

The Snoopy's Great Adventure Fun Club Presents "DOGS PLAYING POKER" End-of-the Season Blowout Party



Saturday, noon
September 4, 2010

LOCATION - Diane & Allan Neils - 303 W Watt, Spangle

DIRECTIONS - From downtown Spokane, merge onto US-195 Colfax/Pullman Hwy. Go 15.6 miles to Spangle. Turn right onto E Watt Rd, go 1.5 miles. House is on the left.

WHAT'S HAPPENING - Bring your favorite furry friend. All social dogs are welcome. Yard is on a country road but there is no fence so bring a leash if you need to. Bring a jacket for yourself. We will play poker with our dogs, board games, and enjoy a free lunch of chlidogs, chips, dessert, and drinks. The dogs will entertain us with agility equipment fun. Tour the Neils' beautiful country garden with stunning rose and perennial borders.

FREE! - The Dogs Playing Poker Snoopy Event is free to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Sept meeting or you can call 535-8434 and get put on the list. Dog or no dog.

Dogs Playing Poker



They sit quite still, politely placing bets.
The cone of light, tipped with a green glass shade,
encircles them. New cards are dealt and laid.
They mark the passing time in cigarettes.



Reflected in the Pug's huge, amber eyes:
the pair of queens he's holding over tens.
The Afghan sees, and checks. The Beagle wins--
a full boat, rocking aces over threes.



A few more beers, the Boxer wants to fight
("How typical," the Bulldog notes, all gruff).
The Dachshund cashes in and tips his hat,
says Gutentag to all, he's lost enough.
Remaining paws divide the pot; that's that.
No one got bit; in all, a decent night.



By: Scott Standridge



Wild Wild West

Town Tour

Saturday, Sept 18, 2010 - 9:30am-2pm

9:30am - SHOP - Kootenai County Farmers Market corner of Prairie & Highway 95 in Hayden, ID. The place to buy from the grower, find one of a kind arts and crafts, listen to local music and meet with friends, under the shaded canopy of tall native pines. Come share a cup of coffee and wander the food court, find that unique perennial, and take home a beautiful hanging basket. There is much to be enjoyed at your local Farmers' Market. Chat with the farmer who grows the plants and produce, have your questions answered and feel good about supporting your local community.

11am - EAT - We're planning on having lunch at the newly opened Texas Roadhouse, 402 W Neider Ave, right off I-95 across from Red Lobster, Coeur d'Alene, ID. They pride themselves in providing each and every guest with Legendary Food and Legendary Service from their Legendary Team every day! Their Signature menu items include Fall-off-the-bone Ribs, Hand Battered Chicken Critters, Tasty Chicken Dishes, Various Seafood Selections, Made-from-scratch Side Items, Fresh Baked Bread, Ice Cold Beer, and Hearty, Hand-Cut Steaks! Texas Roadhouse was recently voted the #2 Best Chain Restaurant in the country, right behind the Cheesecake Factory.

1pm - SEE - Next, we're off to "Bobville!" 9510 N Hauser Lake Rd in Hauser, ID - Directions from Texas Roadhouse, start out going east on W Neider Ave. Turn right onto US-95 S. Merge onto I-90 W toward Post Falls/Spokane. Take the Pleasant View Rd exit, turn right. Turn left onto ID-53. Turn right onto N Hauser Lake Rd. House is on the right. Please do not park along the road, but turn into the driveway. There is plenty of parking in a field to the right. If you'd like to go to Bobville directly from Spokane, it is located about 1 mile north of W Hwy 53 (Trent Rd) on Hauser Lake Rd, between Newman Lake and Rathdrum. Go east on Trent/Hwy 53, turn left on N Hauser Rd.

Enjoy spending a late summer/early fall afternoon in Bobville--a quaint Western town from the imagination of our hosts--Bob & Linda Ashcraft--who have been working on "Bobville," a colorful Western town in their Hauser backyard, since 2001. A sign over the horse pasture behind their house reads, "Just Because." And that is why, Linda says, they built the town--"just because I was tired of looking at the horse pasture, and I needed a fence." With Linda, a talented artist, doing the designing and Bob doing the building, the Ashcrofts built a few false-front buildings, including a marshal's office, Bea's Merchandise, an attorney's office, and a church before they started constructing complete buildings.

According to Linda, "We built for our own pleasure. We were thinking of our grandkids and of making it useful." The result is 2 blocks of a replica Western-style frontier town for young and old alike. There's Ruby's Saloon, complete with an upstairs brothel reached through a back stairway; Winter's Boarding House; a stable with a forge for shoeing horses; a log cabin; and a train depot with a caboose sitting on a nearby siding. Linda's trompe l'oeil paintings add fanciful touches throughout the town, and Bob's ability to fabricate the smallest details, mostly out of recycled materials, make the buildings fascinating inside and out.

