

FELLOW OVERLANDERS,

I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE YOUR PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND PROMISE YOU I WILL DO MY BEST.

OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE WATCHED PRESIDENTS COME AND GO, AND HAVE ADMIRERD AND RESPECTED EACH OF THEM, FOR BRINGING DIFFERENT STRENGTHS AND IDEAS TO OUR CLUB.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK PETER BUTLER FOR PASSING ALONG ALL THE INFORMATION I WILL NEED, AND FOR SUPPORTING ME.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO SHIRLEY WALSH FOR AGAIN TAKING ON THE ONEROUS JOB OF SECRETARY/TREASURER AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS AGAIN THIS YEAR THROUGH INVITATION OUR WEB SITE AND WORD OF MOUTH. WHILE KEEPING OUR CLUB AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, A POLITICS FREE ASSOCIATION.

OUR PURPOSE IS TO MEET IN FELLOWSHIP, LEARN ABOUT THE AREA WHERE THE RALLY IS HELD, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES AT HAND.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT TO CONTINUE ENJOYING THE SOCIAL ASPECT AND FRIENDSHIPS WE HAVE ENJOYED FOR YEARS.

AT OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING WITH OUR DOG DIXIE HOLDING THE FLOOR, WE CAME UP WITH SOME GREAT IDEAS FOR RALLYS IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. YOU WILL SEE THEM LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

IN OUR DISCUSSION OF FORMER BUSINESS WE CAME UP WITH AN EXCELLENT IDEA TO KEEP OUR STORAGE AREA FREE OF PROBLEMS. BASICALLY WE MADE THE DECISION THAT ALL PERISHABLES SHOULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE WORKERS AT THE RALLY MASTERS DISCRETION. ALL EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS THE B.B.Q. SHOULD BE LEFT CLEAN AND THE TENTS DRY AND FOLDED.

WE ALSO HAD THE SUGGESTION THAT A TRAILER COULD BE RENTED FOR CARRYING THE B.B.Q. ETC FOR THE LABOUR DAY RALLYS

WE HOPE MORE PEOPLE WILL STEP FORWARD AS RALLY MASTERS, AND WITH THE HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF OTHERS THIS SHOULD HAPPEN.

WE ARE AN EXCELLENT CLUB, WITH ALL THE RIGHT GOALS IN MIND, AND ALL OF US HAVING THE LOVE OF TRAVEL IN OUR VEINS. BEST OF ALL, WE HAVE OUR HOMES ON WHEELS TO TRAVEL IN.

LET'S CONTINUE ON THIS PATH ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO OUR CLUB.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR STORIES OF FUNNY EXPERIENCES WHILE TRAVELLING, SO WE CAN COMPLETE A BOOKLET.

I WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO PUTTING THEM IN PLACE.

JOHN AND I WISH EVERYONE A HEALTHY PEACE FILLED CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR OF FUN AND TRAVEL.

ELIZABETH MACCALLUM

