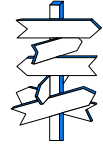




# THE MILEPOST

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## Hello, Discovery Pioneers!

*by Nina Soltwedel, Editor*

**T**oo bad you all left Winding River on Sunday morning. Had you stayed one more night, you would have seen what the Lamberts and we saw that evening at the Colorado River; a young cow moose and her very frisky youngster browsing among the willows. We were returning from dinner in Grand Lake, and sat in the car for several minutes, watching "Mama" trying to keep up with her curious offspring.

On Monday morning, as we drove back to Boulder through RMNP, we delighted in seeing many marmots sunning themselves on sun-warmed rocks around the 10,000-foot level. The profusion of wildflowers was magnificent. At around 11,000 feet we happened upon a large herd of elk, all mamas and babies, with one majestic bull watching over them. Idyllic!

That Winding River rally was great fun. Linda Molzahn jumped right in when I shared with her that we had forgotten our camera. Her wonderful photos grace this issue...enjoy! Many thanks, Linda. You're a real good sport (as witness that very funny photo of her...can you spot her?).

As always, it's so much fun to get together with all you Pioneers. Lots of hugging, laughing, teasing, and telling of tales (tall and not-so-tall), with a few songs and dances tossed in for good measure, and you can't help but have a good time.

Bob and I will be on our way to York, Pennsylvania the end of this month. I hope others of you plan to be there, too, for the DOAI national rally. It's bound to be great...they always are. We'll be meeting new Pioneer members at the rally: George and Bonnie Ladley, full-timers, will be there, and we've made arrangements to get their name tags to them on the spot.

Along the way we'll be visiting friends and relatives here and there, and "enjoying" the humidity of the Midwest. We plan to get back in time to join you at the Estes Park rally on Labor Day weekend that Bob and Sandy Greenwell are hosting.

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## Greetings, Pioneers!

*by Joyce Wiechman, President*

**I**'m on the top of the world, lookin' down on creation... These are some lyrics to a familiar melody, and the Pioneers who attended the July rally at Grand Lake, Colorado experienced just such a sensation. There was a sign that read: "Watch your step; it's 9,000 feet to sea level."

## Glad/Sad News

Glad news: Alice Peery has been given a clean bill of health after her chemotherapy. Sad news: Ross and Alice decided to sell their D and get a Holiday Rambler. However, we look forward to seeing them now and again at our chapter rallies.

More sad news: Doug and Marty Marion have sold their coach, due to Marty's serious health situation. They are buying a park model at Pueblo El Mirage. Doug and Marty say they so appreciate getting to know the Pioneers, and that they will miss us. I can add that I hope our paths cross again, and that all of us wish them both well and Marty...good health!

Jim and Donna Hiss will not be renewing their membership. They wrote: "...we are so busy with the Rocky Mountain group and never get to attend the Discovery rallies. Maybe we will rejoin at a later time."

That reminds me to remind you: dues were due July 1...if you haven't paid yours (or can't remember if you did, which is what happens to me), call either Bob or me at 303-530-0775 right away. We hope you'll be with us another year. Our Pioneer friends are special to us.

## Bob Says Thanks

It made Bob feel quite wonderful at being nominated by all of you to run for DOAI Northwest Vice President. Your faith in him is justified...I know him very well (well, I should...we've been married for 48 years), and I think he's the better man for the job. But I admit I am a bit biased. In any event, he says thanks to all of you for your nomination.

## In Closing

This will be the last newsletter until October. Keep me posted on what you are doing and where you are going, so I can share with everyone your news. YOU make this newsletter fun to read. I depend on you for all the news, jokes, photos, recipes, and anything you wish to send me. May your roads be smooth and your fuel prices be low! 

Roger and Nancy Talich made all the arrangements for this "top of the world" outing by booking us in at Winding River Resort. There were interesting things to visit; Rocky Mountain National Park is just a stone's throw from the campground, and it's always fun to spend time in mountain villages like Grand Lake. They have such neat shops, and the ice cream is wonderful.

Kawuneeche Visitors Center is a great place to spend some time. They show two documentary movies about the area; one, titled "The Source," narrated by John Forsythe, tells about how the Colorado River originates. The camera work is fabulous, showing the wild life in the park. Some filming was done underwater, which is awesome.

Of course, our best times are always when the Pioneers are together. The Taliches hosted a greeting-and-hugging happy hour on Thursday evening when all 11 coaches were settled in. We got caught up on what everyone had been doing since we met in Moab, Utah in May.

Friday morning our hosts provided rolls and coffee. That turned into a photo-shoot of Irish line dancing and an "ugly knee" contest.

Dinner that evening was at The Bear's Den in Grand Lake, followed by the chapter's annual meeting with election of officers for the coming year.

The RV park provided breakfast on Saturday morning. They served sausages and only one pancake...it measured about 12 inches! Our BBQ dinner was also served by the park hosts, and was followed by a great sing-along. When our voices were worn out, we formed a circle around a cozy campfire at the Greenwells' campsite where we told tall tales. A marshmallow toast was planned, but we were too full from dinner.

Nancy and Roger again provided rolls and coffee on Sunday morning as we said our goodbyes, and each D rolled out to different destinations, each taking memories of a fun weekend.

If laughs were dollars, we would have a fortune! A big thank you to Roger and Nancy for showing us such a good time. We look forward to September 2-4 when our hosts, Bob and Sandy Greenwell, will entertain us in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. Come and help us finish our Pioneer season. 🌟

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### Estes Park Rally, September 2-4, 2005

Bob and Sandy Greenwell volunteered to host a rally in Estes Park at the Elk Meadow RV Campground over Labor Day weekend. Bob secured a group rate based upon ten rigs. As of July 19 he had six rigs registered, so he cancelled the rally.

However, **the rally is not cancelled.** The only difference is that you each need to make your own reservations by calling 1.800.582.5342. The rate is \$37.50 plus tax per night (two nights), and there is an extra \$2 per night for cable TV, and \$2 per night for 50 amp electrical service.

Those who gave checks to Bob Greenwell will receive them back. The Greenwells are not making any dinner or activity arrangements.

Call in your reservation now, because we really want to see lots of you Pioneers in Estes Park on

Labor Day weekend. There will be activities going on in the town, including an arts/crafts festival.

We can have lots of fun! This'll be a great way to "end" the summer months, and perhaps one last chance to be together before we all scatter to our various winter abodes.

The map on the next page shows how to get to the campground. Elk Meadow (and Estes Park), located on the "front" side of the Rockies, sits at the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. The list of amenities in the park is lengthy, and includes a heated swimming pool and spa, ice cream socials, 18-hole mini golf course, and new for 2005, wi-fi internet access. Elk Meadow is a Good Sam park, so if you're a member, you get a discount! Plan to arrive at Elk Meadow on Friday, Sept. 2 and stay two nights. We'll gather and plan our fun. Who knows what will happen...take a chance and join us in Estes Park! 🌟

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### Special Announcement!

If you've read this far, we have some good news for you!

At the business meeting in Grand Lake, a decision was made to take \$500 out of the chapter treasury and use it to defray the cost of the *July 2006* annual meeting rally. This means that every coach attending that rally will get something **off** their total bill. The \$500 will be divided equally amongst all the coaches attending, and this includes YOU as a paid-up member of Discovery Pioneers.

This action was taken in an effort to encourage attendance at the annual meeting, and in the hopes that those who have never attended a Pioneers rally in the past will feel encouraged to do so and learn what a fun time we have.

This is an experiment! We have funds in the treasury to accommodate this experiment, and we hope it proves to be successful. Only YOU can determine the outcome.

Questions? Contact President Joyce Wiechman or Treasurer Bob Soltwedel. 🌟