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WOW where does the time go? It seems the older I get the faster time moves and the slower I move. However having said that, Yes, we have two new members. Please give Betty & Ken Tilley and Harriet & Artie Epstein a big Northwest welcome. They were at the Blanchard, ID rally and wanted to continue to be included in the fun.

The Blanchard rally! Yes the Blanchard rally, what a success thanks to the hard work and planning of Terry & Truman Bennett with helping hands from many, including Patsy & Alan Mosley. The Stone Ridge Resort is absolutely stunning with a Golf Course, tennis courts, miniature golf course, restaurant, RV Park and home sites. Dave & Louise Warburton drove up in their car and rented a condo for this event. Lynne Willenburg marched in the Coeur d'Alene Fourth of July parade, yea. All of the Fourth of July parades were great, including the golf cart parade at Stone Ridge. Oh and the fire works at Stone Ridge were more than great. Some of the RV sites will make Outdoor Resorts sit up and take notice. Truman really showed some of his hidden talents in the rock work he did on his site. And of course the walkway to the fire pit, it's all very well done. Thanks to all that made this such a memorable rally. Check out the pictures on the NW web site.

The Caravan although much smaller than we had originally planned was a lot of fun. It ended up being Will Booth, Nan & Bob Simpkins and Carita and myself. We changed the route a little since we had all been to Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse. We figured both places would be mobbed by the July vacationers. We did stop at Wall Drugs www.walldrug.com in Wall, SD and the Corn Palace www.cornpalace.com in Mitchell, SD. Both were very interesting and we were glad we stopped.

We also spent quite a while at the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, IN. www.rvmhhalloffame.org . Six Fleetwood people are in the Hall of Fame, more than any other Company. Two of the names I recognized are John Crean the founder of Fleetwood and Elden Smith the current President and CEO of Fleetwood. While there I met Al Hesselbart the author of "The

Dumb Things Sold, just like that". It's a history of the Recreational Vehicle Industry in America. It's a very good and informative read.

Please let me know if you are going to be at the Columbus rally. Maybe we can get the West Coast Chapters parked together and have some GREAT Socials.

LAKESIDE, MONTANA is the site of our next NW rally. It will be held September 22nd thru the 26th at the Edgewater Resort. Janice & Jack Donovan put this one together for us. Glacier National Park is just a few miles away as is Kalispell, Montana. Lakeside sits on the edge of the large and beautiful Flathead Lake. There will be much to do from golf, boat cruises, caravans to Kalispell or Glacier National Park, fishing and all of the regular rally stuff. If you haven't been to this part of the country, this is your opportunity. All ACA members are invited to attend this one. Give me a call or E mail me for the latest information about the rally. There will be pot-lucks, barbeques and sit down dinners. We have the club house available to us. It's going to be fun and your presence will make it even better.

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

Travel safe, be happy,

Merritt Mosby,
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