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# TREK TRAVELS



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## Looking Ahead to 2019 Rallies

Ron Mahugh, Rally Coordinator

The good news is we have three rallies on the books. We have a pre rally in Eugene, Oregon, an adventure to British Columbia, and a rally in Sequim.

The Turners and Harris's are putting on a pre rally to the FMCA rally at Armitage County Park in Eugene Oregon. The date will be June 1-4.

Peter and Beth Sanderson have invited everybody to come to beautiful British Columbia. The rally will be at Lazo RV and Campground. It is in the Comox Valley north of Victoria. You will need to book your own site at the campground. Book early because there's lots going on at that time a year and the campgrounds fills up early. The dates for the rally are August 2-5.

Dean and Sue Bjornson are hoping to put on a rally in Sequim Washington. The RV park that they're looking at only has a limited number of hook ups but they do have some dry camping spots also. Hopefully soon they'll be able to give us more details on what's available.

If somebody else has a site someplace that they would like to share with everybody, let's get together. It would be nice to have a rally in July or the fall.

I was hoping to do a no-host rally at Confluence State Park in Wenatchee in early July, but the park is full. Maybe we can do it the following year. If we do it, it will be a be a no host you're on your own family camping trip. Mary and I try

every year to do at least one trip with the grandkids and their attached parents. It would be nice to have more kids at the trip. I say my  
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## RALLY SCHEDULE

(To be Wagon Master for a rally, contact Ron Mahugh, Rally Coordinator, at [Ronski16@comcast.net](mailto:Ronski16@comcast.net))

### 2019

January 17 – 20 Quartzite Rally, AZ

June 1 – 4 Armitage Park Pre-rally,  
Eugene, OR  
John & Marie Turner  
Dick & Nancy Harris

June 6 - 9 FMCA NW Area Rally  
Linn County Expo, Albany, OR

August 2 – 5 Comox Rally  
Comox Valley, Vancouver Is, BC  
Peter & Beth Sanderson

Date TBD Sequim Rally  
Dean & Sue Bjornson

TBD Fall Rally – Contact Ron Mahugh  
with suggestions

### Other Rallies

January 9 – 13 FMCA Western Area Rally  
Indio, CA

August 14 – 19th FMCA 100<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Minot, ND

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



### Rally Coordinator's Message, continued from page 1

grandkids are cuter than your grandkids. So possibly July 1, 2020 we may have a big water fight at Confluence State Park. The park has everything kids could want; Play grounds, swimming, boating, bicycling, baseball, football, soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball hoop and lots of grass for Steeler flag. And it's all in the edge of town of Wenatchee Washington.

See you down the road  
Ron & Mary  
Rally Coordinators

## BRIDGING THE GAP ALBANY, OR

FMCA NW Area Rally  
June 6 – 9, 2019

Linn County Fair & Expo Center, Albany, OR

- Seminars & Exhibits
- 2 Catered Dinners
- Ice cream social
- 2 nights of entertainment
- Movie night & bingo
- 50/50 raffle
- Swap meet

NW Trek Fun Club will be staffing the FMCA store which will be located in the vendor area. **Volunteers are needed.** It is fun to meet people from across the country. Selling FMCA merchandise is easy. Join the fun and volunteer to help staff the store. With more team members, we can do more and reduce everyone's time commitment.

- Register for the FMCA NW Rally (See FMCA magazine or register online)
- Register for the Armitage Park Pre-Rally
- Caravan together to the fairgrounds on June 4.
- Camp together and enjoy times of fellowship.
- Have a great time with 500 other motorhome owners.

Registration form is online at [www.fmca.org](http://www.fmca.org) under Chapter/Areas – Area Rallies

NWTFC will caravan to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 4.

**Contact Al Zimmerman to volunteer and join the store team.** [zimmeralz@gmail.com](mailto:zimmeralz@gmail.com).



### Location

#### Armitage County Park

Located on the McKenzie River. On the outskirts of Coburg, near I-5.

Directions: From Interstate 5, take exit 199 for Coburg. Head west onto Pearl Street. Turn left and head south on Coburg Road. Turn right into Armitage Park approximately 2.4 miles south of Coburg.

- Potluck dinner
- Coburg Antique District
- Tour RV Glass & Marathon RV Plant

## ARMITAGE PARK RALLY

June 1 - 4

### Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally

June 6 – 9

Wagon Masters: John & Marie Turner  
Dick & Nancy Harris



- Visit Cascade Raptor Center
- Tour downtown Eugene
- Schnitzer Museum of Art
- Museum of Natural & Cultural History

## ARMITAGE PARK PRE-RALLY REGISTRATION

**Rally fee:** (includes 3 nights camping, 2 breakfasts, and 1 dinner).

12 sites reserved

Total Rally Fee

**\$ 125 (Couple)**

**\$110 (Single)**

**Make checks payable to NWTEC.** Mail completed registration and check to:  
**John Turner, 3002 Twin Oak Place NW, Salem, OR 97304**

**Registration and funds must be received by April 1, 2019.**

Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Co-pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact (name & phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special need we should be aware of? Y or N (i.e. food allergies, etc.)

Trek Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ License# \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Are you towing a car? Y or N If yes, are you able to help transport others? Y or N

Volunteering to help staff FMCA store at NW Area Rally \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ # Volunteers

## COMOX VALLEY RALLY

Comox Valley / Vancouver Island / British Columbia / Canada  
August 2 – 6, 2019

### Location

Cape Lazo RV & Campground

[www.capelazo.com](http://www.capelazo.com)

Close to the ocean and everything.

Sites are \$45 - \$55 / night – full service

Book campsite directly with Cape Lazo.



Wagon Masters: Peter & Beth Sanderson • sandersonpeterg@gmail.com • 250-338-4618

### Itinerary

#### Friday, August 2

Arrival & Check-in

6:00 pm Taco in a Bag Dinner

#### Saturday, August 3

8:00 am Continental breakfast

9:00 am – Noon

Tour Cumberland Museum

2:30 pm 40 Knot Winery Tour

6:00 pm BBQ salmon &  
smoked pork loin (hosted)

#### Sunday, August 4

8:00 am Pancake breakfast

10:00 am Open air church service  
Beach walk

Filberg Festival

7:00 pm Pizza Night (hosted)

#### Monday, August 5

8:00 am Breakfast surprise

9:00 – 4:00 Build, Bail and Sail

5:00 pm Heavy Appies

9:00 pm BC Day fireworks at Marina

#### Tuesday, August 6

Safe travels

Additional activities: Beachcombing (Seal Bay, Kye Bay, Cape Lazo), Home Lake Caves Provincial Park, Paradise Meadows –gondola, zip lining, visit Victoria, etc.

### QUESTIONS

- **Rally Registration:** Send Peter an email (sandersonpeterg@gmail.com). Let him know you are coming and book campsite at Cape Lazo RV Park.
- **Cost / rally expenses:** Activities are group functions and cost will be determined by number of attendees. Grocery bill for hosted dinners will be shared by all. Cumberland Museum, wine tasting, and Filberg Festival have entry or daily fees.

## COMOX RALLY QUESTIONS

- **Ferry costs:** Go to [www.bcf ferries.com](http://www.bcf ferries.com) to determine schedule and cost.  
Currently one-way ferry costs for \$175 CDN for Trek 2480 + Kia Soul + 2 passengers.
- Come early or stay late – there is much to do on Vancouver Island.
- **Border crossing:** For best results – never have anything to hide, be honest, and do not volunteer information. See the following link for more info: <https://rvlove.com/2017/10/10/tips-smooth-canadian-border-crossing-rv/>.

Going north into BC, it is suggested that one carry few groceries (everything in its original packaging), no meat, no fruit, no weapons or firearms. If you have prescription drugs, be sure to have the documentation to bring back what you are carrying. Carrying bear spray is OK, but not personal protection pepper spray (Mace).

Going south, returning to U.S.A., the same basic rules apply.

If interested - reply to Peter Sanderson as soon as possible.



PAYPAL NOW AVAILABLE  
ON THE NWTFC'S WEBSITE

Existing Members and New Members can now pay their annual dues on the Club's website through PayPal. Don't have a personal PayPal account? No problem! You can also use this feature to pay with your credit card. This service is available to both US and Canadian members at no cost to the member.

For existing members, the PayPal payment page is on our website, [www.nwtfc.com](http://www.nwtfc.com), under Members Only, and then click on the Pay Dues with PayPal or Credit Card tab.

New Members will find it by clicking on the Pay Dues with PayPal or Credit Card link now found on the Join Us page.

For now, only dues payments are being accepted, but it may be expanded to include other payments.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Carlson at [NWTFCwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:NWTFCwebmaster@gmail.com). **(Please note that this is a new email address for her.)**





## NWTFC 2018 OFFICER REPORTS EXCERPTS

(Full reports on the NWTFC website)

<http://www.nwtfc.com/members-only/annual-reports/>

President  
Mike Ashbridge

NWTFC has had another great year. Considering Treks have not been made for ten years, it is interesting that our membership numbers continue to grow. This speaks to the uniqueness and quality of the Trek design which is also reflected in the membership of our organization. I consider myself lucky to be part of such a diversified and talented group.

Our Rallies are such fun experiences because our members are willing to participate and organize a wide range of activities and events. Lynn and I are proof that anyone can organize a rally with help from friends and a willing mentor. Thank you Al, Hoop, and Linda.

It looks like we have another year of great rallies being put together. I will leave the descriptions of upcoming rallies to Ron & Mary, (our Rally Coordinators).

Three new members of our executive board have been elected for 2019. Our vice president, Paula Schull, called in a promise and her position will be filled by long time member Dean Bjornson. Mrs. Bjornson, aka, Sue is turning over her treasurer position to Irva Cooper. Tom Selvidge, a relatively new member has been elected to the open position of the alternate national director. I personally thank Paula and Sue for their service on behalf of NWTFC and I am looking forward to working with our new board.

This year the club voted on and passed our revised bylaws to conform with the FMCA decision to include towable RV's to their membership. In our club this will only apply if you

joined the club while owning a Trek and later for some reason decide to replace it with a towable.

We also voted at the Pt. Townsend Rally to set up a way for our members to pay their dues online. This is an ongoing process. Our webmaster, Mary Carlson, has been putting a great deal of effort into setting up a Paypal account so our dues can be paid through our website. Sue Bjornson and David Pierce have also become involved and get to share some of Mary's frustration at getting this working. Mary is very patient and persistent, so I have faith it will get done.

The issue of the club purchasing an AED has not been resolved. The information Sue Bjornson researched on options to purchase or rent has been posted on our website. We asked members to look at this information and comment. The decision to obtain an AED or not will come to a vote next year, so please think about the aspects of this issue in order to make a choice.

I want to wish all a Great New Year of good health and safe travels. Looking forward to seeing you in this new year.

Vice President  
Paula Shull

The following slate of potential officers and committee members was provided for elections:

Vice President	Dean Bjornson
Treasurer	Irva Cooper
Alternate Natil Dir.	Tom Selvidge

Elections were held and the vote was unanimous in favor of the slated names. Thanks for stepping up to support our organization!

## Secretary – David & Sue Pierce

The NWTFC is currently reporting membership at 83 rigs or plus/minus 160 people for 2018. We have had 23 applications for membership and so far 14 joining and 7 rigs have left us. There are also four honorary members on our membership roster.

Coordination is continuing with our Webmaster and membership lists as well as contact information is available via our website. Further ideas are being explored to motivate members to actively access our web site.

## National Director Al Zimmerman

The spring planning meeting for the FMCA NW Area was held in April at The Mill Hotel and Casino in North Bend. Because of the passing of my wife, I was not able to attend this meeting. Mike and Lynn Ashbridge represented the chapter this meeting.

The key focus of this meeting was planning for the FMCA NW Area Rally at The Mill in June. NW Trek Fun Club (along with volunteers from other chapters) staffed the FMCA store as the club has done for several years.

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

Al Zimmerman represented the NWTFC at the national convention in Gillette, WY. Some of the items from the Governing Board meeting.

- John Walker, president, gave a report on the new membership benefits that have been added during the 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.

- 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 in 2017 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 fairgrounds was unreasonably high. So the decision was made to change from Redmond to Rock Springs, WY.
- 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.

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.

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 bringing all RV types together under the FMCA umbrella. NWTFC will again be staffing the FMCA store along with volunteers from the Oregon River Ramblers and other chapters.

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

### FMCA rally dates:

June 6 – 9	FMCA NW Area Rally
	Linn County Expo Center, Albany
August 14 – 17	FMCA National Conv.
	Minot, ND
2020	FMCA NW Area Rally
	Douglas County, Roseburg, OR
2020	FMCA National Conv.
	Rock Springs, WY
2021	FMCA NW Area Rally
	Cowlitz County Event Center, Kelso

## Webmaster – Mary Carlson

The NWTFC website continues to be useful to our members, as well as to anyone looking for Trek information. I receive many emails per month from people wanting to know how to fix their Trek, sell their Trek or buy a Trek. I redirect these people to our page on the History of the Trek and the Trek Brochures and if they have an Isuzu, I point them towards the Isuzu Info letter page and forward their email to Bret Medbury, the Editor of the Info Letters. Most of those who contact me are also directed to Trek Tracks as being the best source of information for all things Trek.

This year we tried out a new concept when we posted information on the AED discussion and asked members to give their opinion on whether to purchase one, rent one, etc. We had 13 members log in and join in the discussion.

### Website Stats

We currently have 82 members signed up on the website so they can access the Member's Only Page. If you haven't signed up and would like to, check out the Help page under the Member's Only Page. (Remember, you can each have a sign-in. I have one and Harry has his own.)

In 2018 we had 35,971 views of different pages on the site from 11,142 visitors. The majority of views have originated from search engines - we received 7,589 views from Google Search, Bing and Yahoo. We received 1,685 views originating from Trektrax.com, 698 from IRV2.com and surprisingly 263 from Facebook.

Following are the top pages visited:

1. Trek Brochures: 8,519 views
2. Home Page: 5,126 views
3. All Things Trek: 2,050 views
4. Club Newsletters: 1,330 views
5. Isuzu Trek Documents: 1,221 views
6. Trek History: 1,120 views
7. Isuzu Info Letters Index: 1,070 views
8. Upcoming Rallies: 781 views

We currently have 147 followers. These people receive an email each time I post something on the website, such as when a new member has joined, when a new rally is posted, when the newsletter is posted, etc. If you haven't signed up

yet, the sign up form is found on the Home page of the website.

And finally, our newest feature - PayPal – is now up and running. Those in the USA and Canada will be able to use it to pay their dues. They can use pay using their personal PayPal account or with a credit card.

If you have questions or need help, please send me an email at [NWTFCwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:NWTFCwebmaster@gmail.com).

## Treasurer – Sue Bjornson

Beginning Balance 1 Jan 2018      \$4,752

### Income

Member dues	\$820
Rally registration fees	\$2,344
Fundraising & gifts	\$42
Member pins, etc.	\$41
Other inc/adjustments	\$0

Total Income      \$13,205      17,957

### Expenses

Membership expenses	\$76
Rally payments	\$3,798
Wagon Master sites	\$428
Website expenses	\$81
FMCA program ad	\$50
Misc – bank charges	\$5
Other – Historian, etc.	\$8

Total Expenses      \$4,444      \$4,444

Ending Balance 31 Dec 2018      \$3,512

## Rally Coordinator – Ron Mahugh

Time for a year-end rally report so here goes. We had three rallies this year which is the goal of the club.

**Dune Country Rally (Pre-Rally)** was hosted by Al Zimmerman, and Dan & Debbi Mass in Florence, Oregon.

If Al is putting on a Rally you can be sure to be well fed. Looking at the rally report it started with fish tacos the first night, and a continental breakfast Sunday morning. A pot luck Monday



night and sausage and pancakes Tuesday morning was followed by a spaghetti dinner that night.

The highlights included some classic cars at the park and discovering Darlingtonia State Park and the carnivorous plants. Some went for a dune buggy ride. A tour of U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River was followed by an informational presentation on the history of the Coast Guard. Then everyone got a tour of the station's 47' foot motor lifeboat.

On Monday seven coach's headed off to the FMCA NW Rally at the Mill in North Bend. More details can be seen by going the NWTFC's web site.

Next we have **Port Townsend 4.0**. The big news was we had RAIN for the first time, and boy did we get some rain. Those who went for a bike ride needed to trade their helmets for a paddle and a life jacket. Otherwise, the weather was ok.

This is a KISS rally (keep it simple stupid). There is so much to explore in and around PT that most everyone can find something they like.

Three of us went for a walk at the local golf course trying to find where we hit that little white ball. About 8 or 10 rode bikes to the Port Townsend Brewing Company a few miles out of town. We timed our ride back to the marina just in time for the monsoon.

We had 27 coaches and honorary members Stan and Barb Shackle in attendance. The standard heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts were on the menu for the first night. The second night we had a potluck and take a friend out to dinner on the third night. Sunday was a very busy day starting out with the gnome making class in the morning, followed by a CPR and the defibrillator class put on by Port Townsend fire and Rescue. We had approximately 50 people in attendance for the class and I think everybody learned a lot. That was followed by a taco feed and then the business meeting.

**Rally in the Redwoods** in Klamath, California. Looking at the rally report, they had a rousing game of card bingo. On Friday 14 people went on a jet boat excursion on the Klamath River. The real high point was seeing a golden eagle and a couple bears. Nancy and Dick Harris

picked some blackberries on a bike ride and came back and made blackberry crumble. Saturday morning Al Zimmerman made breakfast for everybody. Some made a trip to the Abalone Bar and Grill at the casino in Klamath. They didn't say anything about winning any money. A trip to Fern Canyon was also on the agenda. It was used to make some of the scenes from the first Jurassic Park movie. Also, some members went out to see the giant redwoods. It was a great rally and everyone had a good time.

We have three rallies on the books for next year and we are looking forward to seeing many of you.

We wanted to take a minute to point out that most of the rallies put on over the last 10 years are hosted by the same people. We have 80+ members in NWTFC, and we need new members to step up and share some of the fun, beautiful places that you've been to over the years. There is lots of support if you are interested in putting on a rally.

These are the people who have put on most of the rallies over the past 10 years.

Blocks 5+

Keeler's 5+

Zimmermans 5+

Anderson's

Burchett-Mahugh 4

Beer's 3+

Paschall-Braden 2+

Bjornson's 2+

Shull's 2+

Wright's, Ashbridge's & McKee's, Cooper's 2+

Webber-Plank, Wilhelm and Baker and Caughron



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questions or suggestions.

NWTFC Website  
[www.nwtfc.com](http://www.nwtfc.com)



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.