

# BLUE DOT DISPATCH

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## Presidents Message

Happy New Year Everyone ~

✚ I hope the Holidays were wonderful for all of you. I'm sure some of you are in the nice warm climate of the south ~ as I sit here writing this newsletter the thermometer outside reads 19° and dropping as evening draws near.

It's been a while since our last newsletter and I apologize. Our lives have been quite hectic since our business meeting in September and the months flew by.

✚ Since our last newsletter we had a rally at Belknap Hot Springs in the Oregon Cascades. There were only 3 of our chapter members present ~ the Biblers, the Marxens and the Mattiodas. We also had a perspective member, The Fishers join us. As of yet they haven't made a decision to join.

✚ We had our second business meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Pheasant Ridge RV Park in Wilsonville. Those in attendance were: The Mattioda's, The Fox's, The Brown's, The Wright's, the Marxen's, The Biblers and The Trout's. A quorum was established. The minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. The treasurers report was read ~ with a balance of \$592.98 in our account.

Future rallies were discussed. Len Fox offered his Canadian property possible the second week in May for a rally. I mentioned I would check into a possible rally in Topenish, WA. For early June. Upon checking with the RV Park, as of Oct., there were very few openings in June available. At this point in time we have **NO** rallies scheduled. We will have a pre-rally in August before the International Rally in Redmond, OR which will serve as one of our business meetings for 2007. The details of this pre-rally have not been determined as yet.

We do need to have members come forth to host activities and rallies for our chapter if we want it to continue. Everyone enjoys getting together, but we need members to organize these events. Please get in touch with me if you have an event you can organize. We will also need one more business meeting in 2007 to keep us a legal chapter. **Let's keep this Chapter going ~ please consider hosting a rally.**

As for the International Rally in Redmond ~ August 13 – 16 ~~ Our chapter along

with the "Northwestern" Chapter will be doing the Information Center. We will need at least 20 people from our chapter to work the booth. We will work a 3 hour shift. Hopefully we will get enough people that any one person may only have to work one shift. However, that all depends on how many of our chapter show up. The scope of our duties are: collect and alphabetize locator cards; file, sort and distribute member's mail; sell craft tickets, convention pins, and Red Hat Tea tickets; provide information about the local area and man the package check area. The GOOD part of this job is, it is indoors in an air conditioned facility ~ so those hot August days will be bearable!!

I will be going to the final planning meeting for this in April and will have to have a list of all our members that will be volunteers. I NEED TO KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE GOING AND WILL HELP. We will actually be going into the fair grounds on Fri August 10<sup>th</sup> with a mandatory meeting on Sun. Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. Make sure and send in your registration for the International convention ~ if you are signing up for electric (I highly recommend it) the sooner you get your registration in the better. As volunteers we will most likely be parked in the inner area of the fair grounds.

We will need to elect new officers this Spring/Summer. A nominating committee was formed which will consist of Karen Knowle, Annette Hamilton and Bob Marxen. Anyone interested in holding an office please contact anyone of these members.

↳ Following the rally in Wilsonville many of our members headed to the Monaco Rally in Salem. For those of you who have never been to one of their rallies, I highly recommend you attending one. The facilities were wonderful. The food marvelous and the entertainment fantastic! Monaco took care of 2 "fixes" per coach for only the parts cost. Also many of the manufacturers of various parts in the Monaco products were on hand to do upgrades and repairs. I think all of our members had a wonderful time. If you all look in the most recent copy of your Holiday Rambler Magazine – you'll find our former President Jim and Lois Brown's picture on the enrollment form for HRRVC. There was also a picture of our newest member family The Trouts with their grandchild having fun at the Rally.

↳ Please get back to me either by email – [ramblin.quilter@yahoo.com](mailto:ramblin.quilter@yahoo.com) or call me on my cell phone 541-419-0278 to let me know that you will be coming to the August Rally and volunteering in Redmond. I will need to get a list into the main headquarters in April.

On a personal note ~ Marc and I are expecting our first grandchild in June – a girl. Our son and daughter-in-law in California announced this wonderful news when the family got together at Christmas. Because of this and several other changes in our life and future ~ our time to be involved with the Holiday Ramblers will be very minimal. There is a possibility that we will be living in California for a good portion of the year to come. I have been asked by several of you to continue as President, however, because of the many changes taking place in our lives I will not be able to accept a nomination for an officer in our Chapter nor continue on as President. I thank you all for your support and confidence in me, it means a lot.

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## RALLIES

If you would like to host a rally ~ I do have information on sites that have been given to me. If you're interested, get a hold of me and I'll forward it on to you.

### International Rallies

Perry, GA – March 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2007  
Redmond, OR – August 13, 14, 15, & 16, 2007  
Pomona, CA – Feb. 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2008

## DUES

As of January 6 the only dues that our Treasurer, Mimi, has received are as follows:

Bibler ~ Fox ~ Hatch ~ Knowle ~ Kreutz ~ Marxen ~ Mattioda ~ Miller ~  
Robertsons ~ Savery ~ Trout ~ Wright

Dues were payable in January, \$10 for the year. If you haven't yet gotten your money into Mimi, please do so at the following:

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