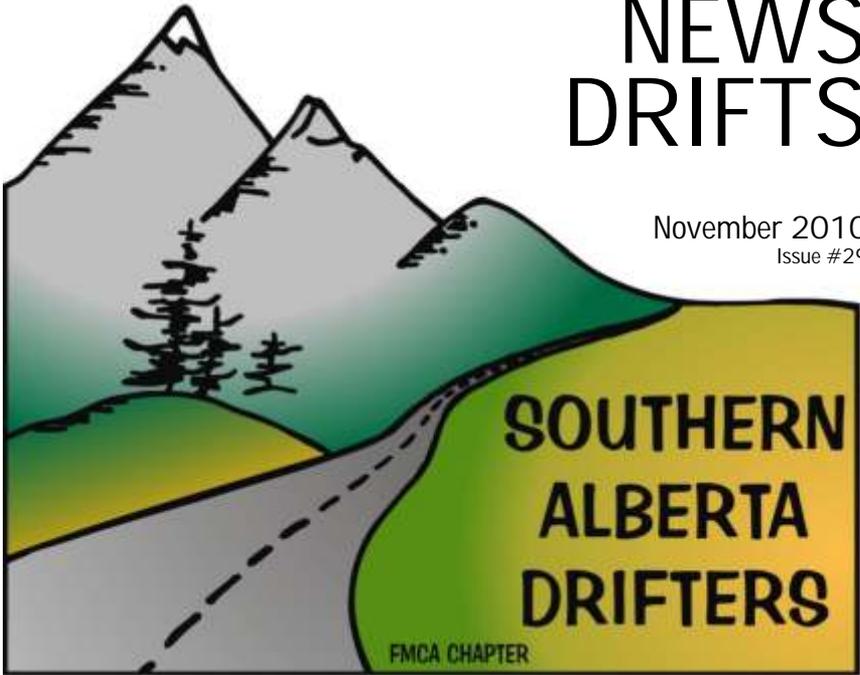


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SOUTHERN ALBERTA DRIFTERS is a registered chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association. Membership is open to any FMCA member in good standing.

Membership

Annual Dues are \$15.00 and are due on January 1st.
There is a \$20.00 registration fee for the first year.
Name Badges are \$15.00 each.

Annual General Meeting

Bashaw, AB October 2nd, 2010

Minutes

President's Report: Meeting called to order at 10am by president Bonnie Kerr who introduced the executive. Minutes from the previous meeting were handed out and carried with the exception of Dave Wylie's name being spelled incorrectly. Bonnie thanked everyone for all their help throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report: Kristine Fraser was not in attendance, but everyone was given a copy of the current status that she had prepared. There were a few comments regarding the lack of a balance forward from the start of the year.

Further discussion was held regarding the cheque that had just been issued for the next year's trailer storage in the amount of \$425.00. The membership was advised that the trailer storage for next year has been volunteered at no cost by members Stephen and Anne Pick. This will be discussed in the new year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was carried.

Membership Report: Sherri Wylie announced that we have had some members leave and a few new members join in the past year. With our total membership currently at 50 families. Sherrie mentioned that Stephen and Anne Pick had printed us up some business cards to give to prospective new members and they were handed out to all the members present.

Wagonmaster's Report: Lyle Davidson gave his report for the year informing us that we had 18 coaches @ Mossleigh, 13 coaches @ High River, 7 coaches @ Pine Coulee, 13 coaches @ Nanton, 10 coaches @ Claresholm, and 15 coaches @ Bashaw.

Lyle has already booked some repeat rally locations for next year with dates to appear in the next newsletter. He thanked everyone for their participation in the rallies for this year and for all the help he received.

New Business: There was a discussion on raising our annual dues. A motion was put on the floor and carried, raising dues to \$15.00 per year.

It was announced that the National Rally in Pomona California has been cancelled.

A discussion was held regarding the printing of our newsletter, and a motion was put forward that Stephen and Anne Pick, with print and mail-out pricing equal to what it cost the chapter for the newsletter last year, would volunteer to do the layout of the newsletters, and do the printing and handle the mail-outs for the Chapter. This motion was carried with a huge thank you from all in attendance.

Don Fellows announced the Wild Rose Chapter was hosting a rally in Torrington AB in September 2011, and our chapter was invited. Further info on this rally is to follow in a later newsletter.

October Gobblefest Rally – Bashaw, Alberta

Bashaw was our final camp out of the year. We had 14 member coaches and 1 guest coach come out to enjoy the fabulous weather.

Friday night we had hot appetizers catered to us in the club house. Dave and Sherri Wylie were able to make this function so there was lots of catch up chatting Friday evening.



Saturday morning we had our breakfast in the club house, and then our Chapter Meeting and elections – Please read the minutes from the meeting that are in this newsletter, to see the election results and the changes we voted on.



Saturday brought forth great weather and a few groups went out golfing (this year they could really wear their shorts ... the temp got up to 20°C!). The rest of the group just had a very lazy day in the sun.



We had 1 guest coach ... Keith and Fran Ronak attended as prospective members.



Saturday evening we had a fully catered supper of Turkey in the club house, and then most came out for our final camp fire for the year.



Sunday morning we had a lot of final goodbyes for the season, as many were heading down south the following week. I think a good time was had by all that attended.

This will be the final newsletter this year. We will have another one coming out early in the spring.



Hope all have a great winter, and a very Merry Christmas to all.



Lorna Steeves



President's Message

Hello all !

I would like to thank you all firstly for your vote of confidence in electing me the next Chapter president. I hope I can live up to your expectations.

I do not plan any major changes to the way the Chapter runs, although I would invite any and all members to send me an e-mail or two on any changes you would like to see, and all will be considered.

I seem to have been given a new nickname since the election, with many calls and e-mails addressed to King Edward, so I have purchased a plastic crown and cheap purple cape so none will be disappointed. I plan on ruling with a rubber fist and a large goblet, but at the same time treat all my serfs with great respect. (Of course I am just kidding and I hope you can all appreciate the joke without taking me too seriously!)

I wish you all a wonderful winter and a great Christmas even if you are not lying in the Arizona sun. Keep safe and I'll see you all in the spring.

Ed Bostock



Nanton photos courtesy Ray & Rosemary

Even Kings get stuck and need loyal serfs to pull them out !!

King Edward got totally mired in mud on attempting departure from the Nanton Rally. Thanks to enterprising dumpster divers, Donna B and Lorna, enough material was found for under the tires to enable Serf Stephen and his Jeep (the Sampson duo!?) to haul him out of there!



Bashaw photos courtesy Ed & Lorna

2010 Photo Album

Mossleigh



High River



Pine Coulee



Nanton



Claresholm



Photos courtesy
Ron & Lane,
Ray & Rosemary, and
Stephen & Anne

Membership Update

Stephen Pick has stepped forward and taken on the Membership position that remained open after the Bashaw meeting. Stephen has put together an updated Roster Book from the information provided to him by Sherri Wylie. It is enclosed with this newsletter.

Please check that your information is accurate. If there are any corrections or changes, please forward them to Stephen at:
stephenandanne@ontheridge.ca • 403-938-2876

Annual Membership dues are now \$15 per coach (refer to the Bashaw minutes). Your 2011 dues are payable on January 1st (cheques payable to Southern Alberta Drifters). Please remit to our Treasurer, Lane Kellam.

Rally Update

The Membership Roster included in this mail-out has important general information on the inside cover about our Rallies, and the importance of committing to them in advance, and not waiting to see if the weather will be good! Good times are had by all, even when the weather isn't always entirely co-operative! And so often we end up with better weather than we might have expected from the forecasts!

The dates for 2011 are listed on the back cover, with proposed locations, which are subject to change. If you mark them on your calendars now, you will hopefully be able to work the rest of your busy lives around the ones you want to attend! In the spring you will receive a Rally form listing the events for the year. Please fill in the form indicating the events you plan or hope to attend and return to Lyle to enable him to go forward with the arrangements.

Our Wagonmaster works hard at selecting locations, anticipating numbers of coaches and arranging for enough campsites, putting down a deposit when required, etc. Make Lyle's task a little easier by deciding and committing to an event at least a month in advance.

Payment must be received two weeks in advance of the event. Please send all forms and payments to our Treasurer, Lane Kellam.

General Info

All cheques and registration and sign-up forms should be sent to our Treasurer:
Lane Kellam
80 Mt Douglass Point SE
Calgary, AB T2Z 3J9

The Chapter's official mailing address is: Ed Bostock
219 Pinemill Road NE
Calgary, AB T1Y 2E1

The Chapter's official FMCA website address is:
www.fmcanw.org/chapters/southernalberta/index.html

At present, the site is out of date ... we will be working on it!

Other FMCA addresses to note are:

www.fmca.com for the parent organization, and
www.fmcanw.org for our North West area



2011 Chapter Activities

*Southern Alberta Drifters events in bold,
other events in normal type.*

January 12 - 16	Indio, California — Western Area Rally
May 20 - 23	Aspen Crossing Campground, Mossleigh <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Spring Meeting• water, sewer, 30 amp power
June 2 - 5	Albany, Oregon — Northwest Area Rally
June 17 - 19	High River Recreation Complex <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dry camping
July 8 - 10	Pine Coulee, Willow Creek Provincial Park <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dry camping
July 29 - Aug 1	Nanton Campground <ul style="list-style-type: none">• dry camping
August 10 - 13	Madison, Wisconsin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FMCA's 86th International Convention
September 2 - 5	Claresholm Campground <ul style="list-style-type: none">• water, 30 amp power, dump station
September 17 - 19	Torrington — Wild Rose Chapter, FMCA
September 30 - October 2	Location TBA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gobblefest• Annual General Meeting

The above events are still subject to change. Watch for upcoming event dates and details as they become available!

Contact Wagonmaster Lyle Davidson @ 403-652-2834
or lyleanned@shaw.ca to register, or for more information.

Chapter Newsletter

The Newsletter is published before the start of the camping season, and after each event. The first issue and last issue of the year will be printed and mailed to members. NOTE ... the other issues will only be produced in electronic format and will go out only by email, so make sure we have your email address !!

To ensure you receive the mailed spring newsletter with the up-to-date Rally information, send any address changes to Stephen (Membership) by email at stephenandanne@ontheridge.ca or by phone at 403-938-2876.