



**WESTERN CANADA
PLEASURE-WAY
RV CLUB**

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

NEW MEMBERS

Damery, Trudy & Rhiannon Galanta join us from Armstrong, BC.

This will be our very first season camping and first time owners of a Pleasure-Way camper van.

We are excited and looking forward to many new adventures. We are also planning a trip across Canada in mid August.

Waggoner, Bill & Gloria join us from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

North, David & Eleanor join us from Surrey, BC.

Our vehicle is a 2006 Pleasure-Way which we purchased from the original owner, Doreen Rasmussen. (Doreen was a previous member to the club.)

David and I have been campers from the time we married in 1963. First it was tents and then 3 different small motorhomes for varying lengths of time prior to buying our used Pleasure-Way in spring of 2013. We believe we have found the perfect vehicle for us. We have taken a number of short, local trips and spent 4 weeks in California over Christmas. We hope to travel across Canada starting in June 2014.

Thank you for including us as members of the club, we look forward to being a part of it.

Snider, Doug & Marilyn join us from Visala, California

We are 4 decade VW bus owners who purchased a 04 Excel from a friend on Whidbey Island last month. Enjoyed our 'shake down cruise' drive down the coast to CA; fortunately we were not in the Bus when we found ourselves snow bound in Astoria, Ft Stevens, for 4 days. Still have my 86 VW Weekender, which I take into the Sierras as much as possible.

Goal is to treat the Pleasure-way as if it was a VW; camping off the grid as much as possible and enjoying the 'Blue Highways'.

Live near Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park and about 3 hours south of Yosemite. My wife and I would be pleased if anyone wished to stop by or contact us with any questions about the Parks.

Leaving next month (April) for a 4 month trek (hopefully) with the plan of hugging the Southern border to FL and then up the coast until we enter Canada and head West. We recently began a Blog: Meandering the Blue Highways at <http://meanderingthebluehighways.blogspot.com/>

We plan on entering Canada somewhere near the Great Lakes and heading toward Lake Louise, Jasper and finishing up our Canadian experience with friends near Vancouver. Having a son in Quantico, VA and

a daughter in Seattle, WA makes my wanderlust almost normal.

Doug's blog has been added to the Club website for anyone who wants to follow their trip.

O'Hara, Dave & Gail join us from Chemainus, BC

We have spent many years exploring the coast by sea and would like to now explore by land. Being new to RVing we have many questions.

We have spent a lot of time cruising the west coast by boat. We even took our boat to Alaska, but we have sold our boat and now we would like to do some land cruising. We had a 5th wheel back in the 90's but really did not like sitting in a RV Park in the desert for weeks. (Where's the water?) So exploring with a van sounds exciting.

We would like to travel Washington and Oregon coast (there's water) and eventually across Canada. Our first trip though will be to Harrison Hot Springs in April. Guess what there is water.

We are looking forward to meeting other travellers; finding out their favourite getaways; best routes and travel tips.

One Question---Is joining Sam's Club a good idea or is there a better one out there?

Krahn, John & Barb Adams join us from Chilliwack, BC

John & Barb saw our PW in our driveway and dropped in to see it and decided it was perfect for their needs. They have since purchased one from Canadream and looking forward to their first camping experience.

Taylor, Jeff & Elaine join us from Campbell River, BC

We have recently purchased a 2012 used PW Excel. We are not new to rving having previously owned a 31ft. Airstream. We found being in touch with owners of similar rv's very helpful.

Our major reason for purchasing the PW was because we are embarking on a trip around North America this year and thought it the best vehicle for travel and accommodation. We plan to leave BC in mid June and slowly head east. We want to be in Newfoundland at the end of July and then stay in the Maritimes till October. Then we will head down the east coast of the US to arrive in Florida early December. We plan to leave Florida in February, proceed along the Gulf to California and then up the west coast to be home by April in time to do the income tax!

TRAVELS

It seems that several club members are planning on travelling across Canada this summer, you might want to meet up with other members along the way.

Donna and Hayward Vaters sent me an email saying they are planning a trip across Canada and the northern States for July and August of this year, so if anyone wants to join them just drop them an e-mail at vaters@telusplanet.net

Shirley and I have just returned from a 2 month long-stay in Palm Springs, leaving our Excel at home. We intend to attend the rally in Alberta in September. We are planning to leave Victoria at the end of July, drive to Alaska, returning to the Rally, and then home to Victoria. Is there anyone interested in such a trip, or does someone have any suggestions?

Peter and Shirley Reid
peterdavidreid@shaw.ca

Ray & Leah Bradford just got back from spending 2 months in California. We had a mini Pleasure Way Rendezvous with 4 PWs at our resort. We all shared stories and good information. We had a lot of laughs, too.

Al & Marilyn Boehm have left for Vegas for a month, we will see what the Pursuit can do. Hopefully the weather is good I think we are getting a good dump of snow tonight, it has been one cold winter.

Last year John & Joan Fisher joined our group from Ottawa, Ont. Unfortunately, John passed away suddenly this January at the age of 64. The PW was their first RV and they had never camped before, so John had lots of questions. We had sent several emails answering them and George spoke to him on the phone before making their maiden voyage to the Hersey, Pa, PW/RV Show last fall. This spring Joan thought she would venture out to a dog show, as they have a Newfoundland dog named Atlantiika. I think Tika for short.

I was trying to be very brave and take the PW to Lancaster, PA for the Newfoundland Dog Specialty Show two weeks ago. Ten minutes from home, a fire broke out as there was a red squirrel's nest on the manifold way at the back up against the console. I happened to be in the Canadian Tire parking lot at the time, fortunately. The mechanics used a fire extinguisher but couldn't reach the nest and then the firemen couldn't get it out either, until they took out the console and got it out through the cab. There are melted wires and some engine damage. The insurance adjuster said at first they didn't want to fix it, since it's a 2000, but I told them it was like brand new, having only 9063 km on it when we got it last August, so they are now fixing it for me. I am planning a trip to Pymatuning State Park on the Penn-Ohio border the last weekend in May for a Newfoundland Dog water rescue seminar. But then there will be lots of other Newfoundland Dog owner RVers to help me out!

So if anyone is traveling in Ontario area and happen to see Joan travelling with her Newfoundland dog, give her a wave or say hi. I am sure she would appreciate joining up with other PW owners. Good Luck Joan, on your trip in May.

SUMMER EVENTS

Remember anyone can find a campground and be a host. Just let Rosemarie Bull know and she will have the information posted on the WCPWRV Club website and will also send a note to members. Our theory on a rally is keep it simple. That way we all have more fun.

Vancouver Island

Being as there are close to 30 PW's registered who live on Vancouver Island and with the price of the ferry increasing I was wondering if anyone wanted to host a gathering on the Island some time this summer. Others who may be travelling there of course could attend, it is just a thought that I am throwing out there. I can send out a bulk email telling everyone of the place, time and date and have those wishing to go to the

event to e-mail the person who is willing to host it. I realize a lot of people travel in the summer, but it could just be for a weekend or being retired folks, maybe a couple of days during the week.

Mainland BC

We would like to get together with a few members this June and I have been checking out campgrounds on the internet and Riverside RV Park and Campground in Enderby looked pretty nice with a club house. Check out www.enderbycamping.com and have a look. Maybe someone has stayed there and can tell us what it is like. Right now we can't set a permanent date and would like to see if it is going to warm up nicely in June. As the weather keeps changing June isn't as warm as it use to be and tends to be wetter than usual, so will give you more info closer to mid May.

Washington State Parks

WA State Parks - website, plus new free mobile app. Official site is here, along with info on how to download the new mobile app. <http://www.parks.wa.gov>

A good website. And handy. Just got back from one of the nicest Washington State Parks that I have visited, Conconully State Park, northwest of Okanagan. A tad out of the way but beautiful, with deer strolling through your campsite in the evenings.

John and Carol
'Prisila'

SEPTEMBER RALLY

The annual PW Rally will be held in Enchant, Alberta on Sept 6,7 and 8th at the Enchant Municipal Campground north of Lethbridge. Fred Baxter has already paid and reserved the campground for our rally. If you are planning on attending please email Fred with a copy to me so we both have an idea who is planning on attending. The cost will be divided amongst everyone who attends and if we have enough coming should work out to around \$25 a night each. Fred's email is barnebax2@shaw.ca

Kathleen Johnston sent me some info on things of interest in that area.

When you go to Enchant if you go #1 down #36 south you will pass Scandia a small village. In that town is situated Scandia Honey a huge business. The home is like a castle and behind is housed the honey works. We had a tour of the business. Very interesting and what tasteey honey. There is also a museum which stretches for several blocks. It too is interesting.

Pleasure-Way Photo Contest – Win an iPad

Pleasure-Way has just launched a new photo contest with some great prizes. Follow the link to check it out

<http://www.pleasureway.com/photo-contest/>

What to do when you lose your wallet

This snowbird was in Arizona when his wallet went missing. Here's how he handled it.

This article applies to Canadians travellers but I am sure the same procedures will be needed for Americans. There are some important phone numbers and contacts to make note of and keep in your possession. The idea of photocopying your important cards and documents is great.

Follow this safe link (press the Ctrl key while clicking on the link.)

http://www.rvwest.com/journeys/article/what_to_do_when_you_lose_your_wallet