



September 24, 2004

Dear Interested Post Caravan'ers:

Thanks you very much for showing interest in the Post Square Dancing RV Caravan to Alaska planned for the summer of 2005. For several reasons we are going to extend the deadline for sign ups from September 30th to October 30th.

We have over 20 interested in this caravan and have been keeping a list. When the time comes to register with a deposit, we will take people off the list in the order at which we were contacted. Our maximum number for the caravan will be 18 rigs, but we feel those that are going to make a firm commitment will be included.

I can at this time include some material that was posted on the internet and some addition items that may be of interest at this time. *(Some people do not have internet access)*

The Post Caravan name came about from the idea that Gerry and I were going on a pre- caravan to the National Square Dance convention (Lewis & Clark) and someone remarked that ours was going to be post- convention. To keep it short, it became " Post Caravan". We do have a website <http://www.postcaravan.com>

The philosophy of the caravan will be aimed at square dancers who like to dance and socialize. The Coy's and the Hardy's planned to go to Alaska and see the sites and do some dancing, so we thought other's might enjoy the same.

We will try to travel no more than 200-250 miles a day and limit the number of rigs to 18. Using mostly private and commercial campgrounds with services, we will follow major highways and routes that most caravan's frequent. Getting to Alaska will be a priority, so that a minimum amount of time will be spent driving thru British Columbia and the Yukon. We will of course stop at some significant points of interest and of course, there will be square dancing along the way. We will spend several weeks in Alaska seeing the sites and square dancing at five club locations. After touring Alaska, we will again head south, moving along thru the Yukon and BC, Canada arriving back at Dawson Creek, BC, Canada. We choose to stick to main routes and do some backtracking in order to have better roads to travel on. Many roads traveled will be very much like those in the lower 48's and only when necessary will we travel some less than pristine routes. There will be opportunities to relax on some days or site see, if you wish. Some activities will be group oriented. After Alaska on our way south, there will be an opportunity to leave the caravan and take side trips, (if one desires to extend the caravan). The Coy's and the Hardy's will be heading home from Dawson Creek, through Canada .

This is NOT a professional commercial caravan associated with any existing caravan company. It is simply a group of square dancers with a common desire to have fun traveling together to Alaska. There will be no professional people on the caravan to guide, repair, educate, nurse or inform members of the caravan. We all will help each

other out as a group of friends traveling together.

Reservations will be made for significant attractions, that require long advanced commitments. The attractions that do not require long advanced reservations will be made and paid for by the caravan members. (A listing of local attractions will be provided) Meals will be mostly done on an individual basis, with several pot luck dinners, progressive dinner and several group meals-out planned. But most of the caravanner's will be on their own for meals. We will be in campgrounds in large cities frequently enough, to shop every couple days. Not every campground will have restaurants, so some meals should be planned in one's RV.

The "Post Caravan" website will be the main source to communicate with caravan participants. Postage will be kept to a minimum. All the campground reservations will be done by the leaders, as well as square dance planning and some events' reservation. We will provide a daily itinerary with details for the days travel before we leave each day in 2005. A more general listing of our itinerary will be posted on the website in October 2004.

Several years ago the Hardy's and the Coy's started meeting at square dance events while camping. The Coy's and the Hardy's had known each other for years and after Gerry retired (2002)the Hardy's returned to square dance camping once again. After meeting at several square dance camping events, we were thinking of nice places to go and enjoy both camping and square dancing. Of course a RV Caravan to Alaska was a natural.

The Coy's and the Hardy's have camped together in Florida, New Jersey, the International Square Dance Camporee in Horsehead, NY and the National Square Dance Convention in Denver.

Dot & Don Coy have organized many tours over the past several years to various places. Just recently they took a group to the Canadian National Square Dance Convention . On the internet see <http://www.postcaravan.com/gallery> The Coy's and Hardy's Picture Gallery for candid shots of the callers.

Sincerely,

Chuck & Gerry Hardy, Don & Dot Coy

