

NORTH CASCADE NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

June 4-7, 2009

N. Whidbey RV Park
565 W. Cornet Bay Rd
Oak Harbor, WA
98237

August 6-9, 2009

Oddfellows Park
Camano Ridge Road
Camano Island

August 27-30, 2009

Rest-A-While RV Park
2701 N. U.S. Hwy 101
Hoodsport, WA

Sept 24-28, 2009

Installation Rally
Bridal Falls, B.C.
Camperland RV Resort

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Marilynn's Message

Awe Yes – Grandy Creek. The weather was again absolutely wonderful – in fact not as hot as it was last year, making it much more enjoyable. Although the number of attendees were “few” for whatever reason, we had an incredible time with lots of LOL (Laughing Out Loud).

Those who came to stay were: Jim Kolhoff/Sue Thompson, Dave/Deb Hagen, David/Marilynn Sams, Nancy/Rich Peebles (Buddies), and our Hosts: Sue/Scotty O'Neal and Karen/Jerry Gilliam.

On Saturday morning we had the pleasure of Wendell and Elsie Bonner joining us for our General Meeting. Due to health issues they were unable to bring their Airstream but we were glad to have them there even if it was for only a few hours. They both looked great. Thank you both for driving in so we were able to have a quorum for our General Meeting.

Of course on Friday and Saturday evenings we played games. On Friday we played bingo, which was a blast. The prizes were plentiful and everyone was so very nice to share their prizes with Deb Hagen who for some odd reason could not get a “bingo” no matter what. We think the card Deb played was fixed (or maybe Sue put aside a few numbers to make it interesting??!). Deb was a great sport and it made for an interesting evening.

Saturday evening was filled with horses, cards, dice, and nickels. Scotty (and Sue) made a race horse board game (and I mean constructed a board and made the stakes with the horses, etc). It isn't really a complicated game but when I went to explain it I decided it was too much to put to paper in this limited space. You will have to come to the North Whidbey Rally on June 4th – 7th to see what it was all about because we plan to duplicate it there also. It was just a kick. Everyone laughed and giggled and howled. What fun! We also had to wear fanciful hats. Sue Thompson's looked absolutely wild and fabulous with a hat of big flowers and a plastic martini glass tied with a bow. Of course she won the prize for the best hat which was absolutely deserving!!!

At Happy Hour on Saturday Sue posted all the (under 10) pictures. We all sat around reviewing the pictures and looking at each other. What a wonderful game to really get to know each other. In fact we are going to duplicate **this** at our Whidbey rally also.

Grandy Creek puts on a hay ride each weekend—a flat bed type trailer pulled by a tractor with hay bails to sit on. It traveled around the property to areas I had never explored. Quite enjoyable.

I heard that at the BC Fishing Derby you had to pay a “Loony” if you didn't wear your name badge. Well, you got off easy. At Grandy Creek I was sitting at the table with a napkin tucked into my collar (hiding my chest area) when all of a sudden David announced that I had forgotten my badge (and no one else had forgotten theirs). I wish it had cost me only a Loony; instead it cost me breakfast for everyone. Good excuse to treat everyone to breakfast (All you can eat Pancakes.). They all deserved it for the great teamwork throughout the rally. We repeated the same scenario on Sunday morning because Saturday worked out so well.

I want to thank everyone at the Grandy Creek Rally who allowed me to rest. I had run myself down and was extremely fatigued. For first-time hosts – the O'Neal's and Gilliam's – were absolutely wonderful. You would have thought they do this all the time. A great time for all and I sure hope they will sign up to host a rally next year.

So now I have rested some and am gearing up for the North Whidbey Rally next week and my departure for Madison the following week. Hope to see you at Whidbey.

Marilynn



Health Matters

For those who have not heard, **George Kalata** passed away on May 21, 2009, after an extended illness. George was President of our North Cascade Washington Unit 138 in 2002. We extend our condolences to Sandy and her family and wish for continued strength during this very difficult time.



Elsie and Wendell Bonner have been dealing with some health issues during the past few months which they seem to be handling with their steadfast determination and humor. We're depending on you to keep at it, Bonners.

Mention should be made about how great **Sue Thompson** is doing. It was really wonderful that she was able to participate with such enthusiasm (see picture below) in the activities at the Grandy Creek rally.

As always, kindly send information for the Health Matters column to Jeanne Sherwood by e-mail (jbsprn@aol.com) or phone (425-776-9829). Thanks.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during **JUNE 2009**

01 Anne Henderson	
02 Melanie Power	
11 John Henderson	
11 O'Neals	
13 Jack Lynch	
15 Sonia Nakamoto	
15 Norma Jean Howlett	
17 Joe Conrad	
17 Gayle Halliwell	
21 Hagens	24 David Hagen
21 Laurie Lewis	28 VanInderstines
23 Powers	29 Sue Thompson



BOX TOPS AND CAN LABELS

As I was sorting through all the paperwork in preparation for my travels to Madison, Wisconsin, I found my folder of Box Tops and Can Labels that I have collected from all your contributions. I realized that school was almost out and I had yet to get them turned in to a school.

It was foremost in my mind and everything came together in one day.

Yesterday a friend, Kathleen, (who reads at "story time" for the local pre-schools) and I were on our daily walk. A little boy riding his scooter rode up to us. He said "I remember you - you had the puppets and read about the King and hick-ups". It is incredible that she read to him when he was in preschool and he is now in first grade, and he still remembers!!! She definitely left an impact on this little boy.

We visited with him for a while and I asked him what school he attended and he said Everson Elementary School, which is located across the street from my house. I asked him if they collect can labels and box tops for his school. His eyes got real big and he said they did and that when he turns them in he gets prizes, i.e. pencils, erasures, etc.

Today, I took the labels and box tops to his home and gave them to him (and his Mother). There are four boys in the household (preschool, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade). Their Mother will divide the labels and box tops between each boy to be turned in before school closes..

If nothing else, I wanted to tell you what I did with the labels and box tops our Unit members contributed. Most of all, though, I wanted to tell you how happy you made some very special little boys.

Good Job! AND Thank you.



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SUE'S HAT
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RALLY.

May Newsletter Correction: Sue and Scotty O'Neal should have been included in our list of "drive-in" attendees at the Lynden rally. They drove in on Friday for a few hours. Since I was home working on rally things, they called to say "Hi", which was an absolutely sweet thing to do. I was glad they hosted the Grandy Creek rally and that I was able to spend some time with both of them.

NCW UNIT 138 DIRECTIVE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES MEETING

At Grandy Creek we held a General Meeting to review those items to be "voted on" at International. Those considered and the resulting voting percentage of our unit is as follows:

Amendment No. 1

Proposed by the International Board of Trustees

Generally this Amendment adds a Vision and Mission statement to the Constitution.

The Vision Statement reads as follows:

Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc. maintains its unique position of strength and visibility among recreational vehicle organizations as the recreational vehicle club of choice for Airstream owners.

The Mission Statement reads as follows:

Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc. is a diverse community of Airstream owners with a commitment to Fun, Fellowship and Adventure.

After serious consideration and discussion, NCW Unit votes will be brought forward at International as follows::

19 Votes "No"
4 Votes "Yes"

Amendment No. 2

Proposed by the International Board of Trustees

Each Unit shall be represented at the Delegates Meeting by one Delegate or an Alternate. The Delegate shall be a Regular Member of the Unit represented; the Alternate may be a Regular Member of the Unit represented or an Affiliate Member of the Unit to be represented and a Regular Member of a Unit within the same Region as the Unit represented. No Delegate or Alternate Delegate may represent more than one Unit at the Delegates Meeting..

After serious consideration and discussion, NCW Unit votes will be brought forward at International as follows:

23 Votes "Yes"

2009-2010 Nominees

The following nominees were presented for consideration:

International President	Tom Collier
International 1 st Vice President	Norm Beu
International 2 nd Vice President	Berry Heckensweiler
International 3 rd Vice President	Don Clark
International Recording Secretary	Anne Werth
International Treasurer	Myron Fisher

continues

Nominating Committee
Nominating Committee

Roy B. Bernd
Don McKeivay

Our unit unanimously accepted the slate of Candidates for International Offices as selected by the International Officer and Nominating Committee.

If you would like more specifics about the discussions that took place or questions related to the issues at hand, just ask. I will do my best to answer your questions.



Oh, Boy! Oh, Boy! We're going for a hay ride!
Scotty and Jerry are just dying for the show to begin.



Susan and Karen: "Isn't it wonderful when the trees leaf-out in the Spring?"

Scotty: "Really? Where? Over there?"

Cisco: "Honest, I wouldn't lie to ya. OOOOLALA! They're everywhere!"



Bonnors Bits—The Desert Battalion

In the summer of 1945 I reported, as directed, to the Army reassignment facility at Santa Barbara, California. The Army had taken over the control and operation of the three major resort hotels in the area. The sites were off limits to the public. The three hotels were used to house able-bodied Army POWs liberated from the European Theater, both Officers and Enlisted Men. This included troops from the western states only; troops from other parts of the country were billeted in similar facilities elsewhere. The length of stay was approximately two weeks, during which time physical examinations were performed, uniforms updated, reassignments prepared and interviews given to correct service records, award medals and complete pay vouchers. The men were fed in the hotel dining rooms, slept in their own rooms, and were allowed to partake of all the hotels' extra benefits such as golfing, tennis, billiards, swimming—both indoors and out— horseback riding and continuous transportation in stretched Chevrolets to and from town. At the end of the two weeks, the men were then reassigned to various posts. Most of the POWs had seen combat and, while they could not be sent back to fight in Europe (against the Geneva Convention), they could still fight in the Pacific Theater. With all this experience, and most of them Infantry, you can guess where they were posted.

During my interview, the interviewer noticed I had done this type of work while stationed at a rehabilitation hospital in England, so, because they were short-handed, he suggested that I be assigned to the local cadre. Hmm, complete luxury or more combat. Decisions, decisions.

The wife of Edward G. Robinson, the actor, had started an organization called the Desert Battalion. This group was composed of young women from the Los Angeles area. They were from all walks of life, secretaries, nurses, clerks, waitresses, starlets, etc. These girls were bussed to the various military bases in the area to entertain the troops at dances, picnics, get-togethers, etc. All functions were chaperoned and there was absolutely no hanky-panky. A large group from the Desert Battalion came up to Santa

Barbara every other weekend and spent Saturday, Saturday night and part of Sunday. We went to the beach, had outdoor afternoon picnics or dances, swam in the Olympic pool, went horseback riding, danced Saturday night and had a very good time. On the alternate weekends, the troops were entertained

by one of the major radio shows put on in the Biltmore Hotel theater. These were shows such as Bob Hope, Red

Skelton, Fiber McGee and Molly, Edgar Bergen and all with a well-known Hollywood guest star. Now that I was one of the workers, I had lost my plush bed and hotel dinners. Instead, I slept in a new barracks building across the street from the ocean beach, next to one of the resort hotels, and I ate in the mess hall, but I still could partake of all the other perks.



It didn't take long to make new friends who were also workers, and also not long to get to know some of the girls who came up every other week. We would stay in camp when the dances were being held and then, on the alternate weekend, we would go to L.A., meet the girls and,

by wearing a uniform, would get free tickets to the radio shows held at the Hollywood and Vine studios.

I often think back on those times and wonder what might have happened had I not become an interviewer, and I also wonder whatever happened to the cute little brunette named Jo-Anne who was a member of the Desert Battalion.

© Wendell Bonner #5424

That sun felt sooo good!



Jim Kolhoff

Karen Gilliam and Sue Thompson

Many thanks to **Sue O'Neal** and **Rich Peebles** for all the great rally pictures

Bigger AIRSTREAM WANTED!

Bruce and Joan Rohm are looking for a larger Airstream than the Bambi they've had for years. If you know of a **nonsmoker** wanting to sell a **25' or 28' newer-than-1999 Airstream** with a queen bed, please give them a call.

360-240-1309



WHIDBEY ISLAND RALLY
JUNE 4TH – 7TH
SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE

It is less than a week away until we gather together again. I realize that both the Grandy Creek and Whidbey rallies were scheduled close to each other, but time was limited due to the extra days I need to get to International in Madison, Wisconsin.

If you considered coming to the North Whidbey rally but procrastinated in making your final decision to come or thought you waited too long to make reservations – **THINK AGAIN!** Come ahead. We'd love you to join us.

But first, call the RV Park at **360-675-9597** OR **888-462-2674** and make your reservation. It is not too late. (**I found that the direct number works best.**) Come join us!

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Marilyn Van Iderstine wants you to know that the theme for the rally at Camano on August 6-9th will be

**“An Alaskan
Adventure”**

For all the guys who would like to participate, there will be a **beard and mustache contest**, so you may wish to start growing whiskers anytime!

See coupon on page 6. Please send the information ASAP to Marilyn VanIderstine.

**WHIDBEY ISLAND
CONTEST**
“UNDER-THE-AGE-OF-TEN PICTURES”
SATURDAY HAPPY HOUR

Bring a picture of yourself at the age of 10 or younger. Make sure you put your name on the back of the picture. Give it to Marilyn Sams (concealed in some way so no one else sees it) by no later than noon on Saturday.

At Happy Hour on Saturday all the pictures will be posted and identified with numbers. You will be given a form with the numbers and your job will be to put the correct name by the appropriate number. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the end of Happy Hour.

At the Grandy Creek rally the O'Neals introduced us to this contest. It was actually quite comical to watch as everyone looked at pictures and then at each other with such close attention to every detail. It is interesting how we don't pay attention to all those "details" until it becomes necessary.

Because David and I forgot our pictures and it looks like those attending the North Whidbey rally will be largely a different group than those who attended the Grandy Creek Rally, we decided to do it again!!! Maybe this time David and I can remember our pictures. Jim and Sue, and Rich and Nancy might wish to bring different pictures, but it is not necessary. The one's they brought were very misleading.

Driving Directions to the North Whidbey RV Park

From I-5 take exit 230 and go west on Hwy 20. Take the Oak Harbor/Deception Pass exit.

North Whidbey RV Park is located one mile south of the Deception Pass Bridge on Hwy 20.

From the north, turn left on Cornet Bay Road at the stop light near the main entrance to Deception Pass State Park. About one block on the right is the entrance to the RV Park. The address is

565 W. Cornet Bay Road

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

For Information 360-675-9597

Reservations Only 888-462-2674

www.northwhidbeyrvpark.com

Rest-A-While RV Park August 28-August 30, 2009 2701 North US Hwy 101 Hoodsport, WA 98548

The hosts (Jim and Sue) need to know how many are planning to attend this rally. They will need a final count by July 15th.

Please notify Jim/Sue by e-mail

kolhoffthompson@aol.com or

phone **360-297-2013**

to make your reservations.

(Do not contact the resort individually).

We have reserved the spaces along the waterfront. Check out restawhile.com. This is an awesome place.

See R.V. Park Map next page.

CAMANO ISLAND RALLY August 6–9, 2009

If you plan to attend this rally, please email Marilyn VanDerstine saltayer@saltayrebythesea.com

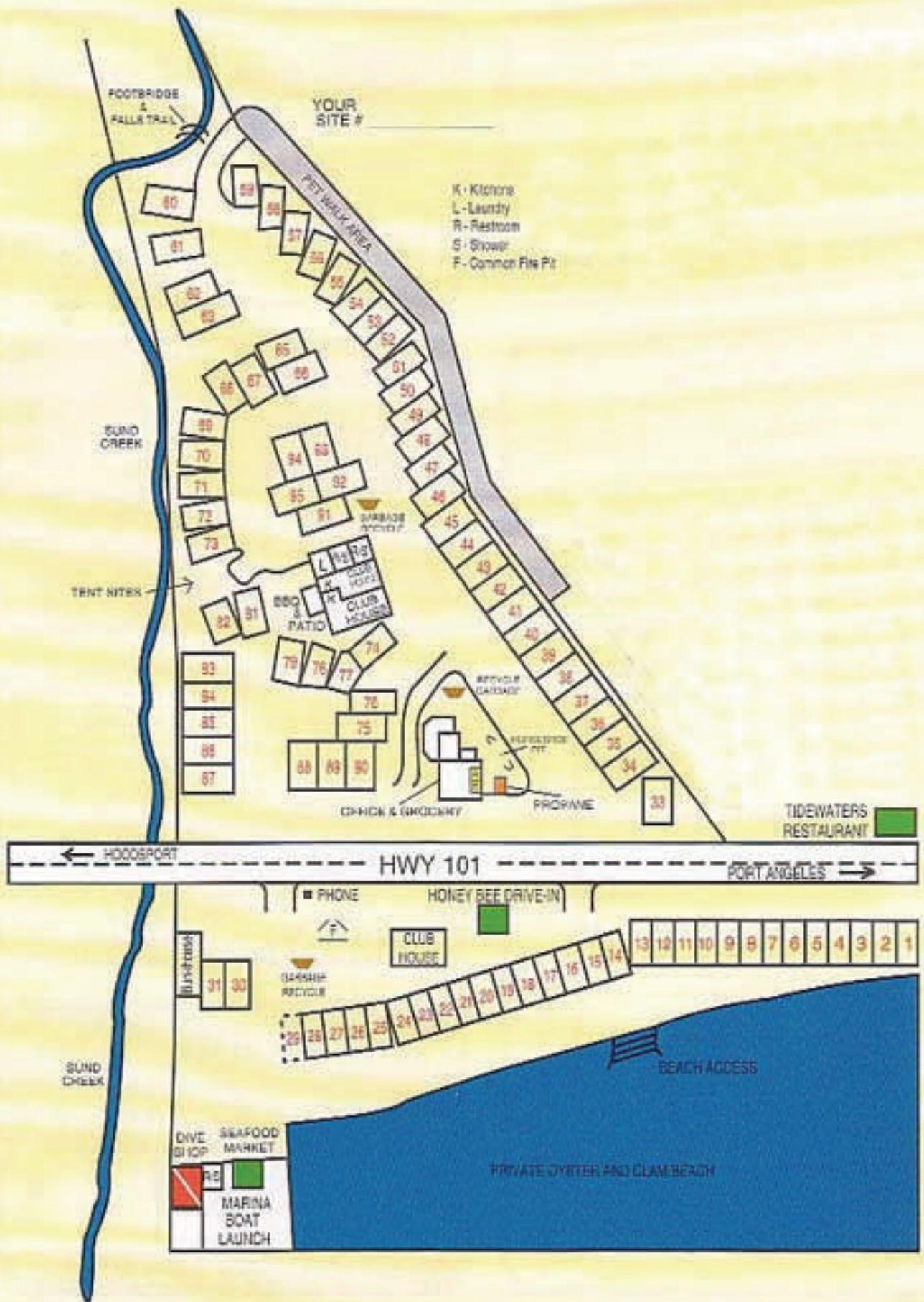
or call **604.535.1688**

with the following information.

Name _____

Number in party _____

When arriving _____



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
NORTH WHIDBEY R.V. PARK, 565 W. Cornet Bay Rd., Oak Harbor, WA
June 4th (Thurs) to June 7th (Sun)
RALLY HOSTS: Marilyn & David Sams and Nancy & Rich Peebles

THURSDAY June 4th Arrive

4:00 pm Happy Hour (outside, weather permitting—otherwise in clubhouse)

Dinner on your own

7-10 pm Games and Visiting In Clubhouse (on your own)

FRIDAY June 5th

8-9 am Coffee - and muffins/rolls

▶▶▶ Pay rally fees to Jim Kolhoff (today or Saturday)

Lunch on your own

Explore on your own

4:00 pm Happy Hour (outside, weather permitting—otherwise in clubhouse)

▶▶▶ Do you have a special talent you wish to share with others?

6:00 pm Potluck

▶▶▶ **Bring a Hot and a Cold dish** to share. Also bring your own beverage of choice, plate, utensils, and napkins.

7:30 pm **Game:** Deal or No Deal

▶▶▶ Earn Airstream Dollars!

8:00 pm Dessert - provided

SATURDAY June 6th

8-9 am Coffee - and muffins/rolls

▶▶▶ Pay rally fees to Jim Kolhoff (must be paid today)

Lunch on your own

Explore on your own

4:00 pm Happy Hour (outside, weather permitting—otherwise in clubhouse)

▶▶▶ CONTEST (“UNDER-THE-AGE-OF-TEN PICTURES”) - see article

6:00 pm Dinner -

▶▶▶ **Bring your Barbecue and meat to cook and leftovers from Friday's Dinner. Baked potatoes, butter, and sour cream will be provided by the club. Bring your own beverage of choice, plate, utensils, and napkins.**

7:30 pm **Game:** IT'S THE KENTUCKY DERBY HORSE RACE!

▶▶▶ Bring a roll of nickels (Nickel rolls will be available for purchase in U.S. Funds)

8:00 pm Dessert- provided

SUNDAY June 7th

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast - Egg McMuffins - The Airstream Way!

GOING TO MADISON FOR INTERNATIONAL

Next week I am off to Whidbey Island for our next rally and then on June 11th, I leave for Madison, Wisconsin for International. I will be gone for a few days less than a month – a few days traveling to Madison, three weeks in Madison at the wonderful Clarion Suites Hotel, and a few days traveling home– WOW!! That's a lot of time away from home (and David), and a lot of TV Dinners to put in the freezer for David to eat while I am gone (like that is going to happen!).

Carol Ortiz from the Washington Unit and I will be traveling together in Carol's vehicle. Carol is the Choir Director for the Rally, doing keyboard for the Rally Dance Band, and will be an early worker (Registration). She is so very accomplished and dedicated.

Not me!!!! I will be doing nothing but sitting by the pool in the sun soaking up some rays. Ha!!! I have been accepted as an early worker in the Message Center and I will help Carol as best as I can.

The main thing I will be doing when I first get to Madison is to complete the final touches on our bulletin board for which I am again attempting to get some kind of recognition for our unit. I sent the actual board with someone from the Washington Unit but hadn't completed it.

The reason I am telling you all this is because the July newsletter will be developed from "on the road" notes during my time away. I warned Jeanne Sherwood that I would be sending her daily e-mails (if I have wi-fi) to give her a blow by blow of my days and any pictures I have taken that are worth sharing. It was Jeanne's idea to put them together in a more interesting format and to include all that input in our July newsletter – or it may be the majority of the newsletter. We will see.

So I will take all of you along with me as I travel. Stay with me – I am sure it will be Great Fun!!!

2009 NCW Unit 138 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

June 4-7, 2009 (Thursday thru Sunday)

Location: North Whidbey R.V. Park, 565 W. Cornet Bay Rd. Oak Harbor

Hosts: Sams and Peebles



June 28 – July 6, 2009—52nd International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin

August 6-9, 2009 (Thursday thru Sunday)

Location: Camano Island Odd Fellows Park,
Camano Ridge Rd., Camano Island

Hosts: VanInderstines and Lewises



August 27-30, 2009 (Thursday thru Sunday)

Location: Rest-A-While R.V. Park, 2701 North U.S. Hwy 101 Hoodsporn

Hosts: Kolhoff/Thompson



September 24-28, 2009 (Thursday thru Monday)

49TH Parallel Joint Installation Rally

Location: Camperland RV Resort, Bridal Falls, B.C.

Hosts: Matches

