

# REGIONAL RAMBLINGS

## Topics and Snippets submitted by our members

### Marla Steps Up to the Plate

With Mary Hunter's sudden passing the region was left without a Membership Chairman. When approached to fill this position, Marla Beck first demurred saying that her knowledge of car internals was scant and distinguishing a servo from a spigot plate might be difficult.

But that concern was swept aside when two qualifying questions were asked.

- "Question 1 *Do you have a bright and bouncy personality?*" "Um yes, that is me.", she replied.
- "Question #2 *Are you comfortable talking to a total stranger?*" "Sure, she says, *that's easy*".

Therefore please meet our new Membership Chair, Marla Beck, shown here tucking her oversized Teddy into the rear of her

1988 Bentley Continental (owned with husband, Ron Hosogi). Note that Teddy compliments the upholstery color.



### Peking to Paris Endurance Rally, 2019, ~8500 miles of Adventure



If you are ready to say "Yessir, Now *THAT's* for me!" then you are just as loony as PNWR member Lee Harman who is intent on driving across Mongolia, Kazakstan, etc where there are few (if any) roads and where there are roads there is no guarantee that they were not washed out last night. He will be driving a 1931 Model A Ford Victoria that has been prepared for this arduous journey. Lee and partner Bill Ward are funding this trip themselves.

However Lee is an ardent Rotarian and is intent on raising funds for Rotary International's famed Polio Plus campaign to eradicate this evil disease. In 1985, an estimated 350,000 cases of paralytic polio occurred; at that time, polio was endemic in 125 countries. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. YTD in 2017, there were just 5 cases worldwide. Eradication is getting very close to being a reality. It is estimated that there are 18 MILLION children who are walking polio paralysis-free, since the program began in 2007. If you would like to be part of this event and contribute to this very worthy cause, contact him at [rleeharmanmd@gmail.com](mailto:rleeharmanmd@gmail.com). All pledges of X pennies/mile go directly to the Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign and will be matched two for one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

This means that any contribution will essentially be tripled.