



## Jack's Update May 9, 2010

The big news is the launch of our free membership mentoring program, the Cadet Program. By now, every member should have received the mailing with the free membership certificate and detailed instructions as to its use. I would like to thank Wilson Forbes, Bill Eckman, Shari Weber and Sue Fromholzer for all their hard work in conceiving, tweaking, and coordinating the release of the program. Thanks also is due to Jacqui and Jamie at the office and Keith Copeland, Don Morrier, (Meandering Mohawks) Ontario, Sonya & Jack Smye (Hamilton Load Luggers), Ontario, George & Betty Brant NY State Director, Norm & Barb Guenther, NY State, and Patty Wittmeyer ( Kentons) NY State for their special help in stuffing the 5500 envelopes for the mailing.

I intend to write briefly about the use of the mentoring program in both my June web article and also my article for July Camping Today. Sue reports that we have already received at the office a few Cadet membership applications.

### Executive Board Updates –

**Denny Scott**, National 1<sup>st</sup> VP has been fighting a serious bout of bilateral pneumonia and was hospitalized for a couple of weeks. He has been released from the hospital but is still under doctor's care and observation.

**Vickie Roop** continues to improve in her breathing and is receiving good progress reports from her doctor.

**Don Mackenzie** was again hospitalized shortly after the Retiree Rally. Pollen, cold weather and wind lead to extreme breathing difficulties and ultimately pneumonia. Both Don and Shirley need the support of friends and your prayers.

**Michele Dillon**, West Virginia State Director reports that her cancer has returned. She is receiving treatment and is a fighter. Please keep Michele in your prayers.

**Jewell Shields** has completed her radiation treatments and she says everything is looking very good. Please continue to keep her and Ray in your prayers.

**Camy Hicks** has submitted her resignation as National Teen Director effective immediately after Campvention. Camy and formerly Camy & Hugh have served as National Teen Director for 10 years. We thank both of them for their leadership and hard work over the years. Hugh and now Camy will stay on as Ontario Provincial Director. We hope to be able to announce a new National Teen Director prior to Campvention.

**Campvention 2010:** Vickie Roop advises that registration (as of 4 days ago) was 288 families and increasing by 4 or 5 per day. An exciting full week of activities and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events is planned. Please continue to talk up Campvention within your states and provinces. Barb Turner in her May 4 update included a lengthy report of the final planning meeting for Campvention including some notes on power restrictions that will require us to cooperate with the use of appliances and air conditioning. If you do not get Barb's updates, please advise me, and I'll e-mail the entire report to you.

**Membership:**

As of May 3, 2010 our membership was **5547**. RV show memberships are now starting to be reflected and this number shows, at least for this month a slight increase over the previous month.

**Believe It Or Not, your** national president has finally given into peer and wifely pressure and will arrive at Campvention with a brand new Class C (with 3 slides).

Until next time,

Jack