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TREK TRAVELS



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President's Message

I wrote this from the Rally in the Redwoods at Klamath California. We had 11 rigs attending. The weather was just perfect and the Kamper Corral where we were staying is a really nice facility in a non-resort way.

The rally season has ended, but our club has enjoyed three great club rallies and the FMCA Northwest regional Rally in Coos Bay this year. Lynn and I have had the pleasure of attending all of this year's rallies. Each one was unique and they were all great fun.

Al Zimmerman with Dan and Debbie Mass presented a fun rally at Lake Woahink RV Park near Florence, OR. This was a pre-rally for the FMCA Regional Rally at the Mill Casino in Coos Bay. We had a tour of the Coast Guard Station and a presentation on the beautiful bridges of the Oregon Coast designed by Conde McCullough. As always there was great food and fellowship. Our club again provided the personnel to run the FMCA Store

The Pt. Townsend Rally in August hosted by our rally coordinators, Ron Mahugh and Mary Burchett, was a rousing success with 28 rigs attending and more members stopping by to visit. The venue at Point Hudson is about as good as there is for scenery and things to do close at hand. There was a very good presentation on CPR and the use of a defibrillator by a local fire department member. This was followed by a delicious taco feed. We experienced the most rain I had seen all summer in an intense downpour one afternoon but it did not last and did not dampen the activities.

Well - it did dampen some members that were participating in the bike ride!!

As mentioned, I wrote this while attending the Redwoods Rally hosted by James (Hoop) and Linda Hooper with Lynn and I.

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RALLY SCHEDULE

(To be Wagon Master for a rally, contact Ron Mahugh, Rally Coordinator, at hRonski16@comcast.net)

2019 Rallies

January 17 – 20 Trek Get Together
Quartzsite, AZ

Spring rally?

June 1 - 4 Pre-rally
Armitage County Park
North of Eugene, OR
John & Marie Turner
Richard & Nancy Harris

June 6 – 9 FMCA NW Area Rally
Linn County Fairgrounds
Albany, OR

August 14 - 17 FMCA National
Convention
Minot, North Dakota

Rally possibilities – Details TBD

- Sequim, WA
- Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA

Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!

President's Message, continued

(Mostly Lynn). We had a great pizza dinner the first night cooked by the park owners followed by a rousing game of card bingo with some deserving members winning their fortune. We had a jet boat trip on the Klamath River that provided thrills and wildlife sightings. Al Zimmerman served his famous pancake breakfast on Saturday and the balance of day was free to explore whatever captured one's fancy.

I want to sincerely thank all that have, and all that will in the future, step up to be wagon masters for a rally. The rallies are the fun part of Northwest Trek Fun Club, so if you have an idea for a rally or would like to participate with others to host a rally - contact Ron and Mary. They will help you with the planning or connect you with someone that is looking for help to put on a rally.

From California, Al, Lynn and I traveled to Kelso WA for a planning meeting for next year's FMCA NW Area Rally in Albany. I understand there are a couple of club rallies in the planning stages at this time for next year. Hooray!!
Safe Travels

Mike Ashbridge
President

2018 FMCA NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

There were 1,559 registered RVs at the CAMPLEX fairgrounds site in Gillette, WY. 93% of FMCA NW chapters were represented by a chapter national director or a designated temporary delegate.

Some of the matters discussed in the Governing Board meeting:

- John Walker, president, gave a report on the new membership benefits that have been added this year. Here are some examples: new roadside assistance program for \$69 per year, redesigned magazine, revamped FMCA website, new tire discount programs in addition to Michelin, Verizon data phone plans, and more.

ANNUAL NWTFC ELECTION

NWTFC elections occur in October. Respond to the email ballot from David Pierce in order to vote. Following members are running for offices:

- Vice Pres. – Dean Bjornson
- Treasurer – Irva Cooper
- Alt. Natl Dir. – Tom Selvidge

All of these positions are for two-year terms.

FMCA BYLAWS VOTE

FMCA membership is being asked to approve two changes to the constitution related to member dues and electronic voting. The intent of these changes is to streamline procedures for refunds and approve electronic voting for FMCA elections and issues. For more info check out pages 36 and 37 of the October issue of Family RVing (FMCA magazine).

1. FMCA membership does not entitle anyone to property. The change strikes out language that says no refunds are possible. Governing Board approved letting the Executive Board handle such matters.
2. Enables FMCA to conduct notifications and votes by electronic means (as well as U.S. mail). Vote totals would include both those who voted electronically and those who voted by mail.

Ballots are in the magazine and must be received by the accounting firm by December 31, 2018.

- FMCA membership is increasing. Current membership is 76,692. This includes 2,210 owners of non-motorized RVs.
- Definition of a recreational vehicle (RV) that was formulated last year was formally adopted. "Recreational vehicle is a self-contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities."
- 2020 international convention was scheduled for Redmond. However, the price that was to be charged for the

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CONVENTION REPORT, continued

fairgrounds was unreasonably high. So the decision was made to change from Redmond to Rock Springs, WY.

Each evening featured entertainment on stage. One of the most popular was "Ricky Nelson Remembered" starring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, sons of Ricky Nelson.

Numerous workshops offered on various RV-related topics. Zimmerman spoke twice on extended trip planning.

Don Schleusse was installed as the NW Area National Vice President replacing Kathie Balogh whose term was fulfilled.

FMCA NW AREA PLANNING MEETING REPORT

Al Zimmerman (Natl. Director) and Mike Ashbridge (President + Lynn) attended the fall business and planning meeting of the FMCA NW Area in Kelso, WA on September 25-27.

2018 NW Area Rally at the Mill in Coos Bay was a success and a profit was realized for the association. Unfortunately it has been announced that the Mill will no longer be a site for the NW area rallies.

2019 NW Area Rally will be in Albany at the Linn County Fairgrounds June 6 – 9. Theme for the rally is "Bridging the Gap." One of the emphases will be bring all RV types together under the FMCA umbrella.

Consideration is being given to selecting the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg as a future site for the area rally.

2019 NWTFC ANNUAL DUES \$10

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BRIDGING THE GAP

FMCA NW Area Rally
June 6 – 9
Albany, Oregon



NWTFC volunteers to staff the FMCA merchandise store at the NW area rally. Volunteers attend the pre-rally and then caravan together to the Linn County Fairgrounds.

Store volunteers must be registered with the area rally for insurance purposes.

In December registration will open for the Albany rally. Volunteers should register for the convention and sign-up for dry camping or 30 amp electric sites as soon registration opens.

Plan ahead to join the fun at the FMCA NW Area rally.

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU

Last newsletter had an article about John & Marie Turner's suspension problem. Al Zimmerman's 2003 Trek was pulling to the left. This was after 2 new front tires and an alignment.

The coach was taken to Bayshore Auto in Coos Bay (regular mechanic). Short test drive confirmed there was a problem. Diagnosis – front left lower suspension control arm had a 3" crack and needed replacement. "After driving it for 300 miles in that condition, I was fortunate more bad things had not happened."

RALLY REPORTS FUN TIMES FOR ALL



PORT TOWNSEND RALLY

August 9-13, 2018
Point Hudson Marina
Port Townsend, WA

Wagon Masters: Ron Mahugh and Mary Burchett

(Report submitted by Ron Mahugh)

Port Townsend 4.0 is now in our rearview mirror. I think it was a great success and everyone had a great time. We had 29 coaches along with our honorary members Stan and Barbara Shackle.

The original 20 sites were filled in six days so that left us with a long standby list. We were able to secure more sites over time which allowed us to get everyone from the standby list into the rally. Edie and Bob Carter were last to get a site on Wednesday afternoon in an area that the port doesn't list. Unfortunately, Ken and Judy Schindler had electrical problems and couldn't stay although they did leave their potluck contribution (yummy).

Those in attendance were:

Ed & Jeanette Block	Gary & Rosie Wright	Ken & Helen Anderson
Penny Paschall	Harry & Mary Carlson	Duane & Kathy Klopfenstein
Mike & Lynn Ashbridge	Bob & Sandie Pinney	Bill & Joan Quant
Steve Webber-Plank	Doug & Judy Gremmel	Bob & Lynda Fitzgerald
Ron & Mary Mahugh	David & Pam Schulz	Harry Salit & Fran Zaft
Jack & Joann Lindhorst	Bob Beers	Bob & Edie Carter
Dave & Sue Pierce	Tom & Dianna Schramm	Stan & Barb Shackell
David Burton and his friend Ginny	Dick & Nancy Harris	Dean & Sue Bjornson and grandson
Rodger & Colleen Wright	Gary & Irva Cooper	Nyle & Carla Swainston
John & Marie Turner		

Others joined us for different parts of the rally: Bret and Laura Medbury came over from Whidbey Island and brought Alex and Dianne from Alberta. Tom & Jo Selvidge also came over from Whidbey Island for a visit and Bret and Sandie Matthews drove over from Chimacum, a short distance away.

Thursday night's hors d'oeuvres and desserts went well. There was a wide variety of food and treats. Friday night's potluck was also great with all kinds of good eats.

The weather was good except that it was a little windy and cold on Friday night. A front was moving in and you could tell something was gonna happen. This is the first time since we've been putting on this rally that we have had any rain. But this year it made up for it.



Ron welcomes everyone to the rally



Harry and Brett like what they see

Saturday morning a group of nine people did a short ride ending at Port Townsend brewery in the marina. The rain came down in buckets for about three hours while we were at the tavern. Not a bad place to wait out the storm! Others found things to do around the area or just visited.

Saturday night was dinner on your own. Some people stayed in camp for an impromptu potluck. However, I think most everybody went into town for dinner. That night we had a small fire and a few people joined us and we solved many of the world's problems.

Sunday was a little hectic for Mary and me as we had the gnome craft project at 10 o'clock, CPR class at 3 o'clock and a taco feed at 5 o'clock to get ready for.

The gnome project was fun and crazy. No two gnomes look alike, and each had their own distinct personality. Ron ended up helping with the gnome project and had a good time talking with everyone.

Next on the list Bill Beezley from the Port Townsend fire and rescue came to do a CPR and AED defibrillator class. Bill was great and taught us so much. I feel confident if something happened at a rally now we have a few people who know what to do. Bill stayed a little longer than he had planned so he could help people practice on the dummies.

Next on the agenda was the taco feed. We only had 45 minutes to get tables set, get food out, go pick up the rice and ice cream. With a lot of help from many Trekkers we were able to pull the whole thing off. Thanks again to everybody who helped get the food out, put the food away and clean up.

Thanks again for coming and helping make this a successful rally.

Ron & Mary



Bob Beers & Ed Block

Harry & Mary went crabbing



Irva & Linda concentrating on their gnomes



Rally in the Redwoods

Klamath, CA

September 20-23, 2018

Wagon Masters: Mike & Lynn Ashbridge,
Hooper and Lynda McKee

The Rally in the Redwoods rally was held in Klamath, CA at the Klamath Camper Corral. The first night we had pizza made for us at the campground. After dinner we enjoyed a rousing game of card bingo. Let's just say those that were winners last time we played were lucky again this time. Another lucky couple were new members Jim and Peggy Hill from Ft. Bragg. Co-host Lynda McKee brought an apron and hand towel set with a great RV print fabric detail for a drawing which the Hill's won.

On Friday 14 people went on a jet boat excursion on the Klamath River. We went down to the mouth of the river where the Yurok tribal members were net fishing. They were joined by a good number of sea lions and sea birds, everyone seemed to be catching their limit. The highlight of this portion of the trip was seeing a golden eagle sitting on a driftwood log preening itself. From here we turned around and went up the river to see the wildlife and fishermen catching salmon. John Turner spotted our first bear which was thrilling. The bear was not as thrilled and made it's way up what seemed like a steep cliff. We saw another bear and many birds. The captain of the boat gave us a calm ride with a few cookies thrown in for those who like a little thrill.

Nancy and Dick Harris brought back blackberries on one of their bike rides so the women came together and with ingredients and equipment from many made a blackberry crumble. The hot crumble was joined by vanilla ice cream and made a delicious treat shared by all. That evening the group went to the Abalone Bar and Grill at the casino in Klamath.

Saturday morning some of us woke early which for some it was their regular time. Al Zimmerman made us breakfast which was enjoyed by one and all. This started everyone off for a great day of adventure in the Redwoods. Several visited Fern Canyon which was used for some of the scenes in the first Jurassic Park movie. We came together in the evening to share a potluck meal and stories of our adventures. We had a surprise visit from Sasquatch who entertained us with a dance to Big Foot Boogie. Any questions about this sighting should be directed to co-hosts Hoop Hooper and Lynda McKee since they have insider info. We enjoyed an evening around the campfire provided by Dick and Nancy Harris.

Sunday morning we said our goodbyes and went off in all directions until we meet up next time.



NWTFC MEMBERS ACQUIRE NEW RV

Hi All:

Due to the ongoing circumstances we decided to sell our TREK and get a more environmentally acceptable powered RV.

It is a well-known design, refurbished to run on peanut oil.

However, Dianna is not nuts over the interior and wants to redo it (Oh boy, what fun).

Our only concern now is will it be accepted by the NWTFC (Northwest Trek Fun Club)?

Tom & Dianna Schramm



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The Northwest Trek Fun Club (NWTFC) was formed with the idea that Trek owners are people who are unique because the Trek design is quite unique. They are people who like to get out and visit the very beautiful sites and history of North America. However, they do not want to do it in a huge motor home. The Trek design gives us the comforts of home but still is small enough to get into those off-the-beaten-track sites.

NWTFC was established in 2004 and currently has about 80 coach members, including Treks spanning the 1991 Isuzu to the 2008 28RB2 and the 2016 Trek. 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 chapter of FMCA and very closely associated with SAFARI International.