

May 1, 2010
Northwest Chapter of A C A
Newsletter

If all goes well you should receive your copy of Across America the ACA magazine in the first week of May. Still enough time to make it to the ACA 20th Anniversary Rally in Gillette, WY. Yea and welcome.

Carita and I bought our first American Eagle in 1993. A lot of water under the ol bridge since then. Many, many great and wonderful adventures, rallies, friends and experiences. Most of the "Limited's" and narrow bodies are now history. Many of the people we first met have moved on and there are so many new faces enjoying this life style.

Many changes with American Coach and Fleetwood too since John Crean built his first Bounder. Elden Smith and Paul Eskritt are both gone since the bankruptcy. Paul hired his old boss Chuck Wilkenson back and he too has since retired. We owe those three a lot, they were the architects of the bankruptcy/sale to AIP. It seems a win/win situation. Thank You. Most of the faces we have grown to know are still at their jobs. It's all good.

Many of the Chapters including the NW Chapter are having difficulty in getting new member involvement in Chapter activities. We definitely need wagon/rally masters and officers. If you have any interest please contact me or any of the current officers. We were also asked to host the 2011 ACA National spring rally. Everyone that I have talked to in the Chapter has rejected the idea. We need help, please be part of the solution and step up with ideas and??

Carita and I spent a few weeks in Yuma, AZ this past winter. We rounded up fifty something American Coach Owners and had an old fashioned "Northwest Social". Actually it was an American Coach Social with AC owners from all over. Mike Wood the High-line sales person from R V World the new American Coach dealer in Yuma brought out a new 2010 Eagle for us to enjoy. He even provided the brats and sodas. The gala event was held on 55th Street at Everett & Elly Beenken's in the Foothills area. It's always fun when American Coach Owners get together. If you get a chance stop by RV World and say hi to Mike Wood, he is one of the good guys.

We got to see Leslie Pettinger (NW Membership Chair) at the New Years rally and Karen Merlich (NW Director) while in Yuma. We also saw Terry Bennett (NW VP) and Sheri Tomaszewski (NW Treasurer) while on our travels this winter. I of course see Carita Mosby (NW Director) every day. Leslie is involved with several Chapters and is Western Director for the ACC, Karen is past NW President, Terry is past Nor Cal President, Sheri is also very involved and is also Treasurer of the ACC. I have been President of Nor Cal and the ACC. Carita is a three time first lady.

IT is now time to bring in the new faces and direction of the Northwest Chapter. Please contact me or any of the officers for your ideas and commitment.

Hey, another great thing about Yuma. A to Z, Inc. Yep A to Z. They can re-string your Day & Night shades at a very reasonable cost. They came to our coach removed two of our shades and adjusted the rest. They returned later the same day and installed the repaired blinds. GREAT service. They too are Snow-birds and have a spot at 13110 E 49th Lane. Carl & Glenda Lauterjung are the owners; their phone number is 928 345 2472. Ron Cooper is a brother in law and a worker bee. If you can't reach Carl or Glenda try Ron at 425 231 2657. Their web address is; www.atozwindowfashions.com . They do mail order in the summer months and they have an incredible inventory of parts.

Carita and I will be going to both the Gillette and the Las Vegas ACA Rallies. We hope you will join us. For the Gillette rally we will leave from the Grand Sierra in Reno, NV on Sunday May 23rd. We will travel about 300 miles per day, so we will have time for some sight seeing. For those that have not seen the Kennecott Mine in Salt Lake City, I strongly recommend it. What sights would you like to see, any and all thoughts and suggestions are welcome. We will make the final plans in Reno before we leave.

For those of you from Western Oregon and Washington we could gather at Florence before heading for Reno. Give me a call or e-mail me if you are interested. Hoorah, it will be good to see all of you.

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,

Merritt Mosby,
Northwest Chapter, President