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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Ranch People,

Well, things are beginning to move here at the Ranch. The electric company arrived a couple of days ago and assembled all of the new poles for the conversion to three phase electrical service to the RO system. That must have tired them out because we have not seen them since. However, I expect them to recover soon and be back to finish the job. The RO machine is in the final stage of production and will be shipped within the next two weeks. We have planned the addition to the well house and should be setting the forms for the cement work this week.

The sewer project has received final approval by the State and we have started the bidding process. If all goes according to plan, we should be starting by the first of October.

Planning for Roundup has shifted into high gear and I am certain that this will be the most unusual and possibly the best Roundup ever. It is amazing what people can do when they are told that it can't be done. We all owe a big thank you to the Raner for their early efforts to get things rolling.

This it for now. Safe and pleasant travels guys,

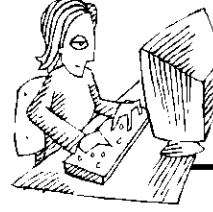
Regards, *Bob*

## Round-Up



## October 18-21

# The Nominating Committee Applauds You...



...FROM THE EDITOR  
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...for your effort in this year's Board Of Directors (BOD) Election process. Six (6) of you have stepped up to become a candidate. As you know we need at least five (5) to stay out of trouble, i.e. what procedure would be used if we did not have enough candidates to fill the empty positions.

The Committee embarked on a new method of choosing, reviewing and presenting candidates to you for your BOD selections. We felt after listening to you that a better way of nominating was to allow everyone that was willing to commit to becoming a candidate. This Member would return the INTENT Form that was given to everyone in person during the April meeting or sent by mail afterward. When the signed intent form was returned to the Committee we sent out a questionnaire that asked questions about their intentions if elected.

Those responses will be added to the November Packet for you to read. Analyze, digest and vote for the person that you feel would be best suited to continue the programs.

*Richard Baker, Chairman*

### Nominating Committee Members

- Chris Giffin*
- Lucy Billings*
- Bill Hoffmeister*

Communication is important. Especially when so many of us are on the road, we depend on various means of staying in touch. Happy Hour announcements, sign-up sheets in the clubhouse, chats during the Men's Symposium and Ladies' Coffee hours, Ranch Ramblings chatter, private e-mails, and of course, The Palaver all serve to help us stay up to date on happenings with Ranch folks.

I hate to leave anyone out when I request items for The Palaver, but there are some e-mail addresses that just never seem to work. Please take a look at these names and let me know what your correct e-mail address is, so I won't miss out on pestering you next time!

- Bob Abbott
- Hilda Cerday
- Larry Neitz
- Frank Cartwright
- Don Gage
- Chuck Queen
- Al (Cowboy) Smith



## Beautification Report

by Charlene Tarvin

The weather has been hot and muggy. The weeds are gone and the park looks the best I have seen it. We have been doing cactus trim jobs. Several large cow tongue cactus have been growing at a fast rate. We trimmed several hundred pounds off one in the wedge and the huge one growing into Queens' lot from the common area filled the trailer to the top. Some of our lot owners that have this variety on their lots are in for a real surprise when they get back from their travels.

We have lots of new willow trees that have come up from seed. We are saving some of the best ones for transplanting in the late fall. The willows are now having their second blooming of the summer. They smell so good.

**While on your travels this summer, when you stop at the FLEA MARTs and GIFT shops,**

**Please remember Melody needs your Donations--Donations--Donations**

**for the Raffles at ROUND UP**



## On the Adventure Road with Lew and Eleanor

After our stop in Cheyenne (the last Palaver), we headed for Lander, WY. On the way, we detoured a bit out of our way to stop at Devil's Gate where there is a Mormon park. Here there is a museum showing the story of the Mormons' trek west and all the hardships along the way. Many of them who couldn't afford more loaded their meager belongings into handcarts and walked pushing or pulling the carts to Salt Lake City. Stopping here gives one a real feel for what life was like on the way west, not only for the Mormons, but for all those determined pioneers. South of Lander is South Pass where the four major trails crossed the Rockies: The Mormon, The California, The Oregon and the Pony Express. There are two old mining towns here, Atlantic City and South Pass City that have a lot of history. A bit east along the trail is a Mormon site complete with docents to tell of the harrowing experience of a group pushing handcarts through a blizzard, and a mass grave where many of those who perished are buried.

Cody, WY took up another week while we rode the bike on some loop trips into the fabulous mountains around here. They also have a gunfight nightly here in front of Buffalo Bill's old hotel. There is also an amazing museum where your admission is good for two days. As many of you who have visited it know, even two whole days isn't enough to really absorb everything here.

It had been hot everywhere and I remembered that West Yellowstone was usually cool so we drove north into Montana and west till we could drop down to that area. We actually found a great RV park across the line in Idaho and wound up spending about 10 days there while we toured Yellowstone seeing other local sights. Smoke from dozens of fires had bothered us from Lander on up. At the least, the scenery was hazy, spoiling views that normally are breathtaking and at the worst, burned your eyes and nose.

A brief visit in Pocatello for Eleanor to visit an old high school girlfriend, then up to see Craters of the Moon NP and back into Montana where we met a friend of Lew's who had retired to Kalispell. He had come down to the town of Dillon for their big Fair and we met him there. After a pleasant visit, it was east and south and we are presently in Cheyenne again, waiting to meet Laura [Melvin] who is traveling from the Ranch on her bike up into Colorado and to Cheyenne on her way to Florida. (That's the long way but she has ridden through some fantastic country).

We plan more desert sights from here, down to Dinosaur, Moab, Monument Valley and on to Phoenix before returning to the Ranch for Roundup. See v'all there.

Lew & Eleanor Leistikow. Lot 56

## Where to Eat???

**From Marilyn Clark & Howard Replogle**

The **Quarter Circle Restaurant**, on US50 in the center of Gunnison, CO is a great place to go for home-cooked meals at a very reasonable price. We went there three times during our stay in the area. The chicken fried steak dinner is to die for, and they make super hand-formed hamburgers (topped with a roasted green chili if you like!) They are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Homemade pies, too!

Ever driven all over an unfamiliar town, just looking for a good place for dinner? Ever settled for fast food in desperation? Here is your answer! Send in your favorite dining spot with a short review, we'll feature it here.

Hello again from Las Vegas,

Well, I knew the mild winter we spent here last year would have a price to pay and I was right -- it's called summer!!! It's gotten up to a high of 116 and the nights don't cool off like they do at The Ranch, so it's been miserable, especially now that we're into the higher humidity of the monsoon season. We actually have had rain a few times lately (and some flash flooding in other parts of town one day last week) and we're long past the point where the new swamp cooler has provided any relief, so the air conditioning has really gotten a workout round the clock. Going back and spending more time in Alaska has become a much higher priority after enduring this kind of weather!

As a result of the heat, I've totally switched my work schedule around and have been staying up and doing my transcription work all night before we walk at 5:30 in the morning. Once Bill leaves for work, I finish up any more files and then sleep during the heat of the day while he's gone, but then try to switch back to a normal schedule on the weekends when he's home. In spite of the fact I feel tired most of the time, it seemed to be the most practical solution. Looks like Bill's contract here will extend till next June, so this will probably end up being our longest stay in one place (and hopefully we won't ever return here again!) The plan is to return to The Ranch for the Thanksgiving holiday and get in doctor/dentist appointments while we're home before returning here.

Missed putting in an update last time, but we HAVE managed to get away for a few weekends for some fun. Have made several enjoyable trips over to Zion National Park, and this Labor Day weekend will find us going in the camper van over to Bryce the for the first time. With projected highs around 80 compared to 109 here, seems like a no brainer... This summer we had a good friend from the Chicago area come to visit for 2 weeks. This was her first trip to this part of the country so Bill took a week off and we all went to the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, and Meteor Crater, and spent 3-1/2 days at the Grand Canyon.

Our first full day there we did a tour package that included a 1-hour scenic plane flight, a short helicopter flight down to the Colorado River where we learned about the Indian culture while taking a 25 minute float trip on the river, back on the helicopter and then a short bus trip out past the new Skywalk for a buffet lunch, before another hour scenic flight back to the South Rim. We also drove the 50-mile round trip Scenic Desert View drive, went to the museums and some ranger programs, saw an IMAX movie, took the shuttle bus to all the major viewing points, and had a wonderful dinner at the El Tovar lodge.

Bill went back to work so Ellen and I spent a few days going down to The Strip to see the sights and did a girls' night out to see Celine Dion in concert. (Unfortunately, this turned out to be the hottest week of the whole summer so had to monitor our energy level carefully. And finding a water fountain in a casino can be a REAL challenge!) We all went to two of the Cirque du Soleil shows (awesome! expensive!), tried several of the buffets, went to the top of the Stratosphere Tower for a great view of the city, and spent an hour or two at the Fremont Street experience. One of our favorite things to do, though, is enjoy some of the free shows, like the Sirens of Treasure Island and the wonderful musical fountain show at the Bellagio... AND we've still managed to avoid spending any money in the casinos!

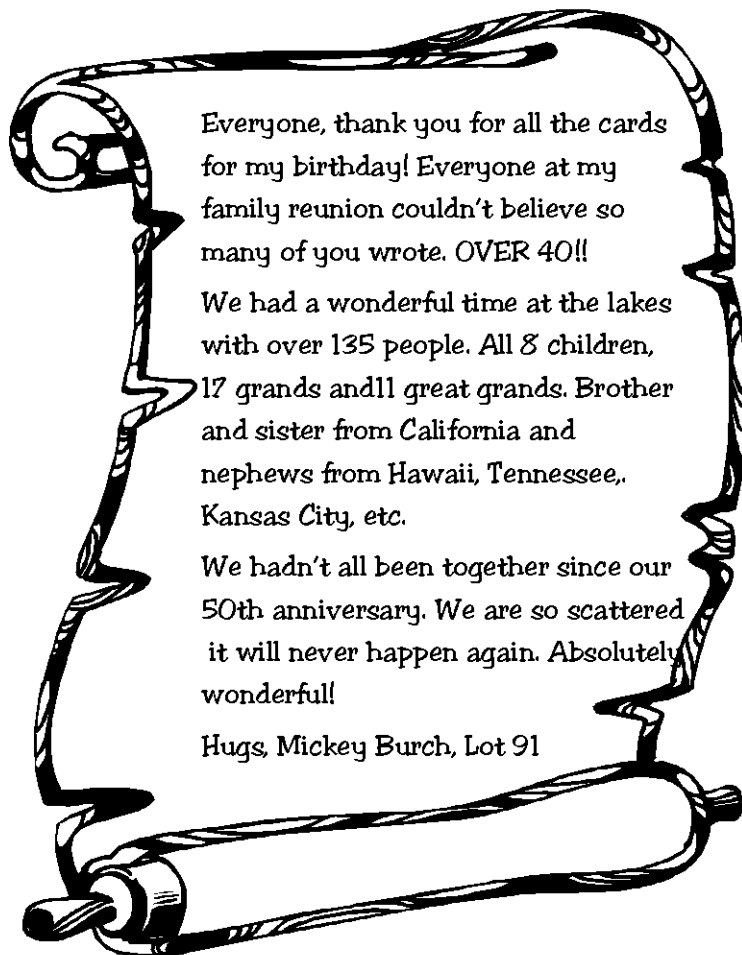
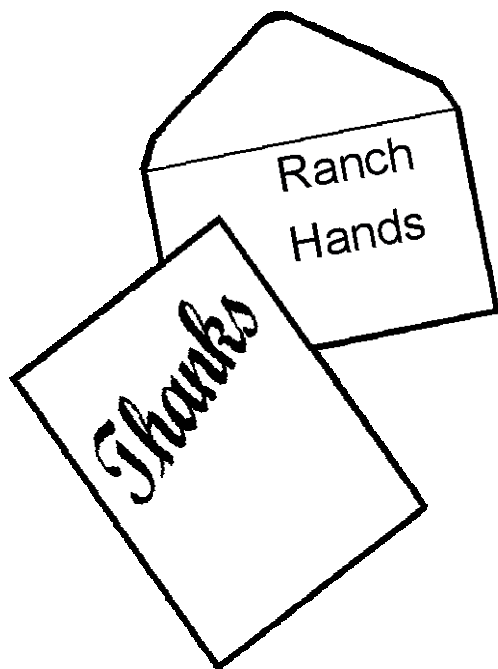
Well, guess those are the summer highlights. Have gone to quite a few movies just to be able to be in the air-conditioning and we get together for dinner occasionally with some of Bill's co-workers. This isn't really a very sociable campground seeing many of the folks are construction workers and folks here on jobs like we are, and it's too hot to spend any time sitting outside at this time of the year, so we're really looking forward to a quick Ranch fix. See everybody in a few months!

We have discovered a wonderful phenomenon this summer. It is a simple and el cheapo method of renting new DVD movies like *The Queen*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *Letters from Iwo Jima*, etc. It costs the exorbitant amount of \$1.00 plus tax for one night. The DVD can be returned to any Redbox machine and if late it costs only \$1 for each night out. Here is the website: [www.redbox.com](http://www.redbox.com) to see where they are located and learn more about their system.

The machines are located at many name-brand supermarkets and McDonalds. At supermarkets, the red vending machines are located against the wall after you exit the cash registers. Simply choose which movie you wish to rent (our first was 'The Queen' starring Helen Mirren back in June). When the instructions ask you for your debit/credit card, slide your card through. (The card does not disappear into the machine; it is an exterior card reader.) Voila, the DVD slides out on the side of the RED vending machine to your waiting hand. No need to pay \$4.50 to rent an old movie from Blockbuster or Movie Gallery and no need to sell your soul to a movie rental store in order to simply borrow a movie.

Check it out at [www.redbox.com](http://www.redbox.com). Isn't it amazing how our fulltime RV lives continue to evolve!

*by Cindy & Carl Johnson, Lot 92*



Everyone, thank you for all the cards for my birthday! Everyone at my family reunion couldn't believe so many of you wrote. OVER 40!!

We had a wonderful time at the lakes with over 135 people. All 8 children, 17 grands and 11 great grands. Brother and sister from California and nephews from Hawaii, Tennessee, Kansas City, etc.

We hadn't all been together since our 50th anniversary. We are so scattered it will never happen again. Absolutely wonderful!

Hugs, Mickey Burch, Lot 91

# RANCH HANDS REPORTING IN



## TROCKELS' TRAVELS

On June 14 my (Ede) doctors agreed that I could heal more before my incision hernia repair surgery (Oct 2) and that we could travel and "have fun." We headed out to Capitan, NM to join *Sue and Bill Hoffmeister* and then *Helen Farnsworth*, and *Casey and Spike Jones*. Our one week stretched into three so that we could take in the July 4 activities - parade, Ranch Rodeo and picnic.

Our hydraulic leak that affected the slide and levelers could not be fixed locally so we headed to Bend OR to get repairs. In Utah we hiked in the Valley of the Gods. Climbing the mountain into Ely NV the moho overheated - we hand pumped 10 gallons of water into the surge tank and limped into Ely (14miles) rather than being towed to St. George, UT. Repairs were found in Ely - leaking surge tank.

On our travels from Ely to Elko we watched the lightning strike and at one point it struck a patch of juniper among the sagebrush, followed by smoke and flames - quite scary.

There were 5 wild fires that we passed that stretch. Our Oregon adventures included service in Bend, R & R at Lava Lake in the Deschutes NF, Beaver Pre-Rally in Prineville, FMCA Rally, seeing the sights at John Day Fossil Beds, and the Oregon Trail National History Center.

We spent a week in Victor ID hiking trails on the west side of the Tetons. Currently we are in Lander WY getting a Ranch fix with *Bill & Linda Good*. So far we have dined out, hiked and enjoyed being entertained by a cowboy poet.

As far as my health we hike whenever we can going 2-5 miles each outing. The neuropathy in my hands and feet has gotten worse but hopefully it will start getting better. Mid August my head and body "cleared" and my energy level has improved. I am a survivor!

**Bob & Edie Trockels, Lot 102**

## SCENES FROM THE NORTHWEST

Needra and I have really enjoyed the Northwest for the summer. With this being her first year on the road it has been a new experience for both of us. We visited Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Butchart Gardens, and Grand Coolee Dam. The real highlights were the Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island. I highly recommend that anyone who visits there do so in the afternoon and stay for the evening concert and the night viewing of the gardens. Most folks miss half the beauty by only going during the day. We also found that at Grand Coolee Dam that the best place to view both the dam and the Laser Light Show in the evening is a visitor overlook about two miles out of town to the northwest. The panorama for the whole area is fantastic and clarity of the show is better than right by the Dam.

We are looking forward to getting back to the Ranch and slowing down for a few weeks before starting all over.

Happy Trails,

**Cliff & Needra Dulcich, Lot 59**

## FROM THE MITROS

We have spent 8 weeks this summer work camping at Mountain Stream RV Park in Marion, North Carolina. It's situated near Pisgah National Forest and a short drive to the Blue Ridge Parkway. It's a small park with 40 sites, all back ins. Just a beautiful setting. If any of you ever come this way we highly recommend it.

In the July/Aug issue of the Palaver, Lew & Eleanor Leistikow told about their trip to Wyoming and South Dakota. I'm sure it was a great trip but am very disappointed y'all didn't take the time to visit Crazy Horse. It's absolutely amazing what the Ziolkowski's have accomplished (with no government help) with this ongoing project. The Visitors Center is absolutely gorgeous. You can see some of Korczak's sculptures there. At night there's a laser show on the mountain. We recommend not missing it if you are traveling that way.

Hope to be at our new site #37 before Christmas.

**Tom & Connie Mitro, Lot 37**

## RAILEYS AT THE RANCH

Although we haven't traveled extensively this summer, we have managed to do fun things.

The first week of August we picked up our two grandkids in Santa Fe and met our daughter and two other grandkids in Canyon, TX. We saw 'TEXAS' an outdoor pageant in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. This is a great show, and we would recommend it to everyone. The kids went horseback riding, and enjoyed the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. This is another recommendation if you are in that area.

We went to Ruidoso in mid-August where Bob and *Phyllis Frey* attended the operator's certification course for our new R/O system that will soon be on-line. Bob was picking up CE credits, and Phyllis will eventually be a certified operator, too. We then went to Cloudcroft for a few days of R&R before coming back to the Ranch.

Now it is: finish the projects, help with Roundup, and conduct the Fall semiannual meeting (Bob) which should keep us busy the rest of the year.

It has been a cooler summer, the AC has only run all night 2 nights, and days have mostly been tolerable. Wait until all of you return and see the Ranch. Few weeds that appear soon die, thanks to the good job that Gene has done. See you then.

Hugs,

**Bob & Marilyn Railey, Lot 30**



# RANCH HANDS REPORTING IN



## A BRIEF VACATION

Howdy all,

Well, Greg and I finally got back out to the Ranch, leaving SC on the 27th of July and arriving on the 31st. Had a great visit and much needed rest. We went up to Red Hill on the NM border to visit Stan and Helen Warner at their 12 acres they just bought. It was cool up there and we hiked up the mountain in Quemado at the Lake. What a view from the top. On the way there we stayed at Valley of Fires. We got our Golden Age Pass there, it is \$10.00 if you are at least 62 and it is for life. They are still working on the walk-way there but we walked the path twice. Saw a tarantula!! Someone told us to stop in Carrizozo and go to the old Ice Cream shop; that was on Saturday and it was closed. We really had our mouth watering for an old fashioned soda.

While trying to find a place to turn around the engine started to backfire and sputter. I tried to get Greg to stop and let it cool down. NO!!! SOOOOO just west of Capitan the motor home quit, that was just before 4:00. He thought we blew the engine. I called Good Sam and the gal was great, said she had tons of such calls and just to open the gas cap and wait about 2 hours, which we did. It was just vapor lock. We unhooked the Jeep and just sat there. We were surprised no one at all even stopped to see if we were ok. We've been on the side of the road several times and have always had lots of folks stop. Anyway about 6:30 we tried the engine and eureka, on we went Greg driving the motor home and I the Jeep back to the Ranch. We finally got back about 10:30 at night sneaking in like thieves. That was the 11th of August.

Hung out at the Ranch until the 14th and headed for home [Florence, SC] and that awful nasty word, WORK. We got home Friday the 17th to 110 degree temps and 99% humidity and nothing but brown which is normally green. So we had tons of green all over New Mexico everywhere we went and came home to dead and brown. A complete reverse. Mother Nature!!!

Hugs to all.

**Mary Ann & Greg Obst, Lot 26**

## TOO MUCH RAIN

Hi everyone,

Here in southeast WI we've had a lot of rain. Our garden died and plants are growing on the rug in our screen room. It's like Spring, the grass is growing faster than Art can cut it. Another Escapee couple was going to visit but said we were having way too many storms so they were going to just drive into IL. The mosquitoes are terrible.

Not sure if we'll make it back in time for Round-up. Our campground is for sale but so far no one has wanted to buy it. Good news for us. Safe travels to all,

Hugs,

**Art & Sherry Lumb, Lot 6**

## READY TO ROLL!

After spending the summer in Rochester, MN we are spinning our tires and ready to leave Labor Day weekend. Dave did refrigeration service work three days a week and I worked at Crossroads College. Our main reason for being in Rochester was to spend time with our two children and three grandchildren and we did plenty of that. Dad got in lots of golf with son Jeff and oldest grandson Calvin. Also we drove the grandkids to lessons and swimming and had them spend the night. Three children overnight in an RV is a bit crowded and noisy, but we had fun.

Our daughter's basement had several feet of water in the recent floods here so we were able to help them clean up the mess. Luckily they just lost "stuff" and they and their home are intact.

The best event that happened this summer was our son and his wife got a call from the hospital, "Your baby is here, come and get her" and they brought home -- a one day old baby girl which they are in the process of adopting. Her name is Grace, because they got her by the grace of God. She is a Cutie.

From here we plan on heading west through Teddy Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota, Yellowstone, Estes Park, and any point in between that looks interesting. The weather will determine how long we spend traveling before we make it back to the Ranch.

**Dave & Janet Duncan, Lot 48**

## BRAUMS IN ALASKA

Our trip to Alaska for the summer is winding down. We have one more stop in Hyder then it's on down to the lower 48. The sights we have seen are incredible. It's amazing that although we've seen numerous mountains, lakes, glaciers, waterfalls, bears, eagles, whales and wildflowers, we will still stop to photograph and take in the beauty of the next one down the road.

In addition to stopping in Soldotna to see *Dave & Sally Stribling*, we have met many couples along the way who are now on our list of friends and whom we meet up with every couple of weeks. When we say to this one couple, "See you down the road!" we do, if not every day, every other day!! It's been fun! We've seen most of the Alaska sights and bought the souvenirs and are now planning what to do and where to go on our next trip here!

Since we're only planning by the week, we don't know if we'll be at the Ranch for Round-up or Thanksgiving or sometime in between. We are visiting an uncle in WA and a daughter in Lancaster, CA before heading inland to NM and then CO. See you all then.

**Tom & Marion Braum, Lot 40**



## LIGHTNING STRIKES

We came to Colorado in order to get our blood work done at the Colorado health fair. In the past, we have been able to take the results to the doctor and get RX's renewed. Well .....

Things just didn't work out that way for this year. We have been here at my daughter's place since April 19th!!!! I have enjoyed being involved with the end of year school things, a graduation, etc. Now here we are getting involved with the beginning of school things. My Gosh, these kids are busy!

A quick update on our "happenings": My physical therapy has been a great help. That along with new drugs and I almost feel like a new woman. We have been going to the Fort Lupton Recreation center where we are able to walk (I can go a mile without resting now but Soren can walk 4 miles) then get into the pool for aqua-size.

About the time we thought we would be able to leave, we had a big electrical storm and the motor home got hit by an electrical surge caused by a nearby lightning strike. So since the middle of August, we have been living without TV, Microwave, AIR CONDITIONER, etc. The only electricity that works are the 4 outlets in the bedroom. We had a long list for the insurance adjuster when he came. Then, we were going to go to Brighton, about 7 miles away, and the slides would not operate. Never thought to check them as they work thru the 12 volt.

We have an appointment on the 27th of August to take the Motor Home to the dealer for repairs. Have no idea how long this will take.

As my medical issues were winding down, Soren's got started. He has a nodule on his thyroid and we await tests to see what will be done about it. He may have to have radioactive Iodine treatment, in which case, he will just have to fend for himself in the MH as I will move into the house with the family!

We have been working on plans for the Chili Chapter Rally and I think we have a good time planned for those who attend. We also worked on a new flag for the Escapees Elk BOF. I tried to make it myself but gave up. We finally had one custom made. It looks really nice, but the fabric is much thinner than I expected. Now we must mail all the Pre-rally stuff to Gary in Indiana.

Guess that's about all from this "front!"

**Barb & Soren Walther, Lot 10**



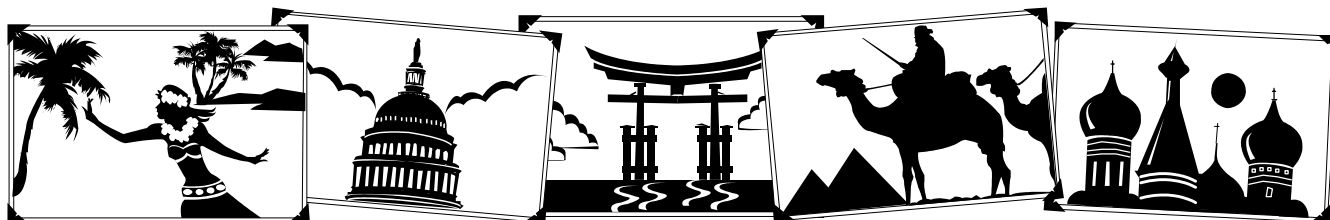
## WHERE DIDN'T WE GO?

We left the Ranch June 1st with our friends, Marge & Gary, who are new to RVing and new SKPs. They wanted us to "show them the ropes" which we did. Our first night we spent boondocking at a pullout the other side of Clines Corners, NM giving Gary a chance to use his new 2000 watt generator. After that we headed on to Santa Fe and Taos showing them the Wild Rivers Recreation Area, Rio Grande Gorge & Bridge, Earthships, Bandalier National Monument, Kit Carson's park & grave, the Capitol building, missions, etc. Then to CO to San Luis (the oldest town in CO) to hike the stations of the cross to the beautiful shrine on top of the hill, then to Blanca and the Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colorado Springs' Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak Cog Train, Air Force Academy, etc.

On to Rocky Mountain National Park and Trail Ridge Road, Rawlins, WY where Matt and I got robbed by an ex-con posing as a mechanic working on our motorhome, then to a wonderful free city park in Lander, WY where we spent 3 great days over the 4th of July, attending their parade, a buffalo bratwurst town picnic and fabulous fireworks display, then Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks where Marge & Gary had to leave us. Matt and I traveled on to Glacier National Park then to a Passport America park in Rexford, MT which is right on the Canadian border. Using this park as a home base we left the motorhome for a couple days and drove our little Geo into Alberta, Canada to Banff where we'd reserved a room at the Banff Aspen Lodge for 2 nights.....Very expensive room because of the location and no air conditioning. When Matt called the desk about air conditioning they said they don't have air because it never gets this hot.....ha-ha.

It was hot everywhere we went this summer except on the ice field. But the hotel was a great location for us to tour Lake Louise and drive the Icefields Parkway into Jasper National Park to the Columbia Icefield. On our way back south we stopped in Salt Lake City to tour Temple Square, Welfare Square and check out the Capitol which was closed to the public because it's being earthquake-proofed. After leaving Salt Lake City we stopped in Moab, Utah and toured Canyonlands and Arches National Parks. We drove the Scenic Byway 183 from Moab to the ghost town of Cisco, Utah then to Cortez, CO and spent a day in Mesa Verde to hike to Balcony House Cliff Dwelling. This is the only cliff dwelling that we hadn't visited. We'll head to the Ranch for the month of September.....Happy to sit awhile.

**Barb & Matt Lucas, Lot 4**



# RANCH HANDS REPORTING IN

## A GOOD REPORT

We have been in Loveland, CO during June, July, and August. I had surgery on both feet for peripheral neuropathy in nearby Ft. Collins. We stayed at a nice RV Park west of Loveland, and we had a nice shady spot. *Norm and Shirley Partch* were nearby at Boyd Lake for June and July and we got to see them often. Norm was also the one who recommended the Dr. in Ft. Collins who did the surgery. Since he went through it last summer, he provided good support and encouragement. We also managed to see *Soren and Barb Walther*, *Bob and Helen Abbott*, and *George and Linda Frey* during the summer. I have now recovered nicely and we are anxious to be on the road again.

Linda has continued recovering from her knee replacement surgery which she had in Carlsbad in March. She took good care of me doing most of the work and the driving. She is glad I am back to doing the driving again.

We are leaving August 28 and heading for Wyoming. We plan to meet *Ede and Bob Trockels* in Lander for a few days and we look forward to seeing them. After that we are headed further west to the Wind River Range, then further west to a park south of Jackson. We plan to also spend time in the Tetons and Yellowstone. That should take care of most of September.

Then, we will head east to attend an Escapees Chapter 17 Rally just south of Topeka, KS. After that we are going to Missouri to empty our storage area in Rolla. We will have to rent a truck which Linda will drive as we return to New Mexico in mid-to-late October. We don't look forward to all that work, but I guess it has to be done.

We hope everyone has a good fall, and we will see you back at The Ranch.  
 Bill and Linda Good, Lot 62



## HI ALL RANCH HANDS

Carmen and I spent almost three months in the Atlanta, GA area as I was undergoing seed implant and radiation treatments for my prostate cancer. The Atlanta area would be a great place to visit were it not for the traffic. Lots of it and they all want to be on the NASCAR circuit so they practice while going to and from work. Fortunately I was able to get to and from the treatment facility without traveling the interstate highway. There was lots of support and activities for Carmen while I underwent treatment. She attended special lunches, toured homes and gardens and went on a couple of informative tours. Seems it was a real "radiation vacation" for Carmen. The treatments seem to be working as expected, my PSA count has plunged and I no longer have side effects from the cancer or treatments.

Carmen and I have been in Maine & New Hampshire getting a good dose of "grandkids". It has been a very busy summer. We attended our oldest grandson's High School graduation, a wedding, our 50th High School reunion, a couple weeks being "entertained" by two of our grandchildren, mudding on our four wheeler, eating fresh caught Maine steamers and lobster and a motorcycle ride or two. Although the summer season in Maine started out rather damp with lots of rain it seems to be ending gloriously with warm days and cool nights.

We had planned on returning to The Ranch sometime in late November and leaving again in early December, however Carmen was selected for jury duty in Carlsbad. She was due to serve in August and September but we managed to postpone it to November and December. That "civic duty" has put yet another crimp in our travel plans. We will be returning to The Ranch around Halloween and leaving when Carmen's jury duty is complete.

Safe Travels To All!

Roland and Carmen Begin, Lot 82

# ***THE RANCH IN AUGUST***

***THE TREES ARE WHISTLING FOR THE DOGS.***

***HOT WATER COMES OUT OF BOTH TAPS.***

***YOU DISCOVER YOU CAN GET SUNBURNED THROUGH YOUR CAR WINDOWS.***

***YOU BREAK INTO A SWEAT THE INSTANT YOU STEP OUTSIDE AT 7:30 AM.***

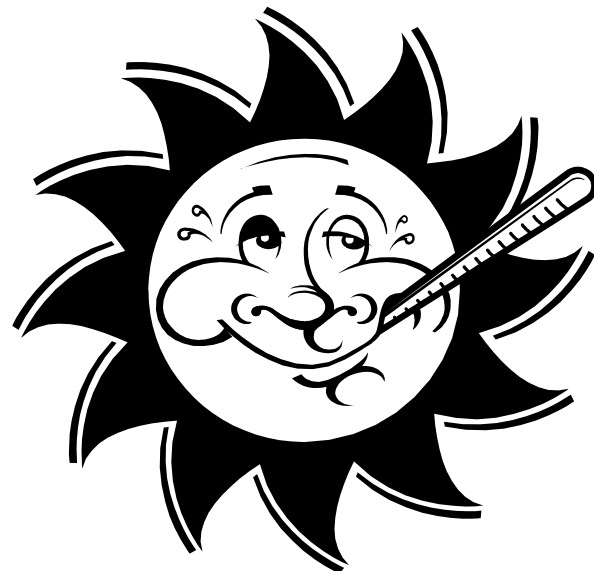
***YOUR BIGGEST BICYCLE WRECK FEAR IS, "WHAT IF I GET KNOCKED OUT AND END UP LYING ON THE PAVEMENT AND COOK TO DEATH?"***

***THE POTATOES COOK UNDERGROUND, SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PULL ONE OUT AND ADD BUTTER, SALT, AND PEPPER.***

***FARMERS ARE FEEDING THEIR CHICKENS CRUSHED ICE***

***TO KEEP THEM FROM LAYING BOILED EGGS.***

*by Lucy Billings*



# Round Up

October 18-21, 2007

Come One, Come All-We are planning a great time in Raunchy Town with meals, craft classes, tours, horse races, Raunchy Night and programs. We will also elect a Mayor of Raunchy Town again this year. Remember no stuffing the ballot box or the Sheriff and Judge will be after you.

Our Manager, Barbara Pilgrim, has made up postage paid post cards for you all to fill out and mail back to the Ranch to let us know whether or not you will be attending. These cards will be included in the packet you will be getting for the semi-annual meeting in November. Please, please fill out the card and drop it in the mail, Barbara has made it very easy for you.



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