

Holiday Salutations:

A **high-five** salute to those members who responded to our special ballot mailing by voting; the 42% “turnout” was still 10% less than I’d hoped to see, but it was a huge improvement over last year’s tally.

Names of the candidates elected will be announced **here** as soon as we determine what jobs they will hold.

Now is the time for each regional officer to encourage someone in your club to seek a position on CHVA’s national board. When next we begin seeking candidates to run for election in 2010, consider the fact that a bit of experience in office management, computer skills, and financial reporting can be valuable but are not absolutely necessary. Each year, the board that you elect selects one from that team of eleven to be CHVA’s quarterback—ahem, National President.

Mark **September 10, 2010** on your calendar; on that date you want to be in Great Falls, Montana. There we will join the 2010 national tour **CHVA - The Corps of Discovery**. Led by **O’Byrnes and Williamsons**, we will explore many of the sights that Lewis and Clark saw on their journey west. For a tour packet, contact Pat and Judy O’Byrne at [jobryne@carbonpower.net](mailto:jobryne@carbonpower.net) without delay.

Also, watch for information about the 2011 National Tour. It will originate in Florida and move westward via coastal routes. Our tour for 2012 is still under discussion, but some details should be available before my next letter appears on this website.

And, regarding our website, by the time you have read this letter, you will have noticed that the site is a new, improved version that, paraphrasing an expression used by Tony the Tiger, “*reads GRrrreatttt!*” Let us know what you think. The total cost for set up amounted to \$696.88. That is expensive, but keep in mind that CHVA’s website is one of the first places a prospect for membership can discover that we are not JUST a car club. We’re a **car show that cruises** the Interstates, byways, and back alleys of the USA to share our wealth of old iron.

Last, but not least, remember that our interests are old cars and old (sometimes new) highways. Politics, religion, and other “flammable” subjects should be “reviewed” and discussed in a non-CHVA venue. We have enough trouble with the ongoing debates between “Ford” guys and “Chevy” guys.

Happy New Year to all and--*keep the round things rolling.*” BK