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Alick Muxlow is still in the recovery mode from his recent illness. He says his recuperation is taking longer than he thought and he is now working 50 - 60% of the time. Alick, Please accept the Northwest Chapter member's appreciation for your leadership. We will thank you formally at the next NW rally you attend.

The Northwest Chapter elections are over with a 75% return. Thank You the past officers and committees for your work and dedication to this great chapter. Thank you Al Knox for doing the mailing, counting the ballots and certifying the results of the election. Thank you the members for participating and voting.

The new NW officers and committees are;

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Director,	Carita Mosby	carita@oregonfast.net
Membership Chair,	Leslie Pettinger	lpettinger@aol.com
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Welcome and thank you to the new officers and chairs of the NW Chapter. We welcome all member comments, suggestions and thoughts; this is your chapter.

V. P. Terry Bennett will represent the Northwest Chapter at the ACA National at Texarkana, AR. All Northwest members that are going please e-mail Terry and myself and let us know that you will be there. Terry will be busy going to the Board Meetings, First Timers Meeting and the Quality Control Meeting. She will also be hosting a Northwest Social as well, so be sure and let her know that you will be there.

If you have moved, added a cell phone or changed your e-address please let Leslie Pettinger know. We want to keep in touch and stay connected and need your current addresses. If you have a suggestion for a rally or something you would like in the newsletter let me know. Actually if you have any questions about the Chapter or just want to chat use my e address listed above. I'll be happy to hear from you and will

answer all e - mails.

While in Yuma, AZ we located nineteen American Coaches, found their owners and had an old-fashioned potluck and barbeque. We had it at Elly & Everett Beenken's place on 55th St. in the Foothills area. We also had a Northwest members barbeque at the Karen & Stu Merlich's also on 55th St. In attendance were Janice Donovan, Dotty & Manny Vasquez, Russ & Marie Trautman, Stu & Karen Merlich and Carita and myself. This is just two more examples of when a few American Coach owners get together great times and friendships emerge. Thanks so much to the Beenken's and the Merlich's for making this all happen.

We have two Northwest rallies scheduled for this year, the Bennett's in Blanchard, ID and the Donovan's in Lakeside, MT. They both are working very diligently on these rallies. The Southern California Chapter has also invited us (the snow bird group) to their New Years rally in Hemet, CA. Carita and I will also be doing a rolling caravan rally from the Idaho rally to the ACC "Coming Home Rally" in Decatur, IN. We will then do the New England area and end up at the ACA National at Columbus, OH. From there we will head for the Donovan's rally in Lakeside, MT and hopefully create another caravan on the way. More on all of this in the next Northwest column.

The economy is still in the toilet for most of us. Let's all pray that the elected officials will succeed in righting this situation in the next few months. Thanks too, for all of the Fleetwood and American Coach folks making their tough decisions through this economic upheaval. We all still have one of the nicest coaches on the road and the best service available anywhere. Thank you.

May GOD bless this nation and all of the men and women supporting it in so many places in so many ways.

Be happy, travel safe,

Merritt Mosby,
Northwest Chapter President