



EVENT CALENDAR

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2014 Calendar

Aug 8-9 FMCA Pre-Rally at Bend/Sisters Garden Resort
Lee & Kris Casebeer and Bill & Barb Holmes Rally Co-Masters

*Aug13-16 FMCA's 90th Family Reunion, Deschutes County Fair Grounds, Redmond, OR

Sept 11-14 Cannon Beach RV Resort, Cannon Beach, OR
Rod & Teresa Robbins Wagon Masters

Nov. 26-29 NWCCers Thanksgiving, Fairview RV~Wagon Masters: Lee and Kris Casebeer.



A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ABOUT NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS

Northwest Country Coachers RV Club was formed in 2007 as FMCA chapter representing the owners of Class A motorhomes manufactured by Country Coach Corporation. Our members are from the Pacific Northwest including but not limited to (Canada: British Columbia and Alberta, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana). We hold several rallies and socials from February through November every year normally in the Pacific NW area. But some of our members do venture to sunnier locals both solely or in groups to sunnier destinations in Arizona, California, Mexico and many other parts of our country. Our rallies are typically 3-4 day weekend gatherings that include meet and greets, potlucks, breakfasts, geocaching, group touring or solo exploration of the surrounding area and storytelling/visiting in the evenings. All activities are voluntary, skip breakfast and sleep in. Since we live in the Northwest we don't let the weather control our events. For the past several years we have started the season with a "Mardi Gras North" in March and ending with Thanksgiving feast in November. But we always welcome new places and ideas.

*We **welcome** all FMCA members to our events and encourage our members to invite their RV enthusiast friends to join us at our functions as well. We are an easy going non-judgmental club that doesn't take ourselves too seriously but we have lots of good times creating new memories !!*



Country Coach Destinations Magazine

The new Country Coach Corporation is publishing the Destinations magazine again and distributes it via E-Mail. Many of you have mentioned that you are not receiving the magazine and would like to.

If you are not receiving their magazine via e-mail and would like to then send them your e-mail address and a request to be added to the distribution list using their Contact Us form at: <http://www.countrycoach.com/contact-us/>

You can view the current and past issues of Destinations at: <http://www.countrycoach.com/category/destinations/>



NWCCers Charity for 2014

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President's Corner

August News Letter 2014



It's time to get ready for the rallies in August. The first is going to be at Sisters Garden Resort in Sisters, OR August 9 & 10. This is the pre-rally for the FMCA rally the following week. The wagon masters for the pre-rally are the Kris and Lee Casebeer along with Barb and Bill Holmes as Co-Rally Masters. This rally is full, with no more sites available.

Since our club is volunteering at the FMCA Rally we will leave Sisters, OR Sunday August 10th and move to Redmond, OR. Don and Barb Schleuse are coordinating the volunteer work for the seminars at the rally. Looks like each volunteer will be monitoring about 3 seminars.

Dana and I have got both our FMCA and Volunteer package explaining what is going on at the rally. We are packing accordingly. Average temps for Redmond are low 80's to record setting mid 90's. Don't forget your sunscreen.

Annual meeting will be held at the FMCA rally before the rally starts. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 12, in the morning at 9:00 in the Dairy Barn. We will need to elect some new officers. The nomination committee has the following recommendations:

Secretary: Sibylle Beck (new)
National Director : Don Schleuse (incumbent)
Associate National Director Herb Harris: (incumbent)

Right now the only business that I am aware of is the election of officers. If you have club business for the meeting please let me know before the meeting or bring it up at the meeting.

In September we have a rally at Cannon Beach, Oregon. I am looking forward to the event as the coast is always nice that time of year. Dana and I are going to the "Rod Run to the End of the World" at Long Beach the weekend before. We went to this event last year and had a lot of fun.

See you at Sisters Garden Resort in August.

Frank Suttell
President
NorthWest County Coachers

Our August High Desert Rally

As you read this article our August Rally is happening!!

Our **NorthWest Country Coachers** Central Oregon Sunshine Rally is prior to the **FMCA** International Rally, August 13th – 16th. The weather is going to be seasonally HOT as usual.

NWCCers's two day pre-rally is in progress at **The Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort** 4 miles east of Sisters, Oregon on Hwy 20 and 18 miles west of Redmond's Deschutes County fairgrounds...

The resort is a delightful garden oasis. We have 19 sites occupied near the lake. Our rally dates are Friday & Saturday **August 8th & 9th**. Five rigs are arriving a day early.

Karen & David Roberts are graciously hosting a Deli Style Buffet meal on the resort's patio Friday evening. Unfortunately, the Roberts are not able to attend, due to a family commitment in England. We appreciate Karen & David's hospitality & will miss their presence.

Saturday evening the resort is having a Pig Roast Bar-B-Que with live music. We have our own section reserved at that fun event. A local band, **Hanger 52**, is providing the music.

On Sunday evening, once we are settled at the fairgrounds, 17 of us are carpooling to a no-host sunset dinner near the top of Mt. Bachelor at the ski lodge restaurant. If you've never ridden a ski chairlift this was your opportunity for a thrilling ride on the mountain. If you are afraid of heights, this might be an activity that you wisely skipped.

After our Sisters rally, Don & Barbara Schleuse are leading a caravan of Coaches to the **FMCA** International Rally at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond. Our club members are volunteering as seminar monitors.

**Northwest Motor Home Area Association – FMCA
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Yakama Nation RV Park – Toppenish, WA
June 03, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. President Andy Balogh presiding and Kathie Balogh, Secretary, were both present. Executive Board Members Arvin Spofford, Kent Pratt, Judie Lehenbauer, Don Schleuse and Karen Pratt were in attendance. Judy Keppler was unable to attend. The meeting began with an invocation by Dennis Hill. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arvin Spofford.

The roll call was taken and chapter delegates identified for voting purposes. A quorum was established.

The readings of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived. It was moved to accept the minutes that were emailed previously to Executive Board Members, Chapter Officers and also on the Northwest Area website. The motion was seconded by Jim DeBord. The motion carried.

Karen Pratt, Treasurer, reported the balance on hand in our checking account as of May 31, 2014 is \$8,060.34. This balance is after transferring \$81,000.00 to savings upon recommendation of the bank. After this transfer, we have \$84,931.04 in savings. Therefore, our total cash on hand is \$92,991.38. The previous balance as of August 11, 2013 was \$142,064.67. This amount is before rally expenses were paid. The report was accepted and will be filed with the meeting minutes.

Andy announced a profit of \$24,054.97 was made at the Albany *Come Fly With Us* Rally in 2013.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee Report – Fred Royce, Chairman of the committee, presented a report from the committee. At this time, for the positions of Vice President, Kent Pratt, Bobbi Radford, and Don Schleuse are candidates. For the position of Secretary, Karen Pratt is running for the unfinished term of one year. Kathy McBride and Barbara Schleuse are running for the Treasurer position. There are others who have indicated that they will be submitting nominations. Nominations will be accepted by the Nominating Committee until August 1, 2014 and nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting.

Andy Balogh explained that two Vice President Positions are up for election in September. If there are only two candidates, both will win. If there are more than two candidates, the top two with the most votes win.

Audit Committee – Barbara Schleuse gave the Audit Committee Report; everything is in order. The Audit Report was accepted for file with the minutes.

Andy gave a report on FMCA membership, as of May 31, 2014; we had 76,397 members and 429 active chapters.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

Redmond Rally Update – There are currently 966 family coaches registered for Redmond. The target is 2000 family coaches. Andy announced that Bud and Marje are still looking for more volunteers. Please contact them if you know anyone who would like to volunteer. Volunteer arrival date is Sunday, August 10, 2014; with the exception of the Parking crew and Early Security. Early Security arrives on Saturday, August 9, 2014 and their meeting is at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Early Security begins on Sunday, August 10, 2014. Volunteers MUST register with FMCA in Cincinnati if paying on a Passport. If you want to park together, you must have the same services, i.e. all electric or all non-electric and arrive together. Couples must both be volunteers to attend the volunteer dinner.

Reunion coach display space has been sold out and more space can be made available if necessary. The indoor vendor space is close to selling out.

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RV owners should be concerned with maintaining its wastewater tanks. Problems with wastewater tanks can and should be avoided. Wastewater tank repair is expensive. Due to health concerns, many service facilities will not work on wastewater tanks and lines until the tanks have been completely emptied and sanitized. This may be quite difficult when the tank(s) is in need of repair. So, common sense dictates that the tanks should be kept relatively clean at all times. Additionally, improper use of the wastewater tanks can lead to a build up of solid wastes, which in itself may cause the system to fail.

I've discovered very simple, effective, and inexpensive methods of maintaining my wastewater tanks in a relatively clean condition at all times. I developed these methods myself through my understanding of chemistry, physics, and biology with a smidgen of common sense thrown in for good measure. I also read my RV owner's manual. Although we are not full time RVers we use our fifth wheel camper at least one weekend a month. We never use public bathing and toilet facilities. In other words, our wastewater tanks are fairly heavily used. Since I've met a number of RVers who don't seem to know how to maintain their wastewater tanks I thought many RVers would find my tips useful. If you have not been maintaining your tanks I believe you will be pleasantly surprised the first time you employ these tips. I do these things and they work.

RVs are equipped with waste water HOLDING tanks; NOT septic tanks. Those holding tanks are nothing more than chamber pots. Chamber pots should be cleaned and sanitized after their contents are disposed of. The Geo Method is based on this fact.

1. DUMP A FULL TANK

When you are camping and your RV is connected to a sewer/septic intake, leave the drain valves closed until the tank is full and ready to dump. Dumping a full tank provides a sufficient quantity of water to flush solids from the tank. Leaving the drain valves open allows the water to drain off without flushing out solid waste. That solid waste will collect in the tank(s) and cause problems over time. If your tanks are not full when you are ready to dump them, fill them with fresh water first, and then dump them.

2. DUMP TANKS IN ORDER FROM DIRTIEST TO CLEANEST

In other words, dump the black (commode) water tank first, then dump the galley tank, then dump the bathroom tank. This way you will be flushing out the dirtiest water with progressively cleaner water.

3. USE WATER SOFTENER, DETERGENT, and CHLORINE BLEACH

This stuff is amazing and it works. Buy a couple of boxes of powdered water softener at the grocery store. You'll find it located with or near the laundry detergent products. I prefer Calgon Water Softener because it dissolves quickly in water. Cheaper water softeners work just as well but dissolve more slowly. Dissolve two (2) cups of the water softener in a gallon of hot water. Then, pour the solution down the drain into the empty tank. Use two cups of softener for each wastewater tank in your RV. The tank's drain valve should be closed otherwise the softened water will just drain out. Then use the tank(s) normally until it is full and drain it normally. Add a cup of laundry detergent to the black (commode) water tank at the same time you add water softener. This will help clean the tank. The gray water tanks should already contain soap through normal use. Water softener makes the solid waste let go from the sides of the tanks. If you've ever taken a shower in softened water you know that after rinsing the soap from your body your skin will feel slick. That's because all the soap rinses away with soft water. Softened water also prevents soap scum from sticking in the tub. Get the connection? With softened water gunk washes away instead of sticking. The same thing applies to your RV's wastewater tanks.

I use a clear plastic elbow connector to attach my sewer drain line to the wastewater outlet on my RV. It allows me to see how well things are progressing during a wastewater dump. Before I began using water softener regularly the black water tank's water was brown, the galley tank's water was brownish, and the bathroom tank's water was white. The first time I added water softener to the tanks the water coming from the black water tank was actually black (not brown) and the kitchen tank's water was also black (not brownish). The bathroom tank's water remained white. That told me that the water softener had actually done what I had intended for it to do and made solid waste, which had been stuck to the interior of the tanks, let go and drain away. I added water softener (and laundry detergent to the black tank) to all the wastewater tanks for the next few dumps to be certain all the solid waste possible had been cleaned away. The wastewater only appeared black on the initial treatment. I now add water softener and detergent to each tank once after every few dumps to maintain the system.

Too little water softener may not be of sufficient concentration to work effectively. Too much water softener will NOT hurt the tanks. So, if the amount you used didn't quite do the job, then use more the next time. Don't forget the laundry detergent.

Occasionally, I pour a half gallon of liquid bleach into each tank to deodorize, sanitize and disinfect them. I add the bleach when the tank is about half full, and then continue to use the tank normally until it is full and ready to dump. I no longer use the blue toilet chemical because it isn't necessary. I have no odors coming from my black water tank. The chlorine bleach kills the bacteria, which is primarily responsible for waste water tank odor. Generic brand liquid bleach is cheap and very effective.

4. USE A WATER FILTER ON YOUR FRESH WATER INTAKE LINE

Most fresh water contains sediment. Sediment will accumulate in your wastewater tanks and your fresh water lines. It also tends to discolor your sinks, tub/shower, and commode. I use the disposable type and have found that they eventually fill up and begin restricting the fresh water flow resulting in low pressure. That's how I know it's time to get a new filter. It works, it's cheap, it avoids problems, do it. When I fill my fresh water tank I attach the filter to the end of the hose and fill the tank with filtered water.

SOME OTHER THOUGHTS

WATER, WATER, WATER - and more water! The Geo Method assumes you are hooked up to a plentiful clean water supply, and that you have access to a sewer. The water softener will make the gunk let go. That's only half the battle. After the gunk lets go it must then be flushed through the relatively small drain opening in the bottom of the tank. That takes water. Lots of water. I use a Flush King (Google it) to make rinsing more effective and faster.

CAUTION should be used when mixing chemicals. All I did when I came up with The Geo Method was use normal laundry products (water softener, laundry detergent, and chlorine bleach) and put them in the holding tanks which already contain water. I was NOT experimenting with chemicals. I simply applied laundry chemicals in normal combination to the waste water tanks. There are chemical products under your kitchen sink, in your laundry room, and in your garage that can injure or kill you when mixed. If you can do your laundry without harming yourself you can successfully employ The Geo Method. Don't go playing around with novel chemical combinations concocted from household products.

What was novel about The Geo Method was not in the combination of chemicals (all household laundry products intended to be used in combination) but in their application in cleaning RV waste water tanks. Common experience, if you've done laundry, tells you The Geo Method is safe. Doing laundry doesn't damage your washing machine, rot out your plumbing, or destroy waste water treatment systems. The Geo Method won't either. However, substituting other cleaning agents may not be safe.

There's nothing special or fragile about the materials used in RV plumbing. RV plumbing materials are made from the same stuff that household plumbing is made from. The problem arises in figuring out how to clean and sanitize the inaccessible interior of a holding tank. Water softener prevents gunk from adhering to the inside of the tanks, detergent removes the dirt, and chlorine bleach kills germs/odors. Soaking gives the chemicals time to work. Agitating the mix by driving down the road helps the process. Think of it this way; you can put some really nasty stuff in your washing machine, yet the inside of the washing machine doesn't get dirty. It stays clean - right? Same goes for your automatic dish washer. The same thing applies to RV holding tanks.

Those people who claim The Geo Method is somehow harmful just plain don't know what they're talking about. Their objections defy common sense and common experience. Anyone who thinks The Geo Method is harmful has a simple solution available to their simple minded concerns - don't use it. At one time, daily bathing was thought by some to be harmful to one's health, and many people argued against it advising others to remain dirty. Those who object to The Geo Method fall into the same category of enlightened thought.

Will The Geo Method work even if most of the time I'm NOT hooked up to water and sewer? YES! Just use common sense. If you dry camp ninety percent of the time just keep water softener and detergent in your tanks (especially the black tank) while you're dry camping. This will keep gunk from sticking to the tanks. When you are hooked up to sewer and water take the opportunity to fill the tanks with fresh water and flush the tanks. Keep flushing them until the water runs clear. I know it works because I've done it.

Never put regular toilet tissue in your RV's black tank. Only use toilet tissue which is approved for RV and/or septic tank use. Regular toilet tissue may eventually dissolve, but not before causing a clog in your black tank.

Occasionally traveling with partially filled wastewater tanks containing softened water and detergent promotes cleaning by agitating the water. The same goes for chlorine bleach.

I believe this process works faster and more efficiently during warm weather. However, I know it works well even during cool/cold weather.

The process works best the longer the water softener and detergent remains in the tanks. So, I don't add water softener during periods of heavy wastewater generation. I wait until I know we won't be generating wastewater quickly so that the softened water remains in the tanks for several days before dumping.

If you have an older RV you may have to use water softener and detergent several times initially to completely clean the tanks of residue. Water softener is NOT fabric softener, nor is it the rock salt used to recharge mechanical water softening systems.

Water softener is hard to find for a variety of reasons. Mostly it's because folks don't use it much. Most Wal-Mart's I've been to stock liquid Calgon. Even though I know exactly what I'm looking for I still have a hard time spotting it on the shelf. Please don't write to me asking where to buy it. Seek and ye shall find.

Liquid water softener, liquid laundry detergent, and liquid dishwashing detergent all work too. The key points are water softener and detergent. I prefer powder because it's cheaper by volume and weighs less by volume. I have plenty of cheap water on hand to hydrate it and pitch it down the commode and drains.

I add a small amount of chlorine bleach to the fresh water tank twice a year to disinfect and sanitize it and fresh water lines. A weak chlorine bleach solution will not hurt you. However, it certainly makes the water taste bad. When we have chlorine in the fresh water system we use bottled water for drinking and cooking until the chlorine is gone - or, you can drain the system and refill it. YES, we drink the filtered water that we have in the fresh water tank. NO, it has never tasted funny or caused any problems.

Folks write to me all the time saying their tank holds X gallons, so how much detergent and water softener should I use? I don't know. How could I? It will depend on the age of the RV, how much the tanks have been used, how well they've been rinsed in the past, how often they've been allowed to dry with crud in them, etc. I'll say this; brand new rigs shouldn't need The Geo Method for several dumps (6-12, or more - maybe less). An OLD rig will likely require a lot of detergent and water softener over several applications allowing the solution to soak for a week or more. Then, you'll have to do a lot of rinsing to wash the crud out the tank's drain. Without getting too graphic, I've helped a fellow who had never closed his black tank's drain valve. The experience of cleaning his tanks took forever and was literally nauseating - to both of us. I'll never, ever, do that again.

No, I do NOT do the ice cube thing. The Geo Method works without ice cubes. (Why not try walnuts instead? At least they won't melt within five minutes. No, I'm not serious.)

I don't believe these chemicals harm commercial septic tanks, if you think otherwise, then simply use The Geo Method only when dumping into a sewer system. Or, don't use it at all. It's your rig.

I've seen forum posts lately indicating that some RV parks are asking customers what kind of chemicals are in their waste water tanks, and in their cupboards. I find this hard to believe. It's none of their business. I feel no obligation to answer questions that the questioner has no business asking. Especially when I'll be penalized for a wrong answer. So, the correct answer that I would give is, "I don't use any chemicals at all." That should end the inquisition. If it goes beyond that it's time to take my business elsewhere. They most often need my business way more than I need their park.

My tanks are plastic and my pipes are PVC.

Don't be afraid to use your tanks. Just use common sense about their care and maintenance.

These tips are inexpensive to do. Some of them don't cost anything. You have nothing to lose in trying them and I encourage you to do so. I actually feel a certain amount of pride in the condition and cleanliness of both my waste and fresh water systems. Naturally, these tips make dumping a much more pleasant and sanitary procedure.

If you have odors in any of your water systems these procedures should eliminate them. Odors indicate a sanitary problem and degrade the enjoyment you derive from your RV.

When my RV is parked and not in use I place stoppers in the sink and tub drains. This forces the wastewater tanks to vent through the vent pipes to the outside instead of through the drains into the RV. Water evaporates. Once the drain traps dry out during periods of non-use, nothing is there to prevent gasses (odor) from venting into the camper. Use stoppers when your RV is stored.

PS - The reason this article is so long is that people write to me and ask questions. After I've answered the same question several times I incorporate it into the body of the article for the benefit of those who might ask again in the future. On the other hand, I've noticed complaints in various forums that the article is too long. Then again, I often get mail from people asking a question that's covered in the article.

Don't fret over this. Just try it, use enough to have a chemical effect, and you'll get the knack of it over time. Now, go out into this vast continent and enjoy your RV. Tell 'em Bruni sent you!! <GRIN>

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Submitted by: Rod Robbins



Redmond Northwest Area Gathering

The Northwest Area gathering during the Redmond convention will be held in Seminar 1, Middle Sister Building on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 3:15. All are welcome. Please come and meet some of your fellow Northwest Area members.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to Kathie Balogh who was elected National Vice President Northwest Area FMCA. She will be installed at the general meeting in Redmond.

Cutoff date is quickly approaching in about a week, we only have 5 spots left.

Resort website: www.cbrvresort.com
Street address: 340 Elk Creek Road
Cannon Beach, OR



CANNON BEACH OREGON

September 11, 2014 until departure on September 14, 2014

Reservation cutoff is August 10, 2014

The rally masters have reserved 15 sites for \$43.74 per night. If we have fewer than 10 coaches then it reverts to the normal daily rate of \$48.60. This includes use of the clubhouse, pool, and spa. Additional nights may be purchased at discounted rate. Email Teresa Robbins at ttrobbins@comcast.net with any questions.

NWCC Member Registration Fees: First Night's Stay: \$43.74
Rally Fee: \$10.00
Total: \$53.74

Non-Member Registration Fees: First Night's Stay: \$43.74
Rally Fee: \$10.00
Non-Member Fee: \$10.00
Total: \$63.74

Please Register online at nwccers.org or mail your reservation fee (\$53.74 for NWCC members or \$63.74 for non-members) to:

Dana Suttell
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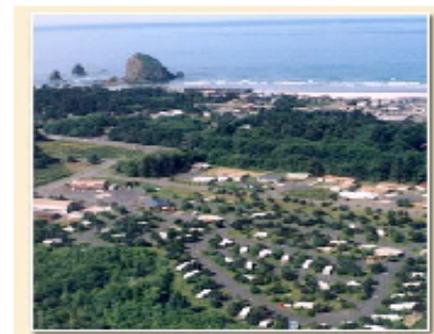
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Coach Length: _____ Towing: _____ yes _____ no

Number of people: _____

Member of NWCC: _____ yes _____ no

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____



THINGS TO DO IN OR NEAR CANNON BEACH

Tillamook Air Museum The Tillamook Air Museum is located in Tillamook, Oregon and offers a large collection of war birds. Housed in a former military blimp hangar, the museum now has one of the best world war II aircraft collections in the United States. Phone: (503) 842-1130 Website: www.tillamookair.com

Tillamook-TOUR THE CHEESE FACTORY

Visit the Cheese Factory for a sneak peek at how we do what we do. You can see where the cheese gets made!

Seaside Factory Outlet Center The Seaside Factory Outlet Center is located on the Oregon coast in Seaside, Oregon. The 100,000 square foot shopping center offers over 25 shops for Oregon coast travelers to explore. Some of the stores include: Bass Shoes & Apparel Black and Decker Book Warehouse Bruce's Candy Kitchen Carters Claire's Dress Barn / Dress Barn Woman Eddie Bauer Factory Brand Shoes [...]

Cannon Beach is an artistic haven recognized as one of America's 100 best art towns. Creative presence is evident in local architecture, public art, numerous galleries, community theater, and educational programs. Nestled between the majestic Pacific Ocean and the Coast Range, Cannon Beach is a showcase of remarkable natural areas where you may enjoy outdoor adventures ranging from bird watching to hiking and surfing or rejuvenating indoor relaxation practicing yoga or having a spa treatment. It's no wonder that National Geographic named it one of the world's 100 most beautiful places.

The name **Ecola State Park** is actually a bit of a misnomer since the area is now included as part of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Park. Clark designated the native word, "ikoli" meaning "whale". It is pronounced "E-co-lah", with a long "o". Situated a little more than two miles north of downtown Cannon Beach, the Park is accessed via the main road. The paved road heads out through a dense forest of old-growth Sitka Spruce and Western Hemlock. A fee of \$5.00 per car, per day is charged year round for day use. Visitors may park in either of two parking lots: one near the entrance, or at Indian Beach, which is near the north end of the Park. Whether you enjoy nature, photography, surfing, tide pooling, or simply a relaxing picnic at the beach, Ecola State Park has something for everyone.

Sea Lion Caves is a privately owned wildlife preserve and bird sanctuary (since 1932) centrally located just 11 miles north of Florence on the beautiful and rugged Oregon Coast. Sea Lion Caves is America's largest sea cave and the year-round home of the Steller sea lion, but sea lions are not always in the Cave. They are wild animals and we are not a zoo so these protected animals come and go as they please, as is their nature. There are times during the year when the sea lions may leave us completely, please call ahead for information

Astoria While the city of Astoria is home to approximately 10,000 people, it's estimated that 300,000 more visit the Astoria Column each year. The Column is among the most visited parks in the state of Oregon, and is one of the city's greatest attractions. Standing above the city—600 feet above sea level to be exact—the Astoria Column unleashes an unrivaled view of Young's Bay, the Coast Range, the mighty Columbia River, and in the distance—the Pacific Ocean. Its light shines each night as a silent testament to the pride, fortitude, and resolve of the people who settled the Pacific Northwest, and to those who live here today.



*Sidetracks from
Herb Harris*



IRVING, Texas — June brings the beginning of summer, vacations and peak RV travel season. Because of the cost of RV tires and the risk associated with blowouts on a large vehicle or towable, routinely maintaining an RV's tires is essential.

To help bring awareness to the importance of tire safety, Coach-Net, a trusted recreation vehicle industry partner for more than 25 years, is reminding RV owners to follow tire safety best practices during the week of June 1 to 7, which is National Tire Safety Week.

Coach-Net is supporting this awareness-raising initiative by sharing basic tire maintenance information and tire safety tips with RVers across the country — including Coach-Net members. The educational campaign will include a week of media outreach, as well as a series of informative social media alerts.

For more information on tire safety, visit <http://coach-net.com/tiresafety> to view Coach-Net's Tire Maintenance and Repair Guide.

"We are now in the peak season for camping and RV road trips, which is why we would like to remind RV owners about the importance of tire safety and maintenance," said Dan Lopez, vice president of Coach-Net Sales. "Coach-Net focuses on providing RVers with peace of mind and sharing information about safe RVing, so we encourage everyone to review the best practices we've compiled and to make tire safety a regular part of your RV maintenance routine.

"Along with making sure your RV is properly weight balanced and that your load does not exceed the limit for your unit, being able to spot weary tires and work tread is essential to help you avoid the inconvenience and expense of tire trouble when you're on the road," said Lopez.

To help take the sting out of those unexpected expenses, Coach-Net's Hazard Protect product, part of the company's Protect Suite (available through RV dealers nationwide), provides comprehensive tire and wheel hazard protection. With terms available from one to seven years, Hazard Protect covers all types of new and used recreational vehicles from common road hazards such as metal, nails, screws, potholes, glass and debris.

Additionally, the following tips, compiled by Coach-Net and available in the company's Tire Maintenance and Repair Guide, outline the fundamentals of tire maintenance in your RV care routine:

Tread — The days of measuring tread with a coin are long gone. All modern "P," "LT" and medium commercial tires have integral wear indicators built into the tread. These indicators are molded into several locations around the tread grooves. When the tread ribs become worn to the point where they're adjacent to an indicator, it's time for a new tire.

Pressure — There's no need for expensive digital readers. Use a simple rotary gauge at least once a month when the tires are cold (even a one-mile drive can result in an inaccurate reading). If you find you're regularly losing pressure from a tire, it's time to call in professional help to locate and rectify the problem. Your tire's pressure should match the recommended tire pressure for your vehicle.

Load Weight — A tire's ply rating describes the maximum load the manufacturer recommends the tire be used to carry (at a specified pressure). It is imperative that you calculate the correct minimum ply rating suitable for the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of your RV, and this should be done by a professional. Also, never overload your RV. Exceeding the GVWR is one of the leading causes of RV tire failure.

Balancing — New tires are balanced by the installer, using the perhaps familiar semi-circular lead weights that can often be seen clamped to wheel rims. Tire balancing eliminates vibration that would otherwise contribute to driver fatigue, premature tire wear and suspension failure. Missing weights should be replaced immediately.

Rotation — Rotating the tires on your vehicle is important to keep wear patterns even. If your operator's manual doesn't give a specific guidance, it's a good idea to do this once every six to ten thousand miles. This may not be practical while on an extended RV vacation, and may in fact be unnecessary so long as your inspections aren't revealing conspicuous wear on one corner.

Mixing Tires — To ensure good driver control, and to encourage vehicle stability, tires with different tread patterns, different sizes and mismatched internal constructions should never be mixed.

For more information on Coach-Net and Coach-Net's Hazard Protect product, visit www.coach-net.com.

SOURCE: Coach-Net press release

Ask Herb or Pat
Harris about
their adventures
in TEN SLEEP,
WYOMING



On behalf of all of us from NWCCer's we'd like to welcome the following new members !



Bob Vinson is now a NorthWest Country Coacher

The name Bob Vinson is very familiar with many Country Coach Owners. Bob & his wife, Cherish have joined our club. Bob has a long history with the Country Coach brand. He was a long time employee at the Country Coach Factory and a very familiar face at many past Country Coach Class Reunion rallies. After the CC factory closed Bob became the Service Manager at Oregon Motor Coach. Now he has started his own mobile motorhome service & repair business. He just opened a shop facility north of Junction City. Bob & Cherish live with their family in Eugene. Bob is involved with Sprint Car & Sprint Boat Racing. When not keeping other Motor Coaches functioning properly, Bob & family enjoy traveling in their 2002, 36 ft. Allure. Be assured that their Coach is one of the best maintained motorhome on the road. Bob will be at our Sisters rally as a service tech & a club member. Bob says he looks forward becoming better acquainted with club members.



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Larry & Linda Watland join the NorthWest Country Coachers

Larry retired from Precision Castparts Corporation after 42 years as Manufacturing / Engineering Manager, and was IT Manager during his last 5 years in Redmond Oregon. Linda retired from Amity Creek Elementary School in Bend after 10 years as a Special Education Teacher's Assistant and previously as a Graphics Arts Supervisor. They have been sailors most of their lives, and sailed locally, including the San Juan Islands, Columbia River, then sailed the Mediterranean and Caribbean in their later years enjoying the warm water. In 2012 they decided to get off the water and seek sunshine in their later years, and bought their first Land Yacht, a 2003 CC Magna, 42 ft. The Watlands have a home in Vancouver, Washington and plan on going south during the winter in their coach. This year they ventured on their first voyage to California, Nevada, and Arizona, and are currently booked for the month of February next year in Palm Springs. Linda & Larry plan on joining our NWCCer group to get acquainted in Cannon Beach this September.

Meet Bill & Lee Ann England

Bill and Lee Ann Englund both grew up in Oakland California but didn't meet until college. Their first years of marriage were spent in Glen Rock, New Jersey, where Bill worked in Manhattan, and later in Mansfield, Ohio. In 1975 they packed up a U Haul, the kids and dog and moved back to Walnut Creek, California. In California Bill started his own firm as an Environmental Graphic Designer focusing on designing sign programs for large facilities... hospitals, airports, civic buildings, prisons and entertainment/retail centers. Lee Ann was a stay at home Mom until their 2 children were in high school. She then went to work for the Walnut Creek Police Department part time. That part time job lasted almost 30 years. During those years she worked in Records, Property, Investigations and as an Administrative Assistant to the Chief. 5 of those years were spent "on the street" writing parking tickets...including a ticket to the then Governor. ..There's a story there... Growing up in northern California "water" was an important part of their recreational life. Bill spent his youth water skiing and at the beach in Santa Cruz. Lee Ann sailed San Francisco Bay. In the 80's they had a sailboat and then in the 90's they acquired a 38 foot sport fisher, joined 2 yacht clubs and cruised the San Francisco Bay and California Delta until 2007. Looking towards retirement and still wanting to be near the water and 4 grandkids...but out of California...they sold their boat and bought a home in Grants Pass, Oregon near the Rogue River. With the Oregon coast, and the many lakes in Oregon and Washington beckoning, they acquired a 32 foot Country Coach. That was replaced by a 36 foot Inspire and they now have a 42 foot Allure ..."Boppa's Beach House". Their Country Coaches have taken them all through the 11 western states and in July they'll add Alberta and British Columbia to the list. They look forward to their membership in Northwest Country Coachers ... making new friends and having new adventures. They are planning to go to the Redmond FMCA Rally and the NWCCer Pre-Rally in August.

The Mitochondrial Research Guild was contacted by a parent of a past mito child of Seattle Children's Hospital, Austin Wink, www.caringbridge.org/visit/austinwink to read their heart wrenching story. At age 2, Austin was diagnosed with Alpers, a mitochondrial disease. Austin lost his fight with the disease 10 months after his diagnoses.

Austin's dad is a geocacher and decided to have a geo tracking coin produced with Austin's picture and the guild's tag line, "Give Kids the Energy to Dream", to bring awareness to mitochondrial disease in Austin's name. All the proceeds from the coin will go to the Mitochondrial Research Guild for research.

Knowing that geocaching is popular with some NWCCers, and the commitment the club has made this year to the guild, we wanted to share with you another families experience with this devastating disease and what they too have gone through and the efforts they are making in their child's name. Please go to Caring Bridge and read Austin's story.

For you geocachers, please go to kc7dqm@gmail.com to order a numbered, tracking coin from Ed Wink for your caching. All proceeds go to Seattle Children's Hospital Mitochondrial Research Guild

An Alexandra update:

Alex recently had the surgical stabilizing plates from her reconstructive hip surgery removed and the surgery went well. Alex has not been sick in the past 3 months so it gives her body a much better chance to recover from her surgery. She has done so well it seems that getting those things out of her hips has set her free. She wants to move more and seems more free spirited, now getting even sillier with her sisters. Alex is motivated to be like and do things her sisters do. Although she has her limitations we do what we can for her to be a regular kid. She is putting two words together here and there and while we celebrate she acts like it's no big deal.

All in all Alex is doing very well. We find ourselves in a time we have not experienced much with her, no illness, crisis in her care, no surgery soon ,(probably the fall), and doing great things in her therapies.

Please go order a coin in memory of Austin.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and we hope to see you in Redmond.

Steve and Teresa Serex



to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams.”

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FIGHT
FOR OUR DREAM!



Mitochondrial Research Guild
GIVE KIDS THE ENERGY TO DREAM

Mark Your Calendars for the 12th Annual Cure for Mito Auction
Saturday, September 13, 2014
Willows Lodge

?????? 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.



NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS
An FMCA Chapter, Chartered September 29, 2007
Membership Application

Date: _____ Referred by: _____
Driver Name: _____ Co-Pilot Name: _____

Mailing Address:
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: Home : () _____ Drivers Cell: () _____ Co-Pilot Cell : () _____

Residence Address: if different than mailing.

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

More information: FMCA# _____

Driver E-Mail Address: _____ Co-Pilot Address: _____

Your Country Coach or SOB (some other brand) Information:

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

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Phone: () _____ Address: _____

Any Special Medical Information: _____

You're 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 (1) time \$25 application fee. Application dues received after November 31 will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following year. Your application fee includes two permanent name tags with the NWCCers logo and a rally fee waiver for your first rally.

Send your \$50 check (NWCCers App Fee + First year's dues payable to NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS to:
Dana Suttell, Treasurer (treasurer@nwccers.org)
3965 Bethel Rd. SE, Suite 1, PMB 32
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Applicant Signature Driver: _____ Co-Pilot/Driver: _____

Please join our yahoo group for continued communication and e-letters @ NW-CC-ers@yahoogroups.com
Chapter website is WWW.NWCCERS.ORG

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 |
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| Amazing Creations | Scott Adams 93150 B Prairie Rd Junction City, OR 541-556-0501 | Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com |
| Bend RV Repair | 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 |
| Brazel's Performance | 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 |
| Coach Masters of Bend | Blake 29525 Brandis Ct., Bend, OR 97701 541-330-6863 | Parts, Service, Repair Coachmasters@bendcable.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 & Fly-in Anywhere USA |
| 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 |
| Dave Root RV Glass Repair | Dave Root, Bend, OR 541-280-3612 | Reseals, Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/ |
| Davis Cabinets | 150 E 10 th Ave., Junction City, OR 97448 541-998-8778, Shaun Davis | Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades www.daviscabinets.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 |
| JDRV Inc. | John Davis LaPine, OR 541-306-6473 | Service and Repairs |
| Kaiser Brake and Alignment | 265 Taylor St., Eugene, OR 97402 541-344-5887 | Alignment, brakes, tires |
| K&M Mobile R.V. Repair LLC | 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 |

| Company | Contact | Service |
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| Kustom Coach Works | Bobby Vodden PO Box 395, Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371 | Custom audio/video installations KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com |
| Mike's Mobile RV Service | 5405 83rd Avenue NW Gig Harbor, WA 98335 (360) 621-8496 | RVIA Certified – Specializing in coach systems – serves Southwestern Washington |
| Ollie's Fiberglass | Lynnwood, WA 425/776-6040 | Fiberglass repairs |
| Oregon Motor coach 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 |
| Premier RV Services | 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 |
| RCV Custom Coach Service | Mobile RV Service and Upgrades POB 41779, Eugene, OR 97404 Bob Vinson, Owner, Phone 541-870-6233 Referred By Herb Harris and Cathy Lamb | Quality Solutions Brought to You Fax 541-359-1962 www.rcvcustomcoach.com bob@rcvcustomcoach.com |
| RV Glass Solutions | 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. |
| Salem Brake and Wheel Inc. | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Superior Tire Service | 33960 Old Willamette Hwy Eugene, OR 97405 541-744-2000 Referred by Don Schleuse | Participants in the FMCA Michelin Advantage Program |
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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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