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Where does the T I M E go? Part of the problem seems to be that the next column is due before I receive the past edition of Across America the ACA magazine. Sure hope the P O W E R S get this one fixed pretty soon.

There were SIX of us American Coaches that caravanned from Reno to Gillette. It was a good group, a good mix with two first timers, YEA. Please welcome the two newbies with a big NW WHO-RAW, come on you can do better than that, yea that's better. Charlotte & Bert EMERT from Southern California and Dorothy & Erv BRETZ from San Jose wore the RED first-timers ribbons. CJ & Mary King traveled with Mike & Leslie Pettinger. It was so good to see Mike up and about and CJ even behaved himself. (told you it was good!) Oh did I tell you CJ now has a Harley Rack on the back of his coach? Yea I know. Then there was Carita and myself, we buddied up with Nan & Bob Simpkins to round off the group.

A BIG "thank you" to the Happy Wanderers, ya done good in this difficult business, financial and weather period of time. The weather threw them a curve and they had to move the parking site to a higher elevation, and it was still cold and windy. OH, the FOOD was excellent, good, no GREAT job in that department. Thanks!

We had super "socials" with the Nor and So Cal chapters. Thanks for the good times. Thanks to all for the good food, conversations and togetherness.

Mike Wood (the Super hi-end sales guy) from RV World in Yuma, was the AC dealer and Justin Humphreys and Tom McMillan were there to give support. Spartan was there with the "A" team, thanks again. Randy has lost a little something, although he and his "A" crew were also there. Randy H. is really taking this "Lean manufacturing process" to a new level. Ask him how much "weight" he has lost. Congrats Randy, you're looking good. A lot of good, sometimes heated meetings and discussions at this rally. I'll mention some of the high-lights and I'm sure there will be more mention of them in other parts of this edition.

- Instead of two (2) National ACA Rallies a year, we're going to T R Y, one (1) Super National ACA Rally in the middle of the country and two (2) regional rallies, one east of the Mississippi and one west of the Mississippi each year. This is due to a declining membership and declining member participation, high fuel prices and other related issues. Jim Graham has been named National Rally Coordinator to help make this a smooth transition.
- Fleetwood & American Coach Sales will NOT be participating at the FMCA Redmond, OR Rally in August. Randy and his crew are planning to be at the Canyonville, Seven Feathers rally and may be at the Redmond rally.
- There was discussion about the "pros & cons" of admitting the Revolution into the ACA. Bill Dettmer, the ACA National President has asked the Chapter Presidents for a pro/con list and some of them will be listed elsewhere in the magazine for your evaluation. Please let me know your feelings about this possibility.
- Later this year there may be a (mail in vote) By-Law change. There may be two items. 1. Allow the National Treasurer and Secretary to be elected from the general ACA population. 2. Should the ACA allow the Revolution into the ACA?

My computer went down so Carita and I decided to head for home instead of doing some of the National Parks in Utah & Colorado. We stopped in Blanchard, ID at the Stoneridge Resort to see VP Terry and Truman Bennett. We spent so much time discussing the rally, future of the Association and the Chapter, that kind of stuff. I completely forgot about the other AC and NW members that have a place there. See I am ambidextrous; I can put my foot in my mouth and make a dumb mistake at the same time.

We also stopped in Bend, OR and saw former President and Director Karen Merlich and Marge Ullman. Both very good and strong ladies, we had a good

visit. While there we also said hi to Dennis Snyder, Tim Jewsbury and Austin.

OH, oh, I'm about to get my hand slapped by Jane Lihou (ACA magazine, Editor) for writing to long a column again.

Kip & Bill Dettmer are having a pre rally to the Las Vegas rally in Albuquerque. It should be fun. 505 294 0564 [billdettmer@comcast.net](mailto:billdettmer@comcast.net)

Charlie & Gloria Adcock are having a pre-rally to the Memphis National Super Rally at his place in Arkansas in April of 2011. If interested give him a call. 501 278 6172, [gpadcock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gpadcock@sbcglobal.net)

Will Triplet goes to Alaska quite often. If you are considering going to Alaska he seems to be a wealth of information about getting there and after you arrive. 870 404 8946, [wtriplet@centurytel.net](mailto:wtriplet@centurytel.net) .

Dear Lord, please give all of the men and women in service to our country your safety and guidance. Please give our elected leaders the strength and wisdom to bring stability to the country and peace to the world. Amen.

Travel safe, be happy, see you in Vegas,

Merritt Mosby,  
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