



# The Road Runner



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## President's Message



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### To the members:

- Thanks for your support and attendance at the Rallies
- Contributions to the Newsletter are appreciated.
- The web link for the club is: [www.chinookrvclub.com](http://www.chinookrvclub.com)

*We just got back from a wonderful Annual Rally. I would like to thank Carol & Ray Skillings and everyone that made it so successful. We have very exciting years ahead of us. So many have come forward to offer hosting an Annual Rally and/or a Mini Rally. It gives us real pleasure to see so many new people interested in sharing their favorite places with us. Watch for information about these Rallies from "CB" Davis, VP of Rallies. Thank you, CB, from all of us.*

*I would like to thank Jerry Earley for three years of service. I look forward to working with him as he assumes the roll of Immediate Past President.*

*I would like to thank a few others that make our club run smoothly:*

*Jane Earley for assuming the role of Secretary; Barry Prentice for accepting the appointment of Parliamentarian and Carol Skillings for accepting the appointment of Historian; Kelli Scheese, VP of Membership: as above, "CB" Davis, VP of Rallies and of course, Bert Wall our Treasurer.*

*We are looking forward to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally next September at*

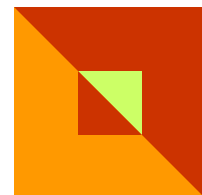
*Lake Tahoe, hosted by Jerry and Lynne Lasarow.*

*I would encourage all of you to share your suggestions and/or comments with us. After all, you are the "Club".*

*The Treasurer asked me to remind everyone, the dues are due October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Marta Newcomb-Wall**

*September 10, 2008*





**Yellowstone National Park**  
**September 20th-24th, 2008**

**Fifth**  
**Annual Rally Pictures**





# Photo Gallery 1



Pictures courtesy of Bob and Barbara Diehl



## Photo Gallery 2





## Photo Gallery 3







## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chinook RV Club**

Held August 21, 2008 at West Yellowstone, MT

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by President Jerry Earley. Everyone was welcomed.

The following board members were present: Jerry Earley, President; Bert Wall, Treasurer; Marta Newcomb-Wall, Secretary; CB Davis, VP - Rallies; Kelli Scheese, VP - Membership; and Al Enriquez, Member At Large.

In addition to the Members of the Board, five guests from the general membership were also present.

There being no old business, the meeting continued with reports from the board members as follows:

### **VP – Rallies:-CB Davis**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally will be held in Lake Tahoe in September, 2009. Date to be announced. It will be hosted by Jerry and Lynn Lasarow, who live in the area. It will be held during the week, as weekend rates in the RV Park are very expensive. The Club will reserve 30 sites, and the Rally will include an activity on the lake. The cost will be about the same as this year's Annual Rally. The original site, Quincy, CA may be the site for a future mini rally.

Bert and Marta Wall, who have hosted the last five Pahrump-Death Valley Rallies are “retiring” from this hosting gig, so the Club is looking for another Member(s) to take over the hosting task.

Lena and Barry Prentice have sold their site at Tiger Run and are likewise “retiring” from hosting mini-rallies there. However they have volunteered to host the 2010 Annual Rally there.

There is a possibility that a mini rally may be hosted by Barbara Jensen and Jane Earley at Chula Vista in April 2009.

Lynn and Marian Ewer have expressed an interest in hosting a mini rally in the Canyon lands and Moab area in 2009. CB will follow up and get more information.

Mike Urain from the Russ Dean Family RV Center in Pasco, WA, arrives tomorrow for the tech discussion. They have paid for his transportation and we are paying for his lodging. He is a Master Certified Technician that has worked at the Trailwagons - Chinook factory.

### **VP – Membership - Kelli Scheese**

. . . . reported that the current membership is 86. We also have some new members signing up at this event.

### **Secretary - Marta Newcomb-Wall**

. . . . announced that the Minutes of last year's Annual Meeting are available for anyone who hasn't received them or had the opportunity to read them.

### **Member At Large - Al Enriquez**

Al stated that he has kept in touch with Gary Lukehart and thinks a mini rally at the Lukehart Ranch would be nice. It could include a potluck and possibly a dinner at the Elks Club.





There followed a discussion about the possibility of having our 10<sup>th</sup> annual rally there in 2013. Al volunteered to work on it.

**Treasurer - Bert Wall**

. . . . stated that we are financially sound. He will have a more complete report after all the bills are paid for this annual meeting.

**New Business:**

The question of refunds for late cancellations for rallies was discussed. It was decided that the host of the rally would decide on the deadline for refunds. The deadline will be included with the information about the rally.

It was suggested that the club send a card to Roy and Gwen Elf after Roy's recent surgery. Marta will do that.

Jerry noted that there will be two open positions to be filled on the Board of Directors. The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers:

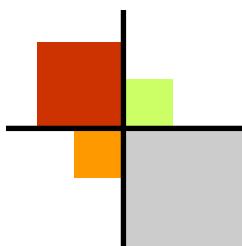
**President-Marta Newcomb-Wall**

**Secretary-Jane Earley**

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.

It was the opinion of the Board that this conference room is too small for the Annual Meeting. It was decided to move the Annual Meeting to Bullwinkle's on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.







## **Minutes of the 5th Annual Meeting**

Held August 23, 2008 West Yellowstone, MT

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Earley at 12:50 pm at Bullwinkle's Restaurant in West Yellowstone, MT.

President Earley welcomed the 48 Members present as well as visitors. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming performance of "Hello Dolly" at the Playmill Theatre starting at 5:30 that evening.

He then thanked the Russ Dean Family RV Center for sending Mike Urain to lead our tech session. (They paid for Mike's transportation and the club paid for his lodging.)

Mike's participation in the tech session was a huge success and was appreciated by all. We are looking forward to continuing this co-operative effort in the future.

As the first order of "Old Business" it was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Club Treasurer, Bert Wall, reported that after all expenses were paid, the Club had a balance of \$3,000. He reminded the membership that the dues are due October 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Vice-president Rallies, "CB" Davis, thanked Mike Urain for his participation in our rally. She then gave a report on our future rallies as follows:

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally will be held at Lake Tahoe the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It will be held during the week, since the weekend rates are so much more expensive. It will be hosted by Jerry and Lynn Lasarow. The cost will be about the same as this rally.

The 2013 Annual Rally will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. CB gave a short history of the club for our newer members. Al Enriquez has kept in touch with the Lukeharts. He and CB will work on having our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rally at the Lukeharts, in the Yakima area.

Barry and Lena Prentice have sold their Site at Tiger Run, so they don't plan to host any more mini rallies at there, however they would like to do an Annual Rally there. The date is to be determined, but is likely to be in September 2010.

Bert and Marta Wall have hosted the Pahrump Death Valley Mini rally for the past 5 years and hope that someone else will step forward and host it in the future.

Quincy, CA, near Reno may be a mini rally. It would be hosted by Jan Olmsted, Kathy Bailey, and Jim and Janice Still.

Chula Vista may be the site for a mini rally hosted by Barbara Jensen and Jane Earley. Many members wanted it to be the site of an annual rally once again.

Lynn and Marian Ewer are interested in hosting a mini rally in their favorite area Canyon Lands and Moab, UT. CB will contact them for more information.

CB then encouraged the members to host a mini rally, in their favorite area. She let them know there is a lot of help available.

Barbara Diehl spoke of the Dallas-Ft Worth area and the many attractions there. Carol Bennett mentioned the San Antonio area and its many attractions,





Vice President Membership, Kelli Scheese, reported that we have 86 (Coach) Members and 3 Associate (Coach) Members.

Al Enriquez, Board of Directors Member at Large, and his wife Lucy, sang a song Al wrote about this rally . They followed up with the song Al wrote about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rally.

Jerry Earley thanked the Board for their co-operation and accommodations over the past 3 years.

He announced that we have two positions to fill. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate:

**For the Office of President: Marta Newcomb-Wall**

**For the Office of Secretary: Jane Earley**

There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and carried to accept the nominating committee's slate of candidates for office. The new Officers were elected by acclamation.

Marta thanked Jerry for his service the past three years and presented him with an engraved gavel for his service as Club President.

Marta thanked everyone for making our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally so enjoyable . She is looking forward to getting to know all the new members.

Marta also told the members that Roy Elf had some serious surgery. She will send a card from the club wishing him a speedy recovery.

A "Thank You" Gift Certificate to their favorite Restaurant will be sent to Ray and Carol Skillings in appreciation for the time and effort they spent putting on this Rally.

In her new capacity as president, Marta made two appointments for her term in office:

**Historian: Carol Skillings**

**Parliamentarian: Barry Prentice**







# THE CHINOOK SONG

(OPUS THREE)

*BY AL ENRIQUEZ*

WE ARE HAPPY RV'ERS  
WE SELDOM GET SHOOK  
AND OF ALL OUR POSSESSIONS  
WE LOVE OUR CHINOOK

WE TRAVEL THE HIGHWAYS  
WITH NO CARES TO BEAR  
WHEN WE STOP AND HOOK UP  
MOST PEOPLE STARE

THEY GATHER AROUND  
TO ADMIRE OUR RIG  
WE ASK THEM INSIDE  
IF THEY'RE NOT TOO BIG

## REFRAIN

WE'VE TRAVELED THE COUNTRY  
AND WHEREVER WE ROAM  
IN OUR TWENTY-ONE FOOTER  
WE NEVER MISS HOME

WE GO EAST AND WEST  
NORTH AND SOUTH TOO  
WE FACE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS  
THEY'RE EASY TO DO

WITH ONLY TWO SEATS  
IT IS QUITE A THRILL  
TO NOT HAVE TO WORRY  
IF GRANDKIDS ARE STILL

TRAILWAGONS GO FORWARD  
KEEP CHINOOKS WITH ZEST  
FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE ABLE





WE'LL BE DRIVING THE BEST

WE ARE HAPPY RV'ERS, ETC

## **CHINOOK RV CLUB ANNUAL RALLY 2008**

RALLY '08 IS HERE AGAIN  
CAROL AND RAY THEY HAD THE REIN  
28 RIGS ROLLED ON AND ON  
STOPPED TO GATHER IN YELLOWSTONE

HAD SO MUCH FUN IT'S HARD TO TELL  
MOST EVERYTHING IT WENT SO WELL  
BISON AND ELK WERE EVERYWHERE  
MUCH AS WE TRIED WE SAW NO BEAR

REFRAIN

LET'S GO RVING IN OUR CHINOOK  
SEEMS HALF THE COUNTRY  
DRIVE BY THE BOOK  
LOTS OF ONLOOKERS ADMIRE OUR RIGS  
WE DRIVE WITH PRIDE  
THEY'RE HARD TO MISS

DROVE FROM FAR PLACES DIDN'T HAVE A WRECK  
FOUR BUCKS A GALLON OH WHAT THE HECK

REFRAIN

LETS GO RVING IN OUR CHINOOKS  
SEEN HALF THE COUNTRY  
DRIVE BY THE BOOK  
SO LONG CHINOOKERS DRIVE WITH NO FEAR  
AND AT LAKE TAHOE WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

*AL ENRIQUEZ AUG 2008*





# Future Rallies

Please see information and announcements on our Web site...

[www.chinookrvclub.com](http://www.chinookrvclub.com)





## Factory Pictures



This is a Google Earth picture of the factory before its closing. We count 100 chassis sitting in the yard ready for conversion. Although we don't know the exact date of the photo, it must have been a peak production time. You can get the view by loading Google Earth on your computer and typing in 607 East R. Street, Yakima, WA. Then watch the camera zoom in! Amazing technology.

The Editor and Mrs. Editor visited the factory in January 2000. We were reluctantly allowed to take some pictures. Our guide, seemed paranoid about someone possibly copying an assembly technique. We weren't allowed to see the construction of the unit body which was done elsewhere.

A film camera was used since we didn't have a digital at the time. Color slides were taken, and then scanned and somewhat enhanced to

show here. Note the cleanliness of the shop area.

If anyone reading this has access to other photos of production, please send them to us for future publication. The Trailwagons/Chinook era is a piece of history that should be preserved.







Chassis at the ready



Upholstery shop



Wood shop



Cabinet production



Assembly line





Concourse Refrig/Stove area



Concourse sink area with water tank



Concourse



Premier



Assembly



Paint shop





Assembly area



Happy Mrs. Editor



Finished Coaches



Transport to Customers

The Road Runner



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## Club Officers 2008/2009

Marta Newcomb Wall, President

Carole "CB" Davis, VP Rallies

Kelli Scheese, VP Membership

Jane Early, Secretary

Bert Wall, Treasurer

Al Enriques, Member at Large

Carol Skillings, Historian

Barry Prentice, Parliamentarian

