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# TREK TRAVELS



June 2019

## President's Message

Greetings from "Bridging the Gap" on June 5. This is the name of the Northwest FMCA Rally in Albany this year. The name was chosen to represent the abundance of covered bridges in the area - and also bridging the gap between motor coaches and towables which are now part of the FMCA family. I do not have any numbers but I do see several towables in attendance and vendors have many different models here for sale.

Our club is providing personnel for the FMCA store again this year, so we are setting up the store and having a brief training session today. I have found working in the store is a great way to meet other RVer's from all over. Working at the store is no pressure. You are there to help visitors find things in the store and make them feel welcome. Do not hesitate to give it a try next year.

We came to Albany from a pre-rally at Armitage Park - the park is between Coburg and Eugene. Armitage is a very nice county park right on the McKenzie River with 50-amp service and great showers and laundry facilities. The rally was led by John & Marie Turner, and Dick & Nancy Harris with some twenty coaches attending. They put on a terrific rally with great weather the whole time. Visits were arranged to a local raptor center, a tour of RV Glass, and a tour of Marathon Coach Works. There was a wide variety of activities and I thoroughly enjoyed them all.

We all ate very well thanks to meals provided by our hosts and of course there was a wonderful

and plentiful potluck on the day of arrival. The store volunteers were also treated to a dinner at the lovely home of Dick and Nancy in the hills above Albany. **(Continued on page 2)**

## RALLY SCHEDULE

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

### 2019

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

TBD Fall Rally – Contact Ron Mahugh  
with suggestions  
Wagon masters needed

### Other Rallies

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

### 2020

June 20 – 23 Umpqua Pre-rally  
Hi-Way Haven RV Park  
Al & Elaine Zimmerman  
Plus additional wagon masters

June 25 – 28 FMCA NW Area Rally  
Douglas County Fairgrounds  
Roseburg, OR

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

## President's Message from page 1

At this time we have one more rally scheduled for this season. It is on Vancouver Island in August and will require a ferry trip for most of us. It should be a great time as Canadians always seem to have fun and it is beautiful country.

Perhaps you might have an idea for a fall rally.

As most of you know we had a club vote on the acquisition of an Automated External Defibrillator. The acquisition was approved by a vote of 17 for and 12 against. The executive board has voted to try to raise the funds through donations rather than deplete the club finances. We need approximately \$2000 to make this happen. We have a location on our club website where you can contribute to this project. We have raised \$270 at the last count, so we have a ways to go. We need to generate more support if this AED is to be purchased.

On a more personal note - as often happens we had a system failure on the day before leaving for these rallies. The pressure pump switch on the RV went out. I knew we would have water available in Coburg and the switch was not available locally. I ended up ordering a switch from Northwest RV Supply in Eugene since we would be in the area. For those that are not familiar with their store they are a good source for parts. They bought up a lot of supplies when the RV manufacturing around Junction City closed-up. They had a lot of unique and hard to find items for the Safari products. Many of those items have been sold, but some are still available. They have continually upgraded and increased their inventory. I have found their prices reasonable, and they are very helpful. I also like to support a local small family run business as keeping a resource like theirs in the community is important. They are available on the internet and have a catalog. They came through with the switch, although not until we were at the rally in Albany with no water for two days. Makes me really appreciate the conveniences we have in our motor homes.

Safe travels and I hope to see you soon,

Mike Ashbridge, President

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## NW Trek Fun Club is 15 years young!

Don Schleuse, FMCA NW President, presented the anniversary certificate to Mike Ashbridge (president) and Al Zimmerman (national director) at the FMCA NW Area Rally during the opening ceremony program on June 6<sup>th</sup>.



## And back to the doghouse.....



Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGHIIJK."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

Joe & Annette

## 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.

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

### Rally News Update

We have 15 units coming to the rally. Rally hosts have met to finalize plans for the rally. We now know all 5 of the Treks that reside in our area are planning to attend. Everyone is excited to be part of the weekend. One member has volunteered to bus people around if necessary, another has offered his boat for short fishing trips, and a third who lives less than a block away has rented a spot at the rally just to be in on all the action.

Some words of advice:

1. Coming to the island on BC Ferries? Book your sailing to avoid delays.
2. Need current traffic and ferry information tune to 730 AM news radio.
3. Need Canadian currency...let me know and I will convert it for you at bank rates. Seems to be easier here.
4. If you call the RV resort and get turned down because it is full, please let me know. We will do our best to find you an alternative place to park (probably dry camp)
5. Any food or medical needs please let us know so we can be prepared.
6. To see what the Comox valley is all about here is a new publication "[discovercomoxvalley.com](http://discovercomoxvalley.com)" vacation guide.



# ARMITAGE PARK RALLY

June 1 - 4

Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally

Wagon Masters: John & Marie Turner. Dick & Nancy Harris

A pre-rally for the FMCA NW Area convention was held at Armitage Park Campground in Coburg. There were 20 coaches and 38 participants in attendance. Participants came from as far as Reno, Nevada and the Tri-Cities of Washington. An outstanding potluck was enjoyed by all on the evening of our arrival. Old members and new members visited for much of the afternoon and late into the evening.



Want some pie darling?



The next morning participants toured the Cascade Raptor Center in Eugene. The Raptor Center rehabilitates and houses injured raptors. Birds that are fully rehabilitated are released back into the wild. Birds that cannot be rehabilitated are on display in very large cages. Lunch was on your own and the afternoon was free time.



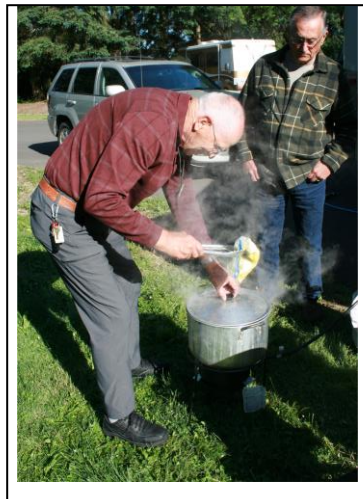
A dinner of sloppy joe on a bun and salad, with pie and ice cream for desert was served by the wagon masters. After dinner some participants played 52 card bingo before retiring. The big winner was Bill Shull.



The following morning breakfast was also hosted by the wagon masters. Participants were served a breakfast of “an omelet in a bag” along with fruit, bagels and juice. A wide selection of ingredients were offered for inclusion in one’s omelet. Each person cracked their egg or eggs in to a quart freezer bag, added supplemental ingredients to their taste and dropped it into a pan of boiling water where it was cooked. First “omelet in a bag” for many of the participants.



Ed picks just the right ingredients for his omelet

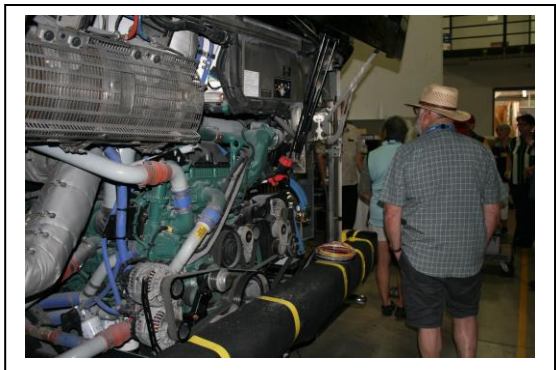


Is it done yet – John?

At noon participants toured the Marathon Coach Works in Coburg to see how the big, classy motorhomes are made. We were even able to tour the inside of a coach ready for sale.







After a continental breakfast provided by the wagon masters on the third morning it was up to Al Zimmerman to get us lined up for our trip to Albany. Eleven coaches rolled into Albany to participate in the FMCA rally.



Following the Marathon tour, we crossed the street and toured the RV Glass Solutions facility. They are a storehouse of an unlimited amount of glass for our RV's, have much of what we might need in stock, and are able to replace windshields and side windows on site. They also offer laminated glass as replacements where dual pane windows have failed. They surprised us with a light lunch.



## More Pictures from the Pre-rally and FMCA NW Area



A little bit of this & some of that.



Getting the store ready



Inventory count has to be correct



Where there is food there is fellowship.





**EXTENDED FELLOWSHIP AT THE HOME OF RICHARD & NANCY HARRIS**  
During the FMCA NW Rally



Do you suppose they were talking about the same thing?



**Some lessons from experienced RVers....**

1. Be prepared for emergencies. Things will happen whether you want them or not. Have a good roadside service plan – FMCA Roadside Rescue, Coach-Net, etc. It comes down to how you handle the emergency & how prepared you are.
2. Be open to a change of plans – the road may be blocked, reservations didn't get made, the day's highlight attraction is closed. What is important is how the situation is handled.
3. Take the road less-traveled. That's where you will find quaint little towns, special campgrounds, local restaurants, & all kinds of things you hadn't considered.



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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.