

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE—December 2010

Our recent election ended up with 300 votes being cast; that is roughly 150 fewer ballots than were returned in 2009. There are those who will say that the number of voters doesn't matter because every candidate on the ballot was a good choice. I actually agree with part of that statement; the candidates were a super bunch, but everyone in the club should have returned a marked ballot.

To improve participation and reduce costs, the computer gurus now in office will continue trying to set up a voting method that utilizes the Internet. Those of you who have not sent Bob Higday, Tom Stacey, or Gary Bossuot your E-Mail address, should do so right now. Today!

Congratulations to the recent winners of a seat on CHVA's National Board: Kevin Stilley (our one incumbent), Jerry Gorley (aka *Screwdriver*), Dick Klaas (head honcho of the 2012 National Tour), and Angie Peterson (another triumph over the glass ceiling). This is "news just in," to quote the local six o'clock newscasters, so their positions on the board have not been assigned. Tune in later for more on that.

Do study 2011's tour activities now available on this website. It is apparent that Dolly Hebert intends to keep us busy every moment we spend in Florida this coming May. Do keep in mind that she will negotiate our hotel accommodations and handle reservations and moneys for the entire group. Monitor the hotel information she will be adding to the CHVA website that already includes activity sign up sheets that can be downloaded at your convenience. And, I recommend that each of you practice piratical expressions and try on your pirate outfit in front of a mirror before you head southeast. Hey, kids--that day is fast approaching!

Those driving to Florida from the distant western states should be collecting maps, dusting off the GPS, deciding on stopovers, and contacting fellow CHVA'ers about group travel. For some, the May trip to Florida will be one of the longest they will ever undertake in an AEV. That's another reason to hook up with friends. A reminder: do not don your pirate costume or carry cutlasses until you reach Florida.

As most of you know, we have tours in the mill for 2012 and 2013. Since touring in our older vehicles is the most appealing activity we have to offer potential members, tell them about Florida in 2011, East Texas in 2012, and our 2013 "UP by the Riverside" tour along the Mississippi from Mark Twain's hometown far enough north that one might be able to hear an occasional "Ehhh."

See you in 2011! BK