



THE CRUISER

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

2009 Rally Dates

March 20-22

Cabin Fever Gathering, Ellensburg, WA. No host.

April 24-26

Spring Barrel Tasting at Prosser, WA. Board-sponsored rally at Wine Country RV Park.

May 14-17

Coyote Run RV Park, Connell, WA. Hosts: Bob & Sandra Powers.

June 4-7

FMCA NW Rally, June 4-7, Albany, OR. "West is Best!"

June 12-14

Oasis RV Park, Ephrata, WA. Hosts: Tom & Kathy Storrs and Bill & Penny Kinder.

July

Unknown

August 14-16

Valley Camp, North Bend, WA. Hosts: Bob & Shirley Miller.

September 10-13

Fairgrounds, Grandview, WA, Hosts: Mike & Pat Stegeman and Don & Phyllis Riel.

October 3-5

Rest-a-While RV Park, Hoodspport, WA. Hosts: Pete & Donna Peterson.

From the President

By Marlene Laughton

Hope you are all getting geared up for a super rally season. Our Wagon Master has filled up our schedule, except for July, and it is shaping up to be a great year. Make plans to come join the fun. I know I am looking forward to warmer weather after this winter and all the snow we endured. It seemed like Bullet did nothing but plow snow for a month. We ended up having to buy a new plow and it hasn't snowed since, but that is pretty pricey insurance.

If you would like to host a rally in July at a place of your choosing, please contact our Wagonmaster.

ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE: I have been working on some needed revisions to our Bylaws and Standing Rules/Member Handbook. The Board's input was also included. The proposed revisions are posted on the CBC web site (<http://www.cbcrUISERS.org>), so you can review the proposed changes and be prepared to vote on these at the April meeting. In most of the proposed changes, I have noted the reason for the proposed change. *If you do not have access to the Internet, please call me (509-244-5449) or send a post card request and I will mail you a copy of the proposed changes as posted on the web site.*

Till we met down the road. Marlene

If you would like to host the July rally, please call Wagonmaster Sandra Powers or President Marlene Laughton (509) 244-5449 before the next issue of the newsletter.



Cabin Fever Gathering

BREAK OUT OF THOSE WINTER DOLDRUMS AND JOIN US FOR THE FIRST GET-TOGETHER OF THE YEAR!

E & J RV Resort and Days Inn, Ellensburg, WA, Phone 509-933-1500, \$29.70 per night. Call park for reservations **BEFORE MARCH 13, 2009.** Mention you are with the CBC group.

Be prepared for finger foods, potlucks, or going out for meals. There's a heated indoor pool and spa, fitness room and clubhouse.

There are no rally hosts, rally fees or planned activities, just getting our "friend fix" after the winter.

DIRECTIONS: From I-90 (exit 109), go 1/4 mile SE on Canyon Road, then 1 block south on Berry Road. Enter on Left. You can see the park from I-90. It is behind the Flying J.

CBC Officers

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Rally Road

Spring Barrel Tasting Weekend April 24-25, 2009

Wine Country RV Park, 330 Merlot Dr., Prosser, WA 99350. Call Wine Country RV Park at 1-800-726-4969 to make a deposit of \$25, and pay the balance on arrival. Be sure to tell them you are CBC. For early arrivals make arrangements with the park. They do offer a Good Sam discount.

The RV park charges 27.50 per night. The Club has 20 spaces reserved. We may be able to get more, so register early as there are no guarantees.

We will have the usual Friday Night Finger Food Potluck. Saturday night is a catered dinner. Bring your own table service and beverage. Rally Fee is 17.50 per person and includes the Saturday dinner and two continental breakfasts. Deadline to register is April 10, 2009.



DIRECTIONS: Follow I-82 from Yakima or Tri-Cities and take Exit 80. From the West turn right, then immediate left onto Merlot (Rest Area). From the East turn left, cross over the freeway and turn left on Merlot. Continue on Merlot to the RV Park on the right side of the road.

Coyote Run RV Park, Connell, WA May 14-17

Hosted by: Bob and Sandra Powers

There's no club house, so come prepared to be outside! The park fee per night is \$26 with full hookups. Pay the park on arrival.

Send your registration to Bob Powers, PO Box 132, Bickleton, WA 99322 by May 7th. Rally

Fees are \$13 per person and includes Friday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner and Sunday Breakfast. Here's a list of events:

Thursday night: Finger food potluck; Friday Morning: Breakfast provided; Friday Noon: on your own; Friday afternoon: Coulee Flats Dairy Tour—must pre-register by May 7th. A complete tour of a state-of-the-art 4000 head dairy; Friday night: Barbecue, bring your own meat and a side dish (last names A-P, bring a salad and R-Z bring dessert); Saturday Morning: Bring your favorite breakfast food (it's a potluck); Saturday Noon: on your own; Saturday night: Dinner provided; Sunday Morning: Breakfast provided.

If you have questions, email: sandrap4@embarqmail.com. Phone 509-896-2351.

DIRECTIONS: Coyote Run RV Park is at the south end of town, right next to the freeway. From Hwy 395, go west on Hwy 260. Turn south on South Columbia Ave. and Left on East Hawthorn Street.

