



# 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

## 2012 RALLIES

### April 13-15

Toppenish. Hosts: Riels.

### May

Undetermined.

### June 7-10

Sun & Sage, Ephrata, WA. Camping in Soap Lake RV Resort. Hosts: Storrs and Johnsons.

### July 26-29

Down River Days in Lone, WA. Hosts: Laughtons.

### August 16-19

Lincoln City, OR. Elks Club with Charter Fishing Trip. Hosts: Stegemans and Kunsts.

### September 21-23

Wallowa Lake, OR. Hosts: Singhoses.

### October 4-6

Lake Easton Resort. Hosts: Slaights and Kinders.



## Thoughts from the President



By Kathy Storrs

The rally schedule for 2012 is starting to take shape. It should be another fun year for the CBC! Please let Marlene Laughton know if you have ideas or are willing to host or co-host a rally. Check out the rally list in this newsletter to see any openings. If only one couple is listed, they may need a co-host. If you have never hosted a rally, co-hosting is a great way to get your feet wet.

In talking with other board members, we have some ideas on increasing our recruitment of new members. As our membership ages and people drop out for various reasons, we need to attract new members to keep the club viable. Please feel free to share any ideas you have about this or other chapter functions. This is SUCH a fun group, let's keep it strong!

If you have yet to pay your dues for 2012, there will be some indication on the envelope. Please don't forget or you may get dropped from the mailing list. We don't want to lose you!

Have a safe and healthy winter and I look forward to seeing you next spring.

Kathy Storrs

## Winter Gathering

If you plan to be anywhere near Quartzsite in late January (between January 21st and 30th during the Big tent RV Show) the Stegemans are having their annual gathering at their place in Rainbow Acres. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Pat by email, pstegem@hotmail.com, or phone (509)305-1202.



Photos from Wings and Wheels Rally.  
See rally report on page 2.



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**2011-2012**

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**Prosser Balloon Rally Report  
September 22-25**

*By Pat Stegeman & Marlene Slaight*

Twenty Coaches parked at the Country Park in Grandview. Thursday we enjoyed a Finger Food Potluck. Friday something new. The first Potluck prepared by Men only. The food was great. Well done, guys.

Our Annual Meeting & Election of Officers followed dinner. Saturday was a day on your own to enjoy the Prosser Balloon Rally & other activities in the area. Sunday Breakfast was Egg in a Bag, new to some and enjoyed by all.

It was a relaxing weekend, lots of sitting around in the shade and visiting went on. See you all down the road and thanks for coming.



**Wings and Wheels Rally, Monitor, WA  
Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, 2011**

*By Penny Kinder*

It was just like Roger Ferrell says, "Our club has more fun (by accident) than any other RV club." And we proved it once again.

Several coaches arrived on Thursday at Wenatchee River County Park, so we gathered for some chatting and an impromptu potluck dinner under the gazebo. Gorgeous evening!

Coffee was served the next morning and people scattered to scope out the area. More coaches arrived until we had our total of 23. We enjoyed Happy Hour, and then some members walked and some drove across the highway to a "burger joint" called Tom, Dick, and Harry's, where they had street rods on display and we munched on hamburgers, fries, and shakes.

On Saturday we had our usual yummy continental breakfast with fresh local fruits as well as the sweet gooey goodies. Then it was free time for exploring and enjoying the Wings and Wheels festival in East Wenatchee, the civil war reenactment in Plain, Oktoberfest in Leavenworth, Apple Days at the Cashmere museum, and tours of several local (and huge) antique shops.

Our evening fun started with lots of laughing at Happy Hour (imagine that!) followed by our 15th anniversary party for CBC. Our BBQ dinner of ribs, chicken, and sides was awesome. I'll call it a real eating event! After dinner each couple was presented with a CBC anniversary plaque and several lucky members won door prizes.

Kent Pratt shared some news from FMCA and handed out brochures about FMCA benefits. Very informative. Thank you, Kent. Then, in case we weren't stuffed enough, we served our giant chocolate anniversary cake. At this point, the members were finally full and got quiet enough so our president, Kathy Storrs, could introduce our guests: Frank and Elyse Kinder, Doris Brown, Dylan (granddaughter of Sue and Tom Kunst), and Nan and Ron Friesen. Doris, mother of Norma Schultz, has been to enough rallies to earn her own CBC badge which was presented to her this weekend.

We also had more members join us at the park for dinners and visiting: Patty and Ken Kirschner, Leonard and Judy Singhose, Barbara and Wayne Johnson, and Leonard and Florence Greenwalt.

A rally bonus was the delivery of fresh pears and apples (from Storrs' neighbors) for purchase at the park. It was a full and eventful rally, ending with a fire pit gathering at Kinder's coach. But wait, we're not done yet. Sunday morning Bill Kinder (and helpers) grilled pancakes and sausages for our final meal at the gazebo. By the way, a big fat thank you to all the volunteer servers and helpers. You people make our rallies and our club a huge success.

The above report was contributed by rally hosts, Tom Storrs and Bill Kinder plus Kathy Storrs and Penny Kinder (a.k.a. cow suit around the fire) but that's another story.