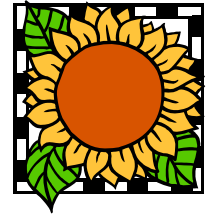




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President's Message

by Roger Talich

Hello, Discovery Pioneers!

Another successful outing was just completed at the KOA near Ouray, Colorado. It is evident why Ouray claims to be the Switzerland of the Rockies. It is beautiful there. The KOA campground was very peaceful and our rigs were parked backing up to a small stream with a small cliff facing our vehicles. A trip to that area has been put on my must do list for each summer.



Individual side trips of one to two couples were held to Ouray, Telluride, Silverton, Montrose, and Ridgway. There was a lot of sightseeing and much shopping. In addition, the group dined one evening in an attractive, romantic, and good Mexican style restaurant in Ridgway, and on another evening we

attended a karaoke at another establishment in Ridgway. Two ladies from our group made us proud with their rendition of some of the older and beautiful songs that we all know and love. We appreciated your music, Joyce and Nina.

The final evening was spent around a campfire joking, telling stories, laughing and having a good time. We thank John and Jan Kovach for supplying the firewood and starting a wonderful fire.

If there was a down side to this trip, it was that we had only six rigs at this camp out. There were five regular member vehicles including the camp out hosts, who spend their summer working at this KOA, and one couple in their rig as guests. Welcome to Jerry and Janet Sexton. We hope to see you soon as regular members. Also thanks to Carl and Betty Gordon for hosting the outing and for the wonderful sweet rolls. Hope to see you all in Cody.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Chapter Meeting Ouray, CO, June 16, 2007

President Roger Talich called the meeting of the Discovery Pioneers to order at 9:35 a.m. at the KOA Campground in Ouray, Colorado. Five member coaches were present, which is enough for a quorum. We welcomed visitors Jerry and Janet Sexton from Gardner, Kansas.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. There were no corrections.

Treasurer Bob Soltwedel reported a balance of \$2,844.78 in the chapter account. We will no longer be paying 12 cents for each transaction, and if we maintain a balance of \$600, we will receive interest. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Discussion was held on the possibility of using some of the club's money at one of our outings. Last July we offered this as a way of trying to entice more members to attend our rallies. We will put this idea on the agenda to be discussed at the Cody rally. The idea was tabled until then.

Under new business, Nina Soltwedel reported that the Creede rally has been canceled due to Leo Everitt's health. Bob and Nina sent out notices

inquiring about scheduling a rally in Ft. Collins in September. Response was favorable. Jerry and Joyce Wiechman have agreed to co-host a rally with Bob and Nina Soltwedel which will be held in Ft. Collins the weekend after Labor Day. Details will be provided in the next newsletter. K & C will provide a dinner and bring a new coach for us to admire.

Jerry Wiechman presented the slate of officers for the coming year. Roger Talich, president; Chuck Brock, vice president; Nancy Talich, secretary; Bob Soltwedel, treasurer; Jerry and Joyce Wiechman, rally masters; Joyce Wiechman, Carl Ropp, and Bob Hixson, nominating committee.

Membership: Nina Soltwedel reported that dues are due. Notices have been sent out. Please send a note back to Nina when you receive the newsletter. That way she will know that you received it.

Joyce Wiechman proposed that we have a get-together in Arizona since so many of our members go there in the winter. We will discuss the possibility of having a winter meeting in Arizona at the July meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

—Nancy Talich, secretary pro tem

A Multitude of Reports *by Nina Soltwedel*

Membership

I've sent out membership renewal notices via e-mail to those Discovery Pioneers members whose dues are due by June 30. Some of you have paid a year or so in advance, and that's super! If you didn't receive your e-mail notice, let me know. I only sent to those who aren't paid ahead, but it's entirely possible that a message or two never made it to its destination.



As of this writing (June 20), we have 14 members paid up for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and several have said they will pay at the July rally in Cody.

Sadly, we're losing **Bob and Sandy Greenwell** from the Pioneers and from DOAI. They are very involved with FMCA and have decided to give their energies to that excellent organization. We wish them well, and hope that sometime they may be able to join us at a rally. It is my understanding that they will be living in Arizona year-round.

In the last newsletter I asked for e-mail addresses for any former members of the Pioneers so that I can add them to our newsletter distribution list. The former members I have addresses for are:

Neil & Marlene Elkins
Leo & Jackie Everitt
Don & Nancy Gillam
Bob & Sandy Greenwell
Jerry & Linda Molzahn
Jack & Gayelene Muckenthaler
Ross & Alice Peery

Can you help? Check through your e-mail address book and let me know what you have. Thanks!

Newsletter

You may have noticed the masthead wording of this issue: "Late Second Quarter 2007". That's because you're getting this before July in order to give you the latest information before the Cody rally. There will be a Third Quarter issue in late July, giving last minute information about the fall rally.

September Rally

By now you know that the Creede, Colorado rally in August has been cancelled due to Leo Everitt's health. We have re-scheduled the rally for *September 6-9, 2007 in Fort Collins, Colorado*. Your hosts will be Bob and Nina Soltwedel and Jerry and Joyce Wiechman.

The location for the rally will be familiar to many of you: it's at the KOA Lakeside Kampground, which once was called Heron Lake RV Park, site of at least two Discovery Pioneers rallies. Under new ownership and management, the individuals in charge are eager

to work with us to ensure a great rally. One of the new perks: WiFi is available!

In addition, K&C RV in Longmont will be sponsoring a dinner for us on one of the evenings! There's a possibility that they may bring a new Discovery to the campground for us to tour through and lust for!

The four of us are making plans now for lots of fun and fellowship. One thing we have decided: we're going to repeat that delicious "group" chili-fest that Jerry and Joyce offered us at our rally in Santa Fe last year. Bring a can of chili with you (any brand, any kind) and add it to the pot...you'll have a tasty meal!

We're also planning a couple of excursions, along with a wine/cheese gathering. More details will be sent out later. Here are more details:

Deadline: We have reserved ten spots, and the deposit needs to be sent in by August 1. We have until that date to reserve more spots if needed. Therefore, we would appreciate hearing from all of you who are planning to attend, including our former members. Now's the time to secure more spots if we need them! **Final count** must be given to the campground by August 15.

If you plan to arrive a day or so early, you must make your own early arrangements with the campground.

Cost: \$110 for three nights, including tax and rally fee.

Also: The chapter will be paying \$25 for the exclusive use of the meeting room during our stay.

To Register: Send your check for \$110, payable to Discovery Pioneers and noted "Fort Collins rally" to Bob Soltwedel, 4736 Harwich St., Boulder CO 80301-4217.

Watch your e-mail inboxes for updates as arrangements become more firm and plans gel. We hope to see a lot of you in Fort Collins.

We will also send out a map and other necessary information to participants after August 15.

Member Care

Keep **Terry and Sandy Ven Roy** in your prayers. Terry's mom suffered a severe stroke, and they are now in Michigan caring for her.

Keep **Paul and Dorothy Lambert** in your prayers. Paul is recovering at home after a lengthy time in the hospital.

Keep **Jim and Dorothy Devine** in your prayers. Dorothy had been back in the hospital; she's back home again and feeling a bit better.

Let me know of anyone needing prayers.

More Photos from Ouray



The breakfast photos will give you an idea of the nice campground. This is a beautiful place to stay in one of Colorado's most scenic areas. One night we had all-you-can-eat BBQ meal prepared by the campground staff. Excellent! Brisket, pork ribs, chicken, coleslaw, beans, roll, and blackberry cobbler – what a feast! Carl and Betty Gordon put together a super rally for us. We're sorry you missed it. We extend **BIG THANKS** to Carl and Betty.



Left to right: Cascade Falls up from Main Street in Ouray; over-view of Ouray from highway going south out of town; view of Telluride from gondola; a close-up of Cascade Creek.