

Past President's Report

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Lamar Chills out in Knapp, Wisconsin

Well, I got a phone call from Karen saying Diana is looking for a little note for the Beaver Tales. I told her that I completely forgot about the article, as that is a long way from my mind where I am here in Knapp, WI. All I'm thinking about is how to stay halfway warm as it gets down to 20 below (do you hear me talkin', I said -20)

You must be wondering why I'm in Knapp and Karen is in Branson. It looks like I have some explaining to do. I am here for the 50th anniversary of the Buddy Holly festival. I, Jerome and Jerry; whom some of you met, are going to Clear Lake, IA for the big Buddy Holly Winter Dance Party. Karen says she is the smart one and staying in Branson where it's warmer. But lo and behold she is snowed in, in that Branson town (now how about that).

Now let me tell you a little about 20 below. When we went to Alaska with Mandy in 2006 it was a hot box compared to this. If I'm outside for any length of time I wear three pair of socks, underwear, long johns, regular pants, flannel pants, undershirt, long sleeved shirt, flannel shirt, regular jacket, and snow jacket. Also a scarf, hat and ear muffs. Now to put the snow shoes on, but the problem is I have tooooooo many clothes on. I can't bend over to tie the shoes, so off with the jackets and on with the boots, back on with the jackets and into the car. Another problem arises, tooooooo many clothes on to hook the seat belt. So off with one jacket and fasten the seat belt. Reach my destination, on with the jacket, hat and ear muffs and out of the car into snow up to my knees and a wind chill of 40 below. (Now that's cold, if you know what I mean). Now

gingerly walk into the house to play Mexican train with the gang in Knapp. It is not called Mexican train here as they changed the name to, "they don't care who wins as long as Lamar loses". (Can't understand why they did that) Now it comes time to mess my hair up as they are gang-ing up on me, but they can't; it is frozen solid. That's my story on cold weather and I'm sticking to it. (Now don't you know).

On the more serious side, I keep in touch with Willis and he is doing a terrific job in keeping the club together in these trying times with the economy. His effort along with all the officers is very much appreciated.

I also keep in touch with Roy Mueller who just had surgery the middle of February and he is doing excellent with a clean bill of health from his doctors on his last exam. I know there are other Beaver members out there with some health problems. Karen and I send our prayers and wish you all a full and speedy recovery. Like I have always said, the BAC is our second family.

We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you folks in Moultrie, GA for our lead-in rally and thanks for all the support you are giving Roy in signing up for security at the FMCA rally in Perry, GA.

I am going to sign off for now and please remember to "keep your britches between those ditches" as I am doing my best to do that here in Wisconsin and Iowa.
Lamar

One quick note, I did take my friend Jerome for a quick spin on Lake Menomonie in Menomonie, WI in the Suburban. Scared him a little but we made it. We didn't even have to swim to shore.

Take Care and we'll see you in GA 10-4.

Lamar



Did you know?...

There is a new product that might be of interest to all Beaver owners, but in particular, those who travel with pets or grandchildren. You pull up your air brake plunger when you stop your coach and assume that it will stay that way until you push it down when you are ready to move again. But, what if your dog excitedly jumps on the side console, joyously barking at your return (or the neighbor?) Whoops...Your coach could be off and rolling. Absolute Brake is an air brake securing device which slides under the plunger and prevents any accidental release of the brake. In addition, some models have a locking mechanism, making it an effective theft deterrent.

This product was developed and used by fellow Beaver owner, Carl Alaniz. You can check it out at www.AbsoluteBrake.com. After you see how it works, the next step is to sign up for either of the next two Lead-in rallies. Carl has very graciously donated two of the Absolute Brakes systems to be given away at both "Music and Memories" and "Beaver County Fair." We thank him for his donation and appreciate him telling us about this device.