



EVENT CALENDAR

All events sponsored by NWCCers unless noted by *

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2013 Calendar

May 16-19, Hoodspport, WA.
~ Frank and Dana Suttell.

***Aug 6-10, NW Area FMCA Rally Annual Meeting, "Come Fly With Us," Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR ~ FMCA.**

Aug 30-Sept 2, Labor Day Weekend at Andersen's on the Beach, Long Beach, WA ~ Fred Dent.

Sep 26-29, Guide Dogs for the Blind Graduation, Fairview RV (to be confirmed) ~ Wayne and Sarah Gabel, Wagonmasters.

Nov 19-24, NWCCers Thanksgiving, Fairview RV ~ Wagon Master TBA.



President's Corner



It's time to sweep out the RV, wash the windows and get out your spring RV checklist. Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog prognosticator, has declared an early spring this year! That means winter is almost over for most of us (East Coast blizzards notwithstanding). We just celebrated Mardis Gras together in Woodburn, Oregon (Les and Terry Apple, Wagon Masters) and are looking forward to oysters in Hoodspport in May hosted by Frank and Dana Suttell at Rest-a-While RV in Hoodspport, Washington, on Hoods Canal.

We still have some planning to do for the rest of the summer calendar, so watch future Newsletters for information as it becomes available. Got an idea or want to host something? Let your Board know what you are thinking and we can help make it happen.

This is the time of year to renew your chapter dues. Thank you to those who have already renewed. If you have not renewed your dues for 2013, you can do so either on our website at www.nwccers.org or use the form included in this Newsletter. Your annual dues pay for the monthly newsletter, club website, miscellaneous office expenses, part of the costs of a club rally and helps defray some of the costs for your National Director to represent you in FMCA.

This year, we have adopted Guide Dogs for the Blind as our chapter charity. Our goal is to make a donation at a Guide Dogs graduation in the fall. Donations are not required, but are certainly appreciated! We hope to have several ways at each function for everyone to participate. If you would like to make a direct donation, you can do so from our web site at www.nwccers.org/charity.

Speaking of our web site, it has a fresh new look for 2013, but is still a work in progress. If there is anything you would like added or changed, just let me know and I'll put it on my to-do list.

Is your coach ready for Spring? Check our web site for a handy checklist posted on the Service Directory page.

I hope this newsletter is finding everyone happy and well in the New Year.

Please let your Board know what we can do to help you enjoy your membership.

Fred Dent, President

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<http://www.nwccers.org>

DUES TIME

It's that time of year! The holidays, resolutions and our club dues. It helps if you can just check this off your list and send in your 25.00. The club has had a busy and fun year and your dues make that happen. For new members this fall, you are paid for this next year and a reminder to those that are a year ahead, you don't need to send more funds, you know who you are :) Treasurer Dana

NWCCers Charity for 2013



Blog: <http://guidedogs.blogspot.com/>
Donations: <http://www.guidedogs.com>
click Donate. Be sure to choose "This is an Honor/Memorial gift"
Enter Northwest Country Coachers for the Honoree

Join the NWCCers Yahoo Group

The Yahoo Group is a great way to share information in a quick manner. There is considerable conversation about parts, repairs and general items of interest. This site is even more popular as we all search for answers about our Country Coach. It's fun, informative and free. Contact Lee Casebeer at Lcasebeer@gmail.com.





Mardi Gras North

February 7-10, 2013



The Mardi Gras pictures say it all. We now have two King Rexes, including the one wearing the Tiara and carrying the Scepter. (Carrick and Beck) There was a silent auction for Guide Dogs for the Blind and we raised \$328 from the lovely items donated by attendees. We had ten coaches registered and one cancellation. Dinner of jambalayas and casseroles was fabulous. The cinnamon rolls were exquisite. s/Terry & Les, Wagon Masters



POSTMORTEM

Mardi Gras North





Mardi Gras North



So YUM



LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE, LET IT SHINE

Your Country Coach that is

By Fred Dent

Not an Advertisement – Cleaning tip from your President

I don't know about you, but washing and shining 45 feet of Country Coach can be a big job that takes most of the day. RV wash, Bug and Tar Remover, Glass Cleaner, Wax, Chrome Cleaner, Rubber Cleaner– Oh My! Not to mention collapsing extension poles, tangled hoses and rickety ladders. It's enough to make you hire someone for a couple hundred dollars to do it for you (well for me anyway).

How about reducing the project to less than two hours, even in the sun, with just one product (no ladder, no hose) and a non-collapsing extension pole? I found a great family of products (at the FMCA Redmond Convention in 2010) called Aero Cosmetics. The system was designed to clean airplanes quickly to reduce turnaround time in the hanger. It was modified only slightly for use on RVs and works great. The kit costs around \$179 and makes cleaning the coach a breeze (I'm not kidding). No, I'm not selling the product, just passing on a great cleaning product find.



The kit comes with a unique locking, telescoping pole that will fit any standard brush that you already have, degreaser, wash n' wax solution and all the pads you will ever need. I substituted Wash n' Wax concentrate for the gallon jug. You'll be happy you bought the kit just for the pole!

Notice in the picture that the mop head says "Dry" inside? The other side says "Wet." To clean your coach (fiberglass, aluminum, windows, rubber, bright work and all), simply spray an area, rub gently with the "Wet" side, then flip the mop head and polish the area with the dry side. You just cleaned and polished the area, leaving behind a protective coating!

When you are done, throw the mop head pads and the blue hand cloths in the washer and they are ready to use again.

This system does an amazing job even in the hot sun and can also be used when the coach is wet, although I haven't tried that yet.

They also make a line of specialty cleaners like Cabin Cleaner, Leather Care, Rubber Care and PolishAll for metal surfaces. For more information visit their web site at www.washwax.com or contact their representative:

Ken and Marilyn Murphy Associates
5621 S Broadway Ste 308, Tyler, TX 75703
214/361-9223
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Strange Happenings

This "RV" was seen in Las Vegas. The owner told me that they were on their way to an Ugly Motorhome Rally in the Desert near Quartzsite, AZ. He had high hopes of winning 1st prize in the Most Ugly Paint Job category. I could not disagree with him.



Lee Casebeer

Arizona Happy Hour

What happens when two or more NWCCers find themselves in the same RV park??

Well, a Happy Hour usually happens. Kris & Lee Casebeer and Annetta Gray & Logan Largent found themselves in the same RV park near Cottonwood, Az. Kris & Lee were there for a week while winter Snow-birding and Annetta & Logan are in their sixth year of full-time RV living and staying in the Verde Valley area for the winter.

The four caught up on past travels & coach experiences. Their last meeting was at last year's Yuma winter luncheon.

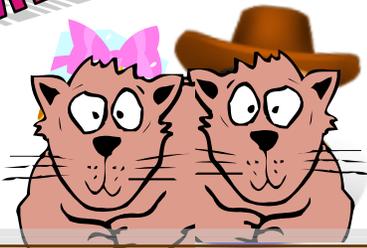
One common satisfying service that both couples have experienced is the excellent coach cabinet work performed by Scott & Bobby at Amazing Creations in Junction, City.

There have been many NWCCers with Amazing Creation upgrades in their Country Coaches.

If you have an interaction among NWCCers, think about sharing it with us in the newsletter.

Lee Casebeer

MEMBERS' CORNER



?????? Do we have your photograph ??????
NWCCers Photo Directory

Don't let this happen to you!!



We are preparing a Membership Photo Directory from our current database and collection of photographs that we have collected at various chapter functions over the past

few years, but we are missing lots of folks' pictures! If you have a favorite close-up photo you would like used or just want to be sure we have your photo, you can easily send it to us via our chapter web site. You will find a link on the left side of our home page or use this direct link <http://nwccers.org/Members/photoupdate.htm>. You can also find someone with a camera at a chapter function to capture your smiles for the directory.

*Sidetracks from
Herb Harris*

Hard to contain all the excitement around this new waterless RV toilet! But the jury is still out on the no smelly part—Herb

Inventor Flush With Excitement Over RV Toilet

Tue, 01/29/2013 - 1:49pm

Lousie Ronald, Palladium-Item December 4, 2012, by RV Business

RICHMOND, Ind. (AP) -- Rod Livingston of Richmond is hoping to become flush with success.

Livingston is the inventor of Dry-Flush, an odorless, waterless toilet designed for use in RVs and boats, now being manufactured in Connecticut and sold by distributors around the world. Livingston and his business partner have applied for patents for the toilet, the only waterless unit that has both flushing action and a bagging system for waste.

Though he has launched about a dozen products over the years, "this is the first one that looks like it's really going to take off," Livingston told the Palladium-Item (<http://pinews.co/X4rSOA>).

"There have to be a lot of things that fall into place just right" for an invention to succeed, he said. Not only does the product have to work, it has to be easy and cost-effective to build. In addition, there must be a need for the product, a market and the opportunity to take advantage of that market.

"The toilet is hitting all of these things right now," Livingston said.

Livingston majored in physics in college then went into the service. After he got out, his first job was with Discovision, a company that was working on a product that eventually became the compact disc. "We just invented stuff right and left."

Livingston hadn't thought of himself as an inventor before that, but "you just sort of get sucked into it. ... Of course, I had the facility for it, too," he said.

His work with CDs brought Livingston to Richmond to work with Cinram. When that work ended, he started his own company developing optical instruments, then went to work for an optical instrument company in Dayton, Ohio. When that work ended, the idea for Dry-Flush emerged.

Livingston had long been interested in owning an RV, but the self-proclaimed "geeky engineer" wanted to build rather than buy one. "I don't ever buy something I think I can make myself," he said.

As he began researching RVs, Livingston said, he dis-

covered the toilet systems were "pretty awful" — especially their smell. He was convinced he could do better.

The idea to use air pressure to create the flush that sends waste into a bag came to him pretty quickly. Making sure the bag didn't stink took much longer. "I spent most of a year experimenting," Livingston said.

Then he remembered working with metallic film while at Discovision. If adding a single layer of aluminum molecules to a bag could keep moisture out, maybe it would keep the smell in. It worked.

"That was an ah-hah moment," Livingston remembers.

The waste bag "keeps the odor in, just like a package of tuna or potato chips," he said. "Nothing can get through a very thin layer of metal like that."

Livingston teamed with Bob Roczynski, a former business partner who has a manufacturing facility in Hamden, Conn., to start Dry-Flush as a business.

Since the company started about a year ago, some 300 Dry-Flush toilets have been built and about 200 sold. "It's getting attention from the boating industry, RVs, airplanes," said Livingston. Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. is interested in using them in their custom helicopters.

The partners are working to get the cost of the toilets down. A unit costs \$420 and replacement cartridges come in packs of three for \$49.

Their other big challenge is marketing. "The bigger issue than trying to create something like this is trying to sell it," Livingston said.

Investing the time and energy into an invention is stressful, Livingston said. "When you're developing something like this, it's like you're in panic mode all the time.

"To me, it's like climbing a mountain. You're risking a lot. The chance of success is low. But that's what creates the excitement."

In spite of the stress, Livingston has some simple words of advice for anyone who has an idea for an invention: "Do it. Go build one."

NorthWest Country Coachers

Invoice for Membership Dues

December 2012

For: January 1 through December 31, 2013

Amount Due: \$25.00

Please send your payment to:

Dana Suttell
NorthWest Country Coachers
3965 Bethel RD SE
STE 1, PMB 32
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Please review your personal information so that we may update our records.

Name: _____

Co Pilot: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____

Cell(1) _____

Cell (2) _____

Alternate Address: _____

Email: _____

Our club now has the ability to accept your dues payment through PayPal. Please send us a check or request a PayPal Invoice to be sent to you by email to complete the transaction.

NorthWest Country Coachers

An FMCA Chapter, Chartered September 29, 2007, as a Local Northwest Area Country Coach Owner's 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:		
Street: _____	City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
More Information:		
*FMCA # _____	CCI # -Optional _____	Email Address: _____
Your Country Coach Information:		
Year: _____	Length: _____	Model: _____ Coach # _____

Emergency Contact:	
Contact: _____	Relationship _____
Phone: (____) _____	Address: _____
Special Medical Information: _____	

Your Special Interests: _____
Names and Types of Pets in Coach: _____
Your Favorite Activities: _____

*We are a chapter of FMCA; therefore, our members must also be current FMCA members.

Our annual membership fee is \$25 with an additional one-time \$25 application fee. Application dues received after September 31 will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following year.

Send your \$50 check (NWCCers Application fee + first-year dues) Payable to NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS to:

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Please join our yahoo group for continued communication and e-letters: NW-CC-ers@yahoogroups.com

Chapter Website: nwccers.org

Applicant Signatures

Driver _____ 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/NWCCers Relationship	Services
** Country Coach Corporation (2011) 135 East First Street Junction City, Oregon 97448 541-234-2167	Doug Beaudry, Service Manager Ask about service discounts for NWCCers	Service Center www.countrycoach.com/coach-service-center/ CC Apparel: http://countrycoachwearables.promoshop.com/
** Guaranty RV Center So Hwy 99, Junction City, OR 877/463-0067	NWCCers exclusive sales dealer NWCCer \$25 discount on retail service	Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales www.guarantyrv.com
Silverleaf Electronics 2472 SW Ferry St., Albany, OR 97322. 888/741-0259, 541/220-5494		Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System www.silverleafelectronics.com
Coach Solutions 3451 Kendra St Eugene, OR 97404 541/514-9000	Brian Van de Walker	House and Chassis Electrical; Audio/ Video including RTI Remotes Local service and Fly-in Anywhere USA
** Oregon Motorcoach Center 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 *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
Ollie's Fiberglass Lynnwood, WA 425/776-6040		Fiberglass repairs
RV Glass Solutions Eugene, OR 888/777-6778	Doug Rutherford – former CC Service Manager	Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock. Call for a referral in your area. www.RVGlassExperts.com
Specialty Crate, Inc Logistics Division 41 North Danebo Ave. Eugene, OR 97402	Randy Stout 541-689-8840	Country Coach parts – chassis, body and house.
Splendide (Westland Sales) 15650 SE 102 nd Ave Clackamas, OR 97015		Washing machine repairs
Salem Brake and Wheel Inc. 1235 12th Street SE Salem, OR 97302 503-581-3214	Kevin Smith	Alignment, Wheel Balance, Chassis Repair, Complete Brake Service, Complete Service, Gas/Diesel Repair, and More



Specialty Marine and RV 20781 Olmstead Road NE Aurora, OR 97002 503/678-6595 503/678-6501	Tom Dinsmore	Diesel powered coaches only Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services
Davis Cabinets 150 E 10 th Ave Junction City, OR 97448 541-998-8778	Shaun Davis	Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades www.daviscabinets.com
Amazing Creations 93150 B Prairie Rd Junction City, OR 541-556-0501	Scott Adams	Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com
Kustom Coach Works PO Box 395, Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371	Bobby Vodden	Custom audio/video installations KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com
Coach Masters of Bend 29525 Brandis Ct Bend, OR 97701 541-330-6863	Blake	Parts, Service, Repair Coachmasters@bendcable.com
Dave Root RV Glass Repair Bend, Or 541-280-3612	Dave Root	Reseals ,Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/
K&M Mobile R.V. Repair LLC 95430 Noraton Rd. Junction City, OR 97448 541-953-6162 (Cell)	Kevin Waite (Former Country Coach Service Tech. & Owner)	Mobile Repairs Technical Support Country Coach Parts kvn.wt.7629@gmail.com
Kaiser Brake and Alignment 265 Taylor St., Eugene, OR 97402 541-344-5887		Alignment, brakes, tires
JDRV Inc LaPine, OR 541-306-6473	John Davis	Service and Repairs
Three Rivers Mobile Detailing Salem, 503-580-9261 3riversmobiledetailing.com	Kael Beebe, Owner Referred by Herbert Harris	Pressure wash and hand wax coaches, cars and boats, Eugene OR to Longview WA.
Premier RV Services Sales - Service - Storage 325 E First Ave, Junction City, OR 97448 Office: 541-998-2640	Gary 541-554-3997 Referred by: Brian & Kay Case Bend, OR	premierrvstorage@gmail.com
Bend RV Repair 62980 Boyd Acres Rd. Unit A-2 Bend, Oregon 97701 541-388-5448	Jeff Spear Referred by Lee Casebeer & Tom Lowery	Complete RV Repair www.bendrvrepair.com
Brazel's Performance 3912 Harrison Avenue Centralia, WA 98531 877-786-1576	Alan Sanders Referred by Russell Warren	Alignment, suspension, maintenance, dynamometer, electrical & mechanical repairs shop. 50-amp sites and dump www.brazelsrv.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 *Rev. 02/14/2013*

