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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi everyone. Surprise, this is your Vice President writing a short newsletter. Avis is on a caravan in the mid-west and it is my job to take over for her.

First of all I want to thank the Alberta/ Sask. Unit for a great rally, as usual. Also, a big thank you to Adolf & Hazel Knopp for performing our installation and induction of new member's ceremonies.

Second I want to thank Teri Giau for taking the Treasurer's position and also Mike Giau and Ray Schmitt for accepting and being elected to the Trustee's positions. And, last but not least ALL of our members for their support this year.

A thank you goes out to Henry Shovic for his work these past two years as our Treasurer and Web Master. Thanks for getting us into the 21st century!!~

There is a new Web Master for our unit. Mike Giau has taken over and has some great ideas. We look forward to working with him.

Our winter gatherings will start on October 22, in Big Timber at Grey Bear Fishing Access. The next one will be Dec. 3rd in Livingston. The rest of 2012 meetings will be forth coming in the next newsletter.

Enjoy all the Fall weather and the colors of the season. Winter will be here.....

That's all I have for now.

Ron Green VP
Montana Unit-WBCCI

News

With another Hands Across the Border Rally behind us, our unit is looking toward the future for our survival. The loss of Dan and Suzan Wilson, who dropped their membership, left us without one trustee. Mike Giau was voted in as trustee to serve Dan Wilson's last year as well as Ray Schmitt, who took over the position from Rhoda Coleman after serving her two year term. Other changes were Teri Giau taking over the position of treasurer from Henry Shovic who served the last two and a half years.

One last rally will be held this Fall at Greybear campground along the Yellowstone River the weekend of Oct. 22. We'll keep you posted.

2012 Rallies

Spring Rally – travelling rally from Harlowtown to White Sulpher Springs the 1st week of June.

International Rally – Sedalia, Missouri June 27 to July 4th

Region 10 Rally – Hill Springs Alberta, Canada. The Boise unit has requested us to join them in a caravan to this rally.

Hands Across the Border Rally – Fort Benton is being looked at for the 2012 event.

Recent Rallies

HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

Another great rally by the Alberta/Sask. unit in Picture Butte, Alberta. A quaint little Dutch community about 20 minutes north of Lethbridge. There were 28 trailers, 4 motorhomes, and one drive-in all parked on grass around "Coyote Flats". This is a Tractor Museum and old western town replica.



The tour of the Japanese Gardens in Lethbridge and the Empress Theater in Fort McLeod were excellent. Got to view a couple of Charlie Chaplain movies and found great restaurants' to have lunch. The Fort McLeod RCMP fort was very interesting to visit also. At night the food, fun, laughs, games and bonfire made for a perfect four days. Even the weather cooperated. Thanks to all our Canadian friends, everyone had a great time!!

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Recent Rallies (cont.)

"Japanese Gardens"



Our caravan to Picture Butte was also great fun and a little interesting. Six trailers arrived in Shelby for an overnight at the Lewis and Clark RV park. A pot luck was planned with Bob and Connie Wagner supplying a special beef roast created by Bob and everyone else adding to the meal. What a feast!! It got a little cozy because the weather was just a wee bit cold so we all had to crowd into Green's trailer. Cozy but lots of laughs. Our seventh arrival was the Giao's and they got in around 10:30 after everyone had gone to bed!!

So, off we go to the border with 7 trailers and Ron in the lead. Sounds simple right? Wrong. The first two trailers to go through were pulled over, Greens and Schmitt's. After one hour and a brief search the Schmitt's were let go and joined the others waiting down the road. But not the Green's. They were taken into an enclosed garage, phones taken, questioned, searched and had to have daughter called to find a gun that had been taken out of trailer. After two hours they were released and still didn't a clue what all of that was about. But, Henry Shovic is convinced that his International expertise is what got both Schmitt's and Green's released. Who knows, he might be right!

Ron and Tobe want to thank the six trailers who waited for them for two hours that was above and beyond the call but much appreciated!!

KLEFFNER RANCH- WILD WEST FESTIVAL

This event takes place every year, the 2nd week in August. It is mostly run by volunteers. This year our members decided it would be a good community service project. Three of our members volunteered; the Giao's, Green's and Stapleton's. The work that was done was simple, Ron was put in charge of parking RV's, Tobe helped in the kitchen, Avis was sent to the office, Toby was in charge of the broom in the Barn and the Giao's collected tickets at the entrance.

"Reenactors at Wild West Festival"



The theme of the Fest is the West in the 1890's. There are reenactments of shoot outs, Calvary drills, an Indian encampment, a dance featuring the old line dances of the era and every one can participate. There is also a chili cook off, which Ron Green participated in, didn't win anything but had fun. The volunteers and people attending dress in period clothes and there are many vendors and other displays available for viewing. It is a fun filled two days and the three of us are going back next year in costume!! Anyone who wants to be a volunteer next year contact Ron Green, Mike Giao or Avis Stapleton for more information.