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# TREK TRAVELS

July 2015

## President's Message

### WE WONDERED WHEN ... NOW WE HAVE ONE!

Many FMCA chapters are losing members and having difficulty maintaining club operations. The NW Trek Fun Club continues to grow. The club secretary reports that our membership is at 65 active members and 3 honorary members – and we are adding members almost every month.

Why is that? Perhaps it is because the Northwest Trek Fun Club (NWTFC) was formed with the idea that Trek owners are people who are unique because the Trek design is unique. The Trek design gives us the comforts of home, but still is small enough to get into those off-the-beaten-track sites.

We pride ourselves in fostering new friendships and knowledge of the Trek. We stress that our club's middle name is F-U-N.

We have sensed over the years that we needed each other because the Trek is an orphan. Trek production ended in 2008, so we were on our own.

But that can't be said anymore. Monaco, now a division of Allied Recreation Group, is manufacturing Treks again. The current model is not what we recognize as the **real Trek**. We have been assured that the Trek we would like is still to come – but we haven't seen it yet.

We have wondered when we would have a new owner join NWTFC with a 2016 Trek. It has happened. Dawn and Judy are new Trek owners.

*We have just purchased a new TREK 2016 HMD, live in Keizer, and would love to get together with others who own Treks. By the way, I am a second generation Trek owner. My parents owned a Trek back in the day. Still had the overhead bed and small design. I was so pleased that the company is remaking this great motorhome!*

They hope to join us at Ohanapecosh. Come meet them and see the 2016 Trek.

## 2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

(To be Wagon Master for a rally, contact Helen Anderson, Rally Coordinator, at [helen-anderson@comcast.net](mailto:helen-anderson@comcast.net))

August 23-26 Shining Waters  
Gary & Irva Cooper  
Ken & Helen Anderson  
Bremerton Elks RV Park  
(Rally is sold out)

September 17 – 21 Ohanapecosh  
Campground, Mt. Rainier  
National Park  
Dean & Sue Bjornson  
Ken and Helen Anderson

## 2016 Rally Schedule

Spring Open

June Pre-rally to FMCA NW Rally  
Open

August Port Townsend

**Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!**

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

No experience needed.  
Likes to write, creative.  
Able to encourage others to contribute  
Familiar with Word or publishing  
software.

Contact Al Zimmerman (Pres)  
or Dean Bjornson (VP)



## MEMBER RESOURCES TO PROMOTE NW TREK FUN CLUB

There are a number of resources available to you so you can promote the NW trek Fun and introduce new people to the world of Trekkin. Most of these items are on the website ([www.nwtfc.com](http://www.nwtfc.com)) in the members' area under the club goodies section.



## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Two meetings of the executive board were held in April and June...

- Ken Anderson was appointed to the position of Alternate National Director. His election to fill the term is pending.
- NWTFC website is now hosting a newsletter that provides information especially for owners of Isuzu powered Treks.
- Revised bylaws were submitted to FMCA for approval. The revisions were approved and the bylaws have been submitted to membership for approval. One key provision is that voting will be restored to one vote per coach or F number.

- Club name badge with the club logo pin. Badge is provided free to new members. Pins are available for purchase at \$3 each.

- Club business card. This is a downloadable and customizable version in an MS Word template for members. Or, design your own business card and include the club logo and website.

- Club window placard with the NWTFC logo and your name. The window placard is provided to new members. It is laminated to stand the test of time. Place it on the inside of your dash window facing out. Let people see that another Trekker is in the campground.

- Club brochure is brand new! It is a tri-fold brochure that you can print on an 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper and share with interested people. The brochure describes the Trek motorhome concept and the club. Print 4 or 5 using your computer and printer and keep them in your Trek so you share with others.



# UPCOMING RALLIES

## SHINING WATERS RALLY

BREMERTON, WASHINGTON  
August 23 – 26, 2015



Sunday – Lasagna dinner with salad & ice cream dessert.

Monday – coffee roast tour, discovering Poulsbo Port  
Gamble and Bainbridge Island.

Tuesday – History of Bremerton, visiting Keyport Naval

Wednesday – Departing for home.

Shining Waters Rally  
Sold Out



## Where in the "el" is Ohanapecosh Rally

(Washington, near Mt. Rainier)

Sept. 17 – 20, 2015 (3 nights)

***Dry camping & a very low-key rally***

Camping fees: \$20/site, or \$10 with Senior Pass.

Rally fee is \$24 or \$14 (Senior Pass). Includes: first night site hold (no reservations available) and pancake breakfast.

No hookups at this rustic national park campground. Campsites are available on a first come basis. Advance party will seek to secure campsites.

Activities: visiting Paradise Lodge, day hiking, exploring old hot spring site, exploring the visitor center.



MORE INFO TO  
FOLLOW SOON

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# RECENT RALLY REPORTS



## SPRING IN THE YAMHILL VALLEY Evergreen Aviation Museum



18 Treks + John and Marie Turner and Bob and Barb Brown gathered at the Old Stone Village RV Park near McMinnville, Oregon April 23 – 26, 2015.

The first day of the rally began with a potluck of heavy hors d'oeuvres, defined early on, as those heavy enough to bend a single paper plate, and spill the contents in your lap.

Each morning featured a Continental Breakfast of tea, coffee, juice, yogurt, fruit, breads, pastries etc. Al & Virginia Zimmerman came through for us on Saturday Morning, cooked us a great pancake and sausage breakfast that was enjoyed by all.

Following breakfast, we reconvened at the Evergreen Air and Space Museum for guided tours. We learned many facts and anecdotes about air and space history as well as some hands-on, up-close and personal experience with historical planes, rockets, moon landers and models.

For happy hour and dinner we gathered at the Golden Valley Brewery in McMinnville. The buffet featured salmon and chicken with all the fixin's.

Sunday morning saw the end of the official rally with our final continental Breakfast and a willing team that stayed to clean-up after our stay. Waves, honks and horn blasts were shared as almost all of us left for home or the next RV park - wherever and whenever that might be.

Wagon Masters: Ken and Helen Anderson, Steve Webber-Plank





## OREGON COAST RALLY (& Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally) June 19-22

Wagon Masters: Al & Virginia Zimmerman

14 coaches gathered at the Winchester Bay RV Resort. The usual NWTFC folks were joined by a couple Trekkers from the southwest and two coaches from the Oregon River Ramblers – a club of southern Oregon RVers that the Zimmermans have joined. The River Ramblers were also volunteering with the NWTFC at the FMCA Rally in Coos Bay.

This rally was a pre-rally to the FMCA NW Rally at the Mill in North Bend. Also at Winchester Bay were the NW Alpine Coaches Association and Oregon/Washington Coaches for Christ. Friday evening started with a potluck of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Following dinner Dick Wagner presented a program on Louis Simpson and North Bend history. Louis Simpson was a lumber baron who was brought by his father Asa Simpson to manage the Simpson lumber mill and shipyard. He founded the city of North Bend. The gardens at Shore Acres State Park were part of the estate he built for his wife.

Saturday began with a continental breakfast. Many of the rally folks attended the Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championships in downtown Reedsport. The evening meal was Coney Island chili hot dogs with ice cream bars for dessert.

Sunday began with pancakes and sausages. There was lots of free time during the day to explore the area or revisit the chain saw carving contest. The evening meal was an Asian buffet provided by Sumin's restaurant from Coos Bay. It was wonderful food and there was lots of it. However, few scraps remained because the leftovers quickly disappeared to coaches for lunch the next day. Steve Webber-Plank showed some of his pictures from his trip to Kenya and Tanzania with lots of wild animals.

Monday was the final day. Richard from Gib's RV Superstore of Coos Bay presented a workshop on motorhome maintenance. With over 30 years of experience his presentation proved to be helpful and practical. Ten rally coaches joined a caravan to the FMCA NW Rally at the Mill in North Bend. There is one hill on highway 101 going south from Winchester Bay to Coos Bay. Ken Harmon reported that his 1994 Isuzu on full throttle climbed this hill at 27 mph. We arrived at the Mill in good order.





## NW TREK FUN CLUB GOES TO FMCA NW AREA RALLY at The Mill In North Bend, Oregon



Point Persons:            Steve Webber-Plank, NW Trek Fun Club  
                                 Russ Pease, Oregon Trail Drivers

The FMCA NW Area Rally was held at The Mill Hotel and Casino in North Bend. The chamber of commerce provided sunny weather for the rally – though the usual summer north wind arose. Andy Balogh, former FMCA NW Area president, served as rally master. His wife, Kathie Balogh, currently serves as president of the NW Area. He is a master negotiator and worked well with the Coquille (kokwel) tribe in seeing that things were in good order for the rally. There were over 300 coaches present for the rally with about 90 show coaches.

NW Trek members plus members from the Oregon River Ramblers and volunteers from California helped staff the registration and information table as well as the FMCA merchandise store in the hotel lobby. Bobbi Radford, an FMCA rally veteran, provided insights and helped get things organized. Russ and Dorothy Pease have helped with the store for many years.

As is customary for FMCA rallies, there were numerous rallies on technical items and products to enhance the motorhome experience. Also interesting were seminars on early traveling in the Coos Bay area, the geology of Oregon's south coast, and earthquakes along the coast. Two vendor areas provided opportunities to purchase products and services.

There can't be a party without food. Rally food included a hot dog bash, taco bar, and the traditional Indian salmon roast cooked over an open fire. The tribal chief even provided samples to those watching the salmon cook.

Entertainment on Thursday was Steve Hamilton – "A Pretty Good Magician." Friday's entertainment was an FMCA tradition – Bernie and Red. With comedy and song, this popular couple made the audience laugh. If you haven't seen Bernie and Red, you have missed some good fun.

NW Trek Fun Club sponsored an ad in the rally program book describing the club and its unique orientation. Parked near the Treks were the Frustrated Maestros who provided music during the breakfast times and the ice cream social. One member of the Frustrated Maestros made an interesting comment to some of our members. "If you Trek folks would just water those coaches they would grow into real motorhomes."





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NWTFC was established in 2004 and currently has 59 coach members, including Treks spanning the 1991 Isuzu to the 2008 28RB2. We pride ourselves in fostering new friendships and knowledge of the Trek. We stress that our club's middle name is F-U-N.

We plan several rallies each year in several states and communicate with our members by email, newsletter, and through the club website. NWTFC territory covers WA, ID, OR, AK, MT, BC, Alberta, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. All Trek owners, regardless of their home state, are welcome to join or to attend our rallies as guests.

Membership dues are \$10 per calendar year. See the website for a membership application.

When your membership is processed, you will be given a password access to the secure Members Only page of the NWTFC website.

NWTFC is a part of the National Trek Fun Club. We are a Chapter of FMCA and very closely associated with SAFARI International.