



WESTERN CANADA PLEASURE-WAY RV CLUB NEWSLETTER – JAN 2013

Website: <http://wcpwrv.weebly.com>

NEW MEMBERS

WELLS, Norm & Kathy join us from Seattle, Wa and purchased their Pleasure-Way in Nanaimo.

My sister Lorraine Hill lives there and also is a proud owner. We also need information about van covers. Do you know where we can get information from owners - any chat groups?

EDITOR's Note:

There is a Yahoo Group website strictly for Pleasure-Way owners. All of the topics PW owners have can usually be found in this forum using the Search option. You will need to set up a Yahoo account and have your VIN ready to join the group.

<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Pleasurewayownersgroup/>

We look forward to your newsletters. Perhaps the primary news about us is that we are both from Canada ... Norm from Calgary and Edmonton and I grew up in Saskatoon! We met in Chicago. We are dual citizens and love to be in Canada, especially BC. Until recently we have owned a Tear Drop trailer which we loved but decided that a little more luxury sounded good.

SCHLAMP, Harold joins us from St. Adolphe, Manitoba and purchased a 1998 Pleasure-Way and drove it back from Victoria B.C. late last fall and put it away for winter.

Harold would like some info from any members who replaced their existing analogue TV to a digital model in their PW. I did some him some info but if you know of someone who has done this, please contact him at ritchotemergcoor@hotmail.com.

TRAVELS

Leah and Ray Bradford will be driving down to California and Arizona for February and March to play and read in the sunshine.

“We were told not to reserve any campsites because we won't have trouble getting in. Do you agree? Do you have a few favourite RV spots you can recommend? We sure appreciate any advice you can give us on our maiden voyage for the winter. Thanks so much.”

If you have made the trip down south during the winter months, could you please contact them? It is always nice to meet up with other members/owners on your trips.

TV Stations

When we have been in the States last year we found it impossible to get any television stations with the antenna. We have added the Wineguard Wingman that is suppose to "Optimize the antenna for DTV reception". But we have yet to receive a station. While reading on the Yahoo Group that others are having the same problem I thought I would put in the newsletter a comment about that problem. This is a solution from Ken Stackhouse.

Quote:

If you do not have a digital TV "locater" device, but you have the Internet, or you know where you are going to be prior to your trip, you can use www.antennaweb.org or www.tvfool.com to find out TV stations, antenna directions, and your chances for reception.

Regardless, you still have to rescan (or rescan-add) each time you are in a new location or when you change your antenna direction. This is because most TVs have to capture identifying digital data from the station to inform the TV the actual channel to display the station.

Many times the two are not the same. For example, in the San Francisco bay area Ch 4 is actually broadcasted on Ch 38 (9 is on 30, 11 is on 12, for other examples). The TV has to receive the data (during the scan process) to learn that when you tune your TV to Ch 4 it should show what it is receiving on Ch 38.

This primarily got messed up during the transition period. Since most channels were transmitting both analog and digital at that time, they had to broadcast their digital content on another channel. After the analog signal were turned off, some migrated back to their original frequency.

This was why during the transition we were being told to rescan our TVs every now and then. So that when a channel changes back or a new channel appears, our TVs could relearn the new frequency combination.

Also, they knew that lower channels do not work well for digital TV signals. So, most of these stations broadcast on higher channels (unbeknownst to the viewer).

Even on your home set, if you are using an antenna and a new channel comes on in your area, you will not know it unless you rescan. UnQuote

RALLIES/PW GATHERINGS

Well it is getting to be that time of year when some of us are thinking about where to go this spring and summer. I've had some member's asking if there are any events planned. **Remember anyone can find a campground and be a host.** Being as we have several members on Vancouver Island, **do you have a favourite place to camp? Would you like others to join you?** Camping weather starts early on the Island, so if your planning an outing and want others to know, just drop me a line and I can send out a group email.

When at the Powell River event it was discussed about looking into an event at The Great Canadian Barn Dance Campground in Hillspring, Alberta. The website is www.gcbd.ca Maybe some member's from Alberta would like to meet there? I think Aspen Crossing looks like a nice campground and they have a garage type building that can be used as a gathering place. Plus there is a train ride that can be taken in that area. Waterton Park is another place that would be good to have a gathering.

So if you plan to go to any of these places or others that interest you, would like to be the host organizer, just let me know I can send out the email for you.

If you've been to a location that you've enjoyed and think others would, we can always put it in the newsletter and add it to the website. The club is for everyone's participation, we like to hear from you.

One of our events was travelling with a group of members to Saskatoon and having a tour of the Pleasure-Way factory. From there we went to the tunnels in Moose Jaw, Sask, Alberta and back to BC. We have had events in Oliver, Campbell River and Powell River, BC. Is there a member in Alberta who would like to be the host to an event there? We always plan to make one visit see our family in Alberta, but it is always hard to get a suitable time frame this far in advance, as we have to work around our son's work schedule. So a host from Alberta would be really appreciated.

Alaska

Are you planning on going to Alaska? From the request we put out in a previous newsletter we had two members who expressed an interest in going, depending on the time frame of the trip. When we went to Alaska we left on June 30th and found neither the campgrounds nor the roads busy and the weather was fairly good, even though we happened to get a lot of rain. So I would suggest leaving as early in July as possible. If you plan on going it is best to get a copy of the MILEPOST. Check out the website, www.milepost.com It is a thick book that has all the maps and tells you by the mile of different things to see and do. We had an old copy as we had planned for several years to go and finally made it in 2008. **Has anyone else considered travelling to Alaska this year?**

We have been thinking of travelling the highway 20 route from Williams Lake to Bella Coola or maybe taking the ferry to the Queen Charlotte Islands. These are two places in BC we haven't been to. As to when, that is the big question. Seems we can't plan to far in advance as something always comes up to change plans and it is still only January.

Meals in a PW

When going on a long trip it is always nice to have some meals planned ahead of time. My sister told me how she roasts the large peameal (back) bacon pieces and then slices it and freezes it in small packets for when they want bacon. You can roast it in a covered roaster at 350 F for 1.5 – 2 hrs depending on the size of the piece; put a small amount of liquid, water or apple juice in the bottom of the roaster. I cut a large piece in half so it cooks faster. It makes the back bacon really tender and makes a great fast meal in the RV.

E-15 Gas

Here is an article about E-15 gas that is available in several gas stations in the USA. Something you want to avoid putting in your Pleasure-Way.

Watch this video from Fox Business...if your CAR IS OLDER THAN 2012 you need to AVOID THE NEW E15 GAS that is just starting to show up at gas stations.

Most car companies will not honour the warranty on your car if you use this new gas. Beware if you go to the U.S. and gas up

<http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/2000862202001/>