



# THE GEM



August 2007

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## July at Fort Running Bear

Submitted by Ann Lindley

The July Rally at Fort Running Bear came during another of our heat waves. Our dinner on Friday evening was delayed to let a thunder and rain storm pass by. It was well worth the wait as it cooled the temperature way down

Saturday morning we began a scavenger hunt. Mark Anderson presented each team with a small decorated lunch box (all items were to be placed in this box. Yeh, right!). The list of items to be found were written in riddles, so everyone

placed their thinking caps on and began the search. The hunt ended at noon Sunday. Dorothy and Bob Harkins (with help from Cindee and Trent) won first place. Phyllis and Jerry took second.

Saturday morning found the ladies cutting the fringe on the ends of fleece blankets and tying knots in the fringe. Thirteen blankets were made. Phyllis Voigt volunteered to take them to her Project Linus. This was done as a community service project.

Saturday night brought excitement to the camp.

Sometime after 10:00 p.m. the power went out. Next came smoke in the air and all kinds of commotion from Idaho Power. The power line had burned in two and fallen in dry grass causing a fire. The Park owners debated whether to evacuate the camp, but decided we were not in any danger. The power came on again about 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Those attending were, Mark and Sheri Anderson, Bob & Dorothy Harkins, Bill & Sharon Lawrence,

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**President:**  
**Peggy Campbell**

**1st Vice President**  
**Sheri Anderson**

**2nd Vice President**

**Treasurer:**  
**Earl Brace**

**Secretary:**  
**Barbara Brace**

**Past President:**  
**Faith Simms**

**Trustees:**  
**Jan Nelson**  
**Jerry Settle**  
**Barbara Lowe**  
**Charlie Burke**

## Region 10 News

Some of the up and coming activities for your consideration in the Region: National Pendleton Roundup, Pendleton, OR, Sept. 10-16; Autumn Leaf Festival Special Event Rally, Leavenworth, WA, Sept. 27-30 and our own Sun Valley Jazz Festival Special Event Rally,

Ketchum, ID, Oct. 16-21. Ann Henderson of the BC Unit has announced that the Olympic Peninsula Caravan scheduled for September has been canceled.

Some trivia from the "Oregon Streamer" newsletter: Maine is the only

state whose name is just one syllable. (Bet you are going to check this one out)

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

And to quote Joe's Jour-

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HOT, HOT, HOT – what a summer and as I sit here writing we are to have more of the same. It has been a very busy summer for us as I am sure it has for all of you.

We are really looking forward to the North Idaho Caravan, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. All of the slots are filled and there is a waiting list. A great group is making the trip and we will tell all of our adventures when we return.

I hope many of you are planning to attend the September 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Rally in Ontario. There will be an executive board meeting, our annual membership business meeting with election of officers for the coming year followed by the Installation Ceremony. We need 10% of our members present to conduct a meeting.

Larry Shaw has sold his Airstream and resigned his position as Incoming President. The

Nominating Committee is working to fill out our slate of officers.

Hope you all have a great “rest of the summer”, drive carefully and stay between the lines.

See you next month,  
Peggy

## 2007 EVENTS SCHEDULE

This is our event schedule as of this date.

July 6-9th at Ft. Running Bear RV Park

Hosts: Ann & Murvin Lindley

August 6-17th North Idaho Caravan starting in Grangeville, ID

Leaders: Phil & Jan Nelson, Ben & Peggy Campbell

September 14-17 at the Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario, OR

Hosts: Bob & Sally Straughan

October 16-22 at Ketchum, ID Jazz Festival **Special Event Rally**

Hosts:: Charlie & Betty Burke, Ben & Peggy Campbell

November 3, Harvest Dinner

Hosts: Barbara Brace and Dorothy Harkins



## 51st International Rally, Part 2

While last years controversial name change proposal failed to reappear the issue this year was the possibility of allowing owners of select Four Winds motorhomes to be club members.

The club leadership, after many years of declining membership felt it necessary to react promptly to Airstream Inc. announcement that they were discontinuing production of motorhomes due to declining market conditions. Discussions at unit level meetings and particularly on expanding Internet options left many expecting a challenging Delegates Meeting. Such was not the case as after a very brief seminar period the matter was voted on by Roll Call and defeated.

There was a somewhat unexpected element at the Delegates Meeting with nominations from the floor for Int. 3rd Vice President and Nominating Commit-

tee. Because the nominations were not known to the units when they made their decisions for those offices very few votes were cast for the floor nominee for 3rd Vice and realizing the futility the Nominating Committee nominee withdrew.

As you will recall at our last two spring business meetings the question of Club officer non-spousal titles has been discussed and a motion forwarded to Region. The matter was presented at the July 5th IBT Meeting and passed.

Also at last years spring business meeting we forwarded a motion to remove the very restrictively defined Canine Court. While the motion was defeated last year this year dog owners were allowed to park in General Parking by signing a waiver. Only one formal complaint was received.

## To the members of Idaho Unit WBCCI

The time is approaching to begin planning our activities for 2008.

The June and July rallies for 2007 have had only six or seven units attending. The Rally Coordination Committee would like to hear from the membership as to what they would like to see as sites for the rallies in 2008.

Remember there will be no unit rally in July as the Region 10 rally is in this month. We need sites for April, May, June, August and September. If you like to see the Harvest Dinner held at another location, please send your preference.

Please call me at 208-888-1229, E-mail me at: [travelers10393@netzero.net](mailto:travelers10393@netzero.net), or send snail mail to 1790 E Cadillac Dr, Meridian, ID 83642-6214.

Ann Lindley, Rally Coordinator

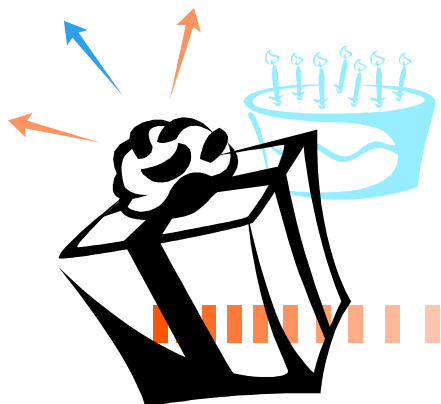
## SUNSHINE NEWS

### September Birthdays

- 01 Kelly Huit
- 02 Beth Clarke
- 08 Ben Campbell, John Robison
- 10 Donna Peterson
- 11 Mary Kneidl
- 12 Bill Grange
- 13 Bill Suggs
- 14 Lester Schmidt
- 16 Barbara Brace
- 20 Ray Petersen
- 23 R.B. Bernd
- 27 Clayne Wardle
- 28 Larry Shaw, Daneille Heuvel
- 29 Donald Yeager

### Anniversaries

- 11, 1943 Dick & Mary Kneidl
- 17, 1966 Bob & Sally Straughan
- 19, 1981 Donald & Laurie Yeager



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Murvin and Ann Lindley, Barb Lowe and Jerry and Phyllis Voigt. Trent and Cindee joined us for Saturday. This was a small group but we had a great time and way too much to eat.

Murvin and Ann Lindley, Chairmen and Mark and Sheri Anderson, Co-chairmen

**Ontario Rally**  
**Sept 14th— 16th**  
**Malheur County Fairgrounds**

**Friday, Sept. 14**

- 5:00 pm** Social Hour
- 6:00 pm** Hot Dog/Potluck. Hosts will supply the hot dogs (bratwurst, chorizo) and the fixing's  
 Please bring side dish or salad, table service and drink. Birthday and Anniversary people bring deserts.  
**After dinner we can enjoy the company and relax.**

**Saturday, Sept. 15**

- 8:00 am** Rise and shine. We will be leaving for the all you can eat breakfast at the Ontario Air Fair. Cost is \$5-6 ea. For the breakfast, we will be given a tour of the fair and the Jet Fighters of Mr. Merle Maine. There will be an aerobatic show at 10:30. If there is time we can look around at the other exhibits at the show.
- 11:30 am** We will leave for Lions Park where we will have lunch.  
**Bring your sack lunches when you leave in the morning.**  
 After lunch we can walk or ride over to the Four Rivers Cultural Center and Museum where we can browse at our leisure. Price is \$2.00 each.
- 5:30 pm** Leave for dinner at Matsy's Restaurant. Our choices for dinner are: (1) Sirloin steak, (2) Teriyaki Chicken, or (3) Chicken Fettuccini. Please specify your choice on your rally coupon. The meal will be included in your rally fee. We will also have a speaker during our meal.

**Sunday, Sept. 16**

- 9:00 pm** Continental breakfast furnished by hosts
- 10:00 pm** Business meeting preceded by Executive Board Meeting.  
 Election of Officers
- Noon** Leftover Potluck. Bring leftovers and table service.

**After lunch it is time to pack up and head for home. Have a safe trip home**

**Your Hosts, Bob Straughan and Bill Lawrence will be there to greet you on arrival.**

There are several 110V plug ins available so if you really need it, let us know. The spaces we will be using are \$10 per night. The first night is included in your rally fee. You can pay either Bob or Sally or go to the fair office and pay for the second night.

### Planting a seed

As has become our habit Betty and I went over to the Oregon coast for her Spring Break. I must say the weather was different. We had 2 whole days of sunshine out of 5. Not bad.

One of our principal stops was in North Bend, OR home of the Oregon Coast Lab Band. On Monday pm we dropped in on their regular practice. We got to see Greg and his new assistant Paul

work with some of the new kids and then with the older, Evolution crew. It was truly amazing to watch both adults and kids working with the band members sharing what they've learned and helping them grow as people and musicians.

I briefly interrupted the practice to present Greg with a framed certificate and checks totaling \$250 to establish the Airstream Scholarship Fund. The names

of those Airstreamer's that donate are included. Any future donations from Airstream owners will be included in the Fund to support their efforts.

Keep in mind these donations are to a tax deductible organization.

If you wish to participate in this most worthy effort, please send what ever you thing appropriate to:

Oregon Coast Lab Band  
Airstream Fund  
PO Box 1608,



### Malheur County Fairgrounds Rally

After their very successful rally last year Bob and Sally are planning another grand get together in Ontario.

To get there take I-84 to exit 374 just North of Ontario. Take the exit and turn left on to OR-201. As you come off the Interstate bridge and around to the left continue straight ahead on US30 BR or Olds Ferry-Ontario Hwy. Continue .9 miles to Fortner St. and turn Right. Take Fortner for .2 mile to NW 8th Ave and turn Right. Continue 03 mile on NW 8th to the entrance to the Fairgrounds on your Right.

Look for the signs and the other silver trailers.

### September Rally, Malheur County Fairgrounds, Ontario, OR.

Sept. 14-17, 2007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (N): \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Meal choices: Steak \_\_\_\_\_, Teriyaki Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Fettuccini \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this coupon together with a check for \$20 payable to Idaho Unit, WBCCI

To: Bob & Sally Straughan, 617 West Street South, Vale, OR 97818-1632

### SUN VALLEY JAZZ FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT RALLY

Oct. 16-22, 2007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St./Prov: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (N): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nr. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check for \$140 per person payable to: WBCCI

Mail to Bob Simms, %Charlie Burke, 2621 N Dayside Ave., Meridian, ID 83646-1630

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Locally, the Idaho Unit of WBCCI has traveled the region, exploring landmarks and points of interest.

Join us for travel, camaraderie and fun!

## Region 10 News...

nal in the "Washington Sound" newsletter:

"One thing for sure, if we could look ahead 50 years from now, we would see many changes. Those future RVers will probably program their destination into the computer system of their RVs, sit back and watch a movie on TV or read a good book as the GPS system handles the driving chore. The RV will be constructed from a graphite composite material and powered by a non-petroleum fuel. Airstream may be manufacturing RVs or it may be that Airstreams will only be seen as the nostalgic keepsakes of history buffs. But in those far and distant days, WBCCI will still be planning caravans and rallies. This club has for the past 50 years consistently planned more and better events than any other RVing organization in the world. This is the Club's greatest strength. We must never lose sight of this fact. Our Club is too great to be allowed to die."

## Newcomers

We look forward to the opportunity to greet and get to know our newest members. On behalf of the entire unit let me welcome you.

Les & Amy Harper (R)  
4509 Silver Creek Rd  
Buhl, ID 83316

Randy & Kathleen Harper (R)  
410 Grandview Dr N  
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Robert Hastings (A)  
8070 E Mill Plain Blvd #173  
Vancouver, WA 98664

Judy Medford (A)  
9101-182 Steilacoom Rd SE  
Olympia, WA 98513-6145

Returning Member:

Richard & Karen Howland (R)  
4351 S Craftsman Crt.  
Spokane, WA 99223



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