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May-June 2009, Newsletter column for ACA magazine Across America.

Okay everybody at the count of three put your hands together for Sandy Gallup. Yes Sandy Gallup the Across America Editor for many a moon is going to smell the roses for a while. Jane Lihou, will be taking over the position as the new Across America Editor. Welcome Jane, may you have the same success that Sandy has enjoyed.

Leslie Pettinger our Northwest Chapter, Membership Chair has been busy going through the ACA National Roster and found some ACA members that lived in our area that were not in our Chapter. She has signed up four new members, yea...Welcome Dennis Snyder and Tim Jewsbury they just moved to Bend, OR from Palm Springs. Kitty & Bill Wong from Calgary, Alberta, Kris Thorleifson and Denise Vollet from Langley, British Columbia and Aiko & Larry Alva from Anchorage, Alaska, have also joined our group. Please accept a GREAT BIG WELCOME from the Northwest Chapter. YEA WELCOME.

Our members have really been active these past few weeks; here is what some of them have been doing. After spending six fun filled weeks in Yuma, AZ, Carita and I spent six weeks just enjoying being parked next to the Colorado River, below Parker Arizona. We should be home in Florence, Oregon mid April. Alick & Trudy Muxlow are spending most of April in Palm Springs. Dottie & Manny Vasquez are still throwing those great parties in Yuma and will be headed for Oakdale, CA in May. Doubt if we see them at their place in Oregon this year. Tony Stellar made it to the ACC Stone Mountain rally. He and Lynne Willenburg will be at the Blanchard, Idaho rally and Lynne will participate in the Coeur d'Alene Fourth of July parade. Stu & Karen Merlich spent ten days in Mexico with ten other coaches four of them American Coaches. They will be leaving their winter digs in Yuma and head for Oregon and spend their time between Bend and Osprey Point. Terry & Truman Bennett have been in Mesa, Quartzsite and La Paz, Arizona for the past few months and head for Decatur mid April. Terry will represent the Northwest Chapter at the ACA National at Texarkana. Russ & Marie Trautman have been tooling around Yuma in their new 'Smart Car' and will be headed home to Wyoming soon. Sheri & George Tomaszewski are not acting their age. They have taken up Tandem Bicycling and recently went on a bike rally with forty-one other couples. I think the first ride was for four or five days and working with the elements; cold weather, the winds, 6% grades, up and down hill. Sheri says you really warm up on a three mile 6% uphill grade. Good for you guys, keep on, keeping on! Leslie Pettinger has had surgery on both wrists; it's all-good and she is now ready to "rally". Jim & Ruth Annan are headed

for Jacksonville, FL for his annual WW-2 re-union with his past ship mates. Jim says the numbers are dwindling fast and this year they are going on a Caribbean Cruise. Way to go and Jim thank you for your service. Former ACA National President & Secretary, Al & Barbara Knox are going to hang up their RVing hats and put on their Harley hats. Thanks not only for all of the efforts and participation both of you put into the Association, but thank you for all of the GOOD memories. I followed the "White Owl" many a mile and now it's for sale. If you have any interest in purchasing this 1993 American Eagle contact Al Knox. Another coach for sale is from Charter Members Jack & Janice Donovan. Their beautiful 2004 Tradition is for sale due to health issues. They currently are in Yuma and will head home later this spring. If interested; let me know and I will tell you how to contact them. There has been some discussion about who has had the most American Coaches. I think our members Nan & Bob Simpkins come near the top with seven. Way to go Bob & Nan, A.C. loves you guys, so do we.

RALLIES, yes we have rallies. The next one will be in Blanchard, Idaho at the Stone Ridge Motor Home Village, July 2-6, 2009. Terry & Truman Bennett will host this one and as you have read they have been pretty busy and as you know they know how to put on good/great rallies. The rally will include a welcome dinner, golf, Fourth of July parade at Coeur d'Alene, a craft fair, scenic boat ride on the lake and much, much more. If all goes well they should return from Texarkana near the first of June. Expect either an e-flyer or a mailed flyer by the tenth of June. Don't panic, it's all going to work out. Yes we have room for you and yes the Northern California Chapter is welcome as all ACA Chapter members are welcome.

CARAVANS, yes we have caravans. We'll leave Blanchard, ID on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July for the 2,000-mile trip to Decatur, IN., for the ACC Coming Home Rally. Rolling rallies or Caravans can be a lot of fun, hope you will join us on this adventure. We will arrive in Decatur on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July. For those of you that haven't been to Decatur, get ready for a good time. Contact me if you're interested or just join us on the way.

Carita and I are going to spend some time in the New England States after the rallies so that we will be able to attend the ACA Columbus, OH rally September 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. We will then head for Lakeside, Montana.

MORE RALLIES, yes we have more rallies. Janice & Jack Donovan, Charter ACA members will be hosting this one. It will be at Lakeside, Montana near Glacier Park the dates are September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. They have a full schedule planned. Two things, first I want to push the Idaho rally in this issue and not confuse everyone talking about both rallies, secondly I have run out of the space Sandy/Charlie will let me have; so, I have to

stop now. Sorry.

Our sincere appreciation and successful wishes for all of the folks at Fleetwood and American Coach during this tough economic decision making time. We're here for you. NO, NO that doesn't mean I'm ordering a new coach today.

Lord, please look over and protect all of the men and women in service to our country and guide the country's leaders to success through this difficult economic time we are going through.

Travel safe, be happy,

Merritt Mosby, Northwest Chapter President  
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