

## Region 11 Best in the West -Ya You Betcha!

Region XI Newsletter

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I'm late in keeping my word of getting a quarterly newsletter out for the region. Life took a sharp turn that threw me off balance for awhile but I'm back on the road again.

The Region 11 Rally and business meeting held October 8<sup>th</sup> in Ruidoso, NM brought changes to our region officer line up. Nancy Fisher resigned as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President however agreed continue as region treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Patti Reed move to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Ken Johansen was nominated and elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. This really a good team working hard to keep Region 11 Best in the West.

Region 11 hosted the Mid-Winter IBT in January at the Eleven Mile Corner Fairgrounds, Casa Grande, AZ. We were hoping to showcase Arizona's beautiful winter weather to all those from cold country but nature didn't cooperate and we had a cold rainy week. Roger and Jan Pruter did a wonderful job with the food complete with chefs coats and hats for our banquet. I want to thank everyone who stepped up and help make this IBT really special, especially the Arizona Unit for all their work and support, we couldn't have done it without you.

International Rally in Escanaba is fast approaching. First, if you have a motion to present please note all motions must be in by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to remind each unit to choose their delegates and if you do not have a member attending an affiliate can represent your club as well. Let's have each unit represented. The delegates will be voting on the new International Officers (they are listed in the April Blue Beret with a short biography), there are no motions presented for a delegate vote this year. The dress for delegates is a white shirt/blouse and dark pants/skirt, berets optional. Don't forget your unit flag!

We will be having a region lunch during the International Rally so stop at the region table during registration and sign up. This is also a great time to sign up for the 2017 Region Rally, September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 1 (departing Oct 2) at Distant Drums in the beautiful Verde Valley. It's always fun to meet up with others from our region to catch up and to put names with faces once again.

Those not able to attend the International Rally there are still lots of rallies locally so check the "Activities" in your Blue Beret and join the fun.