Friday afternoon 37 coaches rolled into the Torrington Community grounds/ball diamond. Everyone was greeted by Don Fellows (parking manager) & some very nice fall weather. A very nice & functional facility with lots of parking space. A real surprise for such a small community. The afternoon was spent getting set up, acquainted & reacquainted. The dinner bell at 5:30 p.m. with the Hosts serving up "Chili & Buns". Great chili - need that recipe!! The evening was visiting, with tables of Mexican train & some cards. About 7:30 p.m. Tom Barker got the "Bus Races" set up & that got everyone involved. Elaine, Lillian & Carol were busy taking the bets. Funny - but when there is a competition with a wager on it, people come alive in a hurry!! Ha! Ha!
Saturday morning & the breakfast call was at 9:00 a.m. A lovely catered breakfast of pancakes, ham, sausages & scrambled eggs. Mmmm - a great start to another great day. Well done!! (The caterers are community ladies who volunteer their time & talents to the Community Hall. The six of them are all excellent cooks)! Following breakfast was President Bob & the Executive's time to hold the Annual Fall Chapter Meeting, which was attended by all.
The afternoon was open to sight seeing, visiting the local "Gopher Museum", etc. "Yuma Golf" & "Bocci Ball" tournaments were organized, which was well attended & heralded in Happy Hour at 4:00 p.m. More visiting & socializing until the supper call at 5:30 p.m. Again a lovely catered Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings. Included was a large casserole of cabbageless cabbage rolls. Yummy! Need another recipe!! Mike & Doris Mazur & Audrey Donnelly joined us for supper.

Hats off to these Community workers!

The evening saw the AWR musicians - Elaine Barker, Linda Bishop, Otto & Alma Pretzlaff & Carol Johnstone, with some great music & several pages of sing-a-longs which had the entire attendance participating. Well done & greatly appreciated.

Sunday morning this same musical group presented a half hour of Sunday morning Gospel music. Again much enjoyed. The breakfast call at 9:00 a.m. was another "highlight". A "Potluck Breakfast"!! Can you imagine 37 different breakfast items on the table! There was trays of rolls, crepes, cinnamon buns, fruit trays, casseroles, biscuits, porridge, pancakes, sausage, eggs -- you name it & it was there. Better than the International Inn on July 1st!! All this at the coaching of our hosts & by our great cooks on board the 37 coaches.

Following breakfast Sheriff DeHeer & Deputy Sirois presented their report. As Sheriff DeHeer lamented, 80% of the infractions are carried out by 20% of the people. For this they were duty bound to address these infractions.

Photographer Walter Piche settled/seated everyone for a group picture.

It was now clean-up time, pack-up time & "good-byes" till the next time. Safe travels & have a good winter & for those of you going south-remember Quartzsite in January. Again to our Hosts - Don & Marg Fellows & Ed & Marien Bull - "thank you for another excellent weekend". To the members, please step up & do a Rally. It's fun & very satisfying. And remember--there is help wherever you look!!

Respectfully submitted by Rita Jorgenson - F191002
**MOTORHOME INSURANCE**

We were renewing our Policy with a new broker & in conversation the matter of time spent out of Canada came up. After Aviva had accepted our renewal & informing us that there was **NO PROBLEM** with staying in the USA for 6 months. They came back to our Agent & informed them that there would be a 25% surcharge on our premium if we were in the USA for more than 120 days. I would suggest that all "Snowbirds" look into this with their Brokers to make sure that they are covered.

Further to that we inquired about our tow car. Our auto insurance is with Dominion & they have confirmed that there is **NO SURCHARGE** on the car as long as we advise them of the dates that it will be in the USA.

It seems to be a **GREY AREA** with the Insurance companies so I would suggest that we all ask the question when dealing with our agents & get something in writing.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Trapp - F358625

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Dave & Carol Johnstone - 58 College Park Drive, Red Deer, Ab. T4P 0M7
Terry & Nora Martin - 1137 Hillcrest Manor Estates, Strathmore, Ab. T1P 0B9
Gary & Dorothy McInnes - 5405 Sunrise Drive, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M1

NEW MEMBERS

Tom & Nancy Mackie of Sylvan Lake, Ab.
Dave & Jeannette Doll of Red Deer, Ab.
Bryan & Elaine Reynolds of Ft. Saskatchewan, Ab.
Harvey & Marilyn Ziegler of Cochrane, Ab.

WELCOME TO THE ALBERTA WILD ROSE CHAPTER

2012 ALBERTA WILD ROSE RALLIES

SPRING RALLY - June 1, 2, 3 - Harmattan Hall west of Olds, Ab. Hosts - Dave & Carol Johnstone & Derek & Gilma Russell


FALL RALLY - September 7, 8, 9 - Bluffton Hall, N. of Rimbey, Ab. Hosts - Keith & Rita Jorgenson & Gary & Marsha Fedick.

More info will appear in the Spring Newsletter.
QUARTZSITE GATHERING
For those of you that are traveling south this winter, remember the Alberta Wild Rose Gathering at Plamosa, approximately 5 miles North of Quartzsite on the East side of the Highway. Turn east & go approximately 1 mile. Watch for AWR signs. Who ever arrives first can pick a sight in the usual vicinity. The Quartzsite RV Show is from January 21 - 29, 2012, therefore some of us will be there the 18th or 19th. SEE YOU IN THE DESERT!
ALBERTA WILD ROSE EXECUTIVE FOR 2012-2013

FOLLOWING ARE THE NOMINATED EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT - Tom Barker  
VICE PRESIDENT - Dave Trapp  
SECRETARY - Alma Pretzlaff  
TREASURER - Betty Anne McDougall  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR - Bob Bishop  
ALT. NATIONAL DIRECTOR - Keith Jorgenson  
PAST PRESIDENT - Bob Bishop  
DIRECTORS - Eldon Dane, Derk Getkate, Bob Bishop

FOLLOWING ARE THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS:

NEWSLETTER Derek Russell  
WAGON MASTER Paul Williams  
STORES Linda Bishop  
SHERIFF Gerry DeHeer  
DEP. SHERIFF Hector Sirois  
PHOTOGRAPHER Walter Piche

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE!

THANK YOU TO THE PAST EXECUTIVE FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

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VEGGIE CORNER  
THE LITTLE CUCUMBER
1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day. Just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium & Zinc.

2. Feeling tired in the afternoon? Put down the caffeinated soda & pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins & Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.

3. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries & often used by European trappers, traders & explorers for a quick meal to thwart off starvation.

4. Have an important get-together & you realize you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe. It's chemicals will provide a quick & durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.

5. Need to freshen your breath & you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber & press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath. The phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

6. Looking for a green way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber & rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish & bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks & won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.
At a recent rally, a few members were chatting about where they like to park their RV's. A few mentioned they like the BLM land in the US. Naturally the conversation came to RV spots in Alberta/Canada. One member mentioned that he could not see any reason why Alberta/Canada couldn't have the same type of parking. Some of the smaller communities could set up a few acres of land in their village or town, have dry camping spots & put a 14 day limit on it. It would bring business into the area. Every unit would have to be self contained, full of water & empty holding tanks. It was mentioned that maybe Torrington would be one spot, but there is not a grocery store or a service station. Businesses in the area would have to be taken into consideration. Eckville has a small camp ground in the town, and probably has an "empty area" in town that folks could use. It has a good grocery store & service station also. This is something to think about as we tour this great country of ours. Maybe mention it on some of your travels to the smaller communities. Who knows. They might think it not a bad idea! One of our members has already talked to the mayor of Three Hills. There's the first bit of action regarding this idea!

!!JUST A THOUGHT OR AN IDEA!!

WEDLOCK

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment, only when the interest is kept up!

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GRANOLA BREAKFAST  {HEALTHY}

In bottom of any size pan place approximately 1/2" of Harvest Crunch Granola Cereal (or whatever kind you desire). Cover completely with Yogurt. Slice fresh fruit over top. This should be made at least 3 hours ahead of time, to let the yogurt seep into the granola. Enjoy!

{This was recently served at the AWR Rally in Torrington.}

Submitted by Berry Anne McDougall - F64925

FOUND

While cleaning the hall at Torrington, an Alberta Wild Rose jacket, size small, was found hanging over the back of a chair. If you are missing your jacket, please contact Betty Anne McDougall @403-227-1572 or gordm1@telusplanet.net.

BIOGRAPHY - BILL & PAULINE GUZAK

Bill was born in Hafford, Sask. He went to Langley school to grade 8 then had to help his Dad on the farm. At an early age he loved his music, playing the violin. Pauline was born in Radisson, Sask. & went to school to grade 9, then she went to Radisson High School to grade 12 & that was where she met Bill at a dance & 6 months later we were married, Nov. 27, 1947. We tried farming for a few years, then we moved to Edmonton in 1952. Bill started working on rigs for $.90 an hour. Then he worked up to $1.25 an hour. In later years he worked
for two different companies with better wages & in 1971 he started his own company, Crown Well Servicing. He started with one rig. As the years went on he worked very hard & increased his rigs to 18. He sold out in 2002 when he retired.

We raised 7 children, all living around the city of Edmonton. We have 25 grandchildren & 23 great-grandchildren. We are happy to have them here with us. We will be celebrating our 64 wedding anniversary this fall. Bill still loves his music. He plays for Senior Homes with his brother & friends. We enjoy our rallies when we get together.

Submitted by Bill & Pauline Guzak - F306392

THANK YOU

As many of you know, this is my last edition of the Alberta Wild Rose Newsletter. I have enjoyed this task over the years, but it is time to let someone new & with new ideas take over.

I want to welcome you to Derek Russell of Calgary who will now be editing the newsletter. Please continue to give Derek the support you have given me the last eight years. You can contact Derek at 403-201-4710 or derustle@hotmail.com.

Once again, thank you to all & keep rallying!!

Elaine Barker - F166340.
Have a Great Winter!