

**Northwest Chapter Newsletter Column
January – February 2009**

The Tucson ACA National was a huge success, thanks GREAT job So Cal. So many ACA members are in more than one chapter, officially I think only two or three were listed as NW members, actually there were 10 NW members in attendance. Al Knox represented the Northwest Chapter at the Board and first timers meetings. Thanks Al.

The NW rally banner was lost during the Branch, Senter, Muxlow transition period. We now have a new full color banner displaying the great Northwest snow capped mountains and the areas it represents. It was on the front of my coach at the Tucson event.

President Alick Muxlow must be riding his Harley and working way to hard, he recently had two stints put in. Lexus convertible fast okay, Harley fast okay, two Stint fast....not okay, slow down and enjoy. Let's hope this slows him down a little.

Put your hands together and welcome Frank & Grace DiSalvo, Don Cinnamon, Anthony Steller & Lynne Willenburg our newest Northwest members. Welcome.

Carita and I stayed for a few days on the way to the Tucson rally with Sheri & George Tomaszewski. After the rally we spent a few days with Dottie & Manual Vasquez in Yuma and are now staying in the Foothills near Stu & Karen Merlich's. Marie & Russell Trautman and Janice & Jack Donovan are also here in the Foothills area of Yuma. All of these people have a place in the Northwest and here in Arizona. I'm sure there are a few more Northwest members hiding behind a cactus or in the shadows. I'll try to seek them out and perhaps have an impromptu NW rally here in Arizona.

Our next scheduled Northwest rally will be in July at Blanchard, Idaho put on by Terry & Truman Bennett. In September another Northwest rally at Lakeside, Montana hosted by Janice & Jack Donovan and Jon & Karen Hoster. You and the Nor Cal Chapter and all ACA members are welcome and encouraged to attend. More about both of these rallies in the "chapter rally sites" and in future issues.

As you know we had an ACA West Coast caravan to an ACC rally earlier this year. This next adventure includes a caravan, an ACA National rally, an ACC & FMCA rally and a "Let's See New England rolling rally". Wha, wha what you say. Settle down we're not finished yet.

Carita and I are putting together an agenda starting with the rally in Idaho, to the ACC, Decatur rally, to the FMCA rally in Bowling Green, OH. We will spend the next six weeks exploring the Northeast area and end up at the ACA National in Columbus, OH. From there to Lakeside, MT for the Donovan rally. For Carita and me it will be a 5,610

mile adventure plus the miles and time we spent in the Northeast. For anyone interested in joining us for all or part of this trip, please contact me. Several people have already shown interest, it will be a fun adventure. More about this in future issues.

I for one am sorry to see EDITOR Sandy Gallop leave the position of Editor, of the magazine Across America. I have worked with three editors of the ACA “newsletter” over the years and they were all good and all added a little more and then Sandy stepped up. She hit a home run even with the curve balls. Thank you Sandy Gallop.

The elections and Thanksgiving are behind us; Christmas, the New Year and the inauguration and changing of the guard are ahead of us. We are really headed for uncharted waters. We all hope and pray, the country and world leaders can find peaceful solutions to our differences and problems. May GOD look over our service men and women and bless our country and this world we live in.

Travel safe, be happy,

**Alick Muxlow, NW President
Merritt Mosby, helper**