

2016 Rally Schedule

All events are sponsored by NWCCers unless noted by *

May 16-19, Newport Rally, Svinth & Suttell CLOSED

June 18-21, FMCA Pre-Rally, Old Stone Village, McMinnville, OR, Serex & 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 & Esslinger

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

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 23-27, Thanksgiving, Hee Hee Illahee, Salem, OR, Hosts TBD

***Sponsored by FMCA TBD = To Be Determined**

All dates are subject to change. Please consider hosting a fun weekend

President's Corner



April has been an exciting month for the Suttells. Dana had hip replacement at the end of March and is recovering. The first part of that is a lot of convalescing with me taking up the slack (i.e., cooking, cleaning, shopping and chauffeuring). That worked pretty well until I got very sick two weeks later. It took me out for about 10 days, including 3 trips to the ER and a couple of hospital stays. The cause of the sickness was an obstructed bowel. This was a real challenge for us since Dana was not able to drive. Fortunately, her very good friend did the chauffeuring for us.

We are preparing for the Welcome to Newport Rally. The Rally season is in full swing with lots of rallies ready for signups. There are some rallies with deadlines fast approaching. The "Welcome to Newport" at the Pacific Shores Motor Coach Resort in Newport, Oregon, is our next rally. Registrations are going well with 14 signed so far. We only have a limited number of sites for this rally. This rally registration is closed and numbers have been submitted to the park. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dana Suttell and she will work with the park to see if they can get you in.

"Welcome McMinnville" Rally June 17-21. This is the pre-rally for the FMCA rally in Albany.

"All Aboard For Albany" FMCA NW Area Rally, June 23-26.

Southern Oregon Rally, July 25-28. This rally is now full because the Holiday RV Park is booked. However, there are some theater tickets available. If you are still interested in going, there is a smaller RV Park on the other side of I-5 called Pear Tree RV Resort (541) 535-4445. After you have registered at the park, contact the treasurer to get your tickets ordered. Tickets must be ordered by June 15.

Leavenworth Rally, August 11-14, 2016, is now posted on the web site. The local theater is producing the "Sound of Music" at the Ski Hill Amphitheater in the Wenatchee National Forest. Registering for the Rally needs to be completed by June 25. The tickets for the "Sound of Music" need to be purchased by June 1. You can do both at the following link: <http://nwccers.org/leavenworth-rally>.

The Great Balloon Festival and Co-Rally with the Puget Sounders RV Club. Due to the popularity of the Balloon Festival, the park needs our registrations by July 1. If you are interested in going, you need to register with the park. There will be a link on the web site where you can register for the rally and pay the rally fee. Wine Country RV Park 330 Merlot Dr. Prosser, WA 509-786-5192, www.winecountryrvpark.com.

I have changed access to the Membership Directory on the Web site. If you want a copy of the directory, request one via the web site. Your request will send an email to me and I will forward a copy. I also have updated the directory to the current membership. By the time the newsletter is issued, you may have received a current copy of the Directory.

I plan to hold the annual meeting at the Prosser Rally. We are electing Secretary, National Director and Alternate National Director. At last year's meeting, I neglected to get a Nominating Committee established. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee or taking one of the positions, please let me know.

See you at the Newport Rally.

Frank Suttell, President, Northwest Country Coachers



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www.nwccers.org

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NW-CC-ers@yahoogroups.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTES

Preferences for newsletter submissions:

- ⇒ Submissions are needed before the end of each month. If you cannot meet that timeframe, inform me and I will wait for you if possible.
- ⇒ Please submit only .jpeg and .doc materials. PDF is not preferred...
- ⇒ 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., do not submit text material in a picture/jpeg format.
- ⇒ 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,
je.modifier@gmail.com



Online Membership Directory

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

If you want a copy of the directory, request one via the web site. Your request will send an email to Frank Suttell, President, and he will forward a copy.

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

NEW MEMBERS

Gerri & Rob Brown

We have been Country Coach Owners since 1989 to present: 1989 36-foot Mark V, 1999 36-foot Intrigue and now 2007 42-foot Allure. We have been active in SWCC since 2005 with both holding one or more club offices. Over the years, we have been rally master 5 times, all in Paso Robles.

We are active retired insurance people who, after 69 years of living in California, have finally seen the light and started a new adventure by moving to Nampa, Idaho. We love it here and decided to also join with NWCC to continue our association with a fun group of people known as CC Owners.



We are looking forward to joining in the fun as described by Herb and Pat Harris, Vern and Sharon Kondra and Barb and Don Schleuse, some of the NWCCers we know. We did enjoy one of your prior rallies at Coeur d' Alene a few years back, so if you were there, you might remember us.

Other than motorhome travel (we are now approaching 80,000 miles on our 2007), some of our interests include, Golf, Fishing, Birding, Gardening, Wine Making, Photography and Sewing/Quilting. We also travel with our best friend "Dusty," a yellow lab that is just slightly older than our Allure.



The photo is from our Key West motorhome trip last year. We are the two on the left and, no, that is not Dusty.

Submitted for the Newsletter by Rob Brown



**Welcome to McMinnville, Oregon
 Olde Stone Village RV Park
 June 17 through 21, 2016**

The Blissess and Serexes are welcoming you to our FMCA pre-rally in the heart of the Oregon wine country. This area offers a wonderful old town atmosphere on historic Third Street (placed second nationwide in the Parade Magazine’s survey for the “Best Main Street In America”), wine tasting, local wine tours, fine dining and much more. Some say this picturesque downtown looks like a movie set. Locals call the main drag “the living room of McMinnville,” while the tree-lined street has comfort, charm, eclectic boutiques, award-winning restaurants, wine-tasting stores, artwork and a successful farmers’ market. On Tuesday, June 21, the Serexes will lead a convoy of those attending the FMCA rally to Albany where they will participate in a volunteer activity for the rally.



Olde Stone Village RV Park is immediately adjacent to the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, home of the world famous “Spruce Goose” and Evergreen’s aviation-themed IMAX Theater. The Wings & Waves Water Park includes a variety of aquatic features from play fountains for the little ones to a scream-inducing 62-foot slide out of the belly of a 747!

Our plans include one catered meal, a hamburger barbeque potluck, a hosted international-themed dinner with dishes from different countries, and a no-host dinner in the area. We will have continental breakfasts for you as well so we can gather and plan our days. We have something planned for our Base Camp 40, Warriors in the Wild, charity as well.

We have reserved 18 sites for the event. **Each member must call 503-472-4315 at least 30 days prior to the arrival date to provide customer information and guarantee their space with a credit card.** Any unclaimed spaces after the 30-day deadline will be released for general use. Check your schedules and reserve your sites. The registration form is below.

Names _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Length _____ Towing _____ Pets _____ NWCC Member ___ Yes ___ No

Rally Fee \$50.00
 Non-NWCC Member Fee Add \$10.00

You may register online at NWCCers.org and request an invoice to pay by PayPal, or mail your reservation fee and this form to:

**Dana Suttell
 Treasurer, NWCCers
 3965 Bethel RD SE
 STE 1 PMB 32
 Port Orchard, WA 98366**

FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Barbara and I just returned from our winter jaunt down south to our house in Blaine and in a few short weeks will be headed back to Albany, Oregon, to attend the final planning meeting for the Northwest Area FMCA rally to be held at the Linn County Fairgrounds. The rally official start date is Wednesday, the 22nd of June; however, the volunteers are scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, the 21st.

On the morning of the 21st, Vern and Glenda Serex will be leading those who are continuing to the rally from the McMinnville campout. Vern and Glenda have done a dry run on the route and will have maps and directions ready. The departure time will be arranged at the campout to accommodate those that like to sleep in. We will give a scheduled arrival time so the parking crew will be expecting us and this should avoid any delay in parking. Our usual parking spot has been turned into a bark park so we will not be on the grass directly across from the fairgrounds.

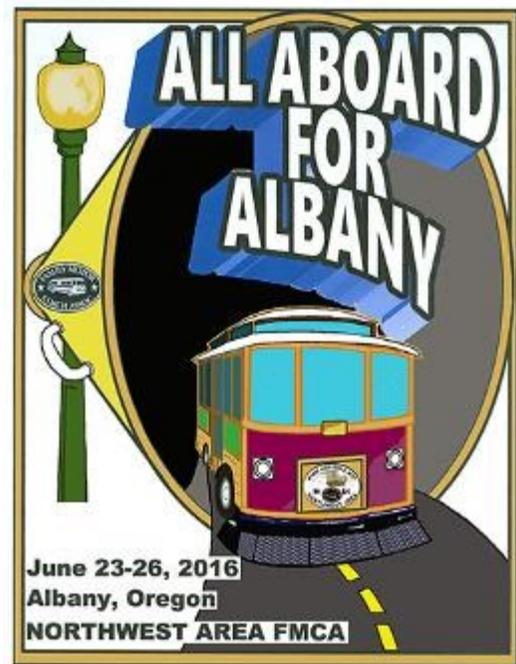
Our volunteer duty is the annual hot dog bash. We will cook and serve a dinner of hot dogs, baked beans, and either coleslaw or potato salad to approximately 600 people. This sounds like a daunting task, but never fear. We have a full commercial kitchen to work with and Barbara has done the same thing for a crowd of 3,000 back in her working days. We will have help on the serving line from some of the executive board so, after things are ready, it will be a matter of keeping the line full of dogs, etc. Dinner is on the 22nd at 5:30. After that, our club is finished with our duties. We hope you will consider joining us, the more the merrier and it makes for less work.

At this year's rally, you could win \$200. Your FMCA number will allow you to bring one non-member to the rally. Both the non-member and you as the sponsor must be registered through Cincinnati and attend the rally. The non-member's RV must be self-contained and the guest non-member must never have been a member of FMCA. Your name will be entered into a drawing and the lucky winner will be drawn after dinner on Saturday evening, June 25, 2015, before the entertainment.

In addition to bingo and movie night, we will be entertained by Tammy Harris Barton, Hypnotist Extraordinaire, and Matt Baker, a Comedy/Stunt show.

There will be more info in the May newsletter. In the meantime, let me know if you have questions.

Don Schleuse, National FMCA Director



Kathie Balogh, National VP FMCA, Northwest Area
Invites ALL RV Friends and Families to . . .



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ALL ABOARD FOR ALBANY

JUNE 23-26, 2016

- Seminars & Exhibits
- Display Coaches
- Coffee & Pastries
- 2 Catered Dinners
- Ice Cream Social
- Hot Dog Bash
- Dry Camping
- Two Nights Entertainment
- 50/50 Raffle
- Swap Meet • Bingo
- Movie Night

Linn County Fair & Expo Center • Albany, Oregon
3700 Knox Butte Rd • Albany, OR 97322 • Interstate 5 Exit 234

PARKING 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
June 21 & 22, 2016 • No Early Arrivals

Northwest Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

FMCA Member Number:		Last Name:		Nick:		Co-Pilot:	
Address: <i>(if this address differs from your billing address, please call)</i>				City:		State/Province:	
E-mail:		Telephone:		Cell Phone:			
Coach Make:		Coach License:		Length:		<input type="checkbox"/> First Time at a Northwest Area Rally	
Hold At Will Call? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Are You Parking With a Chapter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Which Chapter:		Handicap? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:				2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:			

Registration Category	By 5/27 ¹	After 5/27 ¹	Qty	Total	Northwest Area President
Coach with 2 — Dry Camping	\$185	\$200		\$	Kathie & Andy Balogh (503) 530-0166 kbalogh@fmca.com
Coach with 2 — Handicap Electric (30 amp) ²	\$285	\$300		\$	
Coach with 2 — Handicap Electric (15 to 20 amp) C-PAP ²	\$235	\$250		\$	
Coach with 2 — Handicap Dry Camping	\$185	\$200		\$	Rally Master
Coach with 1 — All Dry Camping	\$145	\$160		\$	Dennis & Martie Martin (253) 651-9843 dvrcommanders@gmail.com
Coach with 1 — Handicap Electric (30 amp) ²	\$245	\$260		\$	
Coach with 1 — Handicap Electric (15 to 20 amp) C-PAP ²	\$195	\$210		\$	
Adult Guest or Member w/o coach	\$90	\$90		\$	Assistant Rally Master
Children under 12	FREE	FREE		FREE	Don & Barbara Schleuse (949) 230-0390 dons2346@yahoo.com

Payment Information		Total Amount Enclosed	\$
<p>Prices include meals, exhibits, ice cream social and entertainment. Tours and some seminars are extra cost.</p> <p>Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.</p> <p>Please Charge: </p>		<p>Comments:</p> <p>¹ Registration must be postmarked or made online by this deadline.</p> <p>² Limited handicap electric sites. Handicap parking must submit a copy of a valid state-issued handicap parking certificate with your registration.</p>	<p>Commercial Exhibits</p> <p>Jerry & Judie Lehenbauer (425) 999-6503 jerrylehenbauer@me.com</p>
<p>Card Number</p> <p>Expiration Date</p> <p>Signature</p>			

Confirmations & Cancellations

Confirmation credentials will be mailed if registration is received by May 27, 2016. After May 27, 2016, the rally credentials will be held at will call at the rally site. Enter information carefully since name tags, etc. are created from this information. **Cancellation Policy:** Refunds will be made, minus \$25.00, if written notice with credentials returned, are received on or before May 27, 2016. No refunds if cancelled after May 27, 2016. NO EXCEPTIONS. If groups want to park together they MUST arrive together. EMERGENCY CONTACT IS: (541) 812-0475. Send general mail to: Linn County Fair & Expo Center, ATTN FMCA, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, Albany, OR 97322.

Check www.fmcanw.org for updates and latest details on the rally.

www.fmca.com | Phone (513) 474-3622 • (800) 543-3622 | Fax (513) 474-2332 • (800) 543-4717

Guidelines For a Successful Rally Arrival

Submitted by Don Schleuse

For those that have never attended an area rally before and will be attending for the first time (and as a refresher for the “old timers”), here are a few pointers to ensure your safe and uneventful arrival.

1. Open and review your rally packet that you received from Cincinnati before the rally. You would be surprised at the number of coaches that only open it upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Arrive with your credentials placed in the windshield so the parking crew can see them.
3. When traveling with the NWCC group, a placard should be displayed with the name of the group and number of coaches in the group. As example, the placard will say “Serex 1 of x” or it could say “NWCC 1 of x” and Vern and Glenda will provide the placards to those leaving from McMinnville and to those that will get picked up along the way. Those that will be parking in handicap electric or CPAP parking will have a placard annotating such and you will be guided to your assigned area.
4. Upon arrival, unhook the tow car as soon as possible.
5. If you get parked on asphalt, those coaches with jacks must use jack pads. I don’t think any of us have to worry about that.
6. Do not extend slides until coaches are parked on both sides of you.
7. Tow car drivers please pull over while coaches are being parked and wait until the parking crew tells you it is now safe to park next to your coach.
8. Most importantly, follow the parking crew instructions. If the instructions are not clear to you, please stop and talk to the parking crew. Be patient, stay focused and be alert.



Southern Oregon Rally

July 25-28, 2016

The Southern Oregon Rally features a play, backstage tour and a tour of the new Production Building at Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The deadline for reservations is June 15. There are still some theater tickets available. However, the Holiday RV Park is now booked. If you are interested in going, there is a smaller RV Park on the other side of I-5 called Pear Tree RV Resort (541) 535-4445. After you have registered at that park, contact the treasurer to get your tickets ordered. Tickets need to be ordered by June 15.

One of the highlights of the rally will be the tour of the new Production Building, which is not often open to the general public. This building is the centralized location for the creation of all OSF sets and prop construction, as well as scenic painting. It also houses properties storage and the OSF Costume Rental business with more than 50,000 costumes in stock. Costumes are rented to other theaters, schools, TV, film photographers and publishers, and for costume events.

The Production Building is located in Talent, just a few miles north of Ashland and very near the Phoenix RV Park. The building has 45-55 full-time staff members throughout the season.

Following the tour of the Production Building, there will be a no-host lunch.

Please look for the registration form in this Newsletter and send in your reservation soon. We look forward to seeing you!

Wagon Masters: Bev & Mike Carrick
 Kathy Esslinger & David Glen





Southern Oregon Rally

July 25-28, 2016

OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL (OSF)

DATES: Arrival: Monday, July 25 Departure: Thursday, July 28
PLACE: HOLIDAY RV PARK, Phoenix, OR - Exit 24 off I-5 on west side of freeway behind outlet mall. Telephone: (541) 535-2183

ACTIVITIES: Monday: Meet & Greet w/heavy appetizers
Tuesday: Tour of OSF Production Building
No-Host Lunch
OSF production of **THE WIZ**
Wednesday: OSF Back Stage Tour
No-Host Dinner
Thursday: Continental Breakfast prior to departure

Note that the Holiday RV Park is full. Please see information on the preceding page regarding an alternative.

COSTS: Holiday RV Park - \$40.25/day, includes full hookups, cable, free WiFi
PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS WITH HOLIDAY RV PARK

Rally Fee: \$10 per person
Theatre Tickets: **THE WIZ** - \$70 each
Back Stage Tour Tickets: \$18 each

Pilot _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State)

Email: _____ Phone: () _____

Coach Length: _____ Towing? _____ Number of People _____ Member of NWCC? _____

Prepayment for: Rally Fee: # _____ @ \$10 ea = _____
THE WIZ Tickets # _____ @ \$70 ea = _____
Back Stage Tickets # _____ @ \$18 ea = _____
Total Prepayment \$ _____

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

RESERVATION & TICKET ORDER
DEADLINE: JUNE 15***

** Checks should be made payable to Northwest Country Coachers. Payment also can be made by PayPal

Information and tickets for other OSF plays can be found on their website: osfashland.org
***NO REFUNDS ON TICKETS AFTER JUNE 25



LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON, RALLY ICYCLE RIVER RV RESORT



AUGUST 11-14, 2016

RALLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 25

Ruth & Al Sorensen and Joyce & Floyd Hensley would like to invite you to join us at Leavenworth, Washington, for our August rally. Leavenworth is a Bavarian town of about 2,500 people nestled in the foothills of the Cascade Mountain range.

There are so many things to do around there that we know you will all have fun exploring, shopping in the many small shops, wine, beer, and liquor tasting, and many, many places to eat. For the more adventurous, there are hiking, golfing (3 kinds), zip lines, river rafting and, of course, many geocaches nearby. We plan to take anyone who wants to see "The Sound of Music" staged in a wonderful outdoor amphitheater on Saturday night. At this time, we are planning a potluck breakfast and a no-host German dinner on Friday. More plans to follow.

The park has said that if you want to extend your stay either before or after, it would be the same rate if paid at the time of initial reservation.

Names _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Arrive and Depart Dates: _____

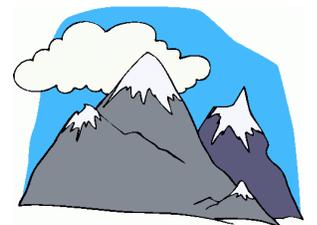
Length _____ Slides _____ Towing _____ Pets _____ NWCC Member: Yes ___ No ___

Rally Fee	\$ 10.00
Three nights @ \$44.63	<u>133.89</u>
Total	\$143.89
Non-NWCC Member Fee	Add \$10.00

SIGN-UP DEADLINE FOR SOUND OF MUSIC IS JUNE 1 (\$32.00 optional)

You may register online at NWCCers.org and request an invoice to pay by PayPal, or mail your reservation fee and this form to:

Dana Suttell
Treasurer, NWCCers
3965 Bethel RD SE
STE 1 PMB 32
Port Orchard, WA 98366



Prosser Balloon Festival

Sept 22-25, 2016

Hey Everyone, we hope you are enjoying this Spring weather!!

Although the Prosser Balloon Festival is about 6 months away, we received a notice from the park that they would like our group to start calling in their reservations because they have a 6-PAGE waiting list!

We have 20 spots reserved for our group and this is going to be a co-rally with the Puget Sounders Club. They don't have a host yet, so we haven't been able to make much in the line of plans, but we have time for that. And, if they don't get a host, we'll just do our own thing. 😊

There will be the normal rally fee, which we will coordinate with Dana Suttell (treasurer). Here is the information:

Wine Country RV Park, Prosser, WA, Sept 22-25

Prices vary per site, so you will need to coordinate that with the park folks.

www.winecountryrvpark.com

330 Merlot Dr.

Prosser, WA 99350

(509) 786-5192

Open 9:00am-5:00pm

We'll need to put the **CUT-OFF date on July 1st, 2016**, so they can let any remaining spots we don't use go to others.





FMCAssist

Submitted by Don Schleuse

FMCAssist has been available to members for a few years now. Hopefully, none of us will ever have to use it, but, just in case, here is a brief primer of their services.

I have tri-folds available that explain the program in more detail and will have them at the McMinnville rally. If you aren't attending the rally and wish to have one, contact me and I'll make sure one is sent to you.

When Should I Call FMCAssist?

- ⇒ Always call 911 first in any emergency.
- ⇒ Anytime a physician has advised that you or your covered family member is in need of emergency transportation.
- ⇒ Anytime you or your covered family member has been admitted as an inpatient at a hospital, or anytime you feel you may need future assistance with transportation due to a medical situation.
- ⇒ Anytime you have general questions about your coverage and the services available through FMCAssist.

What Happens When I Call FMCAssist?

- ⇒ If immediate assistance is required, Seven Corners will request that you provide your name and FMCA member number in order to take the next necessary actions.
- ⇒ Seven Corners will obtain details of your current situation and add a notation to your file.
- ⇒ If assistance is not required immediately, you will be asked to call Seven Corners back if and when assistance becomes necessary.
- ⇒ Seven Corners will answer any questions you have about your coverage and benefits.

What Is FMCAssist Unable To Do?

- ⇒ Seven Corners cannot perform medical management or provide guidance to your treating physicians.
- ⇒ Seven Corners cannot discuss or coordinate medical insurance coverage or medical benefits.
- ⇒ Seven Corners cannot coordinate roadside assistance (Hopefully you have other coverage for this service).
- ⇒ Seven Corners will not discuss your medical condition or transportation arrangements with your family members (unless specifically authorized by you) or with any other member of FMCA.

Seven Corners service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

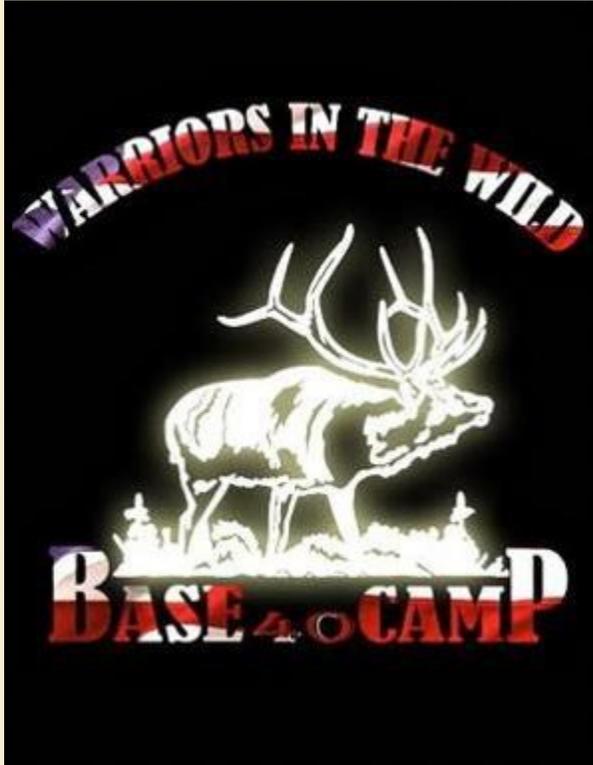
Their phone number is 877-202- 4176.



Base Camp 40, Warriors in the Wild

(www.bc40hunts.com)

NWCCers' 2016 Charity



Richard Beck has been involved with Base Camp 40 for two years now. He has guided our nation's brave veterans on two fishing trips to the Queen Charlottes in Canada. Every time he comes back, he is more moved by the stories these brave soldiers tell him and he is amazed how much these men and women change and relax in just a few days fishing in the Pacific Northwest. Base Camp 40 is an all-volunteer organization. According to their listing on Colorado's Secretary of State website, the program services to total expenses is 97%. Check out their website to see all the other projects Base Camp 40 is involved with. The money raised takes our nations' brave veterans on all-expenses-paid outdoor adventures across the country and Canada.

Their website is very informative with great pictures: <http://www.bc40hunts.com/>

Submitted by Sibylle Beck

Your editor recently received the following and thought anyone traveling I-5 in the northern California valley might appreciate knowing something about this RV park. It is at exit 631, sandwiched among some businesses and might not be noticed otherwise.

Hello. My name is Shelly Boros and I would like to introduce you to Heritage RV Park in Corning, CA. We are located just off I-5 in the Northern Valley. Recently, we completed some renovations to our park and we would like to invite you to stay with us.

We offer shaded 70' pull-thru sites with 30/50 amp, full hook-up service, including WI-FI and cable TV. Enjoy a clean bath house and laundry facilities.

Planning an outing? Our club house has 2 stoves and 2 refrigerators to accommodate large groups and has a patio with gas BBQ and pool table. Relax around the fire pit, take a dip in the pool or challenge your friends to a game of Bocce Ball. Visit: www.heritagervcorning.com.

530-824-6130

Best Regards.

**Shelly Boros, Operations Manager
Heritage RV Park
975 Hwy 99W, Corning, CA 96021**



MWCCers' 2016 Charity



www.bc40hunts.com



nwccers.org

The membership of Northwest Country Coachers chose Base Camp 40 as their charity for 2016. You can find more information about this fine organization on their website at www.bc40hunts.com. Northwest CC member, Richard Beck, has been involved personally with this all-volunteer organization as a fishing guide for our nation's disabled and brave veterans.

We had our personal name plaque made a few years ago and several members have asked where they could get one of these. The design is lasered onto a wood-laminated plaque.



If anybody is interested in purchasing a name plaque for \$50, we would have them done at cost and donate \$22 to Base Camp 40.

For more information, contact Sibylle Beck at sib@nuteksupply.com or call 503-302-4639.

*Sidetracks from
Herb Harris*

If you plan to camp in Death Valley this Spring to catch the big wild flower show, better keep an eye out for these high flying camper tents? Cheers, Herb

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31,

Dust Devil Flips Camper, Causes Injuries

FRONT PAGE
Archives

MARCH 30, 2016

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, Calif – On Monday afternoon, March 28, a dust devil tore through Texas Springs Campground causing property damage and one injury. Wind flipped a pop-up camp trailer, which fortunately was not occupied at the time. Windows in several vehicles were broken. Multiple tents were either destroyed or blown away.

A volunteer campground host at nearby Sunset Campground reported seeing a tent traveling eastbound approximately 1,500 feet in the air.

The only known injury was sustained by a man whose head was cut by a flapping portion of his tent as it was being pulled away in the wind.

National Park Service rangers stabilized his injuries and transported him to a hospital for treatment.

The National Weather Service had issued a high wind warning for the day, predicting gusts up to 60 miles per hour in Death Valley National Park.



RV owners sue Dometic for refrigerator defect linked to explosions and fires

April 21, 2016 Chuck Woodbury

Excerpted from a lengthy, comprehensive and important article at the link provided below. Terry Apple, Editor

SAN FRANCISCO (April 21, 2016) — A group of RV owners filed a nationwide class-action lawsuit against Dometic Corporation, stating that the company sold defective gas absorption refrigerators with cooling systems that can spontaneously ignite in RVs and boats, putting consumers at risk of deadly fires, explosions, loss of property and loss of the value of their RV/boat, according to consumer-rights law firm Hagens Berman.

The lawsuit states that the defective refrigerators have caused or contributed to at least 3,000 fires since 1997, resulting in more than \$100 million in property damage and personal injury claims, all of which Dometic tracked through multiple non-public, internal databases. Despite this knowledge, Dometic “failed and refused to eliminate the defects and/or provide consumers with adequate warnings,” according to the complaint.

“As millions of owners prep RVs and boats for summer activities, they’re completely unaware that the vehicles they will soon use to transport family and friends essentially contain a pressurized tank of hydrogen gas that can leak and ignite a fire,” said Steve Berman, managing partner of Hagens Berman. “While Dometic promised consumers that its refrigerators were safe for use, it chose to overlook reports of fires and failures of its products and never publicly disclosed the true risk of this defect.”

“We don’t think owners should risk their lives on every trip and have to wait for a potentially deadly hydrogen-fueled fire to get a safe refrigerator or receive payback for Dometic’s brazen misconduct,” Berman added.

The lawsuit states that every gas absorption refrigerator manufactured by Dometic since 1997 shares common technology, common cooling unit design and common defects, including the propensity of the refrigerator’s cooling unit boiler tube to corrode, crack and expel hydrogen gas at high pressure, which can spontaneously combust, or reach other ignition sources, causing a fire.

The 80-page lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco seeks to force Dometic to repair or replace defective refrigerators and compensate consumers for the diminution of value of their RVs and boats as a result of these manufacturer defects(Copy the link below for the remainder of this article.)

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April 26 update from Dometic:

On April 21, a class action complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The complaint alleges that Dometic’s gas absorption refrigerators are defective.

The complaint also alleges that Dometic has failed to remediate the defects and provide adequate warnings or instructions on proper use of its gas absorption refrigerators. The complaint currently includes five individual plaintiffs.

Dometic’s opinion is that the allegations are without merit and intend to vigorously defend against them.

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SOURCE: RV Travel, News, Information and Advice for RVers

SOURCE: News release from Hagens Berman, a consumer rights law firm with offices in 10 cities.

Please see <http://rvtravel.com/rv-owners-sue-dometic-for-refrigerator-defect-linked-to-explosions-and-fires/> for the remainder of this important article.

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Date: _____ Referred by: _____

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

Mailing Address:

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

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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: _____

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Your special interests: _____

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

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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
Ollie's Fiberglass	Lynnwood, WA 425-776-6040	Fiberglass repairs
Oregon Motorcoach Center **	29417 Airport Rd, Eugene, OR 97402 541-762-1505 Effective 01/03/2012: Current NWCCers Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.* Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCCer Honorary Lifetime Member	*Present your NWCCer badge for discount. You will need verification that your club dues are current. Interior restoration, modifications, remodel, service and parts Fax: 541-762-1509 www.oregonmotorcoachcenter.com
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 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
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
Specialty Marine and RV	20781 Olmstead Road NE Aurora, OR 97002 503-678-6595 503-678-6501	Diesel-powered coaches only Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services
Watson Diesel Repair LLC	PO Box 2478 Shelton, WA 98584 (360) 426-5255 watsondieselrepair.com	Services and repairs all diesel engines - primarily big rig trucks but also works on coaches.

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