



EVENT CALENDAR

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2015 Calendar

Sep 14-16, Casey's on the River, OR ~ Sarah & Wayne Gabel and Scotty & Louise Bliss. See info and registration form in this issue.

Oct 15-18, Prosser Wine Country, WA ~ Richard & Sibylle Beck and Herb & Pat Harris. See info and registration form in this issue.

Nov 25-29, Thanksgiving, Hee Hee Illahee RV Park, Salem, OR ~ Don & Barbara Schleuse and Les & Terry Apple.

2016 Calendar

See tentative schedule in this issue.



President's Corner



August was another quiet month for the club. Several of us went to the Power Land Steam Up in Benton Oregon. Friday night, Serex, Edingers, and Suttells had a fabulous dinner at the Becks. We met up at Power Land the next day and explored the Steam Up, an event where old steam engines and gas engines are powered up. It was interesting to see the history of what could best be

described as the industrial revolution. Much of the equipment was in use when transitioning from horses to steam and gas power. We had ice cream that was made by a steam-powered churn. Everyone enjoyed the event.



Casey's in Westfir, Oregon, is coming up September 14-17. Sara and Wayne Gable are hosting with Louise and Scotty Bliss co-hosting. This is going to be a mid-week rally and there currently are 17 coaches signed up. This Rally is full.

Our annual meeting will be at the Casey's Rally. The agenda is
⇒ Elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer
⇒ By-Law changes (See Notification in Newsletter)
⇒ Charity for 2016

If you have club business you want addressed at the meeting, let me know so we can include it in the agenda.

For the past several months, we have been asking for a volunteer to be club webmaster as Cathy Lamb has stepped down. The Club web site is an integral part of our operation and having it is essential. Fred Dent is the only one that has expressed interest in being the Webmaster, but he will not be available until April 2016. The Board of Directors determined that we should move the web site to an open-source software. The new software will be WordPress. The club has hired a person to do the conversion and provide some training for the new webmaster. As the pages are updated, you will see some differences between the current site and the new site. Thank you for your patience and the Club thanks Cathy for her service. She did a great job updating the site to what it is today.

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President's Corner - Continued

In October, we are having a Rally in Prosser, Washington. Becks and Harris are hosting this event. Sign up for this rally is going well with nine coaches already signed up.

In July, I fixed some creeping window seals and replaced my refrigerator. Last month, I had a writeup for the windows and said I would cover the refrigerator this month. My refrigerator adventure is included in this month's newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Casey's Rally and the annual meeting.

Frank Suttell, President
Northwest County Coachers



NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTES

Hello everyone. Following are preferences for newsletter submissions:

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

Thanks. s/Terry Apple

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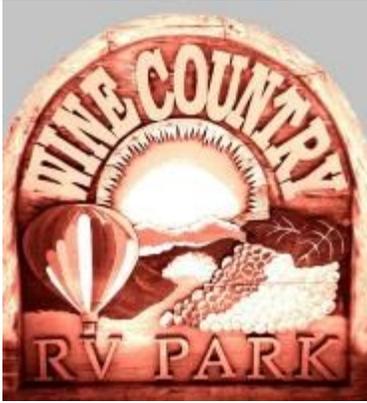
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Wine Country RV Park

330 Merlot Drive

Prosser, WA 99350

<http://www.winecountryrvpark.com>

Phone: 509.786.5192

October 15-18, 2015

Reservation Deadline is October 1

Your Wagonmasters, Herb and Pat Harris and Richard and Sibylle Beck, went on a pre-rally reconnaissance trip to Prosser earlier this month to plan some fun activities for the October rally. We toured several wineries, vineyards, restaurants and places of interest, we can report. This will be a fun event.

When you arrive on Thursday, 10/15, you will have time to visit the Vintner's Village right next door to the Wine Country RV Park. Most valley wineries now have a \$5 tasting fee, but this fee is waived with a wine purchase. That evening, plan on a casual heavy hors d'oeuvre potluck and a "meet and greet" get together with a wine tasting of some of the local wines.

After a continental breakfast on Friday morning, we will be heading to [Hedges Family Estate](#) Winery Chateau for a private tour and picnic lunch. The grounds are beautiful, and there is plenty to see for everyone. If we are lucky, we can tour the Italian-style kitchen and watch bread making in the wood-fired winery bakery. After lunch, you may want to head a little farther east to [Country Mercantile](#) in Richland. This is a fun country store with lots of interesting items. The Reach Museum highlighting valley history is recommended and is also in Richland. Friday evening no-host dinner reservations for the group are made at [Jeremy's 1896 Public House](#) in Prosser.

On Saturday morning after a continental breakfast, we will be heading to Yakima Valley Community College Vineyard and Winery Technology Department for a behind the scenes tour of the school vineyard and winery facility, from "Grapes to Glass." There will be a vineyard tour, sensory evaluation, food and wine pairing stations and lots of information about the winemaking process. There is a \$10 per person charge for this event; but, if you purchase wine, it will be credited toward the purchase price. Recommended for lunch are two fun restaurants, the Horse Heaven Saloon and Wine O'Clock Wine Bar, both very good and in Prosser. Saturday afternoon can be yours to explore the area on your own. We will have lots of ideas of things to do and see.

Saturday evening, there will be a Wine Raffle to raise money for our Spina Bifida charity. Your ticket to dinner will be one bottle of wine per coach (or your favorite bottled beverage), and we will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each to raise money for this worthy charity. Your hosts will be providing Saturday evening's surprise dinner entree, and we will ask for you to provide the side dishes and dessert.

Your Wagonmasters will provide breakfast on Sunday morning to send you on your way home. This will be a fun rally, and we hope you can make it.





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330 Merlot Drive
Prosser, WA 99350

<http://www.winecountryrvpark.com>

Phone: 509.786.5192

October 15-18, 2015

Reservation Deadline is October 1

Join us for a fun weekend of winery visits and tastings. We have reserved 20 sites for our rally. *You will need to call Wine Country RV directly to sign up for your spot.* Just mention that you are with the NorthWest Country Coachers rally.

All Sites 55' pull throughs with Full Hookups
Site Options and Fees with Group Discount:
Concrete Pad with cable - \$39.89/night
Gravel Pad w/o cable - \$37.95/night

There is a lot to do and see in the beautiful Yakima Valley. This highly rated park is located right next to Vintner's Village in downtown Prosser. There is a number of small wineries and tasting rooms in the Village within walking distance from the park (which will be a boon for some of us). We're planning now for a private tour at two large, but very different and interesting, local wineries; it will be a fun event. There will be a potluck dinner one evening, an open night for you to explore the local dinner houses, and there also will be a no-host dinner scheduled at a local restaurant with in-house tasting just in case you have not been able to make it to all the events! A continental breakfast will be available in the club house in the mornings to get you started right on your day, and there will be open time daily for touring the valley and to have time to find a fun place for a no-host lunch. To get you started, here are the websites for some of the local attractions:

[Prosser Chamber of Commerce](http://www.prosserchamber.org/) — <http://www.prosserchamber.org/>

[Prosser Vintners Village](http://prosservintnersvillage.com/) — <http://prosservintnersvillage.com/>

If you have any questions, e-mail or call your Rally Masters, Herb & Pat Harris (herbharris9@gmail.com 360.430.3697) or Richard & Sibylle Beck (sib@nu-teksupply.com 503.399.0636).

NWCC Member Registration Fees:

Rally Fee: \$35.00

NWCC Non-Member Registration Fees:

Rally Fee: \$45.00

Total: _____

Pilot: _____

Co-Pilot: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

Member of NWCC: _____ yes _____ no Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Please register online at NWCCers.org
or mail your reservation fee and this form
to:

Dana Suttell, NWCC
3965 Bethel RD SE, Ste 1 Box 32
Port Orchard, WA 98366

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

September 14-16

Casey's Riverside RV Park

46443 Westfir Road
Westfir, OR 97492

This rally will run Monday through Wednesday, departing on Thursday a.m. This is a **very popular** park and there are groups ahead of and behind us. The park is located a short distance off Highway 58, about 35 miles SE of Eugene, on the beautiful Willamette River. Fall is a beautiful time of year in this area.

We have reserved 15 riverfront sites. The Trailer Life rating is 10/10/10 and it has certainly earned these high marks. All sites are paved and there is free wi-fi. Morning coffee and pastries, a biscuits & gravy breakfast, happy hours each afternoon with light appetizers, a potluck dinner with pork roast furnished by the Club, possibly a no-host dinner at a nearby Chinese restaurant All are in the works for our gathering. This will be a very laid-back rally with plenty of time for relaxing and watching the river roll by. We've seen kayakers and drift-boat fishermen glide past and it's always relaxing to just sit back, relax and listen to the water rippling over the rocks. There will be plenty of free time for exploring the area, riding the nearby tram, etc. And, hopefully, we'll find time to practice our line dancing with Club Member/Teacher Carol Eckhart.

The nightly RV parking fee for riverfront pull-through sites is \$40.33, which includes taxes. The rally fee is \$25/couple (FMCA) or \$35/couple (non-FMCA), which should be paid to Dana Suttell or via Pay Pal. **Make check payable to Northwest Country Coachers.**

Fill out the registration form and get your reservation in early. **Call Casey's directly to reserve your site, (541) 782-1906, and mention that you are with the Northwest Country Coachers.** They will ask for a credit card as payment for your first night's stay.

We are excited to have you join us, so be sure to get your reservation in as soon as you can. If we fill the 15 riverfront sites, we hope that there will be additional sites for more ralliers. The park has a very spacious clubhouse for our use as well as an open-air pavilion with picnic tables. They also have a soft ice cream dispenser where you can serve your own cone or dish for just \$1.

We are looking forward to a great gathering of friends, new and old, and a wonderful rally.

Sarah and Wayne Gabel, Wagonmasters
Louise and Scotty Bliss, Co-Wagonmasters



FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS

The Governing Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. This was a rather short meeting in that it commenced at 9AM and was concluded at 3:45PM. Issues were voted on along with voting for National Officers. Incumbents Charlie Adcock (president), Jon Walker (vice president), and Percy Bell (treasurer) were reelected for another two-year term. Gaye Young was newly elected to National Secretary.

Items of note:

Staples will now offer FMCA members a discount on purchases. This benefit will be available soon.

FMCAssist has been funded for another year. We are able to fund the program out of investment earnings and not withdraw from principal. It is important to note that if you have cause to use FMCAssist, you must call them first, right after calling 911. The program will not reimburse you for your out-of-pocket expenses. I am having some of the latest brochures sent to me and I will forward them to Frank so they will be available at the next campout.

The Governing Board approved Springfield, MA, as the site for the 2016 summer family reunion and Chandler, AZ, as the site for the winter convention in 2017.

This is a brief rundown of the meeting, hitting on points that are of immediate value to the members. A more in-depth discussion will be in the September edition of the newsletter.

Don Schleuse, National Director



2016 Rally Schedule

February 4-6, Mardi Gras, Puyallup, WA, Bruno & Loretta Edinger

June 18-21, FMCA Pre-Rally, McMinnville, OR, Scotty & Louise Bliss

June 23-26, FMCA Area Rally, Albany, OR. No Hosts, but we plan to drive over as a group*

July 23-26 or 25-28 or TBD, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Holiday RV, Phoenix, OR, Bev & Mike Carrick and David Glenn & Kathy Esslinger

Aug 11-14, Leavenworth, WA, Alan & Ruth Sorensen

Sept 1-5, Anderson's RV, Long Beach, WA, Fred Dent

Sept 22-25, Prosser Balloon Festival, a joint rally with the Puget Sounders at Wine Country RV Park, Prosser, WA, Rod & Teresa Robbins

Nov 23-28, Thanksgiving, Place and Hosts TBD

All dates are subject to change as the plans firm up. Please share with your board any ideas you have for locations for future rallies and consider hosting a fun weekend with your club.

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?????? Do we have your photograph ??????



NWCCers Photo Directory is now online !!

If you have a favorite close-up photo you would like used, 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.

Refrigerator Replacement in my 2000 Country Coach Magna

By Frank Suttell

Background. Our refrigerator was a Dometic side by side. Performance was OK, but it used a lot of energy. My coach has a power monitoring panel and it seemed the Dometic ran almost continuously. Although it ran a lot, it cooled just fine even when it was 95 degrees outside. To check how much electricity it was using, I plugged it into a "Kill-A-Watt" meter. In April when I started our RV season, we turned on the Dometic and plugged it into the meter. After running 2000 hours, the predicted cost was \$154/year (@ .10Kw/hour). Residential refrigerators use significantly less electricity.

Although the Dometic was working fine, it was 15 years old and I would eventually need to do something. Replacing it would cost about \$4K for a new Dometic refrigerator or I would be replacing parts. The cooling coils cost about \$1K and the electronic modules aren't cheap. Based on the cost and energy usage, we decided that if we could find a residential refrigerator that fit our needs we would go that route.

Residential refrigerator replacements in coaches got my interest as they are more efficient. Since we do most of our RVing on the grid, we felt that a residential refrigerator would work for us. When not on the grid, we have an inverter that would pick up the load; however, we have a relatively small battery bank (4 golf cart batteries).

Many people switching to residential refrigerators are using a Samsung refrigerator that is larger than the Dometic 14-1/2-cubic-foot refrigerator it replaces. This modification requires the removal of the two drawers below the Dometic. We decided that we wanted keep the drawers if possible, so we took the dimensions of the cabinet opening and started a search. We found a Hotpoint apartment refrigerator that would fit in the opening. It is a very basic refrigerator, but is the same 14-1/2 cubic feet as the Dometic it was to replace. We purchased it at Home Depot on sale and now we had to install it.

While waiting to install the new refrigerator, we plugged it into the "Kill-A-Watt" meter and turned it on. The yearly cost was \$20 a year to run it, which is significantly less than the Dometic. When running, it draws only about .75 amps, although more on the defrost cycle. The Dometic draws 3.5 amps when running. I calculated the Hotpoint duty cycle at running 25% of the time at 92 watts; whereas, the Dometic duty cycle was calculated at running 42% of the time at 420 watts. Since it is a basic refrigerator, there is no current draw when it is off. I figured that was a plus when running on the inverter.



The first part of the install required removing the old unit. I built a cart to help with moving the refrigerators around and used 1/8-tempered hardboard as protection for the floor.

I started by removing the doors and all front controls. I was disappointed in how the connections were made. The circuit board had to be disconnected to get the connectors off and all the switches had to be disconnected at the switch as there was

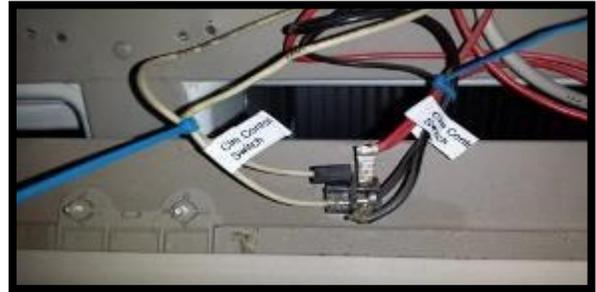
no harness. I Ty-wrapped and labeled the connections so they could be restored if desired.

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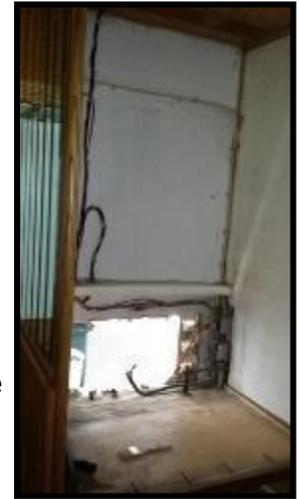
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Then, went to the back side and disconnected and capped the gas and electrical connections.

After the unit was disconnected, I removed the six screws holding the unit in the cabinet. There were two screws in the front top and bottom and bottom back. The unit is sealed around the front. This seal is important to the refrigerator operation and keeps the gas exhaust outside the coach. Once the seal was broken, I scooted the unit out onto the cart.

Once the unit was out, I inspected the cabinet. I have heard that some people have found burned areas in the cabinet after removing the unit. The only damage was on the floor where it got wet and some of the



plywood veneers were loose. I cleaned up the area and painted it with two coats of polyester resin. I felt that would make it impervious to moisture.



After the unit was removed and the area cleaned, I re-measured the opening. The gas line was 24 inches from the front edge. This would have worked, but I wanted to have the new refrigerator box flush with the front of the cabinet. This required moving the gas line back an inch. After it was moved, I re-caulked the opening.

The old unit from the coach. I was concerned about the weight of the old unit, so we removed the cooling coils. This reduced the weight significantly. The new refrigerator weighs about 150 with the doors on, but they came off so it would fit through the window. On my coach, the window is about 80 inches from the ground, so I had to come up with something to get the refrigerator through the window and on the ground.

The next step was to remove



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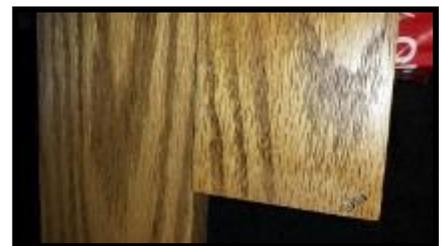
I don't own a forklift, so I built staging in my pickup and a table in the coach. The idea was to be able to push the old one out and the new one in without struggling to lift the units through the window. I also made the staging in the truck so that it could be moved forward. This allowed the refrigerator to be set on the tailgate when lifting the old unit down and the new unit up. Once we backed up the truck to the coach we adjusted the coach so the staging lined up with the window opening.



So, out with the old and in with the new. I used 1/8-inch tempered hardboard to protect the refrigerators.



Once the new refrigerator was inside, we set it on the cart. There was supposed to be about an inch between the top and ceiling. That's about what it is. We rolled the cart to the opening and did a test fit and it slid right in.



Putting the top door on was a little tricky with so little room between the ceiling and refrigerator. I removed the trim around the vent in the kitchen and used that



space to put the fasteners in the hinge and upper mounting bracket.

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This is the test fit with the doors on.



The next step was to make the filler panels on each side. I got 2 pieces of red oak and cut them down, one was

3 1/2 inches and the other side was 4 inches. We found some stain that was very close to the original color and stained and varnished the wood pieces. The pieces with the holes is the original trim above the refrigerator, the other piece is the new trim. I drilled the back for pocket



screws and attached the new pieces.



Since the new refrigerator was narrower than the original, I added 2-inch foam covered with headliner material on each side on the cabinet. I thought this might make it quieter when it was running. I



also removed the foam baffle as the new one does not need it. We also used black felt across the top to add a finished look.

I filled the top vent with 2-inch foam from each side. I made an upper mount out of a piece of thin flat bar. It runs between the front of the refrigerator and the top vent. I installed the strap before



I put the foam in. The foam was sealed with duct tape.

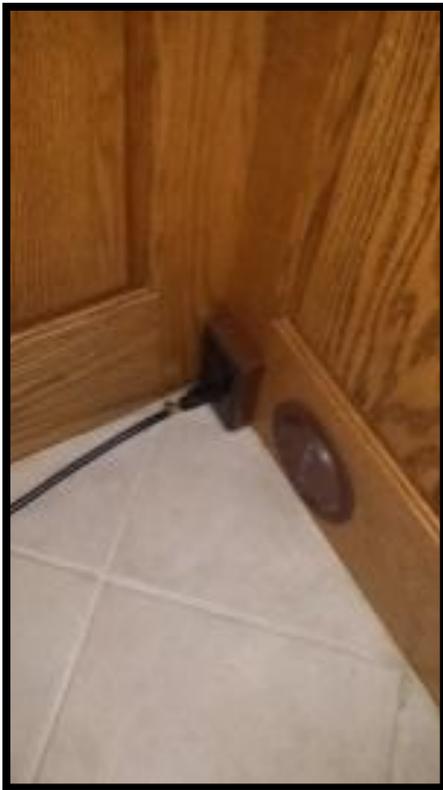
This refrigerator had leveling feet in the front, so after it was rolled into place, I adjusted the feet so it would not roll. For the front mounting, I made some clips that attached to the feet, and used angle brackets for the back. The refrigerator has five mounting points.

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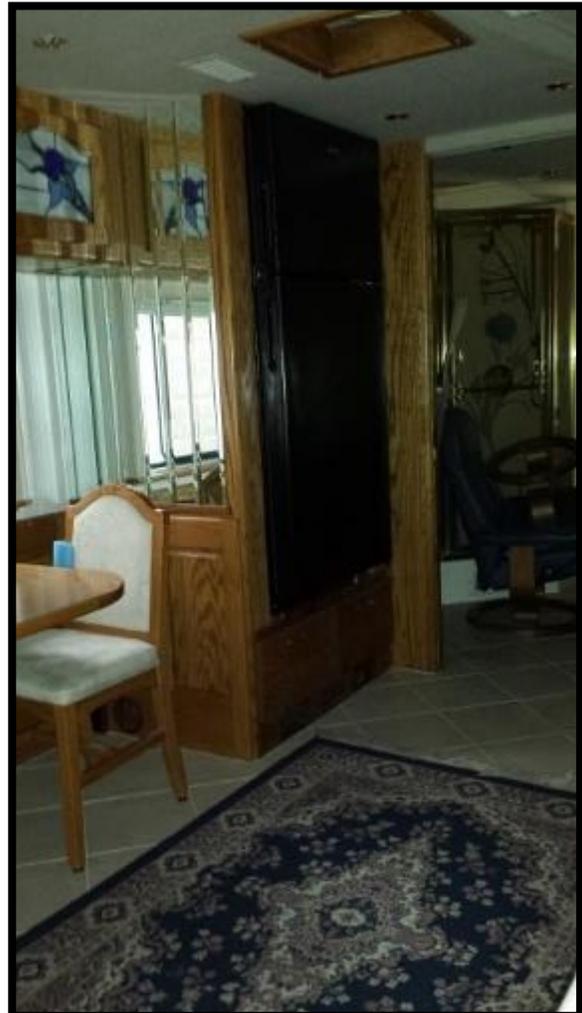
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For the side vent, I covered the holes with aluminum tape and then added foam for insulation.



While the refrigerator was out, I extended the refrigerator circuit to the corner of the cabinet. Since the ice-maker circuit is on the inverter, the new refrigerator will be plugged into that circuit. That means that the original refrigerator circuit is no longer used. I decided that I could use that non-inverter circuit in the coach. I plan to use the new outlet to run a heater under the table.



Here is the finished installation.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY RALLY 2015

It is time to commit to this year's Thanksgiving Holiday Rally. Many club members spend this time of year with family members. For those of us that do not have family close by and would like to be with good friends at Thanksgiving, come join us at Hee Hee Illahee, a 5-star RV Resort in Salem, OR, just off I-5 at exit 258. We have the clubhouse for our entire stay. Mark your social calendars for November 25 through the morning of 29 for our fourth annual holiday rally. As in the past, coachless "drive-ins" are welcome to attend the Thursday potluck meal or join us at any other time. You are also welcome to bring family members with you. The nightly rate is approx. \$38 if we have reserved 12 sites. The resort requires a \$40 deposit/site; the difference will be deducted from the balance at check-in. We must send a list of attendees to the resort ASAP so, if you are coming, please let us know soon by e-mailing us at dons2346@yahoo.com. An online registration form is under the rally link on our website (www.nwccers.org). Also see Registration Form included herein. We hope to see you there. For more details contact Barbara Schleuse at 360-305-8458.



NWCCers Charity for 2015

Spina Bifida Association (SBA)

For additional information on ways to give, please contact our Development office at

development@sbaa.org

or 800-621-3141 ext. 11.

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

SBA
PO Box 17427
Arlington, VA 22216

Online Membership Directory

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

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

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

Lee Casebeer

NWCCers Thanksgiving 2015

Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort

4751 Astoria St. NE

Salem, OR

877-564-7295/503-463-6641

November 25–29, 2015

Hosts: Don & Barbara Schleuse

Co-Hosts: Terry & Les Apple

Come and join your NWCC friends to enjoy a bounteous Thanksgiving dinner at this 5-star RV resort. We have use of the clubhouse for the entire length of our stay. The hosts will prepare the turkey and a ham. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. Contact Barbara for a list of items needed. For a change of pace, on Friday night, we will try one of the local eateries for dinner.

Reservations: *The cost per night is approximately \$38. Please complete the registration form below and submit it to our treasurer, Dana Suttell. Registration is also available on our website www.NWCCers.org. Click on Rally information. If you want to arrive early, contact the park directly and tell them you are with NWCC. We have only 12 sites, so make your reservation early. All sites are full hook up. The remaining site fees payable upon arrival.*

Cancellation Policy: Must call Barbara at 360-305-8458 by 11/10/15 for full refund.

NWCC Member Registration Fees: *Rally Fee: \$25.00*

First Night: \$40.00

Total: \$65.00



Non-Members please add \$10

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Reservation for Thanksgiving in Salem, OR

Pilot _____ *Co-Pilot* _____

Telephone _____ *Number of People:* _____

E-Mail _____

Arrival Date: _____ *Departure Date:* _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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

BYLAWS AMENDMENT NOTIFICATION

The following Bylaw changes will be discussed at the annual meeting in September:

Change 1 – Delete the Immediate "Past President" from the board. We currently do not have a past president in good standing and we have not had one in a long time. The club is small enough that 6 board members are adequate. Although no longer a board member, it would not prevent a Past President or anyone else from participating in the board discussions.

4. EXECUTIVE BOARD:

A. The officers of the chapter and the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board. Each Board member shall have one vote. In the event of a tie vote, the President may decide the vote.

Change 2 – Change the way the Bylaws are amended to a simple majority.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

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2. AMENDING PROCEDURE: These Bylaws may be amended by a ~~65% affirmative~~ simple majority vote of the members present and voting at a duly called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least 30 days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend.

MEMBERS' CORNER

On 8/23/2015 7:23 AM, Randy Parent wrote (to Lee Casebeer):

Hi Lee. Tracy and I are working our way to Washington, DC, so we can participate in the longest veterans' parade this country has ever seen—DC to San Diego, 3400 miles, 29 days, scheduled for September 19 to October 17, 2015. We will visit 421 towns and cities. Our Country Coach will be our support vehicle and tow the jeep back to DC. Eighty-six historic military vehicles will participate in the convoy. Y'all can follow us on our Facebook site: Google the following:

BH'15 Team Golden Gate

Lots of additional information and photos videos are on our Facebook page s/Randy and Tracy

Also see Ref: Washington, DC to San Diego, CA September 19 – October 17, 2015: MVPA 2015 Bankhead Highway (BH'15) Convoy from Washington, DC, to San Diego, CA. Call MVPA HQ; (800) 365-5798 or email; hq@mvpa.org for registration details.



Campgrounds in Oregon are open again. Herb

Diamond Lake camping reservations become available as fire danger subsides

By [Terry Richard | The Oregonian/OregonLive](#)
Email the author | [Follow on Twitter](#)

on August 24, 2015 at 5:41 PM, updated August 24, 2015 at 5:42 PM

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[Some] of the busiest camping areas in the U.S. national forests of Oregon are once again available for reservation.

The [temporary hold on new reservations](#) for campgrounds surrounding Diamond Lake on the Umpqua National Forest has been lifted. (It was issued Aug. 10). New reservations can be made via [recreation.gov](#) for Diamond Lake and Thielsen View campgrounds. Broken Arrow campground remains closed to the public.

Together, the three campgrounds have more than 440 campsites.

In addition to reservations, many campsites are available first come, first served. There are 39 sites available at Thielsen View campground and 45 sites available at Diamond Lake campground as first come, first served for Labor Day weekend. For more information about recreation opportunities for Labor Day weekend, visit the forest website at this link [fs.usda.gov/](#).

While the Level I evacuation notice for Diamond Lake has been lifted, fire-related operations continue in the area. The public is reminded to be aware of area closures on the Umpqua and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest and Crater Lake National Park due to the National Creek Complex Fire. [Information is available at](#)

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/umpqua/alerts-notice>.

Crater Lake National Park has closed the north entrance road between State Highway 138 at the park's north boundary and the Crater Lake west Rim Drive at North Junction.

For more information, contact the Diamond Lake Ranger District at [541-498-2531](#).

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

Date: _____ Referred by: _____

Pilot name: _____ Co-Pilot name: _____

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

Mailing Address:

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

Phone(s):

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

Residence address (if different from mailing):

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

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

Pilot email: _____ Co-Pilot email: _____

Coach information:

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

Emergency Contact Info: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone () _____ Address: _____

Any special medical information: _____

Your special interests: _____

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

Favorite Activities: _____

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

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

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

Signatures:

Pilot: _____ Co-Pilot: _____

NWCCers Directory for CC Service and Parts

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

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

Company	Contact	Service
Kustom Coach Works	<i>Bobby Vodden PO Box 395, Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371</i>	<i>Custom audio/video installations KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com</i>
Ollie's Fiberglass	<i>Lynnwood, WA 425-776-6040</i>	<i>Fiberglass repairs</i>
Oregon Motorcoach Center **	<i>29417 Airport Rd, Eugene, OR 97402 541-762-1505 Effective 01/03/2012: Current NWCCers Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.* Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCCer Honorary Lifetime Member</i>	<i>*Present your NWCCer badge for discount. You will need verification that your club dues are current. Interior restoration, modifications, remodel, service and parts Fax: 541-762-1509 www.oregonmotorcoachcenter.com</i>
Premier RV Services	<i>Gary - 541-554-3997 Office: 541-998-2640 325 E First Ave, Junction City, OR 97448</i>	<i>Sales - Service - Storage premierrvstorage@gmail.com Referred by: Brian & Kay Case, Bend</i>
RCV Custom Coach Service	<i>Mobile RV Service and Upgrades 93076 Unit E, Hwy 99 So., Junction City, OR Or POB 41779, Eugene, OR 97404 Bob Vinson, Owner, Phone 541-870-6233 Text: 541-543-5625</i>	<i>Quality Solutions Brought to You Fax 541-359-1962 www.rcvcustomcoach.com bob@rcvcustomcoach.com Referred By Herb Harris and Cathy Lamb</i>
RV Glass Solutions	<i>Eugene, OR 888-777-6778 Doug Rutherford – former CC Service Manager www.RVGlassExperts.com</i>	<i>Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock. Call for a referral in your area.</i>
Salem Brake and Wheel Inc.	<i>1235 12th Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 Kevin Smith, 503-581-3214</i>	<i>Alignment, Wheel Balance, Chassis Repair, Complete Brake Svc, Complete Service, Gas/ Diesel Repair and More</i>
Silverleaf Electronics	<i>2472 SW Ferry St., Albany, OR 97322. 888-741-0259, 541-220-5494</i>	<i>Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System www.silverleafelectronics.com</i>
Specialty Crate, Inc Logistics Division	<i>41 North Danebo Ave. Eugene, OR 97402 Randy Stout 541-689-8840</i>	<i>Country Coach parts – chassis, body and house.</i>
Splendide (Westland Sales)	<i>15650 SE 102nd Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015</i>	<i>Washing machine repairs</i>
Specialty Marine and RV	<i>20781 Olmstead Road NE Aurora, OR 97002 <u>503-678-6595</u> <u>503-678-6501</u></i>	<i>Diesel-powered coaches only Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services</i>
Watson Diesel Repair LLC	<i>PO Box 2478 Shelton, WA 98584 <u>(360) 426-5255</u> watsondieselrepair.com</i>	<i>Services and repairs all diesel engines - primarily big rig trucks but also works on coaches.</i>

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

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