an issue we need your opinion on (check the back of your ballot). This is being sent one month early this year, but please return it as soon as possible so you don't forget it. This will be the fourth year we have also sent out dues reminders with this mailing encouraging you to send in your next year dues at the same time.

If you are concerned about this process in any way, you may mail your ballot to the Secretary in the return envelope we provide, and (or if you are not voting) send your dues checks directly to the Chapter Treasurer in a separate envelope.

