



DEAR FELLOW OVERLANDERS,

WITH SPRING JUST AROUND THE CORNER WE ARE STARTING TO CHECK THE MOTOR HOME OVER IN PREPARATION FOR TRAVEL. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG COLD WINTER, AND IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT SNOW WE ALL PUSHED AROUND, RUNNING DOWN THE STREET.

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS HAD AN INTERESTING WINTER SKIING, SNOWMOBILING, READING, WORKING ON CRAFTS, OR MAKING HOME REPAIRS. MAYBE YOU WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE TRAVELLING. SUN AND FUN SURE SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

I GUESS MY MAIN CONCERN IN WRITING, IS FOR THE CLUB ITSELF. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO IN THE PAST, HAVE BEEN A RALLY MASTER RUNNING A RALLY, OR HAVE PARTNERED WITH SOMEONE RUNNING A RALLY. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN WHAT MADE OUR CLUB SO SUCCESSFUL AND FUN, THE COMRADERIE IN HELPING EACH OTHER. I WELL REMEMBER THOSE EARLY MORNINGS, WITH EGGS BEING PREPARED, HAM COOKING, TOAST BEING TOASTED OVER AN OPEN BBQ. OH YES AND THE ORANGE JUICE WITH THAT EXTRA ZIP TO KEEP US GOING. MOST OF ALL, I REMEMBER THE LAUGHTER AND FELLOWSHIP. THAT PICTURE IS IN MY MIND FOREVER.

THIS YEAR, WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING PEOPLE TO STEP FORWARD BOTH AS RALLY MASTER, AND TO TAKE A TURN ON THE EXECUTIVE.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST, BUT SO FAR NO COMMITMENT. THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR OUR SECRETARY SHIRLEY, TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THE UPCOMING RALLYS FOR 2009. THIS YEAR WE HAVE TWO COMMITTED HOME RALLYS, THE LABOUR DAY RALLY AND THE APPLEFEST RALLY, WITH ALL THE REST BEING IN THE UNITED STATES. WE MAY YET GET AN INVITATION FROM OTHER CLUBS.

I WONDER HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AS A CLUB IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INTEREST SHOWN.

I HOPE THIS WILL INSPIRE PEOPLE TO STEP FORWARD, AS A RALLY MASTER OR TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE EXECUTIVE AS IT IS VITAL TO OUR CLUB. WE HAVE BEEN THIRTY YEARS TO-GETHER AND IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO HAVE TO CLOSE SHOP DUE TO A LACK OF INTEREST. JOHN AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE SPRING LINING UP TO BECOME THE NEXT RALLY MASTER.

SEE YOU SOON,

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