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From the President's Desk:

Got sun??

A big thanks to Wes Morrison for holding down the fort during the past two weeks while Denise was out of town!

*Don't forget that the **New Member Packets** are available in the office, and in the hands of the Board of Directors. Please call and let the office know of any names and addresses you have of non-members so we can issue a special invitation to join the Chamber. Anyone who joins now will receive an extended period of advertising. If you bring someone aboard, you can receive an additional listing for your business, with our thanks for growing the Chamber. Two new members have taken advantage of the "extra long year" of membership.*

More benefits will be available for our members during the upcoming Tourism Summit that will take place in Craig on September 21 and 22. Preliminary information is presented herein with more finalized plans coming out in the weeks ahead.

Denise will be preparing membership renewal packets during the month of August and they will be delivered or mailed out the later part of the month. We need some willing participants to work on the 2010 Island Guide in order to initiate any changes that will make it an even better resource for our Island residents and visitors. And if you have an idea to share but no time to attend meetings, please pass those ideas along in an email to the office.

Please share any of the great pictures that you have taken this summer. Submit them on CD to the office and we will pass them along to be considered for the next Island Guide.

We have invited Governor Parnell to visit Prince of Wales in September during the same timeframe as the Tourism Summit. As always, stay tuned in as we wait for a response from him.

The Hollis Community Council will have its raffle drawing at the end of August if they sell all their tickets for that 4-wheeler grand prize. The \$100 tickets are available in the office, among other places. Proceeds will help pay the bills for their Fire Department.

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WEBSITE EXPOSURE

for the month of
JULY.

JULY's web hits through JULY 28th were **386,286!** July's total visits were **16,204.** Behind the **USA, Russian Federation, Germany, Romania and UK** were the countries with the most visitors. **Monday** was the most active day, and **two to three PM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with about 87 percent!

2. Chamber POWER Sponsors for AUGUST Edition—*The following businesses have paid for advertising in this spot and help the Chamber cover the costs of mailing and maintaining our email account and website. The editor shuffles the ad locations each month at random. To become a sponsor and have your information appear here each month or for certain months of the year, call the Chamber office. All of this month's sponsors are located here this month. We thank them for their support of this newsletter.*

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3. Derby ticket sales support Hatchery and yield big money prize

The Craig-Klawock King Salmon Derby supports the work of the Prince of Wales Hatchery in enhancing the industry for all who fish in the waters around us, from local residents, to tourists, to all those who are trying to make their living from this and other fisheries.

Everyone needs to support the efforts by securing a Derby Ticket. They are just \$35, and even those who don't fish have a chance to win \$10,000 in the drawing that will take place in September. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, and at other locations.

4. NEW MEMBERS

We thank the following new members for their support of the Chamber and Prince of Wales Island! Check them out in the Business Directory of the Chamber Website.

COASTAL ELECTRIC

EDNA BAY ALLIANCE CHURCH

5. AUGUST 2009 BOARD MEETING

The REGULAR meeting of the Board of Directors of the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at the Chamber office in Klawock. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6PM.

As usual there is a Public Comment period at the beginning of the agenda for the purpose of inviting comment from our members and other interested persons. Meetings are open to all.

6. TOURISM SUMMIT COMING IN SEPTEMBER
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22
ANOTHER GREAT BENEFIT FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the POW Tourism Summit, to be held on Monday and Tuesday September 21st and 22nd in Craig at the CCA Building. The Tourism Summit is intended to give existing tourism based businesses information and insight into the Statewide and Nationwide tourism market, and to assist new entrepreneurs in making decisions on how to structure their new tourism based business. The Summit will feature the State of Alaska Department of Commerce Commissioner, Emil Notti as the Keynote Speaker. Mr. Notti will give an overview of the State of Alaska Tourism Market, and discuss the current status of the State's economy. Other presentations will include Ecotourism, Cultural Tourism, and New and Emerging Tourism Trends and fads. The second day of the Summit will offer POW residents several two hour workshops on topics such as "Bundling" - or How To Market your Product Cooperatively with another Business, How to Obtain a Forest Service Special Use Permit, and other topics to be announced!

SIGN UP NOW! Registration for the conference will cost \$5.00 to off set the cost of lunch, if paid before the 15th of September or \$10.00 after the 15th and at the door. Day Two workshops will be offered FREE to Chamber members, and you can sign up on Monday at the Summit. Non-Chamber members will have to pay \$10.00 for the second day workshops. There is also an opportunity for display space at both days of the Summit. Please contact the Chamber for more information.

The Chamber of Commerce is soliciting catering services for morning and afternoon snacks and for lunch. Email or call the chamber office for the Request for Quotes, and we will email the RFQ form to you. The form contains all the details.

7. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS IN JUNE

The IFA has moved to its new Klawock office, a couple doors down from the Chamber office and Visitor Center!!

The IFA carried 1983 passengers and 424 vehicles off the island during the June morning runs to Ketchikan. In June 2008, 2139 passengers and 408 vehicles made this journey.

During the evening return runs, 2283 passengers and 546 vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. In June 2008, 2376 passengers and 520 vehicles were recorded.

During the month of June, the car deck was full for nine runs.

The Chamber thanks Carolyn Chapman of the IFA for providing the monthly stats. Carolyn is a former Director and we appreciate her continuing support!

8. 2009 Island Guide inventory status... *move 'em out!!!*

The current count of boxes of Guides in the Chamber inventory is 16. That translates to 2000 or 10 percent of the original number. Please come in and get a supply to take you through the rest of this year.

9. POWCAC meeting in Whale Pass on July 28th

The POWCAC meeting was held in Whale Pass on July 28th and began with an awesome salmon barbeque with an equally awesome spread of side dishes and desserts. The agenda included an update on the POW Health Network, AP&T transmission line work, and some information sharing on Alaska boroughs that was emailed by the LBC Staff. The voting members approved a letter of support for the Kensington Mine and an invitation to Governor Parnell. A discussion was also held on updating the bylaws.

POWCAC will meet with the Governor in September if he comes to POW, and will meet on September 29th for its regular bi-monthly meeting. It is scheduled at this time to be held in Craig.

Among those present for the meeting was Art King from Naukati and all were excited to see him back from his treatments for cancer.

10. Recovery.org: tracking stimulus money

The above website is not run by the government and has the most up to date information on where our tax payer funded stimulus money is going and a description of the projects that have been funded. Today if you click on the state of Alaska and point to POW, you get \$0 dollars for 0 projects. Thanks to the private sector for bringing this to the US taxpayer.

11. Alaska Airlines and Pacific Airways tickets drawing in September

The Chamber will raffle a package of four Alaska Air/Pacific Air tickets with a drawing set for Labor Day on September 7th. The tickets are \$5 each this year and the proceeds will help the Chamber help Prince of Wales Island. The Chamber still expects a visit from the governor and will need some of these proceeds to cover expenses connected with that visit. Funds are also needed to cover costs associated with the Everyday Hero awards, this year's and the ones to come.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office in Klawock and other outlets are needed. If you are willing to sell these tickets in your business, or have a packet of ten with you to sell individually, please call the office and you will be provided a packet of tickets and a flyer.

Budd Burnett has tickets in Hollis. The McFarland's and Riptide Liquor have tickets in Thorne Bay. Jan Bush has a packet with her wherever she goes! Andy Richter has tickets in Naukati and they will be available at the Mudd Boggs throughout the Summer season. You can get them at the IFA office, Log Cabin Sports in Craig or the Tongass Federal Credit Union at the AC store in Klawock. They are now also available at the Fish and Game office in Craig.

12. ALASKA GIFTS IS FOR SALE

Business for Sale * Turn –Key Operation, Contents, inventory, equipment & fixtures

After many wonderful years the owners of Alaska Gifts are looking to spend some time off. A truly wonderful shop, a Craig landmark Alaska Gifts caters to the tourist as well as filling a niche market with the Island residents. Alaska Gifts offers jewelry repair as well as a wide variety of authentic Alaskan items, including but not limited to silver & gold jewelry in traditional native design as well as local native art, pelts, carving and art prints. Once in the door, you're hooked! It's a shoppers dream on any budget!

This operation serves as a film drop and offers the only Kodak Picture Maker on the island, great for those eye catching last minute enlargements as well as a full service custom matting & frame center.

A wonderful selection of holiday themed gifts and supplies are always well received. Alaska Gifts carries a nice supply of party goods including cards and candles even Alaskan chocolates and of course locally smoked canned salmon.

Well established 11+yrs. Currently open 7days a week, year round.

Owner looking to semi- retire but will still do jewelry repair.

Serious inquiries only. Please email aplacetostay@aptalaska.net