



WESTERN CANADA PLEASURE-WAY RV CLUB

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2015

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

NEW MEMBERS

Edgar, Randy & Marion join us from Edmonton, Alberta

We just upgraded from our 2004 Excel to a 2014 Pursuit.

Behiels, Dave & Valerie join us from St. Albert, Alberta

On our BC trip, we met someone with a PW as well. She talked about the PW club where you meet up for camping. Can you please send us some info? I think camping is over for this year but we would be interested in future events. (Found out this was Sunita after our Enderby event.)

Stephens, Jim joins us from Sherwood Park, Alberta

Abelseth, John & Helen join us from Kelowna, BC

We are interested in more information on your club and live in Kelowna. We will travel into the US as we have children there, as well as in various areas of Canada.

Pucher, Patricia joins us from Vancouver, BC

I had a nice conversation with Patricia. She flew to Calgary to pick up her Pleasure-Way and enjoyed her drive back to Vancouver.

Addicott, Jim & Jenny join us from Sydney, Nova Scotia

Redden, Kerry & Ellie join us from Woodstock, Ont

We are Pleasure-Way owners since 2012 and are interested knowing more about your club's trips and outings. Look forward to hearing about outings for next year as we plan to travel west next June.

Kerry and I are new retirees in our 60's. Kerry from the tire industry and Ellie from Children's Services. In addition to camping & travelling, we enjoy gardening, cycling, fitness and golfing. We are actively involved in our Church and Seniors center and enjoy all the special seasonal dinners and get-togethers with our family members, especially around the card table. When relaxing, we enjoy reading and watching television, mostly sports and try to keep up with new technology. We are hoping to travel to the west coast next summer and possibly meeting some of you.

Yaz, Allan & Sherryl join us from Savary Island, BC

We (Al and Sherryl) moved to Savary Island about four years ago. We were BC kids but work took us to Alberta for about seven years and then to Saskatchewan for about two years. It was Saskatchewan that made us realize that things were just too different for us to consider living away from BC, our parents, and our friends. We moved back to BC and worked for the next 25 years in Victoria and then Abbotsford.

We always thought we would move back to where we grew up (Kelowna) and where our families lived, until we visited the Sunshine Coast and Savary. We fell in love with the area, the climate, the mindset. We have lived off-grid for the past four years - and while it is a ton of work - we love every minute of it.

Although we have owned a truck camper and a fifth wheel over the years, we have always thought that a camper van made so much sense. Now that we are struggling with trying to make ferry connections and water taxi connections to Savary, a camper van became a lot more important. We started our camper van shopping experience with looking at a friend's 2006 Leisure Way / MB 3500 van. While it wet our appetite for van conversions, it seemed noisy and just didn't get us excited. We then determined that the camper van would be our only 'mainland' vehicle and that shorter would be better - cause it's how you use it right?

So we started to research RT's Agile SS and PW's Ascent. There were minutes that we thought the Agile was the vehicle for us, but after getting past the fluff, we found that we were PW Ascent admirers. While RT has a better warranty (even covers appliances etc for six years) PW's fit and finish and family made us believers. RT seems to be having some major growing pains right now too, having jumped into technology before they had it refined.

We were travelling to Courtenay on occasion to visit our holistic veterinarian, and right beside them was Sunwest RV. While we always saw lots of campers and trailers there we never saw any Class B vans on the lot. During one vet visit we wandered onto the lot and saw a short Class C (19') motorhome. We found it interesting but it just didn't make sense being our only vehicle. We found out that Sunwest RV were PW dealers and our next visit to Courtenay found that they had a two new PW Class B's on their lot. While we liked the price of the Promaster Chassis, the towing capacity scared us away (as so did the whole Dodge thing from past experiences) we did fall in love with the MB 2500 Chassis and the Ascent floor plan, size, etc. We ordered a new Ascent as we wanted the large solar package and the darker Titanium ultra leather.

It should be here later in December or early January and we are so looking forward to it.

Hartling, Alf & Sheila join us from Victoria, BC

We are both retired and have camped together and with our three children extensively throughout our 44 year relationship. Starting with a small, leaky tent, to a pop-up tent trailer barely large enough for the five of us, finally graduating to our Pleasure Way ...just big enough for two! We purchased the rig in May 2015 and have done several shake out trips for us mostly on Vancouver Island.

EVENTS & GATHERINGS

Please remember that anyone can find a campground and be a host. There is information on planning an event on the Club's [website](#). Just let me ([Rosemarie Bull](#)) know and I will arrange to have the information distributed and placed on the PW website. My theory on a rally is keep it simple. That way we all have more fun. I can always send out a bulk email letting the members know if you're interested in getting together with others in your location.

So this is exactly what two couples from Victoria decided to do for a Christmas Luncheon. They said they enjoy getting together in the summer at the gatherings we have and thought why not get together for a Christmas luncheon. They went through the member list and emailed all members in Victoria and got a fantastic response. So it is that simple.

Christmas Luncheon – organized by Peter & Shirley Reid & Jim & Vaurine Powell

A very congenial Christmas luncheon gathering was held on December 3rd for Victoria members of Western Canada Pleasure-Way RV Club at the Four Mile House Restaurant. Of the 21 club PWs in Greater Victoria, 14 were represented by 23 members.

The luncheon was co-hosted by Peter & Shirley Reid and Jim & Vaurine Powell. The venue was beautifully decorated for Christmas with lights, garlands and other decorations covering every square inch. The menu was varied and the in-house brewery was much appreciated, as well as the nice selection of wines. The furthest a Pleasure-Way went in 2015 was Craig & Kim Paterson, going to South Padre Island, Texas, (they were in Key West in 2014). Bill & Mary Ellen Stringer, Bill & Marie Stebbing and Sharon Duncan went the shortest distance to camp – staying in their own driveways!

Many indicated they would like to have another luncheon next year, so the 4 of us went in to look at the private room, which was booked too far in advance this year. We booked for noon Thursday 1 December 2016. The room will be perfect, beautifully decorated with a fireplace and tables arranged for a more intimate gathering.

Everyone is looking forward to a start of the season get-together in May on Vancouver Island.

Vancouver Island 2nd Annual Summer Kick-Off Event

Jim Dickson has arranged for another event for 2016 to be held at Rondalyn Resort, Cassidy, BC, which is near Nanaimo on May 27 and 28. All the information is on the flyer which is the last page of this newsletter.

Summer Kick-Off Event for Mainlanders and beyond

Being as we have been very busy, in the new year we are planning on looking into having an event in Oliver, BC in early June at Apple Beach RV Park where we have held events before. If you know of another suitable location in the Okanagan please let me know.

At the Enderby event we had talked about having our event at Magarth in June, but I have heard from some of the members who would like to go to Waterton, AB either before or after this event and think that June might be too cold for Waterton or the weather would be more of a concern than July.

Summer PW Rally

It has been suggested that we hold our Rally for 2016 at the **Covered Wagon RV Park** in Magrath, Alberta. I received a letter from the Johnston sisters with info about the Magrath area and that the Magrath Days will be held on July 23-25. There will be a parade on the Sat July 25th. There could also be a rodeo. It might be nice if we could arrange to have our event at the same time, but it would likely mean we would have to book a site very early in the year. The rates have gone up in 2016, but Fred Baxter has spoken to the owners and we should be able to get the clubhouse for three days for the price of two.

Points of interest is that it is a quiet oasis along the southern edge of the Magrath Trail. The campground has 45 full service RV and tent camping sites as well as cabin rental. Located near the **Magrath Golf Course and the Pothole Creek nature area**. There is the **Magrath Museum** that showcases the unique history and origins of the Town. The Museum has a gallery-like quality and is open throughout the day during the summer months. The **Magrath Trail** is a newly paved 5 k trail system on the southern edge of Magrath. The Trail is an outstanding recreational corridor used on a year round basis by joggers, bicyclists, rollerblade enthusiasts, bird watchers, skateboarders and a wide range of area residents and visitors. The **Roosters Country Marketplace** is located on the historic site of the Harker-Head store. It is a great place to have a meal or to pick up your grocery and other needs. Purchase local produce, unique and locally made items.

So we would like to hear who would be interested in going to Magrath for the July 23-25 time frame. The only thing is that is a weekend and we usually like to arrange a time frame during the week as the campgrounds usually aren't as busy and we have a better chance of using the clubhouse.

Looking for feedback from the members in regards to this event. Let me know if your interested in attending.

Campground Recommendation

Campground in Skihist Provincial Park is very nice, it's 7km north of Lytton.

2015 Camping Story – Fishing in the Interior of BC - Jim Dickson

Having recently taken up fly fishing I have been challenged when it comes to carrying and storing all of the gear needed. Our 2002 Ford Excel has limited storage for items such as; rods, fishing boats, waders, fins, bug tents, propane.....all of the necessities. We decided we needed a cargo trailer to haul everything because we would be dry camping for up to 2 weeks in the middle of nowhere BC. Weather was cool (mid September in the Chilcotin area) and we had some frost and snow a few days but it cleared up during the day.

We needed to use a portable oil heater for night time when we had some power available but otherwise counted on PW furnace and lots of blankets.

We visited about 5 interior lakes and managed to catch a number of tasty trout. Met up with a couple from Switzerland who had their RV shipped to Canada and they are spending a year touring North America.



MEMBER'S IN THE EAST

Even though our Club's name is Western Canada PW Club, we do have several people contact us from all across Canada and the USA. Often they are going to be traveling in the area and have questions and also hope to be able to tie in their holiday with one of our events. When we started the club we thought it would be nice to get together with other Class B PW owners and thought we would be doing good to have 30 people or so. We now have 152 PW's with their owners in the club. It goes up and down as some sell and others buy. I think nearly all of the ones that joined in 2008 when we started are still with us and we have become friends and communicate often. Even some who have decided to change their Brand keep in touch.

So I was just wondering if there is anyone in one of the eastern provinces, who would be interested in arranging a gathering at a campground in Ontario or one of the other provinces. It has also been suggested that we add a section to the newsletter with stories/comments/information pertaining to that part of the country. This would be great but we just need members who are willing to send these articles to me, so I can add them to the newsletter. There is also an Event Tab on the website and any event can be posted there. Looking forward to hearing your suggestions.

RV INSURANCE

One of our new members was asking about which insurance company is the best for Class B RV's. I think this might of come up before because I had a response from Don Chin. He lives in Alberta and each province could be different.

Don said -Our Pleasureway Lexor RL4 Insurance Policy: Insured with AVIVA Elite (Agent: RV Direct Insurance Ld) [1-866-771-7831](tel:1-866-771-7831). Discounted rates if you belong to a RV Club (We are members of xplorer RV Club [1-705-426-1419](tel:1-705-426-1419)).

All our other Insurance Policies (House and Cars) are with Canadian Direct Insurance [1-888-225-5234](tel:1-888-225-5234)

For our PW we have our basic insurance with the compulsory ICBC for British Columbia and the remainder with Family Insurance. Family you can insure for a short period of time, there is no three month minimum. We have our storage insurance with them and it was \$34.00 from Oct to the end of April.

From Rosemarie and George Bull

We wish all our Members and their loved ones a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy travels in 2016! We look forward to seeing you at an event in the New Year.





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The Western Canada Pleasure-Way RV Club
2nd Annual
Summer Kick-off Event
May 27, 28 2016

Rondalyn Resort

Cassidy, BC, Vancouver Island

1350 Timberlands Road, Cassidy B.C.V9G 1L5

Start your summer RVing with fellow Pleasure-Way owners at this event.

NOT A MEMBER of the WCPWRV Club??

Not a problem. Visit our website wcpwrv.weebly.com where you can find more information about the Club and submit a membership form. There is **no** membership fee.



Click [HERE](#) to view the resort web site and to get directions. It is close to BC ferries for those traveling from afar.

This park is in the middle of Vancouver Island, near Nanaimo. The area offers lots of things to enjoy including fishing (fresh and salt water), camping, hiking, golfing, swimming, shopping.

Following upon the success of the 2015 Event in Campbell River, there is another opportunity for PW owners to gather and socialize on Vancouver Island without the expense of having to travel off Island. All WCPWRV Club members are invited and encouraged to attend if it fits in their travel plans. Everyone is asked to please follow the registration procedures below. Attendees can arrange to arrive earlier than the 27th and leave later than the 28th if they wish.

This gathering will NOT be a Pleasure-Way Industries sponsored event. We will have exclusive use of the Clubhouse on Friday for a pot luck dinner so please bring an item to share. Pot luck will be at 7:00 pm.

Other than that your time is your own to socialize and enjoy the amenities. Join others during Happy Hour, in the pool or at the evening fire pit.

REGISTRATION:

A group of sites have been set aside but PW owners are responsible for making their own reservations by **March 31, 2016** to ensure you get a spot. Please identify yourself as being with the Pleasure-Way group. Phone **1-250-245-3227**.

There is a minimum 2 night reservation which is held with a \$25 deposit (refundable if canceled before May 1, 2016). Site Fee will be approx. \$40-\$44 per night (2015 rates). There are different services available so book early to get the services you wish.

Email: Jim Dickson at jim.dickson@ymail.com if you have any questions or comments and to let me know if you are planning on attending.