

## Bonanza Kennel Club



## MEETING NOTICE:

The next General Meeting will be held on **July 12 after the match.**

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# NEWSLETTER

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## **Bonanza Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes**

**NO QUORUM = NO MEETING = NO MINUTES!**

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

### JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS:

*RICK BERGER, JUNE 14 (Breed: Norwegian Elkhound)*

**Happy Belated Birthday, Rick!**

# *BRAGS*



As you may have heard, I blew the engine in my RV in March. I have now purchased a new one, a Tiffin Allegro, complete with four slides, four televisions, a fireplace, built-in vacuum, and residential refrigerator. I call it my "land yacht." Oh, and it's diesel with air brakes.

The day I bought it, my friend Barbara Gossett and I spent the night at the dealership, so we could clean out the old one. "Clean out" is not quite how it went, "throw" was more how it went. I had a driver provided by the dealership bring me and the dogs home so that I could take possession in of the motorhome in Nevada. The next day, my neighbor and Judy Davis came over, and we spent two days reloading and organizing all the stuff we had haphazardly thrown in.

On Friday, May 23, 2014, I was as ready as I was going to be for the trip to the Papillon National and I met Judy Johnson at the Johnson Lane General Store where we both bought diesel and we headed east. I had tried to fill up at Silver Sierra but, of all things, they were out of diesel!

Our third day out, we drove through the Colorado Rockies. Up until then we had driven through some wind and light rain, but Colorado had other plans for us. Rain, hail, sleet, and snow. Believe me, I am not exaggerating. Oh, and we also had some road construction, or just miserable highway. When we got through this we stopped at the first rest area so we could stop shaking, but WE DID IT.

While driving, Judy and I keep in touch with walkie talkies. I had to keep Judy up on things she was missing, like antelope, buffalo and mustangs. The weather was windy with a few showers. When we got to Kansas City we parted company. Judy headed to Glen Carbon, IL to visit a friend, and I headed for Ohio.

The Papillon National was at the Eukanuba Center in Wilmington, OH, which is between Dayton and Cincinnati. It's connected to a Holiday Inn. Very nice with lots of large lawn areas and is fenced in. You could go from your hotel room to the show ring and never go outside. The only problem was that they had no provision for RVs. There was plenty of parking but no hook ups. My new generator got a real work out and preformed beautifully.

Lollipop's first competition was in the 12-15 sweeps (class of six), where she won second. The next day she got fourth in the 12-18 class (there were eight entries) at the specialty. Ivan (GCH MicFriends TrueJoy Eye Candy), her dad, made the cut in the breed ring and I was a little disappointed.

The morning I was packing up to head west to meet Judy, it was raining. I slipped on a wet step on my way out of the motorhome and I bounced down the steps on my butt. The result was a full day of driving with a very sore butt and tailbone. When I met Judy at a KOA in Rock Island, IL, I was in lots of pain. Once we got back on the road two days later, I would call her every three or four hours for a pill stop.

On June 4, we saw a sign for the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and Library on Interstate 80, and we decided to stop. The library was very informative. We didn't have enough time to spend looking at the exhibits and didn't get to walk around to all the other buildings. The town where the library is located, West Branch, IA, had a quaint old town but we didn't have time to stop and walk around. The next stop we made was the next day at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota. They actually grow corn specifically for adorning the Corn Palace. The next day, which was cold and wet, we took a drive through Badlands National Park, and then visited Wall Drug Store, formerly a stagecoach stop, for shopping therapy.

Our next stops were for the Idaho dog shows. The first two shows were in Twin Falls. Lollipop got second in her class the first day and RWB the second. Then we moved over to Pocatello for the last four shows. Lollipop went Reserve the first day and WB the next two days. Our last show was the best. We won WB, and went back in for breed competition. The judge kept walking down to where Lollipop and I were and then walking back up to look at the four specials. When she came to the end of the line for the last time, she pointed to Lollipop and said, "you are my Best of Breed and Best of Winners." I nearly fainted. Judy and I were hugging, and I was probably screaming. Well, she finished in high style. I will always have a soft spot for the Blackfoot shows.

Late that afternoon (June 15, 2014), Judy and I packed up our motorhomes and drove to Jackpot, NV, where we walked dogs. It was late in the evening although it was still light. We were aiming for Wells, NV, but we were both very tired so when we saw a sign for an RV park, we stopped. The next day we drove home through forty mile per hour winds.

What a wild ride, but I am so glad I did it, and glad Judy was there to share it with me.

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