



FMCA --- Lewis & Clark *Thousand Trails*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this finds you all well and awakening from the winter doldrums. I see our members that chose to remain in the northwest for the winter are enjoying a mild spring. While we snowbirds in the Southwest have been having terrible rain storms with high winds every week and a half to two weeks. It keeps the moss on my back wet but the wind sure causes it to itch.

I hope you are all looking forward to a great rally season as are Marie and I. Our Wagon Master is doing an outstanding job recruiting hosts for our rallies. There are still a couple of rallies available. We have some members that have never hosted before and have stepped up to the plate and need experienced co-hosts to show them the ropes. It is all of us working together that make our chapter as wonderful as it is.

Once again our chapter has surprised and impressed me. You guys are amazing. In the first two months of this year you have recruited six new coaches (10 members) thus far. Obviously we have a very lively and vibrant chapter which is due to you, the members. Thank You.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our rallies this year.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The December 31, 2009 financial statements are now available on FMCA.com recently posted by Will Young, National Treasurer.

Membership in our Chapter means FUN and enjoying the company of one another when we meet. I think we have only three more FREE (FMCA) certificates left. Contact Ron Eggers for them, when you recruit a non-FMCA member to join us. He'll assist in the formalities required.

I will be at Lacy the first week of April at the Redmond planning session. The Redmond Rally (Redmond Rocks) is promises to be the best Rally ever. So put Redmond in your plans this August.

NORTHWEST AREA FMCA INFORMATION

The election to fill the interim term of office vacancy created when our own Judy Keppler had to resign due to family health issues has just been announced. Andy Balogh has been elected by an overwhelming margin to serve out the remaining term as Area Vice President.

The election of Northwest Area Officers will be held at the Annual Business Meeting in Redmond, OR. 2010. Terms will begin after the elections in April 2010.

The NW Area Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions:

Two (2) Vice Presidents for a 2 year term

Treasurer for a period of 2 year

Three (3) Nominating Committee Members for a 1 Year term will be elected at the Lacy meeting April 6-9, 2010.

84th International Convention Redmond Redmond, August 11-14, 2010 The theme is "REDMOND ROCKS" The logo is being designed and will soon be introduced. **Volunteers are still needed for this rally.** Volunteers will be allowed early entry to the fair grounds---SEE the LCTT Rally Schedule in this newsletter.

CHAPTER NOTES

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS [since last newsletter]

Membership recruiting is off to a fantastic beginning. With TT Palm Springs as unofficial cross roads for our snowbirds 6 motor coaches (10 folks) joined the Chapter. They are fun folks and will add greatly to our membership. Guess those "happy hours" and window plaques draw good folks. Your Chapter officers are carrying basic L & C badges and wooden model motor homes for you to welcome any new members you might recruit. The name drop will be mailed to new members once the financials are completed. We want to warmly welcome these folks.

David & Arlene Miller	F318544	Olympia, WA	Dolphin
Ron & Jean Lamkin	F408547	Vancouver, WA	Phanton
Ron & Mary Lou Schuchardt	F408526	Salem. OR	Safari

The following received a free 2010 FMCA membership courtesy of the Chapter

Doreen Pontius	F411815	Grants Pas, OR	Winnebago
Schar Olson	F413532	South Colby, WA	Southwind
Colin & Sharon Burckhardt	F 413628	Arlington, OR	Winnebago

Your membership may be in danger. Are you delinquent in paying your dues? They were due in January. If you are unsure of your dues status, you can contact, Roger Beausoleil, at 503-390-4753 / rogerabeau@msn.com . **You can mail your dues check to:**

Roger A. Beausoleil 7850 O'Neil Rd. NE Keizer, OR 97303

SICK CALL

ANNE HOLMS is well on her way to recovery from emergency gall bladder surgery while she and Roger were at TT Pio Pico. She reported by phone that she is about 85% recovered. They are in central California and anticipate returning home to Beaverton, OR in early April. We send her hugs and best wishes.

LOSS OF A PAST MEMBER --- LEE CALHOUN

We learned the sad news of Lee Calhoun's passing from his son, William Calhoun. Lee & his wife, Bev hung up their keys 3 or 4 years ago. They were good folks and we have missed them all these years. We always enjoyed their presence at our rallies.

Those of us are in Palm Springs, CA and were not be able to attend the services, but we are praying for the family.

Norma and I have some great memories from Co-hosting with the Calhoun's. Lee was always a fan of the chocolate goodies, and the ladies would whip up great chocolate desserts just for him. He said that you should always eat your dessert first, just in case. His wit, humor, and presence will be missed and remembered forever. [Duke & Norma Snyder]

We have enjoyed Lee's very good choice e-mails since they stopped coming to L&C rallies. He always sent only the best topics and extra special items. We miss both Lee and Bev. My last picture of Lee is with a huge plate of food heading to his seat at a terrific BBQ at Chehalis put on by the Snyder's and Bolton's. He was really cute in that picture with a pleasant smile thinking of the goodies on that plate. I remember sending him a copy of that picture which is with a group of pictures temporarily in storage up north. They had a Beaver coach, so we had similar ties. [Shirley & Bob Lindahl]

WHEN THERE'S FOOD LCTT FOLKS GATHER

YUMA HAPPENINGS The 2010 winter season began with a new location for our Lewis & Clark lunches. We now meet at the Golden Corral on 16th Street in Yuma on the first Monday of the month January thru March. We have been fortunate to have access to a room that is for groups and that is working well. We had a good turn-out for our January lunch, where plans were made for a Desert Trek to the Castle Dome Museum and Ghost Town. Four couples enjoyed touring the buildings salvaged from the surrounding area, learning the history of the buildings and the people who occupied them then discussing it all during our picnic lunch. We've had two potlucks at Cocopah RV and Golf Resort at the Joe and Irene Gavasso's winter quarters with the Ron and Janel Burger co-hosting. (Irene Gavasso)

FEBRUARY DESERT AREA LUNCHEON

Having out grown the dining room at TT Palm Springs some 30 folks gathered 2/12 at the Two Spring Resort. It was awesome to see so many LCTT members there. We even had some of the new members there (they were impressed). Two Springs Resort is a lovely park where several LCTT members have winter homes/sites. The jokes & conversations were full bodied and thoroughly enjoyed by all there. After a bit of discussion, Scott Siler asked for a straw vote as to who the Chapter wished to fill the Area Vacancy. Unanimously those present chose Andy Balogh. Special thanks to the Wiselys, T. Johnsons & Shaffers for organizing the luncheon. They even enlisted the assistance of 2 Canadian couples to prepare the delicious luncheon.

LET THE LEWIS & CLARK RALLIES BEGIN

How to Prepare for a LCTT Rally

- 1. Be prepared to have lots of fun.**
2. Make your own Thousand Trails RESERVATIONS, many folks come a few days early while many others stay on for a few days following the actual rally.
3. RSVP to the HOST for that specific rally (see their flyer).
4. Be prepared to bring your place settings and beverage to ALL meals.
5. Bring whatever ingredients needed for your potluck dishes; most rallies have at least one potluck dinner and a potluck breakfast. You'll want to bring dishes that serve 6-8 folks. Be sure you also bring serving spoons, forks, tongs, etc.
6. Bring your name badge, tee shirt (optional) and model motor home to hang on the rally rack at the host's site. You'll take it with you when the rally concludes.

Thanks to the members stepping up to the plate to be Rally Hosts. We only need hosts for **La Conner (July 12-15)** and **Bend/SunRiver (Aug. 5-8)**. Please call or email Ruth Harris at 503)730-5157 ruthiejerry@msn.com if you could be hosts for either the La Conner or Bend/SunRiver rally.

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**FMCA---Lewis & Clark TT
2010 Rally Schedule**

April	15-18 Th-Su	Seaside-----#1	HOSTS: Ron & Betty Erspamer & Andy & Laurie Anderson
May	13-17 Th-M	Chehalis----#1	HOSTS: Larry & Vicki Rasmussen & George & Audrey Rhodes
June	14-17 M-Th	Whaler's Rest	HOSTS: Jon & Nancy Katin & Ron & Janel Burger
July	12-15 M-Th	La Conner	HOSTS: NEEDED
August	5--8 Th-M	Bend/Sun River Pre-Redmond Rally	HOSTS: NEEDED
August	11-14 W-Sa	FMCA NW Area Regional Rally Redmond, Oregon	"Early Safety" volunteers go in on Saturday on the 7th. All other volunteers go in on the 8th
September	9--13 Th-M	Chehalis-----#2	HOSTS: LCTT Board Members
October	12-16 Tu-Sa	Seaside-----#2	HOSTS: Beausoliels, Petersens, & Shaffers

Lunch Gatherings

Desert Hot Springs – Every Monday, 11:30 am at Miracle Springs Resort, 10625 Palm Drive. Please RSVP to Marilyn Wisely at wiselybw@yahoo.com or 562-619-4113 [ENDING SOON]

Just can't get enough of LCTT folks ---other geographical groups are encouraged to set up their own gatherings between chapter rallies.

Salem Lunch Bunch – The 4th Monday of the month, 12:30 pm at Izzy's in Salem, contact Phyllis or Deb Bolton debphyllis@pocketmail.com or 503-362-2759

FMCA-LEWIS & CLARK Chapter Shirts:

Hopefully you have seen them, like them and want one. They are a powerful statement of support for the Chapter when we wear them wherever you RV. They are NOT required.

T Shirts \$8.00 S-XL \$10.00 2X-3X Polo Shirts \$10.00 S-XL\$12.00 2X-3X Sweatshirts. Three styles available, prices from \$20 - \$28 no zipper, 1/4 zipper or full zipper. If you need a pocket on T shirts or polo shirts there is an extra charge. If you want them now, there is a postage charge. The best plan is order them NOW and we would meet at a Lewis & Clark rally this spring. In any case, email or phone soon. Deb Bolton. debphyllis@pocketmail.com or (503) 362-2759, cell (503) 341-3830

ADVENTURES & MISADVENTURES OF 2010

ROGER & NANCY BEAUSOLEIL

At this writing (3-6-2010), Roger & Nancy have been away from home for 60 days. We are in Yuma, AZ at this time. We got to Yuma via Lake Mendon, Morgan Hill, Bakersfield, Wilderness Lakes, Two Springs and Palm Springs. We will start working our way back home tomorrow and plan to return to Keizer, OR on March 29th. We have enjoyed meeting new friends and visiting with old friends as well. We visited the Burger's and Gavasso's in Cocopah yesterday and are considering spending a month at Cocopah in 2011. Time is speeding by and we are well. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Seaside rally in April.

SCOTT SILER

Winter is almost over for us members who are basking in the sunshine down South. This has been a cooler than normal year. Also a wet one depends on where you're at. NOAA weather predicts a drier and warmer spring and summer in the Northwest, lets hope. I've met so many of you at various parks of TT. It's been a lot of fun getting together playing games, eating out, and even hiking the hills around Palm Springs. Also exploring on day trips to Borrego Springs, Salton Sea, Slab City, Crystal Cathedral and Knott's Berry Farm. And visiting relatives in the area.

DUKE & NORMA SNYDER

What a great winter!! No snow and no really cold weather since we returned from our Christmas and New Years in Florida. We flew there this time, and now we know again why we have a motor home. The temps have been above freezing at night, and above average for highs. Today, it's 65, and just mowed the grass for the second time. The trees and roses are leafing out, and it's just the 1st of March.

We helped Marge celebrate her Birthday in February, and chatted with Vanda and Wayne and Vivian. We are starting to prepare for our RV tour to Alaska, which starts in early June. We will try to work in a couple of outings before then to check everything out.

Looking forward to seeing all of you.

BOB & SHIRLEY LINDAHL

Some have been asking about us, so we want to tell you that both of us are doing a little better. Bob needs to get a root canal job on a tooth soon (Algodones?). His extra curricular activities include polishing the motor home and 200-mile motorcycle rides with a group in our park.

Shirley is on another ten days of antibiotic for Acute Cystitis of the bladder. The meds are helping the

colostomy bag situation, too, so there is hope! Her EC activity is taking in perfectly good clothes by the inches and Sudoku; also Skype via the computer. Her name is Slimline76 if you have Skype. Call her. Each of us has follow up tests with our oncologist in June. No cruises or special trips this winter, but we are planning to see you all at Chehalis in May, and LaConner in July. The winter weekly luncheons in DHS are going great!

ROB & GAIL VOLKENAND

Since buying a "winter" home in Lake Havasu City our travel has been limited. We enjoyed a brief visit to Yuma and met up with the group at the Gavasso's for a potluck. It was good to see familiar faces and get to know some new people. We do hope to make it to some of the summer gatherings.

DARYL & JANELL JOHNSON

We have been enjoying our travels since we left home on Dec.26. There has been more rain here but never lasts very long. We have been in Yuma area for three weeks and leave here tomorrow for Palm Springs. We have completed our dental work and I got new glasses in Algodones. We have enjoyed our visits with Lewis and Clark friends in Palm Springs and Yuma and attended the luncheons both places. The weather is in the 70 and 80's now and enjoying the sunshine. We plan to be home the last week of March.

MARGE NAPIER & LORI ZAMBRANA

I would like to thank everyone who made my 80th birthday so special. Many drove. I received lots of cards, e-mails, and phone calls. It was the nicest day of my life (I should know, as I have had approximately 29,200 days in my life) WOW!!!!

Lori is back to work. She feels much better. JCP has her on part time hours. She is hoping they will eventually give her back her full time.

ELI & CAROLYN HAMMILL

We are sitting in a Thousand Trails Park in Lotus, CA. About half way between Auburn and Placerville, About 1 mile from Sutter's Mill. It has been mostly raining, but on the clear days it is beautiful here. We're about 50' from the American River out the windshield. Lots of ducks and Canadian geese. And an occasional kayak or raft.

We came through the most snow I remember, along 395 past Mammoth. It snowed all day. Think we refried the almost GM recalled brakes. Of course they just put the same kind back on in Sept. One of our neighbors is on his 3rd set in 2 yrs. told him to have the disc brakes lubricated every 1000 miles. Good old Workhorse!

We are having trouble with the broadband up here. The signal strength is low and the unit needs replacing. It has been 2 days since we could send or receive reliably. Very spotty.

Move to about 20 miles South of Yuba City Tuesday for a week or so, then mushing north. Should arrive before the end of the month. Have a VA appt. on April Fools Day in Portland.

We are getting tired of the rain....will be good to get home for some sunshine! Much love.

GEORGE & AUDREY RHODES

What a beautiful wet, windy winter we have had. Last week it blew, thundered, then lightning and sleet, then the skies opened up, and did it ever RAIN. We thought sure we were back in Chehalis.....Debbie said we were not alone as they had the same thing at Toledo, WA., along with some SNOW, and this was on the 9th of March.

We are still here at Yuma Lakes, and will be until the 29th of March, and then we go to Desert Pools in Desert Hot Springs for 2+ weeks. We have to be home by the 28th of April, as George has an appointment with his bladder cancer doctor. We both have appointments for May 3rd in Vancouver, WA to have our eyes checked. I had laser surgery there and also my cataracts removed, so they are going to re-check me. George has been having trouble seeing, so we also made an appointment for him. I had a shot in each knee, one knee on Tuesday, and the other one on Thursday. After the 1st shot no more limping, and not as much pain. This is a series of 5 shots in each knee. It is made from rooster comb, and a combination of other ingredients. It is only \$600 a shot. They told us our insurance would pay 100%. Sure hope so. Because we are heading home, I am only getting 4 shots in each knee. They can be repeated every 6 months. I must be getting better as we danced at the Moose at the Foothills last night with all our Chehalis friends. There were 6 couples at our table last night, all from the Chehalis-Centralia area.

We have upgraded, so we can stay at Yuma Lakes all year now if we want to. We are coming down in October next year, and will stay until April, if the heat does not get to us. We can stay for \$100 a month. (but the upgrade cost us \$4,300.00). George got tired of moving, and we are not as healthy as we used to be.

NAME THAT CANDY

SAMPLE

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| 1. Bumpy street | Rocky Road |
| 2. Famous old time baseball player | Babe Ruth |
| 3. Happy Nut | |
| 4. Our galaxy | |
| 5. A funny laugh | |
| 6. Part of the name has a car in it | |
| 7. Indian burial grounds | |
| 8. A red planet | |
| 9. A trio of pals | |
| 10. Famous New York street | |
| 11. Pinnacle or peak | |
| 12. Employee's favorite day | |
| 13. Clumsy | |
| 14. Large good looking stud | |
| 15. Sweet infants | |
| 16. Little feline, big feline | |
| 17. The point totals in a game | |
| 18. Bovine flops | |
| 19. Super nova | |

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| 19.Starburst | 10 5 th Avenue. |
| 18.Milk Duds | 9. 3 Musketeers |
| 17.Skor | 8. Mars |
| 16.Kit-Kat | 7. Mounds |
| 15.Sugar Babies | 6. Camels |
| 14.Big Hunk | 5. Snickers |
| 13.Butterfinger | 4. Milky Way |
| 12.Payday | 3. Almond Joy |
| 11.Mountain Bar | |

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next newsletter deadline is **June 10th, 2010** Send information, articles, recipes, jokes etc. to Sondi Holtzendorff fulltiminglady@gmail.com or 3590 Round Bottom Road, PMB F363971 Cincinnati, OH 45244