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MONTANA UNIT 061 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2014

Hi to all members of WBCCI. As a very busy Summer Season starts to wind down a bit, I would like to say it has been an exciting time for travel to our Montana Spring Caravan Rally in North Western Montana to the International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming and then attending the Region 10 Rally site in Astoria/Warrenton, Oregon in mid-July. Traveling to all these areas is quite a journey in itself but meeting up with friends from over the years that we have met is actually the best times ever. Lots of discussions about our traveling to various places and then someone "throws" in an extra which can cause an immediate laugh and then something new starts up. Hazel Knopp stated it best when she says it can all start with one or two people to a group that can cause an immediate burst of laughing, which, "By The Way" is not bad for anyone.

While in Gillette, WY., we did see various interesting sites and the Annual changing of the Guard from the immediate Officers to the newly elected ones for the new upcoming year. Best of luck to Joe Perryman and his Staff to see that all the preparations that have to be done is successful. A big thanks to immediate International Past President, John Stumpf (wife, Sandy) and his Staff, for all the work done for the Gillette Rally.

Congratulations to Toby Stapleton, he won 1st place in the watercolor art contest held in Gillette.

Over the years, a lot of changes have taken place in the Club and many have been good. I surely do not like to see events happening prior to the actual Rally dates that many members cannot attend that have not even arrived. To NEW MEMBERS and First Timers it would be disappointing to miss out on important events that have already taken place. Many travel long distances and pay the same so they should be able to attend all functions or be notified that some events are being done early so at least they can have the choice to arrive early if they choose. For the working people it is challenging but being notified early, maybe arrangements can be made so they can attend.

It is also amazing to see all the Volunteers that jump in to make all the different events that are happening during a Rally be successful. Some of the members do many various volunteer jobs, so I do hope all appreciate and are thankful for what they do.

The Montana Unit is now preparing for the annual Hands Across The Border Rally that will be held in Great Falls, Montana at the fairgrounds. This is really a Special Event that has been held with the Alberta/Saskatchewan and Montana Units for nearly 47 years! That my friends, is a long journey for both sides of the Border and is one we all look forward to attending. A thank you for all members in the past, that put great efforts in this event to make it special each year.

An itinerary of planned events has been sent out to members so we hope this one is as good as all we have had in the past.. PLEEZE let us know soon if you or friends are attending so we won't be surprised at the last minute and be caught short of needed items.

Before I end this next to my last newsletter, I would like to thank Carol Ortiz and her staff that put on the Region 10 Rally. You had a great attendance and certainly, some great planned events even if the wind kind of quit for the kite flying time. The food and planned entertainment was awesome, including all the volunteers that stepped up when needed. Thanks Carol for our "50 year" Montana Unit Membership in WBCCI award and for our Unit Merit Superior Award for year 2013.

Thank goodness for our "Group Therapy" times every evening so we can get in a few more laughs.

The Dust Storm we encountered in Mid Washington on our way home was a bit exciting, At least when the roads and oncoming vehicles disappeared right in front of us!!

We hope to see a lot of you at HAB "AND" see the Installation of your New upcoming Officers. Our general meeting will be held on Sunday August 31, 2014. Don't forget, this is a Buddy Rally, so, bring an Airstream friend or a S O B (some other brand). All are welcome!!!

Till next time, travel a lot and always be aware of situations that suddenly appear.

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New Members

No new members this month.

News

Anyone that will be attending the HAB in Great Falls needs to contact Tobe Green(RTobeG@bresnan.net) so that a head count can be made for reservations for tours as well as the banquet. [Click here for the itinerary.](#)

2014 Luncheons, Rallies & Caravans

Rallies

Hands Across the Border, Great Falls, Mt.- August 28-Sept 1, 2014

Alumafandango at the Seven Feathers Resort in Canyonville, OR- Sept. 2-7
[Click here for details.](#)

That's all for now. See you next month!