



WINTER 2011

The Bulletin

**Alberta Provincial
Rural Crime Watch**

**“CRIME PREVENTION IS
EVERYBODY’S
RESPONSIBILITY”**

**HEADS UP! ONLY 175
registrations are being accepted.**

Registration continues for the upcoming AGM in Cochrane on February 11/12 2012. If you have not already done so, please get your registration – with payment in to Cochrane as soon as possible. As always, there is an interesting lineup of speakers and topics and information tables from organizations that have a rural focus.

The AGM is your opportunity to meet members of other Associations and to share common concerns as well as ideas for building and/or growing rural crime watches. Take advantage of the time and effort that Cochrane has put into this event. It is always worth your while.

Thank you to the UFA Co-operative Limited. for their support of APRCWA – they print and help distribute this newsletter. We couldn’t do it without you!

President’s Message

Hard to believe that another year is nearly gone – and it has been an interesting one. Enough snow last winter and rain this past spring/summer/fall to bring the water table back up to where it hasn’t been in years. No crop, some crop, bumper crop – across the province it’s been some or all of the above. Now we are facing another long, hard winter – or so the Farmer’s Almanac says. Time to hunker down and take care of the ‘home place’ and wait out the weather.

Time also to re-assess your Associations and the relationship you have with your County, MD or nearby community. How can you help each other – what support can you offer? What about the relationship with your local RCMP/Police Department? Can you build fences, support what is already there, or establish a new, working partnership? What do we (as RCW’s) need to do to ensure a two-way communication with police and community. Start planning now to ensure your local Association is a viable force in your area – that people know there IS a local Association, what your mission and purpose is, and how you ensure the best for everyone concerned.

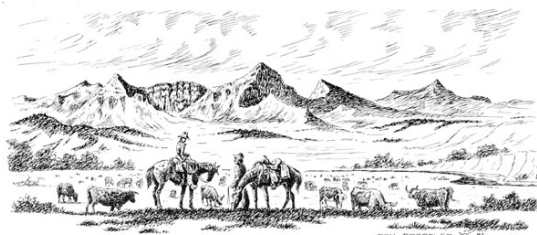
Membership means being accountable – stepping up to the plate to help out – not at everything, all the time, but at least once in the course of a year. Share the load. The more we do for each other, the stronger we become; the stronger we are, the better the message to the world at large that you are out there, and are a force to be reckoned with.

Frank Debogorski



Speaking of the AGM - Is anyone out there interested in group travel to Cochrane in February?? A bus would go from (or through) the Edmonton area, and costs will depend on the total number of travelers. It's fun - someone else does the driving and one has the time and opportunity to schmooze with like minded folk on the way. If you are interested please contact the office (780-422-0922) and indicate how many members or your Association might be interested. Once there is an idea as to numbers, a local Association will price out a bus and things will go from there. More, anon.

Bonnie



The Stockmen's Memorial Foundation Museum will be open from 7-9pm on the Friday evening (February 10) for all those who would like to see some of the history/culture of Cochrane and surrounding area.



SIGNS, SIGNS, SIGNS those Associations who have the large metal signs posted on the highways in your area. If your signs are fading, or they are cracking, please return them to Lee Kasper (the Zone 2 Director responsible for inventory). The old signs can be returned and recycled. Of course, you WILL have to purchase new signs!



Do you know someone who likes to talk to people and share information? If you do, this is a head's up - John Fuga, Zone 5 Director, and the Director responsible for the Wise Owl Program, is looking for someone he can mentor, who will be able to step into his shoes, and take over the Wise Owls portfolio. Training is provided, and it is a growing, ever expanding portfolio, so he needs someone who has lots of energy, stamina and TIME! If you, or someone you know is interested, please get in touch with the office, and the information will be passed on to John.



HOTELS FOR THE AGM IN COCHRANE, ALBERTA

ALL ARE NON SMOKING All Blocked under Rural Crime Watch AGM/Workshop. **All direct toll free lines will get the corporate rate only.** If they book on internet or basic 1-800 #'s, the corporate rate doesn't count.

1. Days Inn

Has single and double rooms, **must be booked by end of October** to get corporate rates. Direct 1-877-932-588 toll free. They also have meeting rooms, which I said you would be the one to book it if you needed it.

Rates: \$99.00 and \$113.00

2. Super 8

Blocked rooms, single and doubles, from \$111.99 to \$131.99, PLUS king bed with sofa bed and jacuzzi for \$161.99 (it IS Valentine's Weekend). They are blocked til January 30th/2012. DIRECT TOLL FREE LINE 1-866-860-8846

3. Best Western

Blocked rooms, single and doubles, \$119.99. They are blocked until December 30th, 2011. DIRECT TOLL FREE LINE IS 1-877-932-1410.

4. Sandman – Calgary

Booking Instructions:

Phone: 1-800-SANDMAN (726-3626),

Ask to make reservation for Sandman Hotel Calgary West
Provide group # 99106
Provide own credit card information to guarantee the rooms select room types they like
Last available date will be Jan. 10th, 2012 plus or minus.

5. The Bow River Inn 403-932-7900. (also in Calgary) All one level, no stairs, some with kitchenettes.

DID YOU KNOW?????

Did you know that October is *Child Abuse Awareness Month* and that DEAL.org has written a lot about the topic? Whether you answered yes or no to this question, it's still a good idea to learn more about this important subject.

Check out some of our previous blogs to learn more about [child abuse](#), how to make a [safety plan](#) or about abuse and/or exploitation that can happen [online](#). The '[Knowzone](#)' section of the DEAL.org website also has information about child abuse and Internet safety. Let us lend you a hand in making you more aware about child abuse during *Child Abuse Awareness Month*.

Submitted by Sgt. Blaine Rahier



REPORT A POACHER

Did you know?

In 2010/11:

- With the help of our corporate partners, we secured 6 new [Conservation Sites](#) across Alberta.
- We mapped 5,646 km of fence line over 57 townships from satellite imagery to identify [barriers for pronghorn migration](#).

Use Respect - Ask First

We remind outdoor enthusiasts to ask permission before entering private property and to be responsible and respectful while on the land.

Check the Alberta Conservation Website for additional information
ab-conservation.com



PROMOTIONS: HATS AND PINS



PINS



HEAD GEAR

The RIGHT logo will be on the caps, toques or beanie. The logo will be on the front and the Association name will be shown on the sides or the back.

COSTS FOR HEAD GEAR:

minimum order is 144

Baseball caps = \$1440.00

Toques or beanie = \$1296.00

Associations can group together and order different lots (not less than 24 per group) to save on costs

All orders of pins and/or hats to be sent in to the office, pre-paid. Orders will be filled and sent on to the association.



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Rural Crime Watch Pin
First- Time Order Sheet



Die Setup Fee 1 @ \$60.00 one time fee
_____ X \$0.60= _____
_____ SubTotal
+ _____ 5% GST
= _____ TOTAL

Name to appear on pin:

Minimum order of 250 *300 (10 May 2012)*



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Rural Crime Watch Pin
RE-Order Sheet



_____ X \$0.60= _____
+ _____ 5% GST
= _____ TOTAL

Name to appear on pin:

Minimum order of 250 *300 (10 May 2012)*

DEAL.org/parents Newsletter

The DEAL.org/parents October newsletter has been released. In addition to tips for engaging youth on a daily basis, this newsletter contains information about upcoming events, interesting research and provides information about the topics covered on the DEAL.org website. A copy of this newsletter has been included for your review. If you wish to receive the newsletter monthly, please visit www.deal.org or contact Erin Mulvihill via Groupwise or at erin.mulvihill@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Elder Abuse

National Crime Prevention Services (NCPS) continues to partner with the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE) and have identified some new Elder abuse tools and resources that can assist in addressing the safety and security of Seniors in RCMP communities:

National First Nations Re-Act - http://www.vchreact.ca/national_manual.htm

Across the Generations - Respect All Ages - <http://www.intergenerational.ca/resources/across-the-generations.html>

It's Not Right - Neighbours, Friends and Families - <http://www.neighboursfriendsandfamilies.ca/about-us/its-not-right.html>

.Promising Approaches in First Nations Communities and Snapshot 2009 - http://www.bccrns.ca/projects/docs/promising_approaches_addressing_preventing_abuse.pdf

All links are available on the NCPS web site under Elder Abuse

Submitted by Sgt. Blaine Rahier, K Div RCMP

An economics professor at a local college made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that Obama's socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The professor then said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on Obama's plan. All grades will be averaged and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail and no one will receive an A..." (substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied little.

The second test average was a D! No one was happy. When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an F. As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else.

To their great surprise, ALL

*FAILED and the professor told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, **but when government takes all the reward away, no one will try or want to succeed.***

These are possibly the 5 best sentences you'll ever read and all applicable to this experiment:

- 1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.**
- 2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.**
- 3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.**
- 4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!**
- 5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation.**

Submitted by Connie Newgard

Safety Tips for Driving on Snow and Ice

Now that winter driving conditions are here, make sure you follow the common rules that make driving safer, the Canada Safety Council urges.

“Snow and ice are two completely different driving surfaces, but both pose one common risk—skidding,” the Council says. Falling snow also poses visibility risks, while “invisible” ice or black ice can cause sudden skids and spin-outs.

“Even with the different problems posed by snow and ice, there are some common rules that make driving on either safer,” the Council states. Here are six tips:

1. Reduce Your Speed

- Use good sense and be prepared to drive at speeds slower than the posted limit when roads are covered in snow or ice or both
- Leave at least 10 seconds following distance in typical winter conditions—and more on ice
- Keep in mind that a vehicle driving on a dry road at 100 km per hour needs more than 180 metres to stop—more than three NHL rinks combined!

2. Do Not Turn Your Wheel Too Suddenly While Braking

- On slippery roads, it is important to turn your wheel slowly and smoothly

- Try not to make any sudden moves, including steering and braking, on slippery roads

3. Maximize the Distance Between Your Vehicle and Others

- Try to find safe ways to increase the space between your vehicle and others—for example, hang back from the vehicle in front of you and avoid driving alongside other vehicles when possible
- Even in stop-and-go traffic, try to keep your vehicle further back than you would in ordinary driving conditions

4. Take Extra Caution Driving Uphill

- Follow the “no-sudden-moves” rule
- Stopping on a hill can result in becoming stuck or sliding—so avoid if possible
- Hang back from vehicles ahead of you if possible to minimize the risk of them backing into your vehicle

5. Take Extra Caution Driving Downhill

- Begin with keeping your speed as slow as possible
- When necessary, switch into lower gears
- Try not to use the brakes, but if they must be used, shift into low gear
- Leave as much space as possible between your vehicle and the one in front, even if it means waiting until the bottom of the hill is clear

6. Brake Properly

- It can take 10 times longer to stop on slippery surfaces. Uniroyal offers this advice for proper braking:
- Keep in mind that it can take 10 times longer to stop on slippery surfaces
- Consult your vehicle's manual on proper braking procedures
- Be aware that tires with different tread patterns and wear should not be mixed

--Adapted from the Canada Safety Council, Uniroyal

Submitted by Judy Schlichenmayer

Motorists need to be prepared to care for themselves while winter driving, even on Highway 2

Over the last number of years a disturbing trend has been growing, people travelling in winter without proper clothing and equipment. This is aggravated by the fact they get in cars which take them away from places of comfort quickly. Since most of these motorists have cell phones, the result is numerous calls for assistance that should be self contained.

Recent history reflects an expectation, along Highway 2 in the Olds area, for motorists to leave the road and get stuck, then expect RCMP attendance. This is also true for minor collisions.

Motorists are required by law to report collisions where the total damage is over \$2000. This does not necessarily mean police will attend these events.

Police do not normally attend complaints of non-injury collisions, people who are stuck, or provide rides. This means you need to be prepared to spend a significant amount of time in your car if you leave the road. So pack warm clothes and possibly an emergency kit of snacks, water and blankets. If your cell phone works you can arrange for a tow truck or a ride and make any required reports later.

This winter Olds RCMP Detachment will not be providing this high level of service for a number of reasons. The first is that in most cases the events are avoidable by slowing down or staying home if conditions are very bad. Other policing pressures are taking away from, by the time required to attend.

It is critical to remember that you and you alone are responsible for you and your family's safety which starts with proper decision making. Decision making includes determining if you really need to travel, dressing for the potential weather, slowing down for road conditions, and carrying proper winter traveling items.

Whiteout Tip:

When white out conditions blow up, pull as far off the road as you can stop and wait until it clears. Do not get out of your vehicle; it is the safest place you can be. This is a weather condition, not an emergency event.

Submitted by Judy Schlichenmayer

**COCHRANE CRIME SYMPOSIUM AND AGM
DRAFT AGENDA**

- 7:30 am – 9:00 am – Continental breakfast, registration, opening remarks**
- 9:00AM RCMP K DIVISION – INSP. RICHARD GROSUL
RCMP K DIVISION - SGT. BLAINE RAHIER
RCMP COCHRANE DETACHMENT
ALBERTA LIVESTOCK \ IDENTIFICATION - CPL. CHRIS REISTER
CPL. DAVE HEASLIP**
- 9:45AM DOPE ON DOPE – STEVE WALTON**
- 10:15AM FISH & WILDLIFE – NEIL BRAD
CRIME PREVENTION IN RURAL ALBERTA**
- 10:45AM COFFEE**
- 11:00AM GROUP DISCUSSION & WORKSHOP - STAN DODDS - COCHRANE RCW:
- WHAT IS SUCCESSFUL
- INCREASING MEMBERSHIP
- PROMOTING CRIME PREVENTION
- PUBLIC AWARENESS
- COMMUNICATION**
- 12:00PM LUNCH**
- 1:00PM WORKSHOP CRITIQUE & WRAP-UP**
- 1:15PM PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION AGM**
- 2:30PM COFFEE**
- 2:45PM PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION AGM**
- 5:00PM COCKTAILS – NO HOST BAR**
- 6:00PM DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT:
DORIS DALEY – COWBOY POET**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| <i>December 25</i> | <i>Christmas</i> |
| <i>December 26</i> | <i>Boxing Day</i> |
| <i>December 31</i> | <i>New Year's Eve</i> |
| <i>January 1</i> | <i>Happy New Year!</i> |
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| <i>February 10/11
2012</i> | <i>AGM/Crime
Symposium in
Cochrane, AB</i> |

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security 21st Annual Crime Prevention Awards 2012

Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security seeks to acknowledge the efforts of individuals, youths, organizations, businesses, community groups, media and police members who make an extraordinary contribution in promoting community safety through crime prevention.

Consider Nominating a group or individual in your community

Competition opens: January 6, 2012

Competition Closes: February 10, 2012

This year's ceremony will take place May 11, 2012 and will kick off Alberta Crime Prevention Week which runs May 13-19, 2012

Nomination forms are available at www.crimeprevention.gov.ab.ca

For more information contact Lori Pailer: 780-415-1819, toll free by first dialing 310-0000; or by email lori.pailer@gov.ab.ca

***In Memoriam
Gerald Kaiser 1936 – 2011***

Gerald (Gerry) was a serving Director for Zone 2 right up to his sudden death on November 3, 2011 at his home – a farm outside of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Gerry will be remembered by all who knew him as a man who enjoyed a joke and was not afraid to ask questions. He was proud of the accomplishments of Hillside RCWA and was quick to report on the various events the Association was involved in. He will be sorely missed.

Condolences and prayers go out to his wife Gail and their family.

Gerry – you'll be remembered for your laugh and your enjoyment of life.

Rest in Peace, friend.

