

EVENT CALENDAR

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2015 Calendar

May 14-17, Flowers in Bloom Rally,
Silver Spurs RV Park, Silverton, OR
~ Vern and Glenda Serex.

Jun 11-14, StoneRidge Resort,
Blanchard, ID ~ John & Cathy
Lamb.

*June 25-28, FMCA Coos Bay, OR.

Jul 16-19, Oregon Coast ~ TBD.

Aug ?????

Sep 17-20, Casey's on the River, OR
~ **Need host(s).**

Oct 15-18, Prosser Wine Country,
WA ~ Harris/Becks.

Nov 25-29, Thanksgiving, Hee Hee
Illahee, Salem, OR ~

Dec ~



President's Corner



We just finished the Gig Harbor Rally. At the rally, we had a Board of Directors meeting and short business meeting. At the board meeting, we discussed changing the By-Laws to make the past president a non-voting member of the board. This would align us with the way other clubs are operating. It should also be noted that we currently do not have a past president position filled. Based on the discussion, I will be moving forward and making the proposed change to make the past president a non-voting member of the board. As part of that, Don Schleuse, Herb Harris and I are

going to review the By-Laws and see if there are any other updates needed.

After dinner, we had a short general meeting with the group. We briefly discussed the By-Law change. Dana did a short treasurer's report. Don and Barb Schleuse had just returned from the FMCA regional meeting and provided some information about what is going on in FMCA.

The next big FMCA event is the Northwest Area Rally at the Mill Hotel & Casino, North Bend, OR, June 25-28, 2015. The local area directors are working with the Casino/Resort to improve the event this year. It sounded like they are planning on around 400 coaches for this rally. It also sounds like the Casino/Resort has added about 150 more electrical sites. This will be nice for those going.

Next year, the FMCA Northwest Area Rally will be in Albany, OR. Don included a short discussion on the cost of bringing power to these events. The company that provides the power is out of California. They need a minimum of 400 coaches to provide the power at a cost of \$65K plus fuel at \$2500 per day. If you do the quick math for a 4-day event, it's almost \$190 for power. So, as you can see, FMCA does not make any money when they provide power at the Rally.

During the general discussion, it was brought up that our rallies typically run from Thursday to Sunday. With many members in the club being retired, we could have a mid-week rally. Having the rally mid-week could make it easier to book into more popular places like on the coast. This would be a shift in our paradigm when rallies are held. So let us know.

Our next rally will be at the Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton, OR. This rally is May 14 to 16. Vern and Glenda Serex are the hosts. There are currently 12 coaches signed up for the event and the registration is "Closed." If you are still interested in going, there may be some space available. Please contact Glenda. She is working with the park and can find out if there is any room.

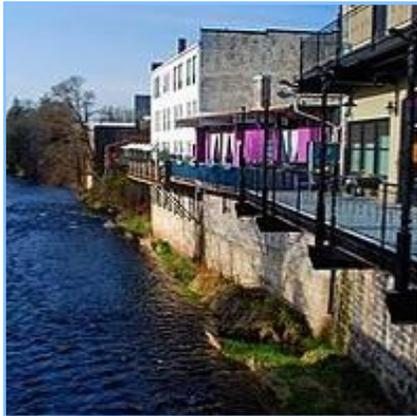
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President's Corner

Continued..... Silverton is a city in Marion County, Oregon, United States. The city is about 12 miles northeast of Salem in the eastern margins of the broad alluvial plain of the Willamette Valley. Silverton's elevation is between 200 and 250 feet (61 and 76 m) above mean sea level with the steep-sided, heavily wooded Waldo Hills to the south rising an additional 200 feet. The city is named after Silver Creek, which flows through the town from Silver Falls into the Pudding River and thence into the Willamette River. Silverton was originally called Milford, then Silver Creek; on July 16, 1855, Silver Creek became Silverton. Farming was Silverton's first major industry and has been a dominant land-use activity in and around Silverton since the mid-19th century. The current population is about 9,222.

Several points of interest for Silverton:

- Silverton is the gateway to Silver Falls State Park, Oregon's largest state park.
- The Oregon Garden, an 80-acre (32 ha) botanical park, is in Silverton.
- Gordon House, located on the grounds of Silverton's Oregon Garden, is the only house in the Pacific Northwest designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and is open to the public. Gordon House was one of the last of Lloyd Wright's famed Usonian designs.
- Saturday's Farmers Market showcases the produce and wares of local farmers and artisans.



John and Cathy Lamb are setting up the Stone Ridge Rally for June 11 to 14. It will be at the Stone Ridge Resort in Blanchard, ID. Currently, there are 7 coaches signed up for this rally. The registration was extended to May 15. If you are interested in going, please get your registration in.

The club has no rallies in July and August. We have a rally in September at Casey's in Westfir, OR, and Prosser, WA, in October.

We are looking to have an annual meeting sometime this fall. Please let me know if you have any other business you would like to bring up. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Silverton Rally.

Frank Suttell, President
Northwest County Coachers

Coach Critter??



NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTES

Hello everyone. Following are preferences for newsletter submissions:

- ⇒ Submissions are needed before the end of each month. If you cannot meet that timeframe, do inform me and I will wait for you if possible.
- ⇒ Please submit only .jpeg and .doc materials.
- ⇒ Always include sources for any previously published materials.
- ⇒ I will format submissions as appropriate for positioning in the newsletters. I will edit the submissions, so please do not send text in a format that cannot be corrected, e.g., in a picture/jpeg.
- ⇒ Do send lots of rally pictures and identify them as to persons and places (if you know them), but do not identify pictures by inserting text into the pictures.

Thanks. s/Terry Apple

TREASURER'S NOTES AND REQUEST

April 28, 2015, Dana Suttell and Glenda Serex audited the NWCC banking records for the last 17 months. The club's records are documented and reconciled to our Wells Fargo account. The checking account balance as of 4/20/15 is 5761.67 with savings of 2903.73. We have three rallies still open at this time and our balance will be reduced between now and our June rally. At that time, I will move some funds to the savings account. Our bank accounts are maintaining steady. We have 8 members taking advantage of pre-paying club dues at the reduced rate of \$25.00 (2-5 years in advance). I feel that, while our renewal period was still into April, the majority of members took advantage of the early payment discount, which was appreciated by your treasurer. I will post a list of prepaid members prior to our renewal period next year as a reminder to them.

I would like to ask if there are any accountants in our membership that would help me learn what records we need to maintain and for how long. I am maintaining a lot of paper right now and suspect I can clean out a bit and would appreciate the advice. You can reach me at:

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www.nwccers.org

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NW-CC-ers@yahoogroups.com

2015 Tentative Rally Schedule

At the FMCA rally, we discussed some pre-planning for the rally calendar for 2015. We had Bob Fite from the Puget Sounders Motor Coach Club as a guest speaker. He explained how they did their rallies and answered questions. He explained that they put their calendar together as much as two years in advance. This allowed them to get into places that might otherwise be booked and gave members a lot of time to plan their travels. They then got host and co-host who wanted to participate in a particular rally. If there was no host, the rally would be a no-host rally and members would just plan on the fly.

The following is our current work in progress: *Our tentative approach is to schedule the rally date and locations and, hopefully, the host will volunteer. We have some hosts, but would like to see co-hosts as well, so don't be afraid to throw your name in if any of the locations interest you.*

May- Silver Spurs RV Park, Silverton, OR
May 14-17

June- StoneRidge, Blanchard, ID June 11-14

July- Oregon Coast July 16-19 TBT

August- ?????

Sept- Casey's on the River, OR
September 17-20

Oct- Prosser Wine Country, WA October 15-18

Nov- Hee Hee Illahee, Salem, OR November 25-29

Dec-



We also have scheduled space for the Prosser Balloon Festival for 2016. This will be a co-rally with the Puget Sounders Motor Coach Club.

*We hope this new approach will encourage participation by members to volunteer to host and co-host and also facilitate planning for members who are putting together their travel plans for next year. If anyone has a suggestion for a location that they think would make for a good rally, **please let me know.***

If you have any interest in hosting or co-hosting please e-mail me at:

rod.robbins@comcast.net

Rod Robbins, VP

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Carl Harsch and Ada Kirkman live in Medford, Oregon. They've been married since May 1990. Carl is a retired Submarine Sailor and Ada is a retired Physician. They are relatively new to the motorhome lifestyle. Carl enjoys golf and digital photography. Ada enjoys knitting. They enjoy traveling in their 2006 40-ft. Inspire 360 DaVinci with their two dogs and one cat.



Bill Hunt and Barbara McGinnis look forward to travels in their recently acquired 1997, 40-ft. Intrigue, which is the second Country Coach they have owned. They live in Nehalem, Oregon. They own a get-away house in Rockaway Beach that they rent out. For more information on their beach house they call **The Crow's Nest at Bar View**, go to the web site www.crowsnestatbarview.com. Bill and Barbara have been married since July 1974. Their first club rally was at Gig Harbor, while they were doing a familiarization trip in their recent purchase.



NWCCers Charity for 2015

Spina Bifida Association (SBA)

For additional information on ways to give, please contact our Development office at development@sbaa.org or 800-621-3141 ext. 11.

You can also donate by check (made payable to SBA) mailed to:

SBA
PO Box 17427
Arlington, VA 22216

Online Membership Directory

Our directory is a convenient way to put faces with names of our membership.

The Directory information is case sensitive (i.e., some letters must be capitalized) and password protected. Because our newsletter is distributed to more than just our members, the password has been sent to each of you. If you misplace that information, e-mail Lee at Lcasebeer@gmail.com and he'll send it to you again.

Another item regarding information sharing is a Facebook page for Northwest Country Coachers. Some members already are friends of that social media. If you are interested, feel free to "Like" or "Join" the Northwest Country Coachers Motor Coach Club Facebook page.

Lee Casebeer





Flowers in Bloom Rally



May 14-17, 2015

Silver Spur RV Park

12622 Silverton Rd. NE, Silverton, Oregon 97381

www.silverspurrvpark.com

The Silver Spur RV Park is located in the foothills of the Willamette Valley on the outskirts of the small town of Silverton. Activities in and around the park are many and varied. It's a nice clean park and we'll be there for their "FLOWERS IN BLOOM" getaway. The park fee is \$35 per night, payable to our treasurer, Dana Suttell. For an additional fee of \$45.00 per person, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 2 Happy Hours will be provided by the Park and a group of local merchants. **(No cooking for the entire weekend!)** Several small gift shops, antique stores and a yarn shop, nearby wineries and a local brewery might appeal to some, while others will enjoy the challenge of hiking the Waterfall Trail in Silver Falls Park.

The Oregon Garden (www.oregongarden.org) is having a special event on Saturday, May 16 (<http://mustseeor.com>), that looks interesting.

The Gordon House, a Frank Lloyd Wright Home, is open for tours for a fee.

Outdoor/hiking folks will love Silver Falls State Park (maybe some "caches" in the park?) (www.everytrail.com/best/hiking-silver-falls-state-park) with a (seven-mile or shorter) hike around the falls at a time when the falls should be in full roar. We can carpool to have cars at each end & save the return hike.

Mt. Angel Abbey—Museum <http://benedictinebrewery.com/>

There are a couple of outstanding nurseries nearby if you want to add to your summer garden. Fessler's is known for spectacular hanging baskets!

Fessler Nursery (www.fesslernursery.com) & Conifer Kingdom (www.coniferkingdom.com)

Der Glockenspiel (<http://www.glockenspielrestaurant.net>) is a great place to have authentic German food for lunch as you are out and about.



Resort Website: www.silverspurrvpark.com
 Address: 12622 Silverton Road NE
 Silverton, OR 97381
 Phone: 1(866)-854-7785



FLOWERS IN BLOOM May 14-17

Reservation Cutoff was April 14, 2015

The rally masters have reserved 10 sites for \$35.00 per night. An additional \$45.00 per person will cover 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and 2 Happy Hours provided by the park and a group of local merchants (No cooking for the entire weekend!).

E-mail Glenda Serex at glendaserex@gmail.com with any questions.

NWCC Member Registration Fees	First Night's Stay	\$35.00
	Rally Fee	\$10.00
<u>Meal Fee x One Person</u>		<u>\$45.00*</u>
	Total	\$90.00*
Non-Member Registration Fees	First Night's Stay	\$ 35.00
	Rally Fee	\$ 10.00
	Non-Member Fee	\$ 10.00
<u>Meal Fee x One Person</u>		<u>\$ 45.00*</u>
	Total	\$100.00*

Please register online at:
NWCCers.org
 or mail your reservation fee**
 (\$90.00* NWCC members or
 \$100.00* non-members) to:
 Dana Suttell, NWCC
 3965 Bethel RD SE, Ste 1 Box 32
 Port Orchard, WA 98366
 **Checks should be made payable
 to Northwest Country Coachers.

*Adjust accordingly for multiple meal fees.

Pilot and Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

Coach Length _____ Slides _____ Towing Yes or No _____

Number of People _____ Member of NWCC _____ E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

**Registration is now closed.
Call Park for space.**



Resort Website: <http://www.stoneridgeidaho.com/>
Street Address: 364 StoneRidge Rd.
 Blanchard, ID 83804
Resort Phone: 208-437-3148



June 11-14, 2015
Reservation Deadline
Extended to May 15, 2015

Don't miss a weekend in the beautiful panhandle of Idaho! StoneRidge is located near Spokane, WA, and Coeur D'Alene, ID, with some of the most beautiful scenery you've ever seen. We've reserved 20 sites for \$35.00 per night. This rate can be extended to you for one day before and one day after the rally. Saturday night's dinner will be a catered event (\$25.00 per person) from the resort's pub & grill—be sure to sign up for that meal below! Registration fee is \$35.00 per coach, plus your first night's site rental (this fee includes the main dish in Friday's dinner and Saturday's breakfast). Email Cathy Lamb at cathylamb2014@gmail.com or call her at 916-792-3516 with any questions.

NWCC Member Registration Fees:

First night's stay: \$35.00
Rally Fee: \$35.00
Catered Meal Fee:
 _____ people X \$25.00: _____
Total: _____

NWCC Non-Member Registration Fees:

First night's stay: \$35.00
Rally Fee: \$35.00
Non-member fee: \$10.00
Catered Meal Fee:
 _____ people X \$25.00: _____
Total: _____

Please Register online at nwccers.org or mail your reservation fee and this form to:

Dana Suttell
 3965 Bethel Rd. Ste. 1, PMB 32
 Port Orchard, WA 98366

****Checks should be payable to Northwest Country Coachers****

Pilot: _____ Co-Pilot: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Coach Length: _____ Towing: _____ yes _____ no Number of people: _____

Member of NWCC: _____ yes _____ no

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Meal Choice for Friday (please enter number): _____ Pulled Pork Sandwich or _____ Boneless Chicken Breast

Interested in golf on Saturday (\$44.95 for 18 holes with cart)? _____ yes _____ no

****See following page for rally schedule****

StoneRidge Rally Schedule

June 11--14, 2015

*****Food/beverage items you need to prepare to bring are italicized in blue.*****

Thursday, June 11:

- Arrive at park—check in with John & Cathy at 141 Par Loop for important rally information.
- Potluck dinner at Clubhouse: *Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and your own beverage.*

Friday, June 12:

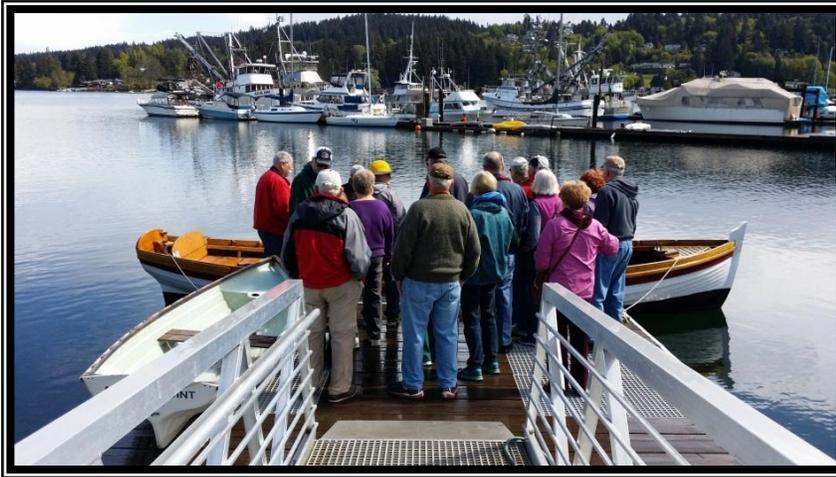
- Breakfast and lunch on your own—enjoy some of our fabulous restaurants in Coeur d'Alene or the surrounding area.
- Dinner at the Clubhouse: Pulled pork and all the fixings for hot pulled pork sandwiches or chicken breasts will be provided. *Please bring side dishes to share and your own beverage. Cathy will coordinate with you to avoid duplication.*

Saturday, June 13:

- Breakfast and lunch on your own—enjoy some of our fabulous restaurants in Coeur D'Alene or the surrounding area.
- Golf at our beautiful golf course—\$44.95 for 18 holes + cart
- For those not golfing, spend another day exploring the area!
- Catered dinner at the Clubhouse

Sunday, June 14:

- Breakfast of scrambled eggs, pastries, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee at the clubhouse.
- Have a safe trip to your next destination!!



Gig Harbor Rally!!!

Wow this was a great Rally. We had 16 coaches present with most arriving on Thursday. Our hosts were Suttell's and Sorensen's. Ruth was in charge of setting up the room for our use and included decorations and center pieces on the tables. We had a few more coaches

than anticipated, which made the room cozy and no one seemed to mind. With the room being set up, we started the rally with a meet and greet Thursday evening with a pizza feed provided by Guaranty RV in Junction City. We also got the scoop on the Sorensen's engine problems they had last year. It was quite a tale. What I learned is that if you are going to leave your coach for more than a few days for repairs; clean out your refrigerator and freezer, because even though they say they will leave it plugged in they won't.

Friday morning we gathered for a continental breakfast. Gig Harbor has a rich maritime history with a historical boat-repair shop. In October 2013 when NWCCers visited Gig Harbor, Vern Serex and I discovered the Historical Boat Shop. We found an open door and we invited ourselves in and found someone to tell us about the shop. This year, Dana and I went and talked to the shop ahead of time and got a tour set up. Friday morning, the NWCCers headed out to the boat shop and, for the next hour and half, we were treated to a wonderful tour and history lesson of the Gig Harbor area. What the shop had done in its hay day and what they are doing now were explained. The Gig Harbor community is very supportive of keeping historically significant landmarks in the community. This shop is the home of many of the Thunderbird sailboats built in the area. When the tour was complete everyone went to see more sights in the community, including the quilt and yarn shops and the Christmas store.

Friday night we went to the Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant just around the corner from the park. The food was hot and plentiful and no one went home hungry.

Saturday morning started with a breakfast potluck and get together. With no planned events, everyone was on their own. So there were more sightseeing and shopping. There is also the Harbor History Museum that was visited by some. They have an old 65-foot purse seiner (fishing boat), the Shenandoah, that was donated to the Museum in 2000 and that they are in the process of restoring.

Saturday afternoon, Floyd Hensley provided a tech topic. He had had problem with an electric slide motor coming loose. Floyd checked all the coaches with electric slides and found most were loose. He tightened them up with instructions on putting Loctite on the nuts when they got home. Floyd, thanks for the tech topic.

Saturday night, we had a potluck and silent auction. Again, the food and talk were plentiful. This year's charity is Spina Bifida and we had a very successful auction and raised \$421 for the cause.

Sunday Morning we had another continental breakfast and spent a few minutes cleaning the room. We always leave an area cleaner than we found it, so Al tipped the couch up on end so we could clean under it--It had been a while, maybe since the last time we were there. We said our goodbyes and people wandered back their coaches to get ready to leave. Carol Woodman's coach was in a tight spot so several guys helped her out and get her on her way.

Dana and Ruth were really the hosts of the rally and I would like to thank them for all the work they did making this rally a really great event.

Frank and Dana Suttell

POSTMORTEM

*CC Teddy and
Kris Casebeer*

*As mentioned in last month's newsletter,
our club's impromptu travel bear changed
travel companions from Michele &
Denny Huffman to Kris & Lee Casebeer
for some spring-time adventures.*



After a very long six-week stay in the Sonoran Mexican fishing village of Puerto Penasco, it was time to head back into the USA, but not before reflecting upon the memorable times with three NWCCers' couples, Kris and Lee Casebeer, Barb and Don Scheuse and Barb and Bill Holmes. Cheryl and Alan Burr were with the group for two weeks before heading back to their winter lot in Yuma. During the 6-week period, CC Teddy had many opportunities to witness an abundant consumption of Mexican cuisines, washed down with favorite beverages. The sunsets on the Sonoran beaches ranged from nice to spectacular, depending upon the weather conditions. An approaching storm from the west would add many pleasing features to the day-ending events.

When the evening campfire stories started to repeat themselves, CC Teddy knew the time had come to return the United States of America. The first night's stop was in Quartzsite, Arizona, a small desert community 20 miles east of the Colorado River and famous for its large winter swap meets and flea markets. Also, those in the Geo-caching world know there are thousands of Geo-cache hides in convenient strings about 1/8 to 1/4 apart throughout the desert landscape. The lure of unfound Geo-caches is what prompted Barb and Don Schleuse to suggest Quartzsite as our RV camping spot for two nights. CC Teddy did not seem overly impressed at the sight of four grown adults chasing around the desert looking for camouflaged pill bottles with log sheets inside.

Next stop was Needles, California, on the infamous Route 66 highway, which has been replaced by the Interstate 40 freeway. The only thing that impressed CC Teddy about Needles was the nice array of downtown building murals. Needles is a dying community with many businesses, like major grocery stores and shopping centers, relocating across the Colorado River to Fort Mojave and Bullhead City, Arizona.



There was one location of interest on CC Teddy's visitation list--Oatman, Arizona. The historic Route 66 highway ran right through Oatman. She had heard about the wild burros that roam the streets of Oatman. The burros had been the pack animals of earlier generations of prospectors. When the precious metals mining stopped in the nearby mountains, the burros were turned loose to fend for themselves in the harsh desert environment. There is an unsubstantiated theory that the business people



of the small tourist town and defunct mining community have secret corrals to hold animals at night and then release them during the day to attract souvenir buying tourists. CC Teddy felt the burros were a bit pushy, sticking their heads in our car windows looking for food, especially their favorite snack, carrots.

Then, it was on to the bright lights of Las Vegas. Now that is a place to which CC Teddy felt she could grow accustomed. After a few days of sightseeing, photo ops and evening stage shows, the lure of Bend, Oregon, was too much for the Casebeers. A two-day journey landed CC Teddy in view of the snowcapped Cascade Mountains. Realizing that after a 3-month absence from their Bend, Oregon, home, Kris and Lee's to-do list was quite long, CC Teddy is patiently waiting for her next adventures to commence. There are rumors of Sports Car Races in Portland and maybe even a Boat ride on the Mediterranean Sea before a very important engagement in Coos Bay, Oregon, in late June. Time will tell what is next in CC Teddy's travel world.



Sidetracks from Herb Harris

Here you go for your next road trip – fastest route to hit 48 states and 50 landmarks in one trip!. Herb

Data geniuses have figured out what the ultimate U.S. road trip looks like

Ana Swanson | March 10 at 12:21 pm

Who needs an atlas when you have an algorithm? Data tinkerer Randy Olson, who is now known across the internet for developing [the optimum search path for Where's Waldo books](#), has used this same algorithm to compute the optimal American road trip.

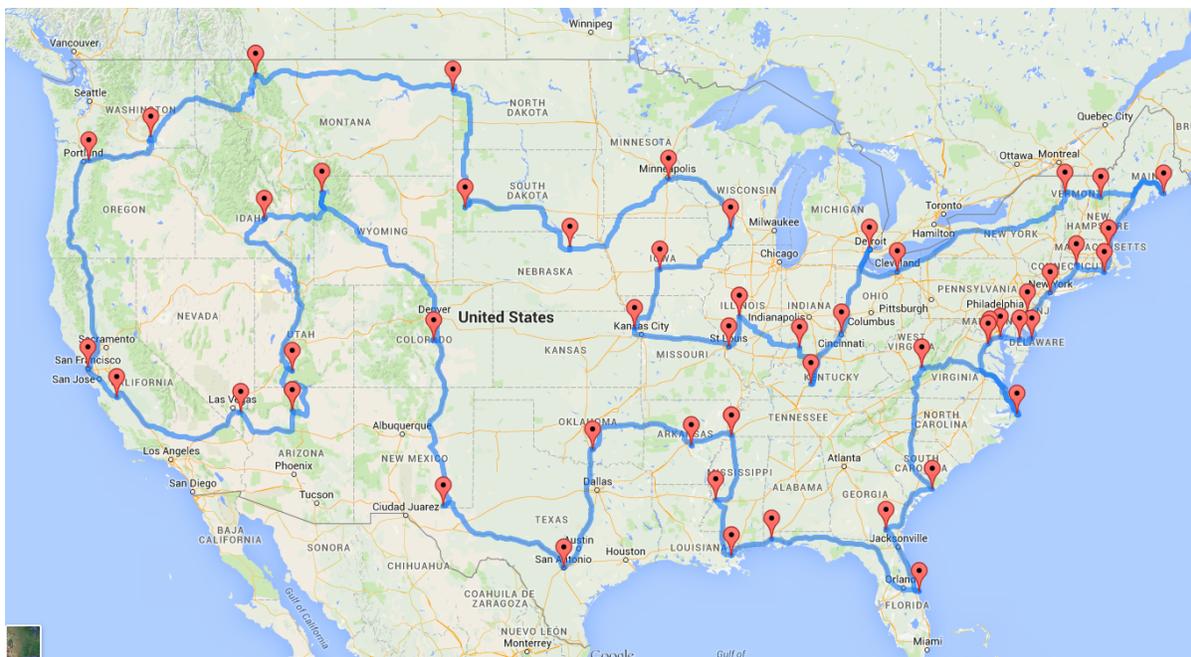
At the urging of Tracy Staedter from Discovery News, Olson set out to find the quickest driving route that would stop at a national natural landmark, national historic site, national park or national monument in all of the lower 48 states. He also included Washington, D.C. and added another stop in California to get to a total of 50 stops.

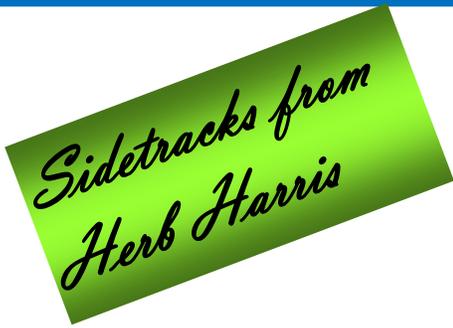
Calculating the fastest way to drive between all 50 landmarks – 2,500 individual routes – could theoretically take forever by hand, but Olson used the same genetic algorithm he used to find [a search pattern for Where's Waldo](#). This algorithm starts with a handful of solutions, takes the best one, and then compares that to other solutions until it can't find a better one. The result is [the route you see \[below\]](#), which includes stops at the Grand Canyon, the Alamo, Mount Vernon, Graceland, the White House, the Statue of Liberty, and much more. You can start in any state and follow the path in either direction.

If you didn't sleep, stop or hit traffic, Olson calculates that this would take roughly 9.33 days of driving. In reality, you probably need a good two to three months to do justice to this epic American road trip.

Olson also created a bonus map with a route through popular U.S. cities, . . . [For more info:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2015/03/10/a-data-genius-computes-the-ultimate-american-road-trip/>]





Opens early – better make plans to visit. Herb

Scant snow means Crater Lake campground opens early

April 21, 2015 in Campground News

(April 21, 2015) -- Cabins and facilities inside Oregon's Crater Lake National Park will open Friday, a month earlier than usual, thanks to light snow and dry conditions.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Cabins and facilities inside Oregon’s Crater Lake National Park will open Friday, a month earlier than usual, thanks to light snow and dry conditions, according to The LA Times.

Usually officials wait for the snow to melt before opening facilities at Crater Lake, which is 1,943 feet deep, The LA Times reported.

The Cabins at Mazama Village and Annie Creek Restaurant & Gift Shop will open Friday instead of the scheduled May 22 date, Xanterra Parks & Resorts said.

To read the full story by The LA Times, <http://www.latimes.com/travel/california/la-trb-oregon-crater-lake-national-park-20150418-story.html>



Here’s a new high-end park in Angel Fire, NM, summer travelers may want to check out. A welcome stop as it can be a long way between watering holes in NM! Herb

RV vacation options go luxe

March 19, 2015 in Campground News

(March 19, 2015) -- This week, the northern New Mexico mountain resort Angel Fire said it is on track to open its multi-million-dollar, luxury RV park this spring, which would offer road trippers access to amenities that one would expect at a high-end hotel or vacation rental house.

The terms “luxury” and “recreational vehicle” may traditionally seem mutually exclusive. But that is changing, especially in the western U.S., Travel Weekly noted.

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There will be hot tubs and fire pits, paved roads, a private clubhouse, Direct TV, bocce ball, a dog park and more. And the spaces will be large enough to accommodate the largest RVs on the roads, Travel Weekly explained. To read the full story by Travel Weekly: <http://www.travelweekly.com/Search/?q=RV%20vacation%20options>

MEMBERS' CORNER

NorthWest Country Coachers
An FMCA Chapter, Chartered September 29, 2007
Membership Application

Date: _____ Referred by: _____

Pilot name: _____ Co-Pilot name: _____

Pilot birthday (MM/DD): _____ Co-Pilot birthday (MM/DD): _____ Anniv.(MM/DD/YY): _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s):

Home: () _____ Pilot Cell: () _____ Co-pilot Cell: () _____

Residence address (if different from mailing):

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FMCA #: _____ * We are an FMCA chapter; all members must also belong to FMCA

Pilot email: _____ Co-Pilot email: _____

Coach information:

Make: _____ Model: _____ Length: _____ Year: _____ Coach #: _____

Emergency Contact Info: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone () _____ Address: _____

Any special medical information: _____

Your special interests: _____

Names & Types of pet(s) in coach: _____

Favorite Activities: _____

Our annual membership fee is \$25 with an additional one-time \$25 application fee. Application dues received after November 30 will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following year. Your application fee includes two permanent nametags with the NWCC logo and a rally fee waiver for your first rally. Send your \$50 check (application fee + 1st year dues) payable to **Northwest Country Coachers** to:

Dana Suttel, Treasurer
3965 Bethel Rd SE, Ste. 1, PMB 22
Port Orchard, WA 98366
email: treasurer@nwccers.org

Please join our Yahoo group for continued communication and emails:
NW-CC-ers@yahoogroups.com
Chapter website: www.nwccers.org

Signatures:

Pilot: _____ Co-Pilot: _____

NWCCers Directory for CC Service and Parts

The following companies have been submitted to this directory by our club members. They have been found to be knowledgeable and helpful about Country Coaches. Most of these companies offer services locally (unless noted otherwise) but in many cases have provided technical assistance over the phone. If you need service or technical assistance call one of these companies to get started. **** Offers NWCCer Discount**

Company	Contact	Service
Amazing Creations	<i>Scott Adams 93150 B Prairie Rd Junction City, OR 541-556-0501</i>	<i>Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com</i>
Bend RV Repair	<i>Jeff Spear 62980 Boyd Acres Rd. Unit A-2 Bend, Oregon 97701, 541-388-5448</i>	<i>Complete RV Repair www.bendrvrepair.com Referred: Lee Casebeer & Tom Lowery</i>
Brazel's Performance	<i>Alan Sanders 3912 Harrison Avenue, Centralia, WA 98531 877-786-1576 Referred by Russell Warren</i>	<i>Alignment, suspension, maintenance, dynamometer, electrical & mechanical repairs shop—50-amp sites and dump www.brazelsrv.com</i>
Coach Masters of Bend	<i>Blake 29525 Brandis Ct., Bend, OR 97701 541-330-6863</i>	<i>Parts, Service, Repair Coachmasters@bendcable.com</i>
Coach Solutions	<i>3451 Kendra St, Eugene, OR 97404 541-514-9000 Brian Van de Walker</i>	<i>House and Chassis Electrical; Audio/Video, including RTI Remotes. Local service & Fly-in Anywhere USA</i>
Country Coach Corporation (2011)**	<i>135 East First Street Junction City, Oregon 97448 541-234-2167 Doug Beaudry, Service Manager Ask about service discounts for NWCCers</i>	<i>Service Center www.countrycoach.com/coach-service-center/ CC Apparel: http://countrycoachwearables.promoshop.com</i>
Dave Root RV Glass Repair	<i>Dave Root, Bend, OR 541-280-3612</i>	<i>Reseals, Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/</i>
Davis Cabinets	<i>150 E 10th Ave., Junction City, OR 97448 541-998-8778, Shaun Davis</i>	<i>Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades www.daviscabinets.com</i>
Guaranty RV Center **	<i>So Hwy 99, Junction City, OR 877-463-0067 NWCCers exclusive sales dealer NWCCer \$25 discount on retail service</i>	<i>Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales www.guarantyrv.com</i>
JDRV Inc	<i>John Davis LaPine, OR 541-306-6473</i>	<i>Service and Repairs</i>
Kaiser Brake and Alignment	<i>265 Taylor St., Eugene, OR 97402 541-344-5887</i>	<i>Alignment, brakes, tires</i>
K&M Mobile R.V. Repair LLC	<i>Kevin Waite (Former Country Coach Service Tech. & Owner) 95430 Noraton Rd., Junction City, OR 97448 541-953-6162 (Cell)</i>	<i>Mobile Repairs, Technical Support Country Coach Parts kvn.wt.7629@gmail.com</i>

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Kustom Coach Works	<i>Bobby Vodden PO Box 395, Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371</i>	<i>Custom audio/video installations KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com</i>
Ollie's Fiberglass	<i>Lynnwood, WA 425-776-6040</i>	<i>Fiberglass repairs</i>
Oregon Motorcoach Center **	<i>29417 Airport Rd, Eugene, OR 97402 541-762-1505 Effective 01/03/2012: Current NWCCers Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.* Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCCer Honorary Lifetime Member</i>	<i>*Present your NWCCer badge for discount. You will need verification that your club dues are current. Interior restoration, modifications, remodel, service and parts Fax: 541-762-1509 www.oregonmotorcoachcenter.com</i>
Premier RV Services	<i>Gary - 541-554-3997 Office: 541-998-2640 325 E First Ave, Junction City, OR 97448</i>	<i>Sales - Service - Storage premierrvstorage@gmail.com Referred by: Brian & Kay Case, Bend</i>
RCV Custom Coach Service	<i>Mobile RV Service and Upgrades POB 41779, Eugene, OR 97404 Bob Vinson, Owner, Phone 541-870-6233 Referred By Herb Harris and Cathy Lamb</i>	<i>Quality Solutions Brought to You Fax 541-359-1962 www.rcvcustomcoach.com bob@rcvcustomcoach.com</i>
RV Glass Solutions	<i>Eugene, OR 888-777-6778 Doug Rutherford – former CC Service Manager www.RVGlassExperts.com</i>	<i>Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock. Call for a referral in your area.</i>
Salem Brake and Wheel Inc.	<i>1235 12th Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 Kevin Smith, 503-581-3214</i>	<i>Alignment, Wheel Balance, Chassis Repair, Complete Brake Svc, Complete Service, Gas/ Diesel Repair and More</i>
Silverleaf Electronics	<i>2472 SW Ferry St., Albany, OR 97322. 888-741-0259, 541-220-5494</i>	<i>Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System www.silverleafelectronics.com</i>
Specialty Crate, Inc Logistics Division	<i>41 North Danebo Ave. Eugene, OR 97402 Randy Stout 541-689-8840</i>	<i>Country Coach parts – chassis, body and house.</i>
Splendide (Westland Sales)	<i>15650 SE 102nd Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015</i>	<i>Washing machine repairs</i>
Specialty Marine and RV	<i>20781 Olmstead Road NE Aurora, OR 97002 503-678-6595 503-678-6501</i>	<i>Diesel-powered coaches only Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services</i>
Superior Tire Service	<i>33960 Old Willamette Hwy Eugene, OR 97405 541-744-2000 Referred by Don Schleuse</i>	<i>Participants in the FMCA Michelin Advantage Program</i>
Watson Diesel Repair LLC	<i>PO Box 2478 Shelton, WA 98584 (360) 426-5255 watsondieselrepair.com</i>	<i>Services and repairs all diesel engines - primarily big rig trucks but also works on coaches.</i>

*Do you have experience with anyone else who offers CC expertise and assistance that has helped you in a pinch?
Send us their information and we'll add them to our list. newsletter@nwccers.org*

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