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### *From the President's Desk:*

*Be sure to change your clocks before you go to bed on Halloween so you can grab that extra hour of sleep before you head out on Sunday morning!*

*The Chamber is busy on many fronts during this time of the year. We are pursuing memberships and Island Guide advertising. This is our life blood, and I appeal to all of our 2008-09 members to renew your memberships and advertising now. I have no doubt that our Chamber offers the absolute best deal on advertising that exists. Beyond that our all-volunteer board gives a mountain of time to keeping our Chamber Ship sailing, and your membership dues support those efforts.*

*Our 09-10 budget for operations is built on a membership of 180, and a level of Island Guide advertising that we have yet to reach. That budget provides for only essential services, so we need the support of all our members to continue the current level of services, office hours, etc. PLEASE review the list of members in this newsletter and make sure you are aboard!!!*

*Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> features a special USO show on that evening at Craig High School auditorium. Tickets are just \$10 each, and the proceeds will go to the USO in support of our troops. Yours truly will be honoring the veterans in my life (my dad, my husband and my daughter!) as well as our current service men and women, by taking part in some patriotic line dancing. Ever seen me in my cowboy boots? Tickets can be purchased from Aaron Isaacs and Paul Dawson, and now there are a few available at the Chamber office! Let's fill up those 200 seats for an energetic audience in support of the USO!*

*Our Visitor Committee has been very busy lately, and is a great place to offer any excess time and energy you might have. Look inside for a more thorough report on recent and future efforts that will improve the Visitor Industry on Prince of Wales Island, and in so doing, strengthen the economic road ahead.*

*"The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce publishes an excellent, informative, highly useful, all-inclusive visitor guide."....see this quote for yourselves in the October issue of Alaska Airlines on page 63!!*



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**IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE  
EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
NEXT NEWSLETTER!!**

## CHAMBER WEBSITE EXPOSURE

### for the month of **OCTOBER.**

OCTOBER'S web hits through OCTOBER 30TH were **668,877!** OCTOBER'S total visits were **31,713.** Of those, 12,472 visited during working hours, and 19,110 visited between 5PM and 8AM. Behind the **USA, Russian Federation, Japan, Germany and Singapore** were the countries with the most visitors. **Thursday** was the most active day, and **ten to eleven AM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with 85.38 percent!

**2. Chamber **POWER** Sponsors for NOVEMBER 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. NEW MEMBERS

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

**Prince of Wales Properties**, Mark Beardsley  
**Good Island Fishing** (formerly Otto Greene)

**4. RENEWING MEMBERS:** Following are the CURRENT renewing and new members. If your name is not on this list, it means your 09-10 paperwork has not been returned to the office. **URGENT! Call now! FINAL CALL!**

A5 outdoor Recreation	E.C. Phillip & Son	Ralph C. Gregory
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**PLEASE JOIN UP AND SUPPORT THE CHAMBER AS WE WORK FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND. PLEASE! WE NEED YOU!**

## 5. NOVEMBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet in November at 6PM at the Chamber office on the 18th, at which time the officers for the 2009-2010 term of office will be seated.

## 6. VISITOR COMMITTEE REPORT...contributed by Jeannie McFarland

### ISLAND VISITOR COMMITTEE HOLDS BROWN BAG LUNCH

The "Brown Bag Lunch Meeting" held on October 22nd in Klawock was a casual gathering of 16 people interested in following up on the enthusiasm generated at the Tourism Summit in September. The participants came from all over the Island with Thorne Bay, Kasaan, Klawock, Craig, Coffman Cove, Naukati, the US Forest Service, The Chamber of Commerce and other island organizations being represented.

The participants will continue to meet as the POW Chamber of Commerce Visitors Committee to focus on moving forward with ideas to encourage all visitors (relatives, friends, and tourists) to come to the Island. Ideas for getting the word out about what we have to offer included; encouraging travel writers, setting up FAM (familiarization trips), more interpretive information on the IFA, contributing information, pictures and support to the production of the Island Guide, considering participation in the Scenic Byways program and working toward a Visitors Center on the Island.

Participants met for two hours and made a plan to gather again on November 12th at the Craig Youth Center. The next "Brown Bag Lunch" is open to anyone interested and will convene at 11am. The group will continue its discussion about all the ideas and plans being worked on to stimulate the economy (get the word out) on our Island through the Visitors Industry. Everyone is

encouraged to attend or pass your ideas on to the committee by contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 755-2626 or Jeannie McFarland at 828-3335.

## **7. FOREST PRODUCTS TASK FORCE...**...contributed by Karen Petersen

The Prince of Wales Forest Products Task Force met in a Special meeting on Monday October 26th in the Thorne Bay City Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting was to hear about a new concept that Steve Seley from Ketchikan wanted to present. Steve Seley owns Pacific Log and Lumber in Ketchikan, but is considering moving his business over to Prince of Wales Island. Steve believes that the Forest Service is under political pressure to begin offering primarily second growth timber for sale, and the entire industry will need to convert. To do that mill operators will need to think about a different way of doing business. Steve has been looking at the model of a Finforest which is common in Europe and in other parts of the world. Basically a "Finforest" is a way for sawmill operators to deal with the trees species or sizes that their own mill cannot easily saw. It functions loosely as a trade association, or it can be run by an outside entity such as a municipality, or even another private corporation. Steve's point is that if the industry does not adapt and change with the changing political times then everyone will be standing around in about 3 years wondering what happened. He said there is funding available NOW to assist with the transition, and if mill operators get together we might be able to present a good option to the funders to make this happen.

We had a good turn out at the meeting, and people asked a lot of good questions. This is a really new idea, and there are a lot of components to it. Steve thinks that if we convert to small diameter second growth we will have to make dimension lumber, and it is too hard to compete with Washington and Oregon with this product so we will have to look at Alaska for our market. He also thinks there is good value in a treating facility to make treated lumber. He said not all of the mills on POW can convert to second growth because of their specialty wood product, so this is also a way for them to stay in business making what they want to make. We decided to think about this new concept and talk about it at our next meeting on November 12th in Thorne Bay at 5pm at the Thorne Bay Ranger District conference room. Forest Cole will also be coming to this meeting.

## **8. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS IN SEPTEMBER**

The IFA carried 2363 passengers and 541 vehicles off the island during the September morning runs to Ketchikan. The year to date figures are 18,956 and 3991.

During the evening return runs, 1870 passengers and 433 vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. Year to date totals are 18,838 and 4414.

During the month of September, the car deck was full for 8 runs, with 2 more runs at 90 percent capacity or better.

The Chamber thanks Carolyn Chapman of the IFA for providing the monthly stats.

## **9. Prince of Wales and Dall Islands spotlighted in Magazines**

To all of you who traveled outside POW in October, I hope you had a chance to read the article in the Alaska Airlines Magazine that was written by freelance writer Nick Jans, who lives in Juneau. Entitled ISLAND ADVENTURES: Exploring Alaska's overlooked paradise, the article begins on page 54 with a great photo and then spills onto pages 55, 57, 58, 60, 63, and 65. A couple copies of this magazine are in the office if you didn't get a chance to read it. Stop in, make yourself comfortable on the couch and settle in for a very nice read!!

Nick Jans saw another of his articles printed in the October issue of ALASKA Magazine. Grab your copy and check out pages 8 and 9, entitled *OLD GROWTH*. The article addresses West Dall Island and its high-grade karst forest. Craig residents Mike McKimens and Bob Claus were traveling partners for the author on his journey along the shores.

## 10. POWCAC meeting SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN HYDABURG

The next POWCAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in Hydaburg. Contact Lesley Isaacs at the City of Klawock for any agenda items.

## 11. Kasaan to restore Long House..Richard Peterson

The Organized Village of Kasaan in partnership with our ANCSA Village Corporation, Kavilco are working towards restoration efforts of the Chief Son-i-hat long house in Kasaan.

“Save the Whale House” T-Shirts are going to be sold. Contact the Organized Village of Kasaan for ordering at (907) 542-2230. Infant and children shirts are \$15.00, adult sizes are \$20.00 and all size hoodies are \$40.00 plus shipping and handling. Haw'aa! Please feel free to share this news to all your circles of family and friends!

## 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.

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