

## President's Corner

The Prosser Rally in Washington Wine Country went great. Everybody enjoyed the event. The tours were good and informative. Even though Dana and I don't drink, we found both tours fun and interesting. And, of course, the food was great.

Dana and I stayed on a few extra days and visited some friends. We took a tour of Richland, Washington. One of the areas we were going to tour was the ABC housing. Before Don Schleuse left, he asked us about the history of the ABC housing. Good question and we had no idea at the time.

So here is a little history: In 1943, the Manhattan District of the U.S. Corp of Engineers selected Richland as the site of the World War II plutonium production plant. To support the tremendous growth in population at the Hanford, Spokane architect G. Albin Pherson was given the task of redesigning the town. He was given less than 90 days to completely design the entire new Richland community, including streets, utilities and commercial and residential building plans. Each housing design was assigned an alphabet letter designation and included single-family homes, duplexes, apartments and dormitories. Richland became a "company town" to support the war effort. Most of these homes are still in use and some are on the National Historic Register.

By the time you read the newsletter, the new club web site should be up and running. It will have the same address, but will have a new look. We have also updated the Membership Directory. If you need your picture added to the Directory, please send me a picture and we will include it in the next revision. The password for the Directory has changed, so please contact Dana or me for it. Dues renewal will be done via the new web site, as the old web site is no longer being maintained.

### EVENT CALENDAR

**All events sponsored by  
NWCCers unless noted by \***

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### 2015 Calendar

**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.

The last rally for 2015 will be Thanksgiving. This year, the rally is in Salem at the Hee Hee Illahee RV Park, November 25-29. Currently, there are nine coaches signed up for the event.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Thanksgiving.

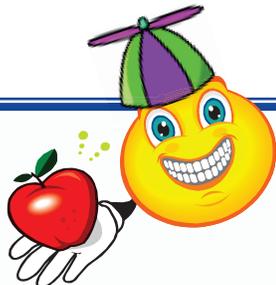
Frank Suttell, President  
Northwest Country  
Coachers



# Treasurer's Corner

**Membership Note:** It's that time again and we will soon be collecting 2016 dues. With our new policy, many of you used the pre-payment option for 2016. Below is a list of those already paid for 2016, so you do not owe additional dues at this time. I will be sending reminders to the membership, but prepaid members can relax and enjoy another great year with our club. For the rest of us, we are days away from the new site going live. Once that happens, I will send a note to everyone and we can begin to pay our 2016 dues. Thanks for your patience. Dana

Bliss	McCarthy	Sorenson
Bray	Murphy	Toftdahl
Gabel	Ness	Travers
Hensley	Shapiro	
Hicks	V Serex	



## 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.

## Officer Contact List

Our Board of Directors is ready to help you at any time.

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### NorthWest Country Coachers web site:

www.nwccers.org

Webmaster:

### Our Yahoo Group:

NW-CC-ers@yahoogroups.com

## 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](mailto:dons2346@yahoo.com). An online registration form is under the rally link on our website ([www.nwccers.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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



# Mardi Gras North Rally

At Majestic Mobile Manor  
In Puyallup WA

**February 4 - 7, 2016**

7022 River Road E.  
Puyallup WA (take exit 135 off I-5)  
253-845-3144  
800-348-3144



Thursday, February 4, 2016

6:00 p.m. Meet and greet with potluck light or heavy appetizers.  
Information will be provided about area's activities.

Friday, February 5, 201`5

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast will be provided.  
6:30 p.m. Dinner provided by wagon master.

Saturday, February 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast will be provided.  
6:30 p.m. Mardi Gras dinner provided by wagon master.

Sunday, February 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast will be provided.  
12:00 Noon departure. Safe driving and Happy Trails.

Some of the attractions:

LeMay Car Museum  
LeMay Museum at Marymount  
Tacoma Glassblowing Studio  
Museum of Glass  
Washington State History Museum  
Union Station  
Tacoma Art Museum  
Quilt Barn  
Brown & Haley (almond Roca)  
Bass Shop



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Registration deadline is January 4th 2016



**Majestic Mobile Manor**  
7022 River Road E.  
Puyallup WA  
253-845-3144  
800-348-3144

E-Mail [www.majesticrvpark.com](http://www.majesticrvpark.com)

Make reservations directly with the RV Park.  
Site rate is \$38.81 per night

Please fill out form with \$40.00 check to cover rally fee.  
Nonmember \$50.00

Send to Dana Suttel  
3965 Bethel Rd. Site 1, PMB32  
Port Orchard, OR 98366  
Checks should be payable to  
Northwest Country Coachers

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

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](mailto:bceonl@aol.com)



## Thanksgiving Rally Reminder

Our annual get together is fast approaching. If you find your holiday plans are lacking, there is still time to join us at Hee Hee Illahee in Salem, OR. For those who live near Salem, consider joining us Saturday night, 11/28, for “Encore Presentations.” Just bring a food item to share plus your usual table service. Happy Hour will be at 4:30 and dinner at 5:30. If you won't be with us, enjoy yourselves wherever you are.



## July Rally in Ashland



Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss the NWCC Rally in Ashland July 25-28, 2016. Your Wagon Masters have lots of good things planned for your visit. There are several events at the Oregon Shakespeare Theatre (OSF). We will be attending a musical play in the outdoor Elizabethan Theater. Also, we will be doing a Back Stage tour of the Theatre and a tour of the new Production Building recently built for OSF in Talent.

Additionally, we will be having lunch at a premier winery in the foothills outside of Ashland. There will be a no-host dinner one evening, as well as our usual Meet & Greet appetizer potluck.

The weather in Southern Ashland in July is hot, but Holiday RV Park in Phoenix (just north of Ashland) has plenty of 50-amp spots reserved for our group. You may want to take advantage of their sparkling swimming pool while you are there. There are many things to see and do in Southern Oregon, such as Rogue River rafting, Crater Lake National Park, Rogue Valley wineries, shopping, and dining. Additionally, OSF offers lectures, prologues, the Green Show, and Festival Noons to enhance your visit to the Festival.

We have reserved only 15 spaces at Holiday RV Park, so get your registration in as soon as you are able. The registration form and more details about the rally will be in the January Newsletter.

Wagon Masters: Bev & Mike Carrick and Dave Glen & Kathy Esslinger

# 2016 Rally Schedule

Feb 4-7, Mardi Gras, Majestic Mobile Manor, Puyallup, WA, Edinger

June 18-21, FMCA Pre-Rally, Old Stone Village, McMinnville, OR, Serex and Bliss

June 23-26, FMCA NW Area Rally, Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR\*

July 25-28, Ashland Shakespeare Festival, Holiday RV Park, Phoenix, OR, Carrick and Esslinger

Aug 11-14, Icicle RV Resort, Leavenworth, WA, Sorensen and Hensley

Sept 1-5, Andersen's on the Ocean RV Park, Long Beach, WA, Dent

Sept 22-25, a Co-Rally with Puget Sounders Club at Wine Country RV Park during the Great Prosser Balloon Rally, Prosser, WA, Robbins



Nov 23-28, Thanksgiving, Place and Hosts TBD

*TBD = To Be Determined.*

*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.*

*\*Sponsored by FMCA*

*Revised 9/26/2015*

?????? 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.



# Prosser Rally Roundup!

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This Rally turned out to be a really fun event and, with the addition of good wines to taste, we were a very merry group! The rally was hosted by Herb and Pat Harris and co-hosted by Richard and Sibylle Beck. There were 14 coaches in attendance and the NWCC banners were flying! On arrival, everyone received a Welcome Bag with two major tools for the rally. This included a personalized wine glass charm to keep track of your glass and a wine bottle opener; both were well used by the rally goers. The weather was beautiful with dry days in the 70's, perfect for Fall touring during the Crush.

We enjoyed a tasting with wines from eight local wineries the first evening and plenty of great potluck appetizers to get everyone prepared for the days ahead. Mornings started with a full continental breakfast, including muffins, danishes, croissants, fruit, juices and coffee. Well filled, we headed out to Hedges Family Cellars on Friday morning for a private tour of this beautiful winery, the chateau, organic gardens and the landscaped grounds. The tour and tasting did not disappoint! They had special pricing for case-lot buyers and many cases were observed headed out the door. The staff was very appreciative and waived tasting fees for the group. Lunch was served in the winery's rustic kitchen and all were keen on the nine feet of giant submarine sandwiches. We sat outside and enjoyed lunch in a lovely setting under the portico. The afternoon was open to tour local wineries and do some geocaching—many visited the Country Mercantile in Richland, Washington, for samples of their good ice cream and interesting collection of pickled veggies, house-made candy and bakery goods. Dinner that evening was at Jeremy's 1896 Public House. We took over the banquet room and had good food and a great time.

Saturday morning, we had a special two-hour tour of the Yakima Valley CC Viticulture and Winery Department. We had presentations at their small vineyard, processing equipment, barrel room, wet lab and, of course, their on-campus tasting room. It was a very interesting and informative tour and the quiches and brownie wine pairing samples were great. Again, many cases were purchased and the professor kindly waived the tour and tasting fee and said we were a great tour group. Saturday afternoon was open, we saw several rally goers at the Desert Wind Winery, the Schleuses were collecting their club wines, and also several were at 14 Hands Winery. That evening, the Beck's prepared their famous poached Halibut in Garlic Butter and we also served a Prime Sirloin Roast Au Jus. Along with the great potluck side dishes, it was a dinner to remember. The Wine Raffle was fun with plenty of winners. In addition to the wines, winners received handmade bottle carry bags generously donated by Richard's daughter. We collected \$415 for the club's charity.

Sunday dawned bright and clear. Richard fixed his great multi-grain beer batter pancakes, along with sausage and fruit, and we sent everyone off well filled and with full wine cellars. Alan and Pearl Shapiro joined us at this rally with their service dog Max to check out the club. They enjoyed themselves very much and joined our group on the spot, and even purchased an NWCC banner. We hope to see them at many future rallies. A big thank you to all the rally goers, and don't forget the Thanksgiving Rally next month in Salem.

Cheers,

Herb and Pat  
Richard and Sibylle



# Pictures - the Prosser Rally

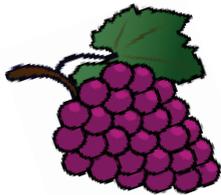
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# Pictures - the Prosser Rally

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# FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS

## NORTHWEST MOTOR HOME AREA ASSOCIATION - FMCA MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Swiss Sportsmen's Club Park  
Bonney Lake, WA  
Tuesday, September 22, 2015

### Call to Order:

The Business Meeting of the Northwest Motor Home Area Association (NWMHAA) was held at the Swiss Sportsmen's Club Park. President Kathie Balogh presiding, and Karen Pratt, Secretary were both present. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by invocation and flag salute.

### Members in Attendance:

Executive Board Members Arvin Spofford, Kent Pratt, Judie Lehenbauer, Don Schleuse, Barbara Schleuse, and Andy Balogh were in attendance.

Kathie wished Bud Fouts and Meri Schneider a Happy Birthday

**Roll Call.** The roll call was taken and chapter delegates identified. A quorum was established.

### Approval of Minutes:

The reading of the April 21, 2015 minutes was waived. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Jack Crans moved to accept the minutes as previously distributed. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Schleuse, Treasurer, reported the balance on hand as of September 16, 2015 was \$ 18,056.74 in the checking account and \$77,564.69 in the savings account for a total of \$ 95,621.43 cash on hand. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and will be filed with the minutes.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

### Coos Bay Rally Update:

Rally Master, Andy Balogh reported on the *Play by the Bay Rally, held at Coos Bay, OR in June 2015, we made a profit of \$17,609.92. There were 92 show coaches in attendance, which helped our bottom line tremendously. Andy stated that it was a very successful rally with very few problems or complaints. We had good weather and everyone had a good time. Thank you to everyone who attended. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers!*

### Madison, WI Family Reunion:

Twenty-one delegates from our area attended the Governing Board Meeting. There was discussion on all the Policies & Procedures voted on at the meeting. The Governing Board Report is on the Northwest Area website, [www.fmcanw.org](http://www.fmcanw.org), as well as, the FMCA website, [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com). Bob Henderson's proposal did not pass. There was a discussion on the proposal and Kathie Balogh suggested that if Bob decides to pursue his proposal, it could be reworded and resubmitted before December 31, 2015. It would then go to the Policy & Procedure Committee and be put on the Governing Board agenda for the meeting at the summer 2016 Family Reunion.

### Member Benefits:

Staples has purchased Office Depot. Please go online to the FMCA website to register for the Staples program. Kathie asked FMCA in Cincinnati to send member benefits information for our meeting; it is displayed on the table for everyone to pick up. FMCA Road Assist is now available along with FMCA Auto & RV Insurance, and a discount prescription program.

### Membership:

The Membership Committee is meeting in October and Kathie is on that Committee. Membership retention is down; FMCA is recruiting new members, but losing at a faster rate. Membership declined from 71,696 members on August 1 to 71,107 on August 31. We lost 589 in the month of August and 4,408 year to date. We have 411 active chapters and 13 inactive. Our best recruiting tool is the Internet (31%), with family members recruiting 25% and chapters recruiting only 1%. The Committee welcomes any suggestions for member retention. Past members or members who have sold their motorhome and have a fifth wheel or trailer, or even do not RV anymore, can pay the annual dues and become an Associate Member. As an Associate Member, they receive all the benefits they had as a Family Member; the only difference is that as an Associate, they cannot hold National Office or vote.

If you know of someone who is traveling with a member, but does not have their own FMCA #, they need to call FMCA and be put on the member's F number; this will entitle them to be able to have all FMCA benefits and be covered by FMCAssist.

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# FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS - continued

## Northwest Area Web Page:

Sandie Blakley has emailed Kathie stating that she is willing to put additional information for the chapters on the Northwest Area website: i.e. bylaws, pictures, etc. Chapters have been including pictures in their newsletters and they reproduce well. Please send all items for the website to our Secretary, Karen Pratt. Karen's email is [karenkprtt@aol.com](mailto:karenkprtt@aol.com).

## FMCA Website:

Kathie advised that Chapter Secretaries need to look at their chapter info on the FMCA website and make sure the information is current. Send updates to Dianna Mitts at [dmitts@fmca.com](mailto:dmitts@fmca.com). The New Member Report is also available by request from Dianna Mitts. This report will soon be sent automatically to the person listed as the contact person on your chapter information page on the National website.

## Chapter Officers Duties:

Some chapters are having trouble getting officers--especially National Directors and Alternate National Directors. Your delegates do not need to travel as we are able to get temporary delegates. The chapters do not need to feel that they have to pay their National Directors to go to the Governing Board Meetings; not all Chapters pay their National Directors. The smaller chapters do not have the funds. Commercial members can also be Family members of FMCA. You can hold two offices in one chapter or one office in two chapters with the exception of National Director or Alternate National Director.

## Linn County - June 2016 Rally:

Kathie asked former captains that were present to explain their responsibilities as Captain; what their job had entailed from the day they volunteered as a captain until the end of the rally. This was done so that someone thinking of volunteering for the different positions would have an idea what to expect. Andy reported on the Rally Master position. He explained that we have seen him doing a lot more than what is expected of the Rally Master; because as President, there are certain jobs that have to be done by the President; such as signing contracts, obtaining caterers, entertainment, and selecting the captains of the Program Book (which includes the advertising), Vendor Captain, Dealer Coach Captain, Parking Chief and Information /Registration. These Captains are trained by previous Captains due to the nature of the position. The duties of the Rally Master are more like the duties of a Volunteer Coordinator. It was suggested that we change the name of Rally Master to Volunteer Coordinator in the future.

## Area Banner:

A new Area banner has been suggested by Marje Fouts. Marje made the original banner 14 years ago and it is getting pretty worn. Some of the Chapter logos are coming off. Marje has checked on a vinyl banner with photo logos on the vinyl; as well as, a canvas banner with the logos sewn on the banner. Kathie would like us to get the most durable banner because the President carries the banner to all National Reunions, Area Rallies and Chapter Rallies. The vinyl banner looks like the best option. The original banner will be kept for posterity. We will be sending an email to all Chapters for them to check to be sure their logo is correct. Fred Royce moved that the banner reflect the Chapters that are in existence now. Motion seconded, discussion followed. Motion carried.

## Cowlitz County:

The Cowlitz County Fairgrounds and Convention Center contract is all inclusive, with the exception of golf carts, pipe & drape and maybe 2 audio visual set ups for seminars. The site has been visited several times. There are a number of electrical boxes; a few 50 amp, some 30 amp, and some 20 amp. The dining room, seminar rooms, vendor building, and show coach area will be great. The Executive Board has decided to have the Sept. 19-22, 2016 planning meeting in Kelso, WA at the Cowlitz County Fairgrounds. This would give delegates and captains a chance to do their planning.

## Proposals for 2018/2019:

We are looking at several sites including Spokane. There will be suggestions given at the April 2016 meetings.

## 2015 Election of Officers:

Kathie asked Fred Royce for the Nominating Committee Report. Fred presented the following slate of candidates.

Sr. Vice President Position - Candidates: Kent Pratt and Don Schleuse

Vice President Position - Candidates: Judie Lehenbauer, Dennis Martin, and Jim McBride

Secretary Position - Candidate: Karen Pratt

Kathie thanked Fred Royce and the entire Nominating Committee. The election was held and the results are:

Senior Vice President Don Schleuse by ballot

Vice President Judie Lehenbauer by ballot

Secretary Karen Pratt - Al Zimmerman moved that Karen be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded and carried.

Fred Royce - Nominating Committee Chair, explained the procedure to be used to replace the vacancy left by Don Schleuse for Vice President. This is for a one year position. Nominations were taken from the floor. Sandy Baker nominated Dennis Martin. Dennis accepted the nomination. Anne Tighe nominated Jim McBride. Jim accepted the nomination. Arvin Spofford moved that nominations be closed. Motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Dennis Martin by ballot

Bobbi Radford moved the ballots be destroyed. Motion seconded and carried.

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# FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS - continued

Election for Nominating Committee:

The following were nominated: Beth Harrington, Jerry Lehenbauer, Fred Royce, and Bobbi Radford. Al Zimmerman moved nominations be closed and the candidates be elected by acclamation. The committee will choose the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

## Announcements:

Cincinnati Meetings - October 17-26, 2015

Indio, CA - Western Area Rally - January 7-10, 2016

Perry, GA - FMCA 93rd Family Reunion - March 17-20, 2016

Planning Meeting Dates - Linn County Fair & Expo, Albany, OR. - April 18-21, 2016

Linn County Fair & Expo - NORTHWEST AREA RALLY - June 23-26, 2016

West Springfield, MA - FMCA 94th Family Reunion - August 3-7, 2016

Planning Meeting Dates - Cowlitz County Convention Center - September 19-22, 2016

Chandler, AZ - FMCA 95th Family Reunion - February 8-11, 2017 (held at this time to be before Good Sam & Escapees)

Planning Meeting Dates - Cowlitz County Convention Center - April 11-13, 2017

Cowlitz County Convention Center - NORTHWEST AREA RALLY - June 22-25, 2017

Indianapolis, IN - FMCA 96th Family Reunion - July 12-15, 2017

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY - TBD - June 21-24, 2018

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY - TBD - June 20-23, 2019

## 2016 Chapter Anniversaries:

35 Years: Northwestern Bus Nuts

30 Years: Monaco Northwest

Olympic Peninsula Ramblers

WIMBCOA

Lewis & Clark Thousand Trails

20 Years: Columbia Basin Cruisers

15 Years: Klondikers

Reigning Rex

10 Years: Great American RV

KM International

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Karen Pratt, Secretary



## Current Issue | Family Motor Coaching **Tire Care**

**The rubber around the wheels requires attention if motorhomes are to roll safely down the road.**

By Jim Brightly, F358406  
November 2015

A tire blowout on a motorhome can be catastrophic. At the very least, it can be a costly, trip-killing, wide-awake nightmare. Even worse, it could total the coach or injure the occupants. So, you want to do everything possible to protect your coach's tires and prolong their life.

Unfortunately, tires are the most vulnerable component on an RV. With some basic knowledge about tire maintenance, though, you can reduce the likelihood of a serious accident and travel many thousands of trouble-free miles on a set of tires. In fact, if your motorhome is working as designed and your annual mileage is anywhere near the average, your tires will age out before they wear out.

[Excerpted. Please see the current issue for the entirety of this excellent article on TIRE SAFETY]

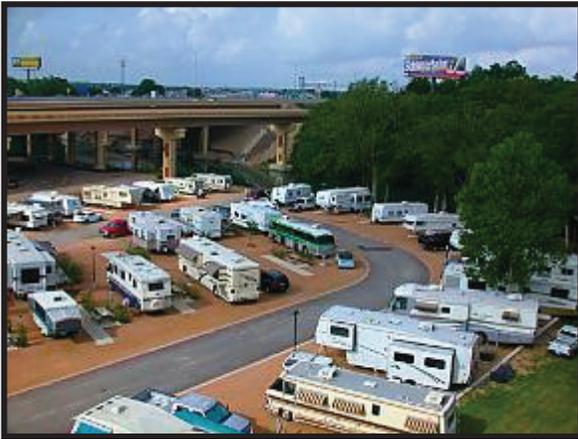
*Sidetracks from  
Herb Harris*

Here's a little something to remember when camping at that nice RV park on the river in New Braunfels, TX! *Herb*

Texas has gotten a lot of rain recently and the land is really flat, nowhere for the water to go but up. Always a concern when camping riverside.

It's amazing, and scary, how fast the weather can change, going from good to very, very bad in just a few minutes. Like these RV'ers at the River Ranch Campground in New Braunfels, TX.

They went from this



to this so quickly they didn't have a chance to leave.



Notice the 5th wheel that didn't even get his slide in.

We've driven over this campground on I-35 a number of times and always remarked how beautiful it was, located right on the Guadalupe River. But, having seen in the past how fast a river can rise, it always made me a little queasy. It doesn't even have to be raining where you are. Ten miles upstream it can be a whole 'nuther story, with the water level rising 6 to 8 feet in just a few minutes and heading downstream to you.

Our hearts and sympathy go out to all affected by this storm.

## Bears on the prowl as berry crop fails

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[Excerpt:] Hungry bears have closed an auto campground in Glacier National Park and last week one was shot and killed after it persisted yards in Columbia Falls.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks game wardens shot an old female black bear near Rivers Edge Park Sept. 8 at about 1 p.m. The sow was over 18 years old and in poor condition. "She appeared to be in a lot of pain and just not functioning well," FWP public information officer John Fraley said. "She was visible in a lot of yards." Residents near the park had seen her staying in the forests around the neighborhood for the past month.

Fraley said that it is a public safety concern when a bear is showing no fear of humans and staying that close to a residential area.

The sow had one cub. The 9-month-old bear is old enough to survive in the wild on its own, Fraley said.

The bears caused some excitement in the neighborhood. At about 10 a.m. residents found the bears eating apples under two trees on Erma Gladieux's rental properties next to her home. While waiting for FWP Bear and Lion Specialist Erik Wenum and bear conflict technician Kylie Jones to arrive, the locals tried to keep the bears together. They were afraid the cub would run off after finishing the apples on the ground and his ill mom would follow, residents said. So, nearby resident Tony Daugherty started throwing apples at the two and even climbed up the tree to shake more down. The cub kept trying to go behind the houses back into the forest, he said. Daugherty got about 10 feet away from the cub while it was up a pine tree.

"We had a standoff," Daugherty said. "He was up in the tree staring me down."

"Then he started chomping at the bit and I thought maybe he was going to come after you," Gladieux said.

"He was getting a little frisky," Daugherty said.

Daugherty spent nearly three hours with the bears, but said he wouldn't recommend it.

"It's not good practice to babysit bears," he said.

(See referenced Source for the entirety of this article.)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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