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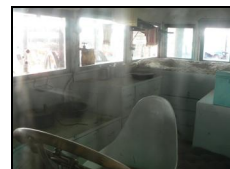
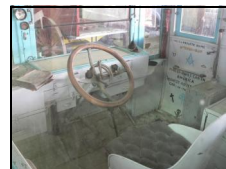
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1921 White Motor Home was built at cost of \$16,000 when new and completely equipped. It has traveled from coast to coast. There is a single bucket seat for driver, full kitchen stove, and a wall to wall bed across the back. Lots of interior storage. Located in Murdo, South Dakota at the Pioneer Auto and Antique Town.

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If you are planning to attend the Christmas Chula Vista Rally, send in your reservations NOW ! Only 10 spaces not reserved. See Page 4

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UPCOMING RALLIES

Chula Vista, California (Mini) December 9-12, 2010
Pahrump, Nevada (Mini) March 31-April 3, 2011
Quincy, California (Mini) May 19-22, 2011
Canon Beach, Oregon (Annual)

PURPOSE: This Club (Chinook RV Club) exists to promote social, recreational and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of all its members. Our club functions primarily in the western and central US, although it is open to qualified members from the Eastern club (Chinook Camping Club).

DUES : Our dues are \$35.00/year. Our fiscal and membership year is October 1 through September 30. Prompt payment not only helps Treasurer in budgeting expenses, but also helps the V.P.Membership in producing our Membership Directory. Please advise V.P.Membership of any changes in e-mail and mailing addresses.

Message from the President

Everyone who attended the 7th Annual Rally at Tiger Run had a good time. Unfortunately, Kelli and Jerry Scheese had to leave early due to the altitude. Tiger Run is a beautiful RV Resort, and the Aspens were in full fall color. Many of us enjoyed the train trip through the colorful Aspens from Leadville to the Summit, at 11,000 feet. Others had a very interesting tour of the National Mining Museum. After lunch we all toured the Tabor Home and the Opera House. The Opera House was particularly fun as some of our members entertained us on stage. We have a number of talented people in our group. We were treated to a great BBQ on our return to Tiger Run. It was a busy day, but ran like clockwork, thanks to Lena Prentice.

Our Annual dinner meeting was held at the Sweet Basil restaurant in Vail. The food and service were excellent. Mary Esther Chavarela was elected to the position of Secretary. Vera Raudman was thanked for all her efforts as past Secretary.

I want to thank the members who made the effort to join us for part of the Annual Rally, and gave us their Proxy, so that we met our quorum. They were Jan Olmsted & Kathy Bailey, Laurie & Jackie Van Woerkom, I would also like to thank Barry and Lena Prentice for all the work they put into making our Annual Rally the success it was.

I would like to welcome our new members:

Nancy Hallett, Ransom, TX;

Gwen & Ralph Keefer, El Paso, TX;

Edward & Leigh Hill, Sun Lakes, AZ;

Dave & Pam Lawson, Livermore, CA;

Rue Thais-Williams, Skyforest, CA;

Silvia Teague, Carlotta, CA;

Harold & Anna Donner, Portland, OR.

I hope all of you have returned your ballot for the proposed change to our Bylaws. We should have our results shortly after October 15th.

It is that time of year again and our Treasurer will soon be sending out reminders to pay your dues, which is still just \$35. Please do this as soon as possible, so that our VP of Membership, Kelli Scheese, can get the membership Directory printed and out to you in January.

Bert and I are sorry that we were unable to make the Moab Rally, but there is a Christmas Rally in Chula Vista, CA in December. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Marta Newcomb-Wall
President

Financial Statement

CHINOOK R.V. CLUB BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30, 2010

ASSETS:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$4,455.93
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MEMBERSHIP EQUITY:

SEPT. 30, 2009	4,394.12	
INCOME FOR 9/30/2010	<u>61.81</u>	
		\$4,455.93

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPT. 30, 2010

INCOME:

MEMBERS' DUES	\$2,445.00
RALLY FEES	<u>11,513.00</u>
	13,958.00

EXPENSES:

RALLY COSTS	13,401.54
WEBSITE COSTS	114.95
PRINTING	50.53
POSTAGE	89.93
NAME BADGES	<u>239.24</u>

Submitted by:

Bert Wall, Treasurer

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INCOME OVER EXPENSES

\$61.81

Chinook Club Board Meeting

September 16, 2010. Breckenridge, Colorado

President Marta Wall opened the meeting at 10:10AM. Those present were: President Marta Wall, Treasurer Bert Wall, Secretary Vera Raudman, Past Presidents Jerry Early and Barry Prentice, Website editor Mike Froess. Guests in attendance were: Joanne and Larry Spires.

Bert Wall gave the Treasurer's report and estimated that there would be approximately \$5,000 left in the account after all bills were paid for this Rally.

Kelli Scheese, membership chair, had to leave unexpectedly, but left her report that there are currently 76 members in the club. Marta expressed appreciation for the updated directory which had gone out in January.

VP Rally, Barbara Jensen, sent in her report that the 2011 Annual Rally would be held in Canon Beach, OR.. Kelli and Jerry Scheese will host the rally and will announce a probable date of late September when they are able to confirm this. They requested help from the board members in organizing the rally. The Prentices and Walls stated their willingness to assist, as would any of the club members. The Moab rally in Oct. was mentioned as was the Chula Vista rally Dec 9-12 which will be hosted by Jensens again this year. We would still like to decorate our rigs in the theme of the "12 days of Christmas", and enter the competition for decorated rigs, judging to be the night of the chocolate extravaganza. The Pahrump Rally has been booked for March 31-April 3rd and will be hosted by the Raudmans. The Quincy rally will be May 19th-22nd hosted by Jan Olmsted & Kathy Bailey, as well as James & Janice Still.

The nominating committee represented by Jerry Early presented the nomination for secretary and her qualifications were reviewed. Mary Esther Chavarela was found to be most favorable.

Marta apologized for the error of stating the treasurer was to be elected this year, when in fact it will be 2011 for that term to be up.

Mike Froess had nothing to report at the time as editor.

Barry Prentice introduced a standard procedure for the conducting of rallies. There was much discussion on this and it was moved by Bert and 2nd by Jerry that this be tabled until the board meeting in Chula Vista.

Jan Olmstead proposed a change to the bylaws to allow associate members be given the right to vote. This will be discussed at the annual meeting. Ballots will be mailed by the president for the membership to vote on this matter. Ballots should be returned to the secretary.

The mailing out of ballots for the proxy vote of members who would be unable to attend the annual rally was discussed. The procedure for this was not finalized, but all agreed it was necessary.

Jerry Early moved that a job description should be drawn up for each of the board positions, this was seconded by Bert Wall. Using the bylaws as a guide, Barry offered to draw up the guidelines for Membership Chair, Bert, for the Treasurer and Jerry Early will do the guidelines for VP Rallies.

Jerry moved to adjourn at 11:05AM, this was seconded by Bert. Meeting was adjourned.

Vera Raudman
Secretary

Chinook Club Annual Meeting

September 18, 2010 Breckenridge Colorado

The meeting was called to order by President Marta Newcomb-Wall at 7:40PM. Marta announced that we did have a quorum, having 13 members in attendance and 3 proxy votes.

Jerry Early moved to approve the minutes as published in the Road Runner. Ed Wiedmaier seconded the motion and all agreed.

Bert Wall gave the treasurer's report stating that after expenses, there would be approximately \$5,000 in the account. He said the annual financial report would be published the end of September.

Kelli Scheese, (Membership VP) in absentia, reported that we currently have 76 members in the club.

Barbara Jensen, (Rally VP) in absentia reported on the upcoming rallies:

Moab, Utah, October 7-10, hosts Ray & Linda Blackburn and Bruce & Sharon Gallagher;

Chula Vista, California December 9-12, hosts Barbara and Ole Jensen;

Pahrump, Nevada March 31-April 3, 2011, hosts Vera & Bob Raudman;

Quincy, California May 19-22, 2011, hosts Jan Olmstead & Kathy Bailey, James & Janice Still;

Canon Beach, Oregon. The 2011 Annual Rally, with dates in late September to be announced.

Marta thanked the nominating committee headed by Jerry Early, for a job well done. She also apologized for giving misinformation concerning the reelection of treasurer; this office will change in 2011.

Mike Froess reported that the next newsletter would be published in October, about two weeks after the Moab rally.

Jan Olmsted had previously proposed a change to the bylaws allowing associate members to vote. Marta will see that ballots are mailed to members for a vote on this matter. Ballots are to be returned to the Secretary for counting.

Mary Esther Chavarela was unanimously voted in as new secretary. There were no nominations from the floor.

Bert moved that the meeting adjourn and Vera seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Vera Raudman
Secretary

Chula Vista Mini Rally Chula Vista , California, December 9 -12, 2010

Chula Vista RV Resort and Marina, Chula Vista, Ca.

.Neat, clean, quiet and friendly describes the camping atmosphere at the Chula Vista RV Resort. The RV Resort is more than proud of its continual Five Star RV Resort, Park, and Camp-ground ratings from Woodall's and Trailer Life. The facility is one of San Diego's finest RV Camping Parks and Resorts with 237 spaces with full hook-ups. In addition, each site is attractively bordered to provide more privacy for our guests.



Now is the time to reserve your spot for the Chula Vista Rally. 10 spaces of the 20 are already spoken for, leaving only 10 spaces left. **It's too late for deposit, so full payment will be required .**

COST: \$145 for 2 or \$130 for single.

Send your check made out to: Barbara Jensen—461 North Grand Ave, Covina, California 91724

Scheduled Events:

Thursday: We will start out with our traditional "Pot Luck" dinner.

Friday: We take the trolley to downtown San Diego, stopping at Seaport Village for shopping and lunch (on your own) and/or Balboa Park where there are a lot of museums and fine restaurants for lunch. (You will need a \$5 bill each for an all day trolley pass with unlimited stops.) Return by 6PM for catered Mexican Dinner in clubhouse.

Saturday: We will have another one of Mike and Mary Esther's fabulous breakfasts in the clubhouse. The rest of the day is free to tour the RV park and see all the fantastically decorated RV's. Dinner will be leftover Pot Luck in patio, and then the famous "Chocolate Extravaganza" hosted by RV Park. There is everything imaginable in chocolate to eat and drink., and a wonderful choir singing Christmas Carols.

Be sure to bring some Christmas decorations for your Chinook. We have been challenged by the RV Club that wins the prize for decorations every year to see if we can beat them (but we'd probably need to tow a trailer full of decorations to do so).

Pahrump Mini Rally, Pahrump, Nevada Thursday March 31 to April 2, 2011



Terrible's Lakeside RV Resort and Casio. 5870 South Homestead Rd, Pahrump, NV 89048

Price for 3 nights will be \$93.30 First come, First served. Reserve your site as soon as possible.

Deposit: \$20 due by February 28, the balance paid to the RV park when you check in.

Make checks out to **Chinook R V Club**, and mail to:

Vera Raudman
23427 Susana Ave.,
Torrance, CA 90505

Pot Luck dinner, Friday evening

There is no better place to come and spend a relaxing weekend.

Bring a book, take a walk around the lake, swim in the pool or soak in the hot tub.

Death Valley is only a short drive away

We'll see you there.

Quincy Mini Rally Quincy, California May 19-22, 2011

Pioneer RV Park in Quincy

This will be a kick back rally.

Save the date ! No other details at this time.

8th Annual Rally, Cannon Beach, Oregon Late September.

This will be our Annual Rally, with election of officers general meeting.

PLEASE plan on attending this one. Details are in the process of being finalized.

More information will be made available when received.

Recipes from members

Tropical Chicken Mango & Jicama Salad

½ cup red onion, thinly sliced
¼ cup fresh lime juice
1 Tbsp. olive oil
¾ tsp table salt
½ tsp ground cumin
1 - 13 ¾ oz. jar of Trader Joe's Corn & Chili Tomatoless Salsa
2 ¼ cups jicama, diced
½ pound cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast, shredded
1 medium mango cut into ¾ inch cubes
½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped

In a large bowl, combine onion, lime juice, oil, salt, cumin and salsa; let stand 10 minutes, tossing occasionally, until onion starts to wilt.

Add jicama, chicken, mango and cilantro; toss to mix and coat. Yields about 1 ¼ cups per serving.

Mary Esther Chavarela

Date Nut Bread

2 tsp	Baking Soda	2 Tbsp	Butter / margarine
1 C	Dates, pitted & Chopped	2 C	Sugar
2 C	Boiling water	2	Eggs
		2 tsp	Vanilla
		4 C	Flour
		1 C	Walnuts, chopped

In a bowl, sprinkle baking soda over dates, and add boiling water. Set mixture aside to cool.

In another bowl, add: butter/margarine and sugar. Cream together and add eggs. Combine both mixtures together. Add vanilla, flour and mix. Stir in the walnuts.

Pour into greased (Pam) and floured loaf pans, just shy of half full.
Bake at 300-325 degrees for 1 to 1-1/2 hours.
Remove from pans, cool on wire racks

Yield: 5 small loaves (3" x 5") or 2 medium (4" x 6")

Margie Froess



It is with much sadness that I am passing on this e-mail message from Carol Skillings.. Ray was the most thoughtful, kind, and caring person that I have had the good fortune to know. He and Carol were Charter Members and were very active in getting our club started. Carol is our club historian.

*With much sadness,
Marta*

Subject: Ray Skillings

Dear Friends, Relatives and all you that we love. Ray passed away on Monday Oct. 25th. The last few weeks he was right down in bed and didn't eat and was so weak. I loved taking care of him but he just felt so bad that he depended on me when he had been so active and strong all his life. I will miss him terribly because we did so many thing together and had so many wonderful experiences. All the family is here so I don't have time to be too sad yet. I guess it will hit me when they all go home. We will have over 100 at the funeral, maybe more. His funeral is Friday the 29th. At 11:00A.M. Our son, Jason is a funeral director and has Ray looking just wonderful. He thought of all his good friends and loved ones and said he would really miss everyone .

Love to you all,

Carol Skillings and family.



Raymond Skillings, 76, of Idaho Falls, passed away Oct. 25, 2010, at his home of cancer.

Ray was born Jan. 21, 1934, in Nampa, Idaho, to Ira William Skillings and Elsie Margot Gowen Skillings. He attended schools in Nampa and graduated from Nampa High School. He also attended the University of Idaho and Brigham Young University.

On Aug. 24, 1954, he married Carol Marie Thorne in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They made their home in Idaho Falls, where they have raised their family. Ray worked in his youth as a lifeguard, for Associated Foods, Country Club Foods and Wonder Bread. He later worked at the Idaho Falls Racquet Club as a tennis pro for seven years and then was a utility worker for the city of Idaho Falls until his retirement in 1999.

Ray was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many different capacities over the years. He enjoyed tennis, fishing, traveling, camping and spending time with his family.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Carol; four daughters, Cynda Kay (Vincent Winn) Larson of Firth, Idaho, Kelcey Lee (Jeff) Nations of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Tracy Ann (Burdette) Brunson of Darlington, Idaho, and Shari Louise (Scott) Perkins of Murtaugh, Idaho; four sons, Jerald Ray (Angela) Skillings, Jason Neil (Alesa) Skillings and James Martin (Heather) Skillings, all of Idaho Falls, and Justin Quinn (Lori) Skillings of Spanish Fork, Utah; 36 grandchildren; and 47 great-grandchildren.

Annual Rally at Tiger Run, Breckenridge, Colorado September 15-19, 2010

We arrived at Tiger Run RV Park a little after 4pm on Wednesday, to find out that we were the last of the clubs 14 Chinooks to arrive. We visited until it was time for the pot luck.

Pot luck was scheduled for 6pm in the pavilion, where some of the members had already gathered. Old friends were greeted, and experiences exchanged during



dinner. As usual, it was a great pot luck, with plenty of leftovers. Our hosts, Barry and Lena Prentice presented two DVD's about Leadville, and some of the areas mining history.

Thursday morning, there was an informal continental breakfast at the Prentices' cabin, where we congregated. At 10, we had the Board Meeting. There. Various topics were discussed, and proposals

made. After the Board Meeting, we had some leisure time, with nothing scheduled until 1pm.

We boarded our Charter Bus for the ride to Vail. We were dropped off at the



Transportation Center in Vail, about 40 minutes later. We were then escorted to the Colorado Ski Museum for our first tour. The museum also houses the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame honoring those who made significant contributions to Skiing and Snowboarding in Colorado. Exhibits included history of Olympics from 1930 to the 2010 Olympics in Canada.

There was an exhibit of the US Army's 10th Mountain Division that trained 15,000 troops during WWII in the area. They were trained in mountain combat, ski and rock climbing at 12,000 feet in the winter. We were fortunate to have Sandy Treat, an 88 year old former Army Instructor who trained them here tell about his experiences.



He said that they learned how to ski in full battle gear, and climb vertical rock walls in winter in preparation for combat in Italy. He said when they trained, there was a shortage of rifles, so they used Birch rods. When they finally got rifles, they were European surplus Enfield's from WWI. They were so rusty, they couldn't hit the targets. They finally got the M-1's just before deployment. They were shipped to Texas, and when orders finally came to go to Italy, the snow was gone, and they never used the skis in Europe. However, the rock climbing was instrumental in several victories.

We were free to stroll through the shops in Vail until our dinner at 5:30. I found an Antique Shop and dress shop. Baby Carriage for 1940 Germany, \$1500, and in a Clothing Store, some gowns with feathers for \$800. There were a course other shops, and a few souvenirs were pur-



chased.

We got together for our group picture in the Mall.

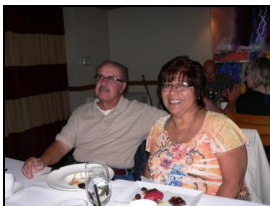


Around 5:30, we gathered at the Sweet Basil restaurant for dinner. While waiting for our room to be finished, several



drinks were consumed. Dinner was fantastic, as this restaurant has won many culinary awards. The Annual Meeting was held after dinner. We elected a new Secretary,

Mary Esther Chavarela, heard the Treasurers Report, and miscellaneous reports.



Our new Secretary, Mary Esther Chavarela



FRIDAY Today was a free day with no schedules. We just kicked back and relaxed. One couple drove to Denver, and some went to other local cities to check out the sights or maybe shop for souvenirs.

At 5pm we had an impromptu



“tech talk” dealing with Chinook problems and solutions and experiences, and enjoyed another Pot Luck meal. Most stayed until dark or drifted away. Most went to bed so we could get a good 7AM start on Saturday.

SATURDAY. Tour bus arrived promptly at 6:45, and by 7AM, all 25 boarded and were ready to roll. Again, we were treated to a full size bus, instead of a mini bus, compliments of the tour bus operator.



Our first stop was at Fremont Pass, (Elevation 11,316 feet), which was the western boundary of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. It is also the location of the Climax Mine, the worlds largest known deposit of molybdenum which is used to harden steel. They have taken out more than 470 million tons of ore in the last 60 years of operation. The mine is now inactive, and work is underway to restore the 5 square miles to it's original state.

Our next stop was the town of Leadville for our scenic train ride through the golden

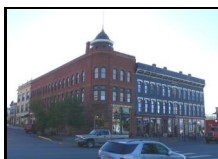
Tiger Run Continued

quaking Aspens. We arrived an hour early, so there was time to walk around and check out the town. There was a church with a steep metal roof, and signs on the wall "Avalanche Warning". I could just picture the snow sliding off

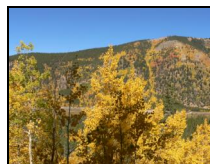


the roof and dropping 20-30 feet to the sidewalk below. There were many nicely restored houses and a busy downtown, all just 6 blocks from the train depot. I saw a sign in one window of a house that was being restored that said "We're here because we are not all there"

We boarded the Leadville- Southern and Colorado railroad train along with many other tourists and started our 1000 foot climb to the end of the line.



The scenery was breathtaking. We could view the entire valley and groves of the Aspen trees that were just changing color, contrasted with the deep green of the Evergreens and other foliage. We wound our way through steep climbs and many curves, some of which you could see the engine (pushing in back) and caboose (at the front) at the same time. We ran at a leisurely pace in open or closed cars, taking about 1.5 hours to reach the end of the line. Instead of turning around, after a 10 minute stop, they just backed down, this time the train was going in the right direction, with the engine in front like it was supposed to have. We made a 15 minute stop at the water tank on the way back down, for picture taking, and then returned to the depot.



Our bus was waiting for us, and drove us into town, the whole 6 blocks. We went into the Golden Burro Café (Established in 1938) for lunch. The menu had at least a 100 items to choose from, all great choices.

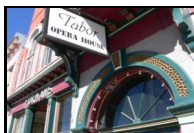


After lunch, we walked for a private tour of the Tabor House, one of the early wealthy pioneers. The home was decorated in mostly original furnishings, and the docent, dressed in period costume, explained history and



some amusing stories about Tabor. Next was the Tabor Opera House, (1879) about a block away. This three story stone structure was built

in 90 days, and has 18" thick walls. There was a short lecture and DVD on it's history and all the



famous people who preformed there. We then went into the Opera House portion (there are 2 stores in front as it was originally built), where we were free to wander about. We saw the dressing rooms under the stage, the lighting control panel, and some sets. Bob Muschek, who just couldn't resist the piano, treated us to some wonderful musical pieces from the stage.



We boarded the bus again, for the trip back, this time up to the Tennessee Pass on Hwy 24. This was the training area, and memorial for the 10th Battalion. Located there, was a large granite monument, listing all the names of Battalions killed in combat in Europe. There were plaques showing some of the training there, and the history of the unit. About 7 miles further down the



highway, was the location of Camp Hale.

Camp Hale was built to house the 15,000 soldiers stationed here during WWII. They were housed in Quonset huts, and had all the training facilities here. After basic training here, they were marched the 7 miles up the highway, where they camped in tents during the winter, for ski instruction. This is aerial view of the camp as it was during its occupation, showing the many



Quonset huts.

We continued down the highway, back to Breckenridge, through some more picturesque county. We arrived back in camp around 7PM, where we had a catered BBQ feast, consisting of pulled pork, roast beef,



coleslaw and baked beans.

We sat and reminisced about the events of the last few day until dusk. Since some of us had to leave early in the morning, we called it a day, said our good byes, and looked forward to the upcoming rallies.

Mike Froess

Moab Mini Rally

Moab, Utah

October 3—7, 2010

We arrived at Canyonlands RV Park located in downtown Moab, one day early. We were greeted by our hosts, the Gallaghers and Blackburns who were already there. We got settled in, and visited for awhile.



SUNDAY. We slept in, checked the e-mail, and waited for the rest of the group to arrive. The RV Park was very accommodating for our rally, providing a large pavilion, two propane BBQ's and 8 picnic tables for the duration. The pavilion is about a 30' x 60' open sided structure, with water only, in a shady area away from the main campground. The weather was hot all day, so we waited alongside our



motor home, in some shade provided by a class A motor home parked next to the Jensens. When the rest of our group arrived, we loaded all our chairs, food and lanterns into the back of Gallagher's truck, and he transported them down to the pavilion for us. We had our dinner, lit the campfire, and finalized the schedule for the next day.

MONDAY. It was about 45 degrees in the morning, and it rained a little during the night. The Jensens rented a Chevy Suburban (4 WD) which was delivered around 8AM. The Gallaghers and Earleys left separately for a hike to see the Arch that is on the Utah license plate. We left a little later, and met at the pre arranged site in the Arches National Park, the Devil's



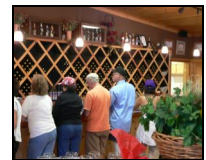
Garden picnic area. We had our snack of donuts, muffins and coffee. The sky had been clear, and clouds were forming, as we took off on our ride to the Window Arches viewing area. We continued our drive to the Red Cliffs Lodge, and Museum of Film and Western Heritage. We walked through the museum,

and took some pictures with "The Duke". We then had our box lunch on the veranda with some magnificent views. Towering red cliffs



all around and green lawn in front.

After lunch we walked across the lawn to the Castle Creek Winery. Wine tasting



and a short self guided tour, and we were off.

We returned to the RV park, and set up for our Pot Luck scheduled for 6PM. Fortunately we got there 15 minutes early. A sudden storm came up, howling winds and heavy near horizontal rain greeted us shortly after 6PM. We hurriedly brought all the chairs inside, and tried to keep the plastic table cloths

from blowing away. As we were nearly finished eating, a young man came up and said that they were tent campers. He asked if their group of 22 could use the pavilion for their dinner as they were rained out. We voted "Yes", and they could use the back half, while we moved our things to the front. A little while later, they came down carrying ice chests and food. It turns out they were students from France over here on holiday. By 7:00 the rain



stopped and re left, leaving our friends to finish eating.

TUESDAY: It rained on and off all night, but by morning had cleared up. This time, we all left together, Earleys and Gallaghers in his truck, and Jensens, Blackburns and us, (including our Schnauzer Abby) in the Suburban. We took the shortcut through the mountains to Gateway, Colorado, to see the Gateway Canyon Resort and Hendricks Auto Museum there.. It took about 2 hours, mostly unpaved, but good condition, roads.



We went through Fisher Towers (straight sided cliffs) climbed high through Castle Valley. We passed through groves of Aspens with golden leaves, and were rewarded with breathtaking



views of the valley. Then down the narrow road, through canyons, steep drop-offs, and changing views. We finally arrived at the town of Gateway, and quickly found this luxury resort. But first, we went into Hendrick's Auto Museum. (Hendricks is CEO of Discovery Communications) This museum has pristinely restored cars, all in concourse condition, from the teens to 70's. Each one displayed with articles about the particular car. His showpiece, was a 1954



Oldsmobile 88 concept car which he bought at auction for \$3,240,000. It was displayed on a pedestal by itself (the yellow sport scar at bottom of previous column) with photos of it's manufacture. Another was a 1981 Pontiac TransAm "Bandit" special Edition with only 75 original miles on it. Then there was the



1929 Packard roadster (gold) and the 1931 Model J Duesenberg (red). After a couple of hours in this museum,



we walked across the street to the Gateway Canyon resort, and to the Paradox Grill for lunch. While we were eating, we noticed that the clouds were threatening.

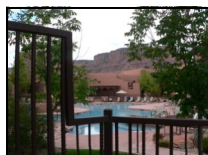


Moab Mini Rally, Continued

After we finished lunch, we got to look inside one of the luxury (\$599/night) suites. The suite had two bedrooms with separate baths, in a western motif. The great room had a flat screen TV that was concealed in a hutch, but raised mechanically for viewing. We

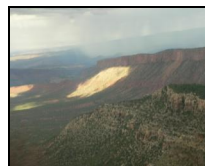
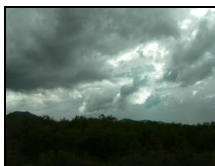


walked out the patio door into a private walled courtyard, complete with spa and fireplace.

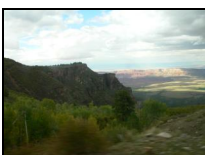


We noticed that the sky was getting darker and darker. We took our group picture, and got back on the road. We didn't want to get

caught in a storm while traveling through the mountains on the gravel roads. It started to rain just as we started up the road, but fortunately it



was a light rain, and we had no problems with traction. Ole Jensen didn't even have to use the 4WD. We took a different road back, navigating the switch-backs, climbs and descents. We met a few head of cattle on the road, and passed a Basque shepherds trailer. Of course we had more breathtaking views, and Aspens. We got back



onto Hwy 191 and returned to the RV park.

Back at the RV Park we were scheduled to have a pot luck and hors d'oeuvres, but since we ate a late lunch, we were not too hungry. We visited with our newest member, Rue Thais-Williams, who arrived late Tuesday night. We had plenty of food left over.

WEDNESDAY. Nothing scheduled except hors d'oeuvres at 4:30, then dinner at the Moab Brewery. We spent the day putting around. Some went shopping in town for souvenirs, other just stayed back and relaxed. The stores in town, which is only about 6 blocks long, are mostly t-shirts and clothing types, a few restaurants and bars, and a few ATV and Jeep rental / guided tour businesses.

We had our hors d'oeuvres and visited. It was raining lightly when we left to go to



Moab Brewery. The place was packed, with people standing outside waiting for a table. We had reservations, so it was no problem being seated. Had a great dinner, some local beers (called Dead Horse and Lizard Ale). After our leisurely dinner, the rain had stopped, and we returned to the RV Park. Good byes were exchanged as some were leaving early in the morning, which we did.

TIGER RUN



7th Annual Rally, Breckenridge, Colorado 9-15/19, 2010



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Editor's Page

It's been slow this year, up until September that is. There were two rallies and only 13 days between them. Since we wanted to attend both, and because there would not be time enough to return home between them, we decided to explore northward.

First priority, was to see Mount Rushmore and Black Hills area. Checking the AAA tour book, we found lots to see in that area alone.

We left Breckenridge and spent the night in Cheyenne. Then continued up Hwy 85, and switched over to Hwy 385 to Custer, South Dakota. We checked into our RV Campground in Hill City, and drove back to Custer. There we went to the National Museum of Woodcarv-

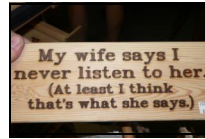


ing. The works of a Dr. Niblack, who started woodcarving at age 42, and had invested over 70,000 hours carving wood animated miniature figures, is on display here. He was so good at animating these figures, he worked for Walt Disney in 1954-55 at Disneyland animating his characters. He also has a display at the Smithsonian Museum. We spent several hours there including time in the gift shop reading all the signs.

Back to the RV park, and up early the next morning. Headed to the Crazy Horse Memorial early to beat the crowds, expecting only to stay a brief time, then over to Mount Rushmore. We were in for a surprise at the Crazy Horse Memorial and spent most of the day there.

In 1948, Karczak Ziolkowski was contacted by Lakota Chief Standing Bear, to sculpt a mountain size sculpture of Crazy Horse. He was 40 years old when he started by himself and a couple of workers. He knew that this project would not be finished in his lifetime, so he left detailed plans to be used with scale models to complete it. When he died, they had only finished down to Crazy Horse's forehead, removing hundreds of tons of rock. His wife and most of his children are continuing this project.

The size is incredible. When finished, it will be in the round, not just a relief carving. It will



be 641' long, 563' high. Just his face is 87' high. The horse's head will be 22 stories high, with ears 45' and eyes 16' wide. His arm alone, is 263' long!

Inside is a museum of Indian artifacts presented by tribes all over the country. For sale are items like jewelry, blankets, paintings and pottery, most from local Indian artists on site.

At dusk, there was a laser light show that was fantastic. It is shown on the side of this sculpture using 3 of the most powerful commercial lasers. Truly a full days of entertainment here.



We left late in the afternoon, and headed the few miles to the Mount Rushmore Memorial. Although this is impressive, they say that this sculpture will fit into the hair of Crazy Horse. We toured the memorial, checked out the amphitheater, and museum area, had some ice cream, and were ready to leave less than two hours later.



We went back to camp for dinner, and decided to return later that evening (admission came with a 1 year pass) for the light show. We parked in the RV lot, and walked to the Amphitheatre to get seats. The show was colored lights on the hill, changing color every few seconds. Then the Park Ranger, who was narrating the history of the sculpture, asked for any past or present servicemen or women to come onto the stage for the closing ceremony which was the of the flag ceremony. About several hundred got on stage. That was impressive, but hard to photograph.

Leaving the RV Park, we drove up to Hill City on our northward trek. As we came to a stoplight which had just turned green, a patrol car, going the opposite direction, turned on his lights, and made a u-turn behind us. He stopped diagonally across the road, blocking traffic. I was relieved, and kept driving. The streets were lined with school kids, with hair and shirts died green, and were all waving at us. So, I waved back, and to the pleasure of the kids who pumped their arms up and down, tooted the horn. (I later found out

that there was a parade for the Governor, and we were just a couple of minutes early on the parade route). We stopped at the Colorado State Railroad museum there, watched the oil fired locomotive fill with re-claimed oil, then 1500 gallons of water, hook up to the tourist train cars, and chug out.



Our next stop was Pierre, South Dakota, the state capitol. When we were 45 miles from there, we passed fields of sunflowers in bloom, as far as the eye could see! We never saw



so many sunflowers. This went on for more than a mile.

Arriving at the state capitol, we saw that it was a very impressive building. Definitely a showpiece. This building is as it looked in 1910 when it was build for under \$1M. This is a story by itself. We spent several hours walking through it.

Another unexpected memorable stop was a little town of Murdo, South Dakota, on

Hwy 90. We had seen advertisements about an auto museum there, so had to check it out. The outside was not impressive, and looked like a typical tourist trap. I went inside alone first to check it out. Admission was \$9.50 each, but when I saw how extensive the collection was, I dragged Margie in also. This museum consisted of 28 structures, housing mostly restored unusual cars from the 1900's to the 80's. Some one of a kind, like the all wood, mostly mahogany car. It has (2)-500ci cad engines. It took 1000 board feet of mahogany to build, cut into 4,183 pieces, plus 64 pieces of oak, and 312 pieces of other wood species, 5 gallons of Elmer's glue, and 60 pounds of drywall screws, and 5 gallons of spar varnish. It took 4 years to build and weighs over 5000 pounds. There were many, many very rare makes of cars, like the '09 Brush, '14 Bradley electric, 21' Cole, '17 Crow Elkhart, '27 Jordan, and more than a hundred others, all decently restored. In addition to the cars, there is a mineral collection, firearms collection, camera collection, large motorcycle collection including Elvis's Harley. The 1921 White motor home and a 1929 Ford camper built in Canada are also here.



We saw many, many wonderful sights on this 5,620 trip, including 2300+ pictures that I'm still editing.

Mike Froess

R. V. Safety

This Article was sent to us by the President of the Chinook Camping Club (our other half) from Mark Polk's e-book . She thought it might be of interest to our members.

RV Travel Security 101

It's easy to let your guard down sometimes and to forget that not everybody you encounter is as honest and law abiding as you might be. This is an excerpt from Checklists for RVers E-book to help keep your guard up and travel safe in your RV.

For one minute, try to think the way a criminal would think. If you were at a rest stop looking for your next target or victim, what would you look for? Let's pretend for a moment that you were going to target a vehicle. Which would be more appealing, a car whose owner stopped for a quick bathroom break or an expensive looking Class A motor home, whose owners are out walking their dogs? I don't have the mind of a criminal but this is an easy choice. That expensive looking RV probably has expensive contents inside like, jewelry, cameras, and a laptop computer.

Okay, we have come to the conclusion that we, the RVers, are the prime target for the criminal mind, so what can we do to protect ourselves? That's what this RV security checklist is for; to give you some ideas on how to protect yourself and your personal belongings when you're traveling in your RV.

Don't stay overnight at a rest stop. Rest stops attract criminals. If you stop at a rest stop it should only be for a short break and then back on the road. Lock the RV and take turns using the facilities, always leaving someone in or close to the RV. Always be on the look out for anything or anyone that looks suspicious. Keep your cell phone handy in case you need it and don't open the door for anybody, unless you know who it is.

Rest stops aren't the only place you need to be concerned about. Every time you stop to refuel there are certain precautions you need to take. It's easy to be vulnerable to a thief at a gas station or a truck stop. I have a bad habit of leaving my wallet on the console of our Class C motor home. The door isn't locked and your spouse is taking advantage of the time to walk the dogs. This is how quick it can happen. Get in the habit of locking the doors whenever you or someone else is not physically in the RV.

Most robberies occur at night and most travel related robberies occur at rest stops, gas stations, convenience stores and ATM machines. Try to schedule most of your stops during daylight hours, and whenever you stop be aware of your surroundings. If something doesn't look right leave.

Wal-Mart or other parking lots where you might stop to get a few hours of sleep can present security problems too. You should always park in a well lit area and the entry door of the RV should be facing where most of the activity is. A thief prefers to work where it is dark and where it is least likely to draw any attention. Close your curtains or blinds so it's not possible for someone to look inside. Don't open the door for anybody unless you know who it is. If it's a security guard ask for identification before you open the door.

As much as we would like to believe that campgrounds are 100% safe and secure don't let your guard down. You don't need to be paranoid, just use some common sense. Don't leave expensive equipment lying around unsecured. Vehicle tow bars, hitches, bicycles and other items need to be under lock and key.

Keep any valuables inside the RV secured and out of sight. It's a good idea to purchase a small fire proof safe to store valuables and important paperwork in. The safe might protect your valuables from the hazards of a fire but it will still need to be stored in a secure, out of the way place, inside the RV.

Always lock the RV when you're not physically at the campsite. Do not store valuable equipment in outside storage compartments. Believe it or not, a vast majority of RV's use the same exact key as yours for outside storage compartments. If you store valuables, like golf clubs, fishing gear or tools in the outside compartments you may want to have the locks changed.

Before you leave on a trip make sure your Emergency Roadside Service Plan is current. In the unfortunate event that you breakdown on the road try to pull off in as safe a place as possible and call for help immediately. Stay with the RV until help arrives.

It's unfortunate that we live in a day and age where we need to take these added measures to protect ourselves. I don't want you to feel like everybody you meet during your travels is a thief or has bad intentions. Just use common sense and be aware of what is going on around you.