

News from Nancy

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This summer has gone by faster than any other I think. I guess we have just had too much going on. We have been gone a lot and I guess that makes a big difference. Now we are loading the RV for our trip south already. It was much easier when we full timed and didn't have to go through the packing and unpacking all the time. On the 20th of August we went into the cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul) to say good bye to our family. That takes a while as they are spread out quite a bit. Our great granddaughter will be 9 in a couple weeks and is growing so fast. I have marked the younger grand children's height on the wall and Mya grew four inches since this time last year. Gosh, remember when it was our children that were growing so fast. Next month we will leave Marshall on the 12th to go to my mother's home in Iowa. We will leave there on the 16th and head to Albuquerque, NM as we are going to work at the Balloon Fiesta again this year. We will be there about three weeks the way we understand it at this point. We are so excited about that. Don and Pat Lange have worked it every year for a long time and we will be

working at their side. Can't wait!

We haven't heard from a lot of you this month. We did hear from Westerhausens again. Poor devils, from living out of suitcases up north most of the summer, they headed to Pinetop, AZ for three weeks and rented a house there. That they liked but they still basically were living out of suitcases. They have been spoiled over the years living in their RV. I think we all have been. We know who slept in our bed last night, we have our own pillow, if we need a snack at 2 a.m. we can go to the refrigerator and get it, etc. They are close to a casino and not far from Big Lake for fishing so they like that. J "sort of" got lost on his way to their rental but he is taking that with a grain of salt, blaming it on his age. Cute, eh? Oh boy, know that feeling ...

I talked with Kay Honn and they were just headed out of Alaska. What a trip they had. I have been concerned about all our Washington friends but at this point none have been affected. We are so thankful for that. Please know we are thinking of all of you.

We finally heard from Shaws' again too. I was getting concerned. They are always so good about keeping in touch. Anyway, they both continue to doctor, to try and get ahead of the game (or maybe just catch up). They are living up north in Prescott Valley this

summer in their little park model, that they just bought last year, where it's cooler than down in the valley by 15 to 20 degrees. Ouch, that's still hot Elvin! All this gave Elvin time to read the Ken Follett's Trilogy. Now that's a lot of reading as each of those three books is a good thousand pages! Audrey also added her two cents saying she has been working on her counted cross stitch. She got disgusted when she had to rip out a couple rows. I don't blame her. If you've ever seen the work that woman does you would understand how much time she had put in to it. As it stands now, she is putting in about three hours a day on it and it will still take at least a year to finish. (She has more patience than I have.)

We belong to an Iowa Holiday Rambler RV club too. At one time we had talked three couples from Iowa into joining Chapter 309. (They all lived in the same park as we do.) Well, since they joined our club, they thought it only fair for us to join theirs in Iowa as we border that state. Well, we did and have enjoyed it so much. However, we also belong to a club here in Marshall ... and you can only spread yourself so far so we didn't get to a lot of their campouts (nor the one in Marshall). This month we got the newsletter from the Iowa Holiday Rambler club, stating that they are calling

it quits the end of the year. There are only five couples left in the club and three are leaving because of ages and their health issues so they are selling their rigs. Isn't it sad? We have all had such fun with Holiday Ramblers over the years. Our little club in Marshall continues to grow but it is open to all brands and models. Now we, in Chapter 309, have to work hard to recruit members to keep our club going. We can't let this happen to us. We have to step up to take our turn at offices, volunteering to be wagon masters, etc. There are only so many of us and if we all take our turn it makes things a lot easier on everybody.

- That reminds me, have you signed up for the AZ/NM State Rally yet? It's time! It's hard to plan functions when you don't know how many to plan for. Can you imagine planning meals but not knowing how many will show up? Let's support Thom and Barb in their effort to make this one of the best rallies yet. They have a lot planned for us already. That too reminds me, LADIES, if you have a hot glue gun, be sure and bring it as it will be needed for some crafts that are planned.

Do you remember when I was bragging about Marshall being voted so high in the nation as a place to live? Well, I got a slap in the face when this month I read that Minnesota was voted Number 50 in the nation.

The reason being was the extreme weather, from minus 20 to plus 90 (and there is that humidity to reinforce that heat!), making it the least comfortable. Go figure! What a bunch of whimps!

Well, I've rattled on quite a bit this month but didn't say much. I'm doing more of that all the time. So, I think I will close with a little tidbit I read someplace. Norwegians are taught - There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!