

## Northwest Chapter ACA column July - August 2009

Put your hands together and welcome the newest Northwest Chapter members, Lee Ellison from Calgary, AB, Canada and Tom & Patty Senter from Woodburn, OR. Tom is the son of the Northwest Chapter founding and first President of the Chapter Rod & Wilma Senter. Welcome to the Northwest Chapter of the American Coach Association.

Vice President, Terry Bennett represented the Northwest Chapter at the Texarkana rally. She said the weather was just perfect for this gathering. The West Coast gang shared their social hours, thanks Southern California and the Northern California Chapters, which made for a lot of laughter and comrade.

Congratulations to all of the new ACA National Officers and the new Chapter Officers and to the Membership Committees, the Nominating Committees, the Newsletter Editors, and all of the other folks that make it all work for us. There are many, many behind the scenes people that also deserve a big round of applause and a hearty "THANK YOU". Thank you also to all of the out-going officers and officials, we are looking good, because you DID good. Thank you.

FLASH - FLASH, check out the Northwest Chapter's new WEB-SITE. If any of you folks are considering a new web site or want to up grade your current site, check us out. Mike Campbell is the architect and his address is listed in our site under "Special Thanks" in the Documents area. [www.nwamericancoachassoc.com](http://www.nwamericancoachassoc.com) is the web address. Thanks for a great site, Mike.

By the time you receive this issue of Across America the Northwest Chapter Blanchard, ID rally should be in full swing. Yes, the rally dates are July 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. This column has to be in on the first of June and I'm writing it May 27<sup>th</sup> and so far it looks like we have fifteen coaches for the Blanchard rally. Truman has the pedal to the metal so they can get home from

Texarkana, to check the mail and see how many more registrations they have received. Yea, way to go, this will be a GREAT rally.

You *may* still have time to join in our caravan though to the ACC Coming Home Rally in Decatur, IN. If you have interest, give me a call or just COME ON DOWN or up as the case may be and JOIN us. We will leave Blanchard on the 6<sup>th</sup> and land in Decatur, Indiana noonish on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. We will finalize the route at a pre-caravan gathering at the Blanchard rally. We have had about eight inquiries so far; it looks as though we will have a good-sized group headed home to Decatur, Indiana. We'll break up into groups of 2 or 3, that way the early risers can leave early, the fast drivers and the slow drivers can travel at their own pace. We'll all gather in the evening, share our experiences and prepare for the next day.

After the Columbus, Ohio ACA National in September I will be leading a caravan to the Northwest Chapter, Lakeside, Montana rally. Jack and Janice Donovan have gone all out for this one, it will be held at the Edgewater R V Resort. The park overlooks the beautiful Flathead Lake and Glacier National Park is just short drive. We'll have all kinds of options for the attendees from Golf, the Princess Lake Tour, a ride up to Glacier Park, fishing and all of the fun stuff that goes with it. Mel & Ruth Savage will be making their famous homemade soup to share and us and some of their homemade wine as well. Mark your calendar for September 22 - 26, 2009 they are the rally dates. More info and rally applications are on our web site.

As Justin Humphreys says "I'm not into sales prevention." I think the Northwest Chapter should not be in American Coach dealer or service provider denial. We have two American Coach dealers in our area; they are, Jeff Redmond at Bucar's R V Centre in Calgary, [www.bucarsrv.com](http://www.bucarsrv.com) and Bruce Young at Olinger Travel Homes in the Portland, Oregon area [www.olingertavelhomes.com](http://www.olingertavelhomes.com) I have talked with Bruce Young and he says he will put their service department up against anyone's. They are part of the Camping World Group and he will locate the perfect American Coach for you. We've been asking for dealers and service in our area, now we have it, let's put them to the test and use their services.

Thanks to all of the men and women serving this great country in so many places and in so many ways. We also pray that the leaders of our country make the decisions that will put us on the correct path so that our kid's and Grand kids will have this great country to enjoy. Our prayers and thoughts are also with the management of Fleetwood, thanks for your hard and difficult work, may you find a successful solution to Fleetwood's woes during these difficult economic times.

Travel safe. Be happy,

Merritt Mosby,  
The Great Northwest Chapter President  
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