

- ♦ *All events are sponsored by NWCC, unless \**
  - ♦ *All dates are subject to change.*
  - ♦ *Please consider hosting a weekend with your club.*
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**2017 Rally Schedule**

Nov 22-26, 2017,  
**Thanksgiving at Hee Hee Illahee RV Park, Salem, Oregon; Don & Barbara Schleuse, Hosts**

**2018 Rally Schedule**

Feb/March, Kelso WA  
 Apr/May, Silverton OR  
 June, Prosser WA, Beer Bottles & BBQ  
 Nov, Thanksgiving, Salem OR

**2019 Rally Schedule**

Sep, Prosser WA, Balloon Festival



## President's Corner



We just finished the Steamboat Rock Rally. Other than being a little chilly, it was a good event. There is a Rally wrap later in the newsletter. We had our annual meeting at this event.

**Officer Elections:** After much lively discussion, the following were elected:

- President: Fred Dent
- Vice President: Floyd Hensley
- Treasurer: Sibylle Beck\*

\* Sibylle currently is our secretary, so Bev Carrick has agreed to finish Sibylle's term. Sibylle and Dana plan to move the banking to Salem after the Thanksgiving rally.

The new election committee is Richard Beck, Denny Huffman and Herb Harris. Don Schleuse is expecting to be elected President of FMCA Northwest Area. If that comes through for him, we will need a new FMCA National Director at that time.

**Charity for 2018:** Fisher House Foundation at Joint Base Lewis & McCord (JBLM) in Tacoma WA was approved as the charity for next year. This foundation helps our military by providing housing close to hospitals when a family member is admitted for an extended stay in the hospital.



**Rallies for 2018:** One item that we did not get accomplished at this event was the rally planning for 2018. We have 4 rallies on the books for 2018 (and 1 for 2019):

- 2018: Winter Rally in March – Host Frank and Dana Suttell
- Silverton Rally in May – Host Vern and Glenda Serex
- Prosser — Beer Bottles & BBQ in June — Need hosts
- Thanksgiving in November – Need hosts

2019: Prosser — Balloon Festival — Need hosts

The Hensleys agreed to look at an RV park in Astoria. If it looks like it would work for the club, we will need a date and hosts for a rally.

Frank Suttell, President, NorthWest Country Coachers

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### We have been invited to a Winnebago International Travelers (WIT) Rally

WIT has invited all Country Coach members to attend their State Outing in Hemet, California, Jan 25-28, at the beautiful Golden Village Palms RV Resort. The theme this year is "Down on the Farm." There will be a line-dancing class and a country & western DJ from a local country-radio station. There will be a shuffleboard tournament, bean bag baseball and plenty of food! And, catered meals, hot-dog bash, ice-cream social! You will have a good time! If you are interested in attending, contact Robert Gorges (robertgorges58@msn.com).

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Webmaster: To be announced

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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTES

### Preferences for newsletter submissions:

- ⇒ Submissions are needed before the end of each month. If you cannot meet that timeframe, I will wait for you if possible.
- ⇒ Please submit only .jpeg and .doc materials. PDF and Excel are not preferred...
- ⇒ 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., do not submit text material in a picture/jpeg format.
- ⇒ 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.

Thank you. s/Terry Apple,  
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## Online Membership Directory

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

If you want a copy of the directory, a member can request one via the web site. Your request will send an email to the webmaster to forward a copy.

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

# Thanksgiving Rally 2017



## Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort

4751 Astoria St., NE, Salem, OR  
503-463-6641/877-564-7295

**November 22 – 26, 2017**

Hosts: Barbara & Don Schleuse

Co-Hosts: Sarah & Wayne Gabel

Come and join your NWCC friends to enjoy a bounteous Thanksgiving dinner at this 5-Star RV resort. We have use of the clubhouse for the entire length of our stay. The hosts will prepare the turkey and a ham. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. Contact Barbara at 360-305-8458 or [dons2346@yahoo.com](mailto:dons2346@yahoo.com) for a list of items needed. For a change of pace, we will try one of the local eateries for dinner Friday night.

**Reservations:** The cost per night is approximately \$45. Please complete the registration form below and submit it to our treasurer Dana Suttell. Registration is also available on our website [www.NWCCers.org](http://www.NWCCers.org). Click on Rally information. **You must call the resort at 503-463-6641 to book your reservation and pay the first night's fee.** The remainder will be paid at time of check in. If you want to come early or stay late, let the park know when you call. All sites are full hook up. We have 12 sites reserved. The site rate is based on the number of attendees.

Cancellation Policy: Must call the resort by 11/15/17 for full refund.

### NWCC Member Rally Fees:

**Rally Fee: \$13.00/person, \$26.00/couple + side dish/family**

**Meal Only Thursday or Saturday: \$3.00/person + side dish/family**

**Non-Member Rally Fee: Please add \$10 each + side dish/family**

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### Reservation for Thanksgiving in Salem, OR

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to NorthWest Country Coachers. Send form and check to: Dana Suttell, 3965 Bethel Rd. SE Ste.1, PMB 32, Port Orchard, WA 98366

# Northwest Country Coachers Annual Meeting Steamboat State Park, Washington September 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Frank Suttell, at 6.10 p.m.

**Attendance:** 11 coaches (Beck, Dent, Gordon, Harris, Hensely, Hicks, Huffman, Robbins, Schleuse, Suttell, Toftdahl)

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Frank Suttell to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Michelle Huffman and approved unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Dana Suttell handed out the treasurer's report. So far, we collected \$1,188.26 for the Bowmer Society.
- Membership as of 8/31/17: 44 coaches. Many new members find us on the internet.
- In 2017, we have had 4 rallies with a net loss of \$49.98.
- Dana has been treasurer for 8 years. She has done an excellent job.
- Glenda Serex completed a full audit of the books on 7/14/2017. The club has \$6,082.59 in its bank account (this includes the \$1,188.26 that will go to the Bowmer Society).
- Our current bank (Wells Fargo) has started to charge a \$14 monthly fee. The treasurer suggested closing the accounts with Wells Fargo and having the new treasurer search for a different financial institution where the club doesn't have to pay a monthly fee. Motion was made by Richard Beck to approve the treasurer reports, give the current treasurer authorization to close the account with Wells Fargo, and authorize the incoming treasurer to search for a more suitable bank. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## **Old Business:**

- Suggested Annual Fundraiser/Charity:

Frank and Dana Suttell suggested Army's The Fisher House Foundation on Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington (Tacoma). It is a home away from home for patients and families with military IDs. More information can be found at <https://armyfisherhouses.org/joint-base-lewis-mcchord-wa/>.

Pat Harris made the motion to have The Fisher House Foundation at JBLM be our 2018 charity. Denny Huffman seconded it and it was accepted unanimously.

- The suggestion was made to put our past charities on our website and list the total amount donated to these various charities.

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# **Northwest Country Coachers Annual Meeting Steamboat State Park, Washington September 20, 2017**

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## **New Business:**

- Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee worked hard at finding members who were willing to serve as next year's president and vice-president. Lee Casebeer talked to a lot of members, but nobody stepped up. Frank Suttell asked for volunteers.

Barbara Schleuse nominated Floyd Hensley for Vice-President. He accepted the nomination and was approved unanimously.

Richard Beck nominated Fred Dent for the president; he accepted and was approved unanimously.

Sibylle Beck was nominated as treasurer and approved unanimously.

Bev Carrick will take over the duties of secretary until the next election.

- The 2018 Nominating Committee: Herb Harris, Denny Huffman, and Richard Beck volunteered to be on the nominating committee. They have to find members who are willing to serve as National Director, Alternate National Director, and Secretary.
- The 2018 FMCA Area Rally:

The president asked if the club was interested in volunteering at the Coos Bay FMCA rally around June 22. The present members said no.

- Club Rallies:

Pre-rally to the NW FMCA needs a host

Rallies for 2018: 4 rallies have been booked.

Winter Rally in March

Silverton Rally in May

Prosser Rally in June

Thanksgiving Rally in November

- Anybody who is interested in being a rally host in 2018 needs to contact Floyd Hensley.
- The club display board is currently with Denny and Michelle Huffman.

Before the meeting was adjourned we all thanked Frank and Dana Suttell for a job well done.

Meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sibylle Beck, Secretary

## Treasurers Annual Report 2017

Our charity this year is the Bowmer Society Oregon Shakespeare Festival. We have collected \$1188.26 so far. We will continue to raise funds at our last two events.

Membership as of 8/31 is 44 coaches. We have a very active membership at this time; however, with the trend decreasing, the club will need to address updating our policies in the future.

We had four rallies with one cancellation from August to August. Our club is doing great with our rally expenses. We had a net loss of \$49.98. Our hosts are planning fun rallies and staying within the budgets they set. We tried to have a summer rally at Blackwell Island, but just did not get the attendance we needed to fulfill our obligation to the park and vendors. Many of us make plans quite a bit in advance so it shows the importance of getting our calendar set early to allow members to plan.

Glenda Serex completed a full audit of the books on 7/14/17. We will audit again as we pass the accounts to our new Treasurer.

Checking Account	\$3040.41
Savings Account	\$2871.41
PayPal	\$170.77
Total	\$6082.59

We still have a healthy bank account for the club. We just renewed our Oregon Business License and we are doing well even after we transfer our charity fund. Our balance allows us to prepay clubhouse deposits and misc. as we plan our rallies.

I am recommending that our new treasurer look into changing from Wells Fargo. Earlier this year, they changed policies and we are currently paying a monthly fee of \$14.00. I feel we will have better options, but did not want to incur the expense of changing banks prior to the officer change coming at the end of the year.

Respectfully, Dana Suttell, Treasurer



## Thank you NWCCers!



We choose a worthy cause each year and then try to find a variety of ways to support it through games, auctions, "tip" jars and anything else a rally host might imagine. We don't often get to see a tangible result of that giving, but one of our families has often shared what it has meant to them to see what wonderful things can happen when people get together to help. If you go to the link below, you may recognize Steven and Teresa Serex and their girls, Samantha, Isabella and Alexandra from having seen them at one of our rallies. The link will tell you more about them and about some of what The Mitochondrial Research Guild has been able to accomplish through the help of your generous support.

<https://vimeo.com/233369216>

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Submitted by Glenda Serex

## A Rally at Grand Coulee in September 2017



Our Grand Coulee rally is behind us and what an adventure it was. If you have not been to Steamboat Rock State Park in Washington, we would really recommend it. Tucked on the way to Grand Coulee Dam in the middle of desert conditions is a wonderful lush park, 50 amp, full hook up, easy to pull into sites. It gives you convenient access to an amazing

geological area called Grand Coulee. We can personally tell you that we learned much about our state that we did not know. We will be going back soon.

Bob and Suzie Toftdahl co-hosted this event with us and we thank them for a fun rally. The early birds enjoyed a hot dog roast on Monday night, then we toured, played and welcomed friends to the park on Tuesday. We all enjoyed a hamburger picnic although we turned in soon after due to the cold. Other campers told us that September in Grand Coulee is normally about 20 degrees WARMER! Wednesday, folks broke into small groups and enjoyed the area. Many of us went to the Dry Falls Visitor Center and it is a must see for those that enjoy learning about what forms Washington and Oregon. After a chicken dinner, we had our annual meeting and those brave souls that wanted more time together gathered around our propane fire pit. No wood fires were permitted in Washington at rally time. Thursday, we went to Grand Coulee Dam as a group and took the tour. It is really an amazing accomplishment what the workers did during the depression. We enjoyed a meal out together and then many of us went back to the dam to enjoy the laser show. All the lights at the dam are turned off. You sit there and realize that the noise level is rising and they are spilling water across the entire dam. Then the laser show plays all across the face of the dam. It's quite the sight. Friday, we enjoyed some rolls and juice together before some of us had to move on. The rest of the group enjoyed a relaxing day and dinner out together before leaving on Saturday.

Carol Irwin wanted to join us, but was not feeling up to the drive. We want to thank her and Lee for laying the original groundwork for this rally. Lee worked for a couple of years to get a place for us to see this wonderful area and we all thought of them both as we enjoyed each other's company. Thank you again to the Toftdahls for hosting with us. Frank and Dana Suttell

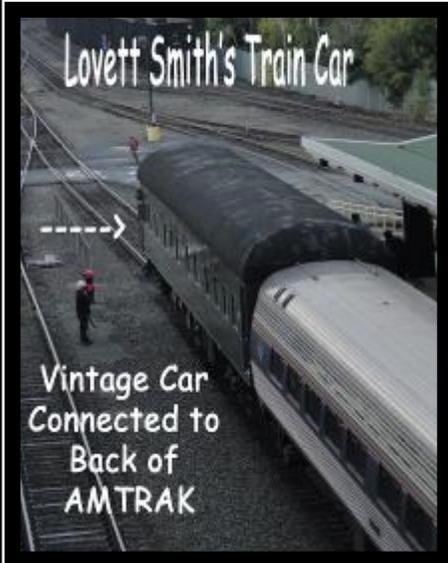
Pictures follow . . . . →

# A Rally at Grand Coulee in September 2017



Photographs by Dana Suttell.

# An "RV" on Rails



You may have heard the phrase "It Rides like it's on Rails." Well, Kris has a high-school classmate who owns a Recreational-type Vehicle that travels on rails. Several high-school class reunions ago, Kris got reacquainted with a classmate, Lovett Smith, who has been around railroad equipment most of his life.

Lovett's father was

a railroad executive, so travel by rail was second nature for him. Lovett himself grew up traveling on his father's business car "Portland" and his dad was instrumental in getting the Southern Pacific vintage **Steam Locomotive 4449** donated to the city of Portland, Oregon, in 1957.

In 1992, Lovett bought a recently restored 1928 Executive Rail Office Car originally built for Harold Sterling Vanderbilt who worked as Director of the New York Central Railroad, which had been founded by his family three generations earlier. With original Pullman car photographs supplied with the car, Lovett remodeled the car's interior to approximately mid-1930's appearances along with modern mechanical specifications and conveniences.



The rail car is certified for 110-mile-per-hour travel when connected to Amtrak trains. State rooms accommodate four couples, or eight people who are very familiar with each other. There are quarters for two service people who cater to every need of paying guests (although self-service groups also are welcome). Since 1992, the car has traveled over 300,000 miles,



including at least a dozen transcontinental trips in the U. S. and Canada. A detailed list of the rail car's travels is on the website,

[NYC-3.com](http://NYC-3.com).

When Lovett and his wife, Barbara, attend class reunions in Lake Oswego, a suburb of Portland, Oregon, he tries to assemble paying clients for the trip from the east coast, where the car is stored, to offset the operational costs of the car when it travels across the country. As of October 2017, Amtrak charges \$2.90 per mile for being connected to the rear of their regularly scheduled trains. Obtaining approval to connect to Amtrak trains has to be done months in advance and can be a tedious process.

When in Portland, the car is parked on a siding at Union Station downtown near the Steel Bridge and Willamette River. The car is totally self-contained with 330 gallons of potable water and a 175-gallon diesel fuel tank for the generator. There is no sewage holding tank per se and no need to pump out waste. Instead, there are two separate engineered septic tanks that digest solid waste almost completely and chlorinate liquid waste that is clean enough to be discharged along the tracks.



There is no sewage holding tank per se and no need to pump out waste. Instead, there are two separate engineered septic tanks that digest solid waste almost completely and chlorinate liquid waste that is clean enough to be discharged along the tracks. Lovett has a complete replacement waste tank in his barn. If it ever becomes necessary to replace the unit,

it's a simple matter of disconnecting a few pipes and getting a forklift to slide out the old tank. A 60-Kilowatt generator (twice as much capacity than needed) produces 480-volt power that is reduced down to either 240 or 120 volts for the appliances within the car. When parked on railroad sidings with power available, it is connected to 480 volts of shore power. Lovett noted that the electrical system is an

ungrounded 3-phase "Delta" system that was preferred in mid-century industrial applications. This means that any wire can be hot at any time and there is no neutral.

Turning off individual circuit breakers has not prevented shocks, so he only works on the car with the power completely disconnected, which means a lot of maintenance work is done by flashlight illumination.



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# An "RV" on Rails

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Lovett thinks that the mechanical issues between his "RV" and our over-the-road rigs is virtually identical, except his are bigger, heavier, higher voltage and more expensive. For instance, his replacement wheel sets (with brake disc and bearings) now cost \$15,000 plus installation. Each brake rotor is \$1,700. And, there is the issue of part scarcity for his vintage unit. The car is subject to many more Federal Rules and Regulations; for instance, he will have to remove 22 heavy air-brake parts from the car next year and send them out for rebuild per federal safety regulations.

The railroad car's current official Name is **New York Central 3**. For more information on this 100-ton, 85-ft. long unique Recreational Vehicle, go the web site [NYC-3.com](http://NYC-3.com). On that site, you will see the car is available for renting. Just imagine you and seven of your closest friends (or up to 20 if doing day trips where half the group overnights in destination motels) traveling in style as far as your hearts' desires and bank accounts allow. The car has a fully equipped kitchen to satisfy all of your culinary desires. Once the car is connected to Amtrak, Lovett is usually successful getting the door opened between his car and the rest of the Amtrak train to allow his clients more room to roam.

As a side note, when Kris and I were on our 2016 seven-month sojourn trip around the country, we met up with Lovett and his

rail car in Albany, New York. The car was connected to the back of an Amtrak train going from New York City to Montreal, traveling along the Hudson River through the scenic New England countryside with very beautiful fall foliage. Two of Lovett's paying customers had cancelled their trip. So, there were two available spots for Kris and I. Unfortunately, we were traveling with our four-legged fury companion, so we could not take advantage of that wonderful trip.

This year on the last weekend of June, we had the pleasure of hosting Lovett and a friend in our home while they were in Bend for an overnight stay. They were on a chase of the travels of the **Southern Pacific 4449** Locomotive towing passenger cars from Portland to Bend for an overnight stay before returning to its home location in Portland.

At 75 years of age, Lovett is an amazing and adventurous person who had just completed a nine-day, 1,200-mile, motorcycle ride in southern Europe with several other motorcycle-riding friends. Conversations about all his travels are very interesting with lots of informative details. Thank you, Lovett Smith, for the pleasure of learning about this very unique way of travel.

Be sure to visit the web site [NYC-3.com](http://NYC-3.com) for an enormous amount of information about this very interesting "RV."

Submitted with the approval of Lovett Smith by Kris and Lee Casebeer.



## KOA, Sunland RV Vie for Control of Calif. Resort

July 31, 2017 by [Woodall's Campground Management](http://Woodall's Campground Management)

Your editor was there when it was Butterfield Country. Seems like yesterday...

Three companies are in the running to take over management of the Vail Lake Resort, a campground east of Temecula, Calif., that was known as Butterfield Country in the 1970s.

According to a *Press-Enterprise* report, the list includes the Chula Vista-based operator of KOA campgrounds, which would rebrand the property as a KOA, and Paydar Properties, which runs Sunland RV locations.

The third applicant is The California Parks Co., which has managed the grounds' RV slips and recreation rooms areas since the campground and thousands of acres around the lake were purchased by the Rancho California Water District for \$50 million in a 2014 bankruptcy proceeding.

The applicants were unveiled on Thursday, July 27, at a Rancho Water committee meeting. The full board is scheduled to meet on Aug. 10 to pick one of the companies and start negotiating a lease, which could be a point of contention for the board. For the full story click: .

<http://www.pe.com/2017/07/29/water-district-gets-look-at-companies-vying-for-control-of-vail-lake-resort/>

**Spoiler Alert: The California Parks Co. got it. See: <http://www.pe.com/2017/08/12/rancho-water-bringing-back-the-good-old-days-at-vail-lake/>**

*Sidetracks from Herb Harris*

*Looks like California cities are going to start requiring a permit just to load your coach in front of your house on both public and private streets? Just another inconvenience for coach owners - Good we are up here in the NW. Cheers, Herb*

## Permitting system for recreational vehicles goes live October 2nd

HOME COMMUNITY GARDEN GROVE SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2017,  
COMMUNITY, GARDEN GROVE

The City's online permitting system for recreational vehicles parked on public and private streets will be available on Monday, October 2, 2017. To register your vehicle through the automated permitting system, at no cost, visit [www.garden-grove.org/rvpermit](http://www.garden-grove.org/rvpermit).

Recreational vehicle owners may also register in person at Garden Grove City Hall, located at [11222 Acacia Parkway](#). A proof of residency, driver's license, email address, and license plate number are required at the time of registration.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will not begin issuing citations until Monday, October 16, 2017. Recreational vehicle owners are encouraged to register before Monday, October 16, to avoid being cited.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017, the Garden Grove City Council passed an ordinance requiring recreational vehicles parked on public and private

streets to have a valid City-issued permit, at no cost.

Under the new ordinance, residents may request up to 12 non-consecutive, 72-hour recreational vehicle parking permits for the sole purpose of loading or unloading before and after travel. Residents requiring longer accommodations can request weekly parking permits that don't exceed seven days per permit. No more than six weekly permits will be allowed per residential address per year with at least one day in between each of the six permits.

The permit will only allow recreational vehicles to park in front of the address of the resident applying for the permit. The ordinance will not affect private property.

For more information, visit [www.garden-grove.org](http://www.garden-grove.org) or call [\(714\) 741-5100](tel:7147415100).

*This article was released by the [City of Garden Grove](#).*

## OR: Arcadia Beach RV park draws concerns

September 29, 2017 in [Campground and RV Park News](#)

*It is getting more difficult to develop new upscale RV parks and with all the new coaches being sold existing parks are filling up, more are needed. Here's another local developer having problems trying to get a new RV Park approved in Oregon. Cheers, Herb*

(Sept. 29, 2017) -- Dozens of disgruntled residents voiced their environmental and safety concerns Thursday about a developer's plan to build an RV park across from Arcadia Beach in Arch Cape.

CANNON BEACH, Ore. — Dozens of disgruntled residents voiced their environmental and safety concerns Thursday about a developer's plan to build an RV park across from Arcadia Beach in Arch Cape.

James Smejkal, the owner and developer of the 17.6-acre parcel of forested land, sought temporary road access to the parcel earlier this year with the intent to build an upscale RV park — mostly because it is one of the only types of development allowed with the land's zoning, he said.

Read the full story from [Daily Astorian](#).

*Sidetracks from  
Herb Harris*

*Here's some good advice for more relaxed, and probably safer driving. These are average speeds, doubt if actually driving in the 50 mph mode is acceptable on the interstates, you are likely to get run over by the trucks! Cheers, Herb*

## Full-time RVing: Safe and happy with the 3/300 rule

August 30, 2017 Russ De Maris

*Editor's Note: This article might be thought of as preaching to the choir, but me thinks safety cannot be emphasized enough. Thank you, Herb and Mr. Illes.*

Before I bought my RV, I thought I knew a lot about driving around the country. With almost 50 years of driving experience and several cross-the-U.S. trips, I didn't think I had much left to learn. *Wrong!*

RVs are different vehicles. Not only do they proceed — shall we say — more sedately, but they coax us all into a more easy-going attitude. At least, that's the way it's supposed to work. So my 500-mile-per-day automobile jaunts were not so easy to achieve in my RV.

Firstly, speed. Yes, my Itasca will go 75 mph down the Arizona highways. But I'm much more relaxed at 60, and I'll get 9 mpg instead of 6 mpg. I'm going slower, and I'm stopping for a scenic look here and there. Furthermore, there are gas stops, bathroom breaks, meal stops, and shopping stops. Clearly I can't average that 60 mph speed. To really make time, I increase speed and decrease stops.

So I have two point-to-point speeds. Easygoing: 50 mph. Racing: 60 mph. These numbers have been verified over 35,000 miles of RV travel in the last three years.

**Three o'clock or 300 miles, whichever comes first.** This is a simple rule, taught me by my older/wiser brother-in-law and verified through many trips. Individual needs and numbers might change a bit, but the rationale is

indisputable. If you're still traveling by 3 o'clock, you are going to need some daylight time to find a camp spot, get settled, have dinner, maybe take an evening walk. It makes no sense to start this process too late in the day.

Alternatively, if you've already gone 300 miles, there's always something new and interesting to investigate; stop and check it out.

Correlation: At a 50-mph pace, 300 miles takes six hours. When you start traveling at a humane 9 a.m., that six hours expires at 3 p.m. Simple.

Sure, if I need to get a long ways, I abandon the 3/300 rule for a day, maybe two. But when I want to travel in comfort and leisure, appreciating where I'm going and how I'm getting there — well, the 3/300 works very, very well. And remember, the 3/300 numbers are maximum — if you find something interesting before the time or distance expires, stop and have fun with it. Isn't that what we travel for?

*Greg Illes is a retired systems engineer who loves thinking up RV upgrades and modifications. When he's not working on his motorhome, he's traveling in it. You can follow his blog at [www.divver-city.com/blog](http://www.divver-city.com/blog).*



## 10 ways to use alcohol on your camping trip (other than drinking it)

By NIKKI CLEVELAND

### [Excerpt]

1. Use it as an antiseptic to clean wounds
2. Get your campfire going (and the smell out of your clothes)
3. Disinfect items
4. Relieve the symptoms of poison ivy
5. Stop bug bites from itching
6. Use it as fuel for your camp stove
7. Kill mold in your RV

*Always good to have a few extra bottles of hooch on hand just in case of emergencies. Liked the upgraded beer can reference too! Cheers, Herb*

8. Make a DIY alcohol lamp
9. Soothe a toothache with whiskey
10. Make it into a flexible ice pack

You may also like: [Ways To Upcycle Beer Cans When You're Camping](http://www.doityourselfrv.com/beer-cans-hacks/) [http://www.doityourselfrv.com/beer-cans-hacks/]

Source: <http://www.doityourselfrv.com/survival-alcohol/>

# NWCCers Charity for 2018

## Army Fisher House Foundation at Joint Base Lewis & McCord (JBLM) in Tacoma WA

The Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.

Madigan Army Medical Center has a full spectrum of specialty and subspecialty services for adult and pediatric patients to include Developmental Pediatrics, Perinatology Fellowship, Hematology/Oncology, NICU, and Radiation Therapy.

Our mission is to provide our military members and their families a comfortable, nurturing and secure environment while they receive medical care at Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC).

**Fisher House Information:** The Fisher House is located about one half mile from MAMC. The house provides seven family rooms with private bathrooms, TV/DVD, WiFi, telephone and computers. The house has a living room, dining room and kitchen; these common areas are shared by all families. The FH will provide most amenities to include toiletries, towels, linens, high chairs, booster seats, futons, "pack and plays". Families are responsible for their meals and the kitchen is well furnished with the items needed for food preparation. Each family will have some refrigerator and freezer space plus a cabinet for their food. Laundry area and detergent are provided.

Eligibility and Cost: Fisher Houses prioritizes their rooms according to the severity of the medical condition. All active duty, retired military and military family members who live at least 40 miles away from the medical center are eligible. Referral can be made in advance; however, that does not guarantee placement into the FH. There is no charge to stay at the FH and demand for our rooms is high; because of this, families should make a back-up plan and be prepared to stay in a local hotel (average \$125 a night).

The Fisher House receives a significant portion of their funding through charitable contributions. Our donations come from individuals, spouses' clubs, military organizations, and chapel designated offerings. The Fisher house operates as a Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) of the United States Army. Donations made to the Fisher House are tax deductible. Donations can be mailed to: Lewis-McChord Fisher House, 9999 Wilson Ave, JBLM, WA 98433, or if you have questions, please email or telephone: [fhmamc@aol.com](mailto:fhmamc@aol.com), 253-964-9283, or you can make donations on-line at [www.givedirect.org/give/givefrm.asp?CID=780](http://www.givedirect.org/give/givefrm.asp?CID=780). Please select Fisher House at Lewis-McChord from the drop down menu. Donations made on-line are forwarded to us from the Fisher House Foundation.

Editor's Note: For further information and source for the above:  
<https://armyfisherhouses.org/joint-base-lewis-mcchord-wa/>



# NorthWest Country Coachers

An FMCA Chapter Chartered September 29, 2007, as a Local Northwest Area Country Coach Owners' Club

## Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

### Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### Residence Address if different than Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### More Information:

\*FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Country Coach Information:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach # \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact:

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Medical Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Types of Pets in Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Favorite Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

NWCC Facts: Our Club holds several rallies each year in the Northwest to promote friendship and camaraderie among Coach Owners. We are a chapter of FMCA; therefore, our members must also be current FMCA members. The Club's annual membership dues are \$25 with an additional one-time \$25 application fee. Application dues/fees received after October 31 will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following year.

Please send your \$50 check payable to  
NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS

to our Treasurer, Dana Suttell, 3965 Bethel Rd. SE, Ste 1, PMB 32 Port Orchard WA 98366-1976  
treasurer@nwccers.org

Please join our Yahoo group for continued communication and e-letters at NW-CCers@yahoo.com

Our Chapter Website is nwccers.org

### Applicant Signatures

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

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## NWCC 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 NWCC Discount**

Company	Contact	Service
<b>Amazing Creations</b>	Scott Adams 93150 B Prairie Rd Junction City, OR 541-556-0501	Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com
<b>Bend RV Repair</b>	Jeff Spear 62980 Boyd Acres Rd. Unit A-2 Bend, Oregon 97701, 541-388-5448	Complete RV Repair www.bendrvrepair.com Referred: Lee Casebeer & Tom Lowery
<b>Brazel's Performance</b>	Alan Sanders 3912 Harrison Avenue, Centralia, WA 98531 877-786-1576 Referred by Russell Warren	Alignment, suspension, maintenance, dynamometer, electrical & mechanical repairs shop—50-amp sites and dump www.brazelsrv.com
<b>Carrier &amp; Son's RV Service Center</b> Facebook: @Carrier RV Service	Tom & Teresa Carrier 29525 Airport Rd., Eugene, OR 97402 Off: 541-461-1673; Fax 541-461-1674 Referred by: Terry and Les Apple	Skilled service craftsmen are able to handle most of your RV service needs from the smallest job to a major structural rebuild job.
<b>Coach Masters of Bend</b>	Blake 29525 Brandis Ct., Bend, OR 97701 541-330-6863	Parts, Service, Repair Coachmasters@bendcable.com
<b>Coach Solutions</b>	3451 Kendra St, Eugene, OR 97404 541-514-9000 Brian Van de Walker	House and Chassis Electrical; Audio/Video, including RTI Remotes. Local service & Fly-in Anywhere USA
<b>Dave Root RV Glass Repair</b>	Dave Root, Bend, OR 541-280-3612	Reseals, Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/
<b>Davis Cabinets</b>	150 E 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Junction City, OR 97448 541-998-8778, Shaun Davis	Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades www.daviscabinets.com
<b>Guaranty RV Center **</b>	So Hwy 99, Junction City, OR 877-463-0067 NWCC exclusive sales dealer NWCC \$25 discount on retail service	Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales www.guarantyrv.com
<b>Kaiser Brake and Alignment</b>	265 Taylor St., Eugene, OR 97402 541-344-5887	Alignment, brakes, tires
<b>K&amp;M Mobile R.V. Repair LLC</b>	Kevin Waite (Former Country Coach Service Tech. & Owner) 95430 Noraton Rd., Junction City, OR 97448 541-953-6162 (Cell)	Mobile Repairs, Technical Support Country Coach Parts kvn.wt.7629@gmail.com
<b>Kustom Coach Works</b>	Bobby Vodden PO Box 395, Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371	Custom audio/video installations KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com
<b>Mike's Mobile, RV Service</b> RVIA certified	Mike Woodard, Owner/Operator Gig Harbor and Kitsap County, WA, area Cell: 360-621-8496	mikesmobilervservice@yahoo.com Referred by: Russ Warren

Company	Contact	Service
<b>Oregon Motorcoach Center **</b>	29417 Airport Rd, Eugene, OR 97402 541-762-1505 Effective 01/03/2012: Current NWCC Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.* Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCC Honorary Lifetime Member	*Present your NWCC 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
<b>Premier RV Services</b>	Gary - 541-554-3997 Office: 541-998-2640 325 E First Ave, Junction City, OR 97448	Sales - Service - Storage premierrvstorage@gmail.com Referred by: Brian & Kay Case, Bend
<b>RCV Custom Coach Service</b>	Mobile RV Service and Upgrades 93076 Unit E, Hwy 99 So., Junction City, OR Or POB 41779, Eugene, OR 97404 Bob Vinson, Owner, Phone 541-870-6233 Text: 541-543-5625	Quality Solutions Brought to You Fax 541-359-1962 www.rcvcustomcoach.com bob@rcvcustomcoach.com Referred By Herb Harris and Cathy Lamb
<b>RV Glass Solutions</b>	Eugene, OR 888-777-6778 Doug Rutherford – former CC Service Manager www.RVGlassExperts.com	Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock. Call for a referral in your area.
<b>RV Service Pro</b> In the Puget Sound area	Mobile RV Service from Seattle to Olympia. Certified RV service and repair professionals for all your RV service and repairs 253-229-6209 www.rvservicepro.com	They do good work at fair prices. They overhauled my Aquahot for me. Recommended by Fred Dent
<b>Salem Brake and Wheel Inc.</b>	1235 12th Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 Kevin Smith, 503-581-3214	Alignment, Wheel Balance, Chassis Repair, Complete Brake Svc, Complete Service, Gas/Diesel Repair and More
<b>Silverleaf Electronics</b>	2472 SW Ferry St., Albany, OR 97322. 888-741-0259, 541-220-5494	Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System www.silverleafelectronics.com
<b>Specialty Crate, Inc</b> <b>Logistics Division</b>	41 North Danebo Ave. Eugene, OR 97402 Randy Stout 541-689-8840	Country Coach parts – chassis, body and house.
<b>Splendide (Westland Sales)</b>	15650 SE 102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015 503-655-2563	Washing machine repairs
<b>Specialty Marine and RV</b> 503-678-6501	Tom Dinsmore 20781 Olmstead Road NE Aurora, OR 97002	Diesel-powered coaches only Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services
<b>Washington Auto Carriage</b>	Terry Fout, General Manager 5301 E. Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA 99211 509-535-0363; 800-456-0363	24 Hour Emergency Mobile Service: (509) 534-9358 wac@waauto carriage.com Recommended by Fred Dent
<b>Watson Diesel Repair LLC</b>	PO Box 2478 Shelton, WA 98584 360-426-5255 watsondieselrepair.com	Services and repairs all diesel engines - primarily big rig trucks but also works on coaches.
<b>Winnebago/Country Coach</b> <b>Factory Service</b> Facebook: @WBCService 866-311-7133	135 East First Street Junction City, Oregon 97448 541-234-2167 Doug Beaudry, Service	Service Center www.countrycoach.com/coach-service-center/ **CC Apparel: http:// countrycoachwearables.promoshop.com

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](mailto:newsletter@nwccers.org)

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