



# 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

## 2010 Rallies

### April 15-18

*Olde Stone Village RV Park, McMinnville, Oregon*

### May 14-16

*Cle Elum traveling through the week to...*

### May 22-24

*Metaline Falls, WA*

### September

*La Grande or Clarkston*

Some rally dates and details are yet to be firmed up. Stay tuned!

**This is your last newsletter if your dues are not paid for 2010.**



## Rally Road

*By Your Wagon Master,  
Sandra Powers, Bickleton, WA*

Fall Greetings to each of you, the Columbia Basin Cruisers!

As I look out the window and the fall leaves are in the process of turning into those beautiful colors, isn't it a wonderful time of year? Some of us have winterized our motor homes and some of you are preparing to head to warmer climates and enjoy the winter months!

Haven't we have had an amazing rally year? From Prosser, to Connell, to Ephrata, to Goldendale, to North Bend to Grandview to Hood sport and places in between—it has been FUN, FELLOWSHIP and LAUGHTER! I've sure enjoyed this rally year as your Wagon Master. I hope you have, too!

Some of you have made most rallies, some of you have been to just a few, and some or you haven't made one rally, and we sure did miss you!

Rallies for 2010 are scheduled for: Prosser in April. Cle Elum to Metaline Falls in May—this will be a very different rally.

September's site hasn't been confirmed yet! Be sure to stay tuned and watch this coming rally year unfold!

I'm inviting you to host a rally or partner up with someone and host a rally at your favorite campground. It is you the "Cruisers" that make this such a fun chapter and we haven't explored all the campgrounds in this northwest, YET! Each rally will receive \$100 to help with ex-

penses.

As the new 2010 rally year dates begin to appear on the calendar, please keep those dates free and join us for as many rallies as you can in this coming year. Check the web site and the newsletter. They will keep you posted.

Thinking of each one of you in this wonderful fall season and wishing you a wonderful winter, wherever you will be!

## Thoughts from the President

*By Roger Ferrell*

2009 was a very successful year with rallies at great locations that were fun as well as interesting and educational. Linda and I look forward to 2010 as new rallies begin to come together. For those club members who were MIA this pass year, we sure would like to see you—so stock up that rig and join us in 2010!

I encourage all of you to think about hosting an event. Feel free to contact me or Sandra Powers if you are even considering it. You are not obligated by calling and we can give you some good ideas on hosting a rally.

I want to thank last year's officers and volunteers for a job well done. The 2009 books have been audited and the Board voted to allocate \$100 for each 2010 rally to help defray fees. We hope this will get more of you to our events.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a great Christmas or Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing some of you at the gathering in Quartzsite in January.



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# Rally Report

*October 1-4, Rest a While,  
Hoodsport, Wash.*

*By Donna Peterson*

Eighteen Coaches arrived at Hoodsport, most on Thursday but some on Wednesday. Wednesday, Gary and Linda Pennington brought a salmon that they barbecued. It was shared with the Petersons, Stegemans, Laughtons and Slaights. They got it fresh and delicious from the Indians who were netting in Sequim.

Thursday night we had finger food and every one settled in.

Friday was a continental breakfast and a day to check out the area. We had a great view of Hoods Canal. Friday night was a potato bar and ice cream with toppings.

Saturday morning we had pancakes and sausages for breakfast. Then we were off to the Oyster Fest at the Shelton Fair Grounds. Weather cooperated. It was sunny, but cool.

Saturday night the Park supplied us with two barbecued oysters per person. The club provided two dozen extra for those who wanted more. Every one brought their own steak to barbecue and a side dish. Friends of the Njus, John and Peggy Ebert drove in Saturday after-

noon and had dinner with the club.

We have new members, Rick and Betty Bennett from Vancouver, WA. Welcome!

Thanks to Marlene Laughton for all the delicious breads and rolls she baked for our continental breakfast Friday and Sunday.

Thanks to Jim Slaight for the Halloween decorations and for decorating the club house. Donna Peterson made the paper plate skeletons. It made the old club house festive. If anyone wants decoration for a event, call Jim. He has some neat things.

We also want to thank Gary Pennington and Frank Ward for keeping the fireplace going. The people from the other side of the mountains are not used to our damp weather. The heat felt good.

Thank you for coming. Some had many miles to go. Have a great winter and see you next year.



## Membership Roster

The current membership roster is available by contacting Linda Ferrell at 509-844-8845.