

ALAA – A NEW YEAR – 2013

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GREETINGS, from your new President

The year is just beginning and ALAA has had two successful events. First the Annual ALAA meeting in Quartzsite, Arizona. And second, the 1st Annual ALAA/BLM Roadside Clean-up just outside Quartzsite.

ALAA has a NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON. Colleen McGann of California has taken on the new position of membership. Our Treasurer, Ruth Bailey had been doing both jobs for a number of years and we thought we'd give her a break and cut down her workload. So go to www.amlands.org and get your application to join ALAA.

It was only a couple of years ago that ALAA was on its last legs. ALAA was tired and worn out. With a new group of gung-ho members we have done great things.

But we can't do it alone so we're asking you to give us a second chance and re-join. Take a look at our website, it's awesome. www.amlands.org make it a favorite and check it out frequently. We're working on a facebook page and other exciting new ideas.

We've been working with some off road people who have taken the time to give us a primer in working with the Forest Service and the BLM. If you remember, many of you wondered out loud, why you should join ALAA because most of the public lands were in the west..... If you go to google and drop in Department of Agriculture "Forest Service" you'll find there are National Forests in almost all states and it includes National Grasslands. If you happen to have one that you enjoy then you will want to know about the Travel Management Plans for each individual federal forest.

Please don't confuse them with State Forests, this is a whole other kettle of fish and you have to check your own states for information. I can tell you that in the state of California, most state forests and state parks you are not allowed to collect rocks or anything else.

Watch for an ALAA meeting in the Northwest at Kennewick in April. We'll have a meeting in California in May.

More on all these exciting meetings and events in the coming issues of AFMS Newsletter. Have questions? Contact me at: president@amlands.org