



# 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

### 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 24-26

Klickitat Co. Fair Grounds, Goldendale, WA. Hosts: Bob & Sandra Powers.

### 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, Hoodport, WA. Hosts: Pete & Donna Peterson.

## From the President

*By Marlene Laughton*

Our Rally Season is off to a very good start, so I hope if you missed it, you will be able to join us for the remainder of the season. We have some interesting events at the upcoming rallies. Frank Ward was elected to the vacant nominating committee vacancy, and Roy Laughton was elected as National Director. The membership also voted for a dues increase of \$5.00 per year beginning in October of 2009 to apply to the 2010 dues, making the dues \$25.00 per year. The proposed revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules/Member Handbook were accomplished. I know I am looking forward to a fun year.

See you down the road, Marlene

This rally was during the month that Prosser wineries hold their wine tasting events. When driving around the wineries, we noticed that everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. We saw a lot of laughter and camaraderie and many limos and tour buses disembarking or waiting for their passengers.

Friday night was the usual tasty finger food potluck, and many enjoyed sitting around a fire afterwards. Saturday night was a delicious catered prime rib dinner with a variety of fruit pies for dessert. Saturday and Sunday mornings consisted of continental breakfasts with Marlene's homemade coffee cakes and a selection of wonderful fruit.

The April meeting involved discussion for changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules, much of which simply consisted of housekeeping matters. Congratulations to Bullet Laughton who was elected as the new National Director.

Feedback concludes that all-in-all everyone enjoyed the wine tasting and the company of the club members. We'll look forward to seeing you all in Connell in May.

Roger and Linda Ferrell

## Rally Report

*By Roger Ferrell*

The April CBC rally was held in Prosser the weekend of April 24-26th at the Wine Country RV Park. The Park did an excellent job, and we thank them for the many gifts that they provided. Hosted by the Board, we would like to applaud Marlene and Bullet Laughton for their hard work and Marlene's homemade goodies. Also, thanks to the members who gifted coffee and fresh asparagus.

There were 21 coaches in attendance. Jim and Mary Jacobs invited four couples to be guests and Gene and Alice Harwood popped in. We always look forward to visiting guests and hope they enjoy the relaxed atmosphere for which our club is well known. All were welcomed.

**FOR SALE: 2006 40 ft. Tradewinds, 3 slides, 400 hp Cummins, 27,000 miles, tile entry, kitchen and bath. Beautiful condition. Call Sandie at 509-528-2181. This was Duke's pride and joy.**



**CBC Officers****President:** Marlene Laughton**1st Vice President & Wagon Master:**  
Sandra Powers**2nd Vice President & Membership:**  
Roger Ferrell**Secretary:** Penny Kinder**Treasurer:** Pat Stegeman**National Director:**  
Roy Laughton**Alternate National Director:**  
Terry Scherer**Immediate Past President:**  
Roy Laughton**2008-2009 Nominating Committee:**  
Bullet Laughton, Duane Peterson,  
and Frank Ward**Sheriff:** Jim Slaughter**Deputy Sheriff:**  
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# Rally 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.

See the February newsletter or the web site for more information.

**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.

## FMCA NW Rally, Albany, OR June 4-7

## Oasis RV Park, Ephrata, WA June 12-14

Hosts: Tom & Kathy Storrs and Bill & Penny Kinder. Rally will include a yard sale Sat. morning from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. We invite you to put out all the "stuff" you thought you needed but haven't used in years. Remember, one man's treasure is another man's junk.

## Klickitat Co. Fair Grounds, Goldendale, WA July 24-26 (Registration form enclosed)

Hosts: Bob & Sandra Powers. Camp Fee per Coach \$16.00 per night Friday & Saturday. Early arrivals permitted after 4 p.m. on Thursday. Some 30 and some 50 amps. Limited to 20 coaches. Water and electric hookups and a dump station on site. PAY ON ARRIVAL. No Rally Fees! So come prepared for potluck or going out.

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming South on Highway 97, take the first exit into Goldendale. It is Highway 142. (Service Station/Dairy Queen are right there at this exit.) Proceed on Broadway/Highway 142 and you will come to a four-way stop. Proceed straight through the stop and go four blocks to Fairgrounds Road. Turn Right (north) and follow this road to the fairgrounds. You will turn left into the fairgrounds at the north end of the grounds.

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Prosser, WA April 25, 2009

For the full meeting minutes, see the web site, <http://www.cbcruisers.org>.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Marlene Laughton.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Stegeman reported that we have a balance of \$6,859.31. Our reserve amount is \$5,000.00 and prepaid dues are \$180.00, which leaves our available funds at \$1,679.31. Report approved as stated.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the annual membership meeting held Sept. 12, 2008, were approved as read by Secretary Penny Kinder.

**Old Business:** After much discussion about dues, the cost of the newsletter, and the efficiency of email, Pat Stegeman moved that we raise our annual dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00 to cover increased postage and newsletter costs so we can keep sending it by "post" to all members. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made to make the new dues amount of \$25.00 effective Oct. 2009. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:** We had a lengthy but productive discussion about the amendments to the by-laws and standing rules as recommended and posted by the executive board. (See the full minutes on the web site.)

Frank Ward volunteered to be on the nominating committee replacing Duke Blakley. Frank was nominated and voted into the position. A nomination was held to replace Duke Blakley as National Director. Frank Ward and Roy "Bullet" Laughton were nominated. After the written ballots were counted by volunteers Linda Ferrell and Paul Gustin, Bullet was declared our new National Director.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Kinder, Secretary

The family of Bob and Norma Schultz invite you to a Golden Anniversary reception on Sunday, May 24th, from 2-4 p.m. to be held at the Palouse Empire Fairgrounds west of Colfax on Hwy 26. No gifts. RV park on site. Please call 509-397-3378 if you have any questions.