



EVENT CALENDAR

All events sponsored by NWCCers unless noted by *

TENTATIVE 2015 Schedule

Feb- Mardi Gras North 2/12-15 Majestic RV Park

April- 4/23-26 Gig Harbor, WA Frank & Dana Suttell w/ Al & Ruth Sorensen

May- Salem, OR 5/14-17

June- StoneRidge Resort Blanchard, ID 6/11- 14 John & Cathy Lamb

July- Oregon Coast 7/16-19 TBT

August- ?????

Sept – Casey's on the River, OR 9/17-20 **Need host(s)**

Oct- Prosser Wine Country, WA 10/15-18 Harris/Becks

Nov-Hee Hee Illahee, Salem, OR 11/25-29 Thanksgiving

Dec-



president's Corner



December News Letter 2014

Dues are due for 2015. The good news is about half the members have already renewed.

Dana and I hope you all had a nice holiday. This year was a little different around the Suttell home. Isaac (our son) came up from LA to visit, but this year he brought his girlfriend. This is the first time that he has brought a girl home for us to meet. We enjoyed having him around for a few days. His girlfriend was very nice and we were happy to meet her. He also brought news that he got a job at Sony in the Play Station Division. This is a great opportunity for him and he starts in January, but requires relocating to San Francisco.

GO Seahawks. It looks they are headed to the division playoff.

The next 2 rallies are Mardi Gras North and Gig Harbor.

The Mardi Gras North Rally is February 2/12th to 15th at the Majestic RV Park in Puyallup. Bruno and Loretta Edinger are hosting the rally. Signups are going well with 5 coaches currently signed up. The Puyallup/Tacoma area has lots of local attractions.

The Gig Harbor Rally is April 23 to 26 at the Gig Harbor RV Resort. Dana and I are the hosts and Al and Ruth Sorensen have volunteered to co-host with us. We are looking forward to having a co-host.

So have you ever lost a fuel pump in a modern car? Isaac went to do some shopping in the toad. Dana and I were headed the other direction. Just before we got on the freeway Isaac called and said the car stalled on the freeway. I am thinking not good and we turned around to go home and get a code scanner before we went after them. In the mean time I am thinking tow truck to get it home. On the way home I came up with a better idea. When we got home I got the code scanner and loaded the truck up with the tow gear. Well it is a toad, it's just a matter of putting the tow equipment back on. I got to the car and checked for codes and there weren't any and that generally means fuel. So I installed the tow equipment and towed it home. There sure was a difference between towing the car between the motorhome and the pickup truck. After further diagnosis it was the fuel pump in the tank. Since I am replacing the fuel pump, the filter will also get replaced. Interesting to find out that the fuel filter is \$80 at NAPA. We were very fortunate that it happened close to home as I will be able to do the repair myself.

Dues are due. The treasurer (Dana Suttell) is ready to process your renewals now. Dues are now \$25 if paid for before January 31, otherwise they are \$30. If you want to pay for multiple years please talk to Dana to work out the details. Dues can be paid for via PayPal as well.

See you at the Mardi Gras North Rally in Puyallup, WA

Frank Suttell
President
Northwest County Coachers





SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION (SBA)

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

You can also donate by check (made payable to SBA) mailed to:
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PO Box 17427
Arlington, VA 22216

Northwest Country Coachers

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Chapter of FMCA

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www.nwccers.org
Webmaster: CathyLamb2014@gmail.com

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NW-CC-ers@yahoo.com

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/>

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

**Directory is
now online !!**
**Thank you
Cathy Lamb !!**

Don't let this happen to you!! 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.

Several of you have asked about the NWCC banners many of us fly at our rallies. They make a great presence wherever we are. Our coaches even made it on the evening news in Redmond at FMCA because the banners made us stand out. We have been asked to make another batch. We are now taking pre orders and when we have 6 we will have the printing done and complete them.

Total cost is 40.00. This includes the banner, pole, ground stake, bag and marker. They are ready to use when you receive them.

Please send your request to be on the waiting list to fdsutt@wavecable.com, or see the web site for an order form. We will collect the funds when we begin the construction process, and deliver at rallies. We currently have 4 on order and will begin making them after the holidays for a spring delivery. Thanks, Dana Suttell



Registration Form

Mardi Gras North Rally

**At Majestic Mobile Manor
In Puyallup WA**

February 12-15, 2015

Registration deadline is January 12th 2015

Majestic Mobile Manor

7022 River Road East

Puyallup, WA 98371

253-845-3144

800-348-3144

www.majesticrvpark.com

Make reservations directly with the RV Park.

Site rate is \$34.74 per night, which includes use of clubhouse.

Please fill out form with \$20.00 check to cover rally fee.

Nonmember \$30.00

Send to Dana Suttel

3965 Bethel Rd., Ste 1, PMB32

Port Orchard, OR 98366

Checks should be payable to

Northwest Country Coachers

Pilot _____ Copilot _____

ADDRESS

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

COACH LENGTH _____ TOWING YES _____ NO _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ MEMBER OF NWCC YES ___ NO ___

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

CONTACT: BRUNO OR LORETTA EDINGER @ 425-413-4008

OR E-MAIL BCEONL@AOL.COM

RVillage.com Beta

RVillage.com is THE place for RVers and RVer wannabes to connect. There is no other site like it for the RVing community. Find other travelers based upon similar interests, and remain connected through smart-mapping technology. All RV Groups and individuals are welcome to participate and embrace RVillage.

Built by RVers for RVers, the mission of RVillage is to provide a platform in which all RVers can find and connect with others in a current location, within an RV Park they are staying, at a future destination, and across the RVillage nationwide platform.

There currently are more than 12,000 members, including the Apples (Les and Terry), and Terry has started a group within RVillage for Northwest Country Coachers and others.

Submitted by : Terry Apple

2015 Tentative Rally Schedule

At the FMCA rally we discussed some pre-planning for the rally calendar for 2015. We had Bob Fite from the Puget Sounders Motor Coach Club as a guest speaker. He explained how they did their rallies and answered questions. He explained that they put their calendar together as much as two years in advance. This allowed them to get into places that might be otherwise booked and gave members a lot of time to plan their travels. They then got host and co-host who wanted to participate in a particular rally. If there was no host then the rally would be a no-host rally and members would just plan on the fly. **The following is a current work in progress.** Our tentative approach is to schedule the rally date and locations and hopefully the host will volunteer. We have some hosts but would also like to see co-hosts so don't be afraid to throw your name in if any of the locations interest you.

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

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

Rod Robbins VP

If you have any interest in hosting or co-hosting please e-mail me at rod.robbins@comcast.net

How You Can Reduce Condensation In Your RV

There are three main ways to reduce humidity in your RV,

1. Attacking the source of humidity
2. Ventilating your rig
3. Increasing the temperature of the air inside your rig

These simple changes will reduce the amount of condensation on your RV windows:

- **cover all pots and pans when cooking** – heating food releases water vapor and will increase humidity levels (water content in the air).
- **dry clothes outdoors** – as the clothes dry, water in the fabric fibers turns into water vapor in the air – increasing humidity.
- **use extractor fans** – these fans are normally mounted in bathrooms and in the ceiling of your RV. Use them when taking a shower or cooking – especially when boiling water.
- **increase the temperature inside your rig** – the amount of water that can be stored in the air is proportional to the temperature of the air. Although you can tolerate cool temperatures in your rig by wearing a hat or jacket, you'll have a harder time controlling the condensation that comes with low indoor temperatures.

improve window insulation – placing a DIY insulator on the inside of each of your RV windows will create a barrier between the air and the window's surface, reducing condensation.

briefly crack a window – as dry, outdoor air mixes with indoor air, the average moisture content inside your RV will decrease, slowing condensation formation. You don't have to keep the window open long, just a few minutes will help.

Taken from DIY RV

Pay Attention to that Beeping

Saturday, Dec. 27th was the Casebeer's first day on the road headed south for the winter, getting gone from Bend before next forecasted winter storm hit central Oregon.

At 17 miles north of Redding the Smart Tire warning alarm (Tire Pressure monitoring system) goes off (Beep, Beep, Beep) on the left front tire on the pick-up that we were towing. The first glance at that VERY Small, thumb size tire monitor display on the windy section of the crowded I-5 freeway indicated 42 psi pressure on troubled tire. Before I could change perimeters to check the other monitored items, like tire temperature, a car pulled alongside with window down & the passenger was pointing back toward the pick-up. Luckily, there was roadside room to immediately pull over. I got out of our coach to find the left front tire badly tilted inward at the top, the brake rotor glowing **BRIGHT RED**, and a small fire on the brake caliper (burning brake fluid). The flames went out, as I quickly started disconnecting the pick-up's tow bar connection from the Coach. Traveling a few more in that damaged condition could have ignited the tire that would not have been extinguished easily. In haste of disconnecting, I stepped over the draw bar onto a slanted roadside & badly twisted my right knee. I called **AAA** & had the disabled truck towed to the Chevrolet Dealer in Redding, CA.

That changed our plans from staying one night at Red Bluff **ELKs** to staying several nights at the Redding **ELKs** lodge RV site. Two cold beers in **ELKs** bar & glass of Wine with dinner did not make the badly swollen knee feel any better.

On Monday morning we got the bad news when service shop opened and assessed the damage. A wheel hub had failed & damaged many other parts as the wheel wobbled for several miles at 62 miles per hour. The new parts were ordered, installed and our truck was ready to travel by noon on New Year's Eve. The technician was motivated to get the job done quickly. It was the end of the pay period & he wanted our job on his next paycheck. One side task was required while the major repair work was being done. The damaged tire needed replaced. A new set of truck tires had been installed at by **Les Schwab**, in July. So getting a fully warranted new tire was a no brainer. Also a new wheel was needed, as the original was badly discolored from the heat of the glowing **Red Hot** brake rotor.

Boy, what a way to end 2014. The important moral to this story is when that tire monitoring system starts beeping at you, pay attention. It may not be a false alarm. If you do not have a tire monitoring system, May Good Luck be with you on your travels. Keep one eye in the rear view mirror for smoke and hope that a Good Samaritan gives you a warning signal in time. In that case an easily accessed fire extinguisher in your tow vehicle is a wise choice of accessories.

The twisted knee is slowing getting better. I'm still walking with a limp. Hopefully muscle strengthening exercises will get it back to normal in a couple weeks. I have a Car Races to Flag at California Speedway the 3rd weekend in January. Happy & Safe Travels, Lee Casebeer

Hi, Teresa. I had a couple of the "newbies" ask about where we got our shirts, so I thought maybe it might be time to re-cycle the article that we put in a couple of years ago. If you don't need it for the next issue, just scrap it. *If you have any questions, just give me a call.*
Happy September!
Glenda (Vern, too!

In 2009, after the occasional off-hand remark by one NWCC member or another, some of the members agreed that it would be nice to have a "club" shirt with a logo representational of the special character of our club. To that end, we set about finding something that might work. We had worked with a lady named Colleen while developing an embroidery pattern for the high school equestrian team with which our daughter and granddaughters have been affiliated. When we saw her at one of the meets in early 2009, she let us browse through all of her catalogs. When we found a design that we thought might do the job and determined that it would be possible to incorporate the CC logo in the finished picture, we sent the idea to the Board for approval. When we next saw Colleen, we sat down at her computer and set up the program for the design on the shirts that were purchased in time for the rally and annual meeting at Premier in Salem in August, 2009, and that you'll see being sported at rallies.

Then, in 2010, a permanent logo was developed which we now see as the banner on all official documents, our newsletter and our badges. It seemed appropriate to contact Colleen once more to see what she could do about setting up the new image in case someone would like to have it embroidered on a shirt. Her reply was, "No problem!" and she added it to her files. She subsequently put the new logo on a couple of shirts already in our closet and assured me that the logos can be embroidered on nearly anything anyone might want decorated. (She did some camp-chair backs for us recently and also put our names on the "everybody-has-one" carry bags that get so much use at the rallies.)

Colleen keeps both of our NWCC logos in her files, and will gladly put either (or both) of them on one of the many garments in the catalogs on her website, or on one already in your closet. She's very accommodating that way and will adapt to your needs. She travels to equine events around the Northwest during the season, and may even be at a show near your hometown. Her website calendar will tell you where she'll be next, if not at home in Corvallis.

Check out her website if you're interested. She might even have some designs in her catalog for other projects you may have in mind. Tell her Glenda sent you, and, before you ask, no, I'm not on the payroll. I just think she does good work at reasonable prices.

www.beelartembroidery.com CELL: 541-740-2943



I have sent the final payment to the Mitochondrial Research Guild. With donations at our events and direct donations, we raised 4321.25. It was a wonderful effort from the whole club.

Dana



NorthWest Country Coachers
Membership Dues – Renewal for
Jan. 1 – December 31, 2015

AMOUNT DUE (if paid before 2/1/15): \$25.00

*****Fees paid 2/1/15 and later are \$30.00*****

Please send your payment (payable to NorthWest Country Coachers) 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.

Pilot's Name: _____

Co-Pilot's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____

Cell (1): _____

Cell (2): _____

Alternate Address: _____

Email: _____

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

Date: _____ Referred by: _____

Pilot name: _____ Co-Pilot name: _____

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

Mailing Address:

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

Phone(s):

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

Residence address (if different from mailing):

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

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

Pilot email: _____ Co-Pilot email: _____

Coach information:

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

Emergency Contact Info: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone () _____ Address: _____

Any special medical information: _____

Your special interests: _____

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

Favorite Activities: _____

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

Dana Suttel, Treasurer
3965 Bethel Rd SE, Ste. 1, PMB 22
Port Orchard, WA 98366

email: treasurer@nwccers.org

Please join our Yahoo group for continued communication and emails:

NW-CC-ers@yahoo.com

Chapter website: www.nwccers.org

Signatures:

Pilot: _____ Co-Pilot: _____

NWCCers Directory for CC Service and Parts

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

Company	Contact	Service
Amazing Creations	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
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

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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