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 - ♦ *All dates are subject to change.*
 - ♦ *Please consider hosting a weekend with your club.*
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2017 Rally Schedule

May 4-7, 2017, Silver Spur RV Park, Silverton OR, Vern & Glenda Serex, hosts

June 16-20, 2017, Northwest FMCA Pre-Rally, Harmony RV Park/ Lake Mayfield, Mossyrock WA, Suttell and Hensley, hosts

***June 22-25, 2017, FMCA Blast from the Past NW Area Rally, Longview WA**

July 23-28, 2017, Blackwell Island RV Park, Coeur d'Alene ID, Fred Dent, host

Sep 19-22, 2017, Steamboat Rock State Park, Grand Coulee Dam area in Washington, Lee & Carol Irwin, hosts



President's Corner



With the Winter Rally in Kelso, Washington, behind us, we are looking forward to the Silverton Rally. Everyone had a good time at the rally so it was decided to book the park for next year. We are looking for someone to be the Rally Host next year.

The Silverton Rally in May is the next rally. We just sent out the registration and already have 10 signed up. There is more about the rally later in the newsletter.

Mayfield Lake Rally in June is the Pre-Rally for the Northwest Area FMCA being held in Longview,

Washington. Harmony Lakeside Resort is located on Mayfield Lake just east of I-5 about 22 miles. This is the first event at this resort and I am looking forward to the Rally. We are looking for someone to be the caravan leader to take the members going on to the FMCA Rally. Please let us know if you are interested. Frank & Dana Suttell and Floyd & Joyce Hensley are going to be the rally hosts. The signup information for this rally is in this newsletter.

Blackwell Island Rally is in July. Fred Dent is working on putting this rally together. We went to Blackwell Island Resort several years ago with the Southwest CC club and it was a very nice resort. We expect to see more details in a future newsletter.

Steamboat Rock Rally in September. Lee & Carol Irving and Suzie & Bob Toftdahl are the hosts. The signup is going well for this rally. I plan on holding the annual meet at this rally as it looks like we will have a quorum there.

This year at the annual meeting we will elect a President, Vice President and Treasurer. The election committee is Ruth Sorensen, Lee Casebeer and Al Shapiro. Please let them know if you are interested in one of the positions. In the last several elections we have had to twist people's arms to get them to "volunteer" to be an officer. I find this unfortunate. If you want a club, someone has to be willing to step up and lead the club.

We are also looking for a Charity for 2018. At the last annual meeting, Habitat for Humanity was mentioned as a possible charity by the Sorensens. I have asked them to put together some information ahead of the annual election so we know what the commitment would be.

Last month, I asked for someone to step up to be Rally host for the Mayfield Lake Rally since the original hosts had to step down due to unforeseen circumstances. We did not get any takers and, again, this is unfortunate. Everyone wants the club to have rallies, but putting a rally together requires some amount of work to coordinate the event. Most of this work falls on the host and treasurer. The hosts put together the agenda, figure out the meals and buy supplies, then coordinate the event once at the park. The treasurer works with the park and collects fees. Everyone enjoys the rallies, but are not willing to get involved in planning the event. Many of the members that have hosted rallies have done so more than once, while other members have never hosted at all. Dana and I have been a rally host every year since 2009. I realize that being a rally host is a commitment, but have you taken your turn?

Frank Suttell, President, Northwest County Coachers

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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 and Excel are 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,
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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

NWCCers Charity for 2017

The Bowmer Society Oregon Shakespeare Festival

At the NWCC Rally in Southern Oregon in July of 2016, attendees were privileged to see some of the “behind-the-scenes” activities at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF). Besides seeing a play (THE WIZ) in the outdoor theatre, there was a Backstage Tour of all three theaters and an exclusive tour of the new Production Building where the costumes are stored and all the sets are made. Our members were “blown away” by what they saw and were very impressed with all that OSF has and does. After discussions at the Annual Meeting about what our 2017 charity should be, it was decided that it would be the Oregon Shakespeare Festival Bowmer Society.

The Bowmer Society is the education piece of OSF. Through donations to the Bowmer Society, OSF is able to enhance the education of tens of thousands of students every year through discounted tickets and

on-site workshops. In addition, OSF's School Visit Program brings Shakespeare into hundreds of classrooms and communities throughout the West and as far east as Kansas and Arkansas, but mostly in Oregon and Washington.

From its inception, OSF has been a place of learning. Festival founder Angus Bowmer's education mission of cultivating a lifelong love of the art of theatre and the works of William Shakespeare is flourishing as never before due to the generosity of the Bowmer Society.

As Bill Rauch, OSF Artistic Director, says: "Teachers and students are a vital part of our audience. I passionately believe in the power of theatre to change lives, especially young lives."

Donations of any amount are welcome and are fully tax deductible. All funds raised by NWCC will support education programs.



Silver Spur RV Park

Rally in Silverton, Oregon

May 4-7, 2017



This spring, we'll be headed to Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton, Oregon. We had a rally at this park in 2015 and everyone had a great time. Vern and Glenda Serex are the hosts and have reserved 15 sites.

For this rally, you will need to register directly with the park. The Park fees are \$41.00 per night, payable in full at time of reservation. The reservation fee is refundable, except for a \$10 fee upon greater than 24-hour cancellation or a first night charge upon less than 24-hour cancellation. Please call (503-873-2020) to make your reservation.

We will have full use of the Club House while we are there for those who want to swap stories and repair tips or put together a puzzle or two. The weekend will begin on Thursday evening with Taco Soup and trimmings provided by your hosts. There will be one catered breakfast (Friday) and one dinner (Saturday) included in Rally Fee which is \$30 per person. We have 30 places reserved for an early, no-host dinner at the Creekside Grill as part of "First Friday" in downtown Silverton. On Saturday, Vern will be providing cinnamon rolls to accompany breakfast. Sunday, we'll say our "good-byes" over fresh fruit, coffee, muffins and croissants.

The area has lots of variety for things to do: Antique shops galore; alpaca farms; a pie factory nearby; a fantastic floral/veggie nursery a short drive from the Park. The Oregon Gardens and the Frank Lloyd Wright House are close. For the really adventurous, a trek around Silver Creek Falls will provide plenty of exercise.

Make your reservations and park payment with the park and then sign up online at NWCCers.org for the rally, paying the catering/meals fee through PayPal or separate check. Please register online by April 3 as there is a nonrefundable 30-day cancellation policy for the catered meals.

Silver Spur RV Park
May 4 to May 7, 2017
12622 Silverton Rd NE, Silverton, OR 97381
(503) 873-2020

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Coach Length _____ Pets _____ Arrive _____ Depart _____

Number of people for the meals _____.

Rally Fee is \$30 per person payable online at NWCCers.org via PayPal or via check payable to NWCC Treasurer.



Mayfield Lake Rally
June 16 - 19, 2017
Harmony Lakeside RV Park



563 WA-122, Silver Creek, WA 98585, (360) 983-3804

Frank & Dana Suttell and Floyd & Joyce Hensley are hosting this rally. Harmony Lakeside RV Park is located on scenic Mayfield Lake in southwest Washington close to Mt Saint Helens and Mt Rainier. The lake is big enough to fish, water ski and pleasure boat. Steven Canyons Entrance to MT Rainer is 60 miles away and Longmire Entrance to MT Rainer is 50 miles away.

Camping fees are \$42.74 per night, which includes 2 guests and 1 pet. Each additional guest is \$5 per night. Each additional pet is \$2.50 per night. One night's camping fee will be collected as part of the registration for the rally. The remainder of the camping fee will be collected when you arrive at Harmony. The park will not refund your deposit if you cancel less than 30 days out.

The rally fee is \$40. Non-Members please add \$10. We are still planning the Rally, but are planning on having several dinners and breakfasts provided by the Rally Hosts.

The Northwest Area Rally is June 22-25, 2017 in Longview, WA. Harmony Lakeside RV Park is about 60 miles from Longview, WA. Our rally dates support members who are volunteering at the FMCA rally and moving out on June 20 for early admittance at FMCA. For those not volunteering for FMCA tasks, they will need another few nights at Harmony.

Hope to see you there.

Mayfield Lake Rally Registration, June 16-9, 2017
Harmony Lakeside RV Park, 563 WA-22, Silver Creek, WA 98585
(360) 983-3804

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of People in Party: _____ Each additional guest is \$5/day.

NWCC Member: Yes ___ No ___ If No, there is an additional \$10 nonmember fee.

Coach Length: _____ Number of Slides: _____

Satellite TV: Yes ___ No ___. If yes, location of dish: front ___/center ___/back ___/

Pets: Yes ___ No ___ First pet is included. Each additional pet is \$2.50/day.

Attending FMCA Rally: Yes ___ No ___ FMCA Rally Volunteer? Yes ___ No ___

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

The camping fee deposit is \$42.74 and rally fee is \$40 for a total registration fee of \$82.74. If a nonmember, add additional \$20 fee. Make check payable to NWCC Treasurer.



A Rally at Grand Coulee in September 2017



Yes, we're still planning AHEAD for the September 2017 Rally in the Grand Coulee, Washington, area at Steamboat Rock State Park! And, reservations are the subject.

Steamboat Rock State Park has great camping facilities, but no GROUP facilities or sign-up protocol. To reserve sites together, we have come up with the following system:

To camp in the Washington State Parks, all reservations are made on a first-selected/paid, first-reserved basis. The earliest that a camper

may reserve a site is nine (9) months before arrival. Since our Rally arrival date will be September 19, 2017, the earliest we can start reserving is December 19, 2016, and **we plan to do that for you.**

On the registration form, is a schedule of camping fees and [cancellation penalties](#). It includes all information that is required to make a reservation in the Washington State Park system. Send your park fees and the registration form to Dana Suttell.

Using that information, your park reservation will be made for you. Your confirmation and receipt will be sent directly to you via e-mail by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. If you are traveling with a buddy, tell us who so we can site you together.

If you wish to make you own reservations, **PLEASE** tell us the site you have selected. We will be making all reservations in the DUNE CAMP Loop Sites starting with site 81 [for the Rally Host couple] through 89. We would then go to sites 91 through 95 then 76 through 80. All of these are in generally close proximity. Making reservations yourselves can be accomplished on line at www.parks.wa.gov or by phone at 888-226-7688. Brochures can be downloaded at the website.

In the spring, we will publish a program for the Rally and include NWCC's fee for its rally costs. Most of the attractions and all of the Grand Coulee Dam attractions are on a first-come/first-served basis, so this will be kind of an informal, let's-relax rally.

We look forward to receiving your forms so that we can start reserving on December 19, 2016.



2017 Rally at Grand Coulee WA

Rally reservation instructions:

<u>Campsite No.:</u>	To be assigned by NWCCers
<u>Reservation Type:</u>	Campsite
<u>Arrival Date:</u>	This will be Sep. 18, 2017 unless you wish to arrive earlier or later
<u>No. of Nights</u>	This will be 4 unless you wish to arrive earlier and/or leave later
<u>Park:</u>	Steamboat Rock State Park
<u>Site Requirements::</u>	
<u>XL Trailer, +32'</u>	X
<u>50A, water & sewer</u>	X
<u>Party Size:</u>	2 \
<u>First Name:</u>	Joe \
<u>Last Name:</u>	Doaks \
<u>MI:</u>	Z. \
<u>Home Phone:</u>	509-346-2116 \ [Information for your reservation]
<u>Address:</u>	4985 Rd. 11 SW /
<u>City:</u>	Royal City /
<u>State:</u>	WA /
<u>Zip</u>	99357 /
<u>Permit Holder:</u>	[This is name of person to whom your reservation will be sent. Be sure to include!]
<u>E-mail Address:</u>	[This is e-address to which your reservation will be sent]

Rally registration information continues on the next page.....



ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION FORM, Grand Coulee Rally, September 2017

Arrival Date: _____ This will be 9/18/17 unless you will arrive earlier or later.

Number of Nights: _____ This will be 4 unless you will arrive earlier or leave later.

Please print all information clearly.

Party Size: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Name to be on Registration: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTES:

1. Send directly to DANA SUTTELL, NWCC Treasurer, 3965 Bethel RD SE, STE 1 PMB 32.
2. Your reservation confirmation will be e-mailed directly to you at the e-address you list above.
3. In the event that you must make a change to, or cancellation of, your reservation, you will do it yourself through the Washington State Parks Reservation System, just as you would any reservation as you travel.

September 2017 Rally Fees

NWCC Club Registration Fee: To be determined.

Park Fee:

Registration	\$ 8.00
Camping Fee per Day	\$40.00
Non-WA Resident Fee	\$ 5.00 [Non-refundable]

So, the total camping fees for this rally at Steamboat Rock State Park, night 9/19/2017 thru night 9/22/2017, is:
\$168.00 for Washington residents
\$173.00 for out-of-state residents

Send your park registration fee, along with the form, to Dana Suttell. Reservations made for you by NWCC will be paid for with the club credit card. **THERE WILL BE CANCELATION CHARGES:**

Per the Reservation Website: Canceling Individual Site Reservations: When canceling reservations for individual campsites, cabins, yurts, platform tents, Adirondack shelters or vacation houses, please be aware of the following information:

If you cancel or reduce nights on a reservation seven or more days prior to your scheduled arrival date, the cancel charge fee is \$8.00 online or \$10.00 by calling the Reservation Center, plus a fee that is a percentage of the cost of all canceled nights as follows:

- 50% for reservations held more than six months
- 40% for reservations held five to six months
- 30% for reservations held four to five months
- 20% for reservations held three to four months
- 15% for reservations held two to three months
- 10% for reservations held one to two months
- 5% for reservations held less than one month



Winter Rally in Kelso, Washington

March 9-12, 2017



POSTMORTEM



The Winter Rally is behind us and we all had a great time. We had nine coaches attend the rally. It rained a lot while we were there and it became a challenge to all of us to get from our coaches to the club house without stepping in a mud puddle. I think we all are in the process of washing mud off EVERYTHING, but it was winter, so what do you expect?

Brookhollow was really welcoming and the park is set up very nice. They have access to a wonderful walking

path and some of us hit the trail in a couple of the short breaks. A little geocaching, quilt-shop hopping, naps and TV time were the order of the day. Several of us enjoyed craft time all weekend as well as a fun relaxing winter weekend.

We seem to focus our rallies on food and, once again, we all felt like we rolled home. The Hensleys, Suttells and Gabels arrived on Wednesday and shared a taco dinner while we survived nonstop rain. Sarah set out a stool to step over the lake at the front door! Thursday, we shared leftovers and welcomed everyone to the rally. Thursday night, we had a lasagna dinner and the leftovers fed us lunch for the next two days. Friday night, we went out to Izzy's for pizza and more. Everyone left completely satisfied. Saturday night, we had Clam Chowder Night. We had birthdays to celebrate and enjoyed cake, pies and ice cream with another ice cream night as well. We had hot breakfasts each morning as well. I think the NWCCers could feed the world.

We enjoyed a Bingo night and raised \$420.00 for our club charity. The Carrick's will be sharing information about the Boehmer Foundation and the outreach program in the newsletter and website as well as throughout the season at rallies.

s/Frank Suttell

We really enjoyed this location and will be heading back in March next year. Anyone want to host?

s/Frank Suttell



Winter Rally in Kelso, Washington

POSTMORTEM

March 9-12, 2017



NWCC Winter Rally
Kelso, Washington March 9-12, 2017
Wagon Masters: Frank & Dana Suttell
and Floyd & Joyce Hensley

Here are a few pictures that Vern took. We were celebrating 3 birthdays, Russ, Richard and me, and that's what all the laughing was about. It was a really rainy weekend, but such good company that it didn't "dampen" the doings. (Sorry! Couldn't resist that one!)

s/Glenda



FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Below is a letter sent to the Governing Board members by FMCA President Charlie Adcock in preparation for the Governing Board meeting to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 12, 2017. Rather than attach the exhibits referenced in his letter, I have summarized them at the end of his letter to save space. I also deleted the presentation referenced, again to save space. If you wish to see the 11-page Power Point, let me know and I will send the PDF file.

Dear Governing Board Members,

FMCA'S FUTURE

For a while now, the FMCA leadership has been wrestling with some big decisions. We believe we are at a crossroads, and we need to make some significant changes to ensure FMCA's future, and allow us to continue to meet the needs of members.

Following are some facts we believe will help you to make decisions when we meet in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July. We want you to have this information as you talk with your chapters and other FMCA members between now and then. Some of this isn't easy to talk about, but we want you to see the picture as we see it, so that you can make a knowledge-based, business decision.

- FMCA peak active membership level, in the year 2004: 130,000 member families. FMCA membership today: 70,500 member families.
- Motorhome sales today represent a much smaller piece of the RV pie. In 1986, motorhomes represented 37.7% of all RVs shipped to dealers; in 1996, 22.3%; in 2006, 14.3%; and in 2016, motorhomes made up only 12.7%.
- The average age of FMCA members seems to have gone up, even as more young people enter the RV market. 2001 FMCA membership survey: average age of an FMCA member, 65. 2015 survey, average FMCA member, age 71. On the other hand, RV industry statistics show that the average RV owner is age 48.
- As with any business, FMCA has both fixed and variable costs. **Exhibit A: Per Member Analysis** shows current revenue and expenses expressed on a per-member basis. FMCA currently is spending more per member than it is bringing in. Adding members would help with this equation by lowering the per-member costs. With growth to 125,000 members, for instance, revenue per member would exceed the per-member expense.
- The cost of providing FMCA member benefits continues to go up. For the past few years, FMCA has been funding the FMCAssist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance program from FMCA investments. We've also been funding marketing efforts from investments. In fiscal year 2015, FMCA withdrew \$406,141 from investments to pay for those two expense items. In fiscal year 2016 (with an increase in the FMCAssist premium, plus added marketing activity), FMCA withdrew \$794,712 from investments.
- Premiums for the FMCAssist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program have increased from \$4.32 per year per member family in October 2014 to \$8.52 per year per member family currently. With the loss ratio the program has experienced, as a result of more members than expected using the program, we are projecting that the premium likely will increase to as much as \$11.24 per member per year in fiscal year 2018. See **Exhibit B: FMCAssist Stats**. Adding younger FMCA members would help with the loss ratio, which would help to keep the costs down and help us to retain this as a member benefit. If the current provider cancels, we would be hard-pressed to find another insurer to provide coverage without a substantial premium increase.

- FMCA experienced net membership growth in fiscal year 2016 for the first time since 2003. The net increase was 616 member families. However, we spent \$269,901.76 in marketing dollars to help achieve this relatively small increase. See **Exhibit C: Membership Trend**.

- Financial experts tell us that we are due for a stock market correction. It's not a matter of if; it's a matter of when. **Exhibit D: 100 Year Stock Market Analysis** shows the peaks and valleys the market experiences. So, we can't keep doing what we've been doing and drawing out money to pay for FMCA Assist and marketing expenses.

- For many years, *Family Motor Coaching* magazine was referred to as the "cash cow" for the association, generating between \$5 million and \$8 million a year and providing a significant portion of FMCA's revenue. Then the internet came along and caused a major disruption, not just for FMCA but for publishing companies in general. Digital advertising doesn't command the same type of revenue as print. In fact, it's frequently been said that print dollars have become digital dimes. The Great Recession added further insult to injury. Plus, consolidation of companies within the RV industry has impacted advertising revenue. In fiscal year 2016, advertising revenue totaled \$1,824,498, including the magazine and website. Expanding FMCA's scope to welcome all RVers, as is being proposed, would open up possibilities in terms of new advertisers; however, the days of the magazine generating millions of dollars in revenue will not return. So, FMCA now must rely more on membership dues to sustain itself.

At the end of 2016, we asked the membership to approve an addition to the FMCA Articles of Incorporation that would allow us to explore the idea of forming a subsidiary organization that would welcome owners of other types of RVs. Once we gathered facts, opinions, and some good old common sense, we concluded that a better plan would be to simply open FMCA membership to all RV owners. That is the proposal that will come before you during the meeting in Indy. We see this as something that we need to do in order to secure FMCA's future.

Welcoming more members to FMCA would help to spread out the costs of providing benefits. And at the same time, we'd be able to share our sense of community with all RV owners. The world has changed, and it seems that FMCA must change as well.

Gloria and I have put many, many miles on our motorhome since I became FMCA national president. We've met hundreds of FMCA members, plus a bunch of folks traveling in other types of RVs. One thing we've learned is that it doesn't really matter what type of RV you have. RVing is less about the equipment we use and more about the people who enjoy the lifestyle. Many of us – Gloria and me included – started out in a travel trailer. And although the RV industry reports that a sizable number of younger people are jumping into the RV lifestyle, most of them aren't ready yet for motorhome ownership; however, they have a lot of the same needs and interests as we motorhomers do.

The attached presentation explains some of the rationale for welcoming all RV owners into FMCA. Also included are proposals to amend the FMCA Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and Bylaws to make it possible to move forward with "remodeling" FMCA to meet the needs of current and future members.

Please help us grow FMCA by approving this recommendation when it is presented to you during the Governing Board meeting at FMCA's 96th International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 12.

Remember, "It's all about having fun!" Let's keep that going and open the doors for others to have fun with us!

Charlie Adcock, F311374
National President

P.S.: Any questions regarding this letter? Please email me at cadcock@fmca.com. Include your phone number and question and I will give you a call to discuss.

EXHIBIT A: Per Member Analysis

Current membership revenue \$62.26 with expenses of \$78.2
125,000 membership revenue \$62.26 with expenses of \$60.54

EXHIBIT B: FMC Assist Stats

10/1/14 to 9/30/15 cost per member \$4.32
10/1/15 to 9/30/16 cost per member \$5.65
10/1/16 to 9/30/17 cost per member \$8.52
10/1/17 to 9/30/18 projected cost per member \$15.24

EXHIBIT C: Membership Trend

6/30/2010 97,065
6/30/2012 83,708
6/30/2014 75,699
6/30/2015 71,771
FY 2016 showed a gain of +616

EXHIBIT D: 100 Year Stock Market Analysis

No real meaningful data

At the 2016 Governing Board meeting, a motion was put forth to change the Articles of Incorporation. This was to allow FMCA to have a broader presence in the market place; there was no mention of allowing towables within the organization. The Governing Board approved the motion and a ballot was placed in the FMCA magazine for the members to vote. There were approximately 600 ballots returned out of a 71,000 plus membership! Only those ballots returned were tabulated, changes were made with the assistance of the association attorney and now the Governing Board will vote to accept the amended Articles. which include removing references to “Family Motorcoach” and “private coach” and substituting Recreation Vehicle. You can pretty much see where this is going as President Adcock explains in his letter. Next up will be changes to the constitution and by-laws, which will require another vote of the membership.

A number of proposals being put forth for this Governing Board to consider will be covered in a future article.

Don Schleuse
National Director, NorthWest Country Coachers
North West Area Sr. Vice President



*Sidetracks from
Herb Harris*

Saw these guys setting up camp at Shelter Island in San Diego. It's available - lots of upgrades! Just a few spots left for the new owner to fill in with their treasures. Cheers, Herb



Chuckles

Tech support: The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious!

The query: Dear Tech Support: Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications and intimacy, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do? Signed, Desperate.



The response (that came weeks later out of the blue): Dear Desperate: First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0. Hope all works out well!

RVillager "Swtpea" Comment: Or try lingerie 1.5 for results! Best of luck.

RVillager "Jim & Kathy N." Comment: You can, assuming that the framework supports it, run a stripped down version of your earlier program, Girlfriend Experience 3.5. There are several versions of this particular application - 3.5.1 is the bare version and is known to work wonders.

Source: Posted by Mike and Donna Wagner in Comic Relief Group on RVillage Monday 3/27/2017. Also found on the internet in many places, including <http://www.jokes2go.com/jokes/20343.html>.

This and That

The 95th International Convention of the **Family Motor Coach Association** (FMCA) took off in Chandler, Ariz., on March 10. FMCA says 2,273 member rigs showed up, and more than 300 additional commercial units – the highest number of rigs since the group's 2011 convention in Perry, Ga.

You probably reset your clocks two weeks ago. But did you **check your RV smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms?**

If you dislike **California State Parks Department's** reservation system, you may be happy to hear that it will go "bye bye" August 1. Presently operating under the ReserveAmerica Program, state officials will roll out their own system called ReserveCalifornia, which they say will give users a more friendly experience and more options, including more information about individual sites.

Diesel: \$2.54 (on Mar. 20). Change from week before: Down 3 cents; Change from year before: Up 42 cents.

Winnebago begins three-year warranty promotion: Winnebago Industries has launched Carefree Diesel Days, an extended warranty promotion for Winnebago diesel pushers that runs from March 1 to Aug. 31. The program extends the warranty on any Winnebago diesel pusher built on a Freightliner chassis to three years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. . . . Customers can learn additional information about the diesel lineup and the Carefree Diesel Days promotion by visiting their Winnebago dealer. SOURCE: Winnebago press release and <http://rvdailyreport.com/industry/winnebago-begins-three-year-warranty-promotion/>

Bumper sticker of the week

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.

Joke of the Week

"My Darling," said a husband to his wife, "I invited a friend for dinner."

"What? Are you crazy?" the wife snapped. "The house is a mess, I haven't been shopping, and I don't feel like cooking."

"I know that," the husband replied.

"Then why did you invite him?"

"Because the poor guy is talking about getting married."

Unusual Stuff

Old Goat Soak

Rejuvenating All-Natural Old Goat Bath Soak Will Make You Feel Like a "Kid" Again

Source: <https://www.vermontcountrystore.com/product/68038>

[Editor's Note: Never tried it. This is NOT an endorsement.]



Northwest Country Coachers

Annual Renewal 2017

It's that time again and our 2017 dues are due. Our club continues to offer a variety of events through the year to share our love of our coaches and the people that share them.

Dues Payment is \$30.00/year.

We also offer you the chance to pay in advance; each additional year will be at a \$25.00 discounted rate. Please complete this form and send it with your check to:

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

You can also use our club website to complete your renewal through PayPal. If you would like to take advantage of the multiple-year option, e-mail treasurer@nwccers.org and let me know how many years you would like and I will send you a special invoice.

Name: _____

Please list any changes in your information and we will update your records.

NorthWest Country Coachers

An FMCA Chapter Chartered September 29, 2007, as a Local Northwest Area Country Coach Owners' Club

Membership Application

Date: _____ Referred By: _____

Driver Name _____ Co-Pilot Name _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD): _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD): _____ Anniversary (MM/DD) _____

Mailing Address:

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

Phones: Home (____) _____ Driver Cell (____) _____ Co-Pilot Cell: (____) _____

Residence Address if different than Mailing Address:

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

More Information:

*FMCA # _____ E-mail Address: _____

Your Country Coach Information:

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

Emergency Contact:

Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Address: _____

Any Special Medical Information: _____

Your Special Interests: _____

Names and Types of Pets in Coach: _____

Your Favorite Activities: _____

NWCC Facts: Our Club holds several rallies each year in the Northwest to promote friendship and camaraderie among Coach Owners. We are a chapter of FMCA; therefore, our members must also be current FMCA members. The Club's annual membership dues are \$25 with an additional one-time \$25 application fee. Application dues/fees received after October 31 will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following year.

Please send your \$50 check payable to
NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS

to our Treasurer, Dana Suttell, 3965 Bethel Rd. SE, Ste 1, PMB 32 Port Orchard WA 98366-1976
treasurer@nwccers.org

Please join our Yahoo group for continued communication and e-letters at NW-CCers@yahoogroups.com

Our Chapter Website is nwccers.org

Applicant Signatures

Driver _____ Co-Pilot _____

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NWCC 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 NWCC 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 NWCC	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 NWCC exclusive sales dealer NWCC \$25 discount on retail service	Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales www.guarantyrv.com
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
Kustom Coach Works	Bobby Vodden PO Box 395, Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371	Custom audio/video installations KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com

Company	Contact	Service
Mike's Mobile, RV Service RVIA certified	Mike Woodard, Owner/Operator Gig Harbor and Kitsap County, WA, area Cell: 360-621-8496	mikesmobilervservice@yahoo.com Referred by: Russ Warren
Oregon Motorcoach Center **	29417 Airport Rd, Eugene, OR 97402 541-762-1505 Effective 01/03/2012: Current NWCC Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.* Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCC Honorary Lifetime Member	*Present your NWCC 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.
RV Service Pro In the Puget Sound area	Mobile RV Service from Seattle to Olympia. Certified RV service and repair professionals for all your RV service and repairs 253-229-6209 www.rvservicepro.com	They do good work at fair prices. They overhauled my Aquahot for me. Recommended by Fred Dent
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
Washington Auto Carriage	Terry Fout, General Manager 5301 E. Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA 99211 (509) 535-0363; (800) 456-0363	24 Hour Emergency Mobile Service: (509) 534-9358 wac@waauto carriage.com Recommended by Fred Dent
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.



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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