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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



The Silverton Rally is the first weekend in May and preparations are going well. We have 15 coaches going. Dana and I are getting ready to head south to the rally. We are spending some time at Vern and Glenda's to do some work on the coach.

The next rally after Silverton is at Mayfield Lake. This will be the Pre-Rally for the Northwest Area FMCA in Longview,

Washington. We and Floyd and Joyce Hensley are going to be rally hosts. There are only five coaches signed up so far. If you plan on going to the rally, you need to get signed up. The original commitment to the park was for 20 coaches. Dana will be working with the park to finalize the rally numbers in mid-May (i.e., 2 weeks). This will let the park fill unused sites. This is a beautiful park that sits on Mayfield Lake. Our tentative plans are to provide Breakfast and Dinner for the three days of the rally. We are still working on the details.

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. The signup information for this rally is later in this newsletter and you can sign up online if you want.

Blackwell Island Rally is in late July. Fred Dent is hosting the Blackwell Island event. Rally information and registration instructions are in this newsletter.

This year, the annual meeting will be at the Steamboat Rock Rally in September. Positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. The election committee is Ruth Sorensen, Lee Casebeer and Al Shapiro. Please let them know if you are interested in one of the positions.

Dana was asked about the NWCC apron that we did a few years ago. Dana plans on contacting the company that did the aprons and find out what the current cost would be. We expect between \$10 and \$15. If you are interested in an apron with the club logo, please email Dana and she will put you on a list and keep you up to date.

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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,
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

Greetings Fellow Club Members,

We have the unfortunate duty to report some sad news to you. On March 30th, we received the following e-mail message from one of our Washington State club members, Carol Irwin:

Subject: Lee Irwin

Dear Friends,

On March 13, we went to the ER in Wenatchee. Lee could not swallow. They did many tests and decided it was as result of his radiation in July 2014. He had a breathing tube through the nose and they tried to put a G-tube into the stomach, but were unsuccessful as there were organs in the way and his blood was too thin for surgery. His children came on Wed and Fri 22 and he became weaker and on Monday he wanted the life support of the feeding tube removed. He was on oxygen and morphine for 2 days and passed away on Mar 29 at 6:45 with his family and myself present. The doctors and nurses were wonderful and did all they could. His family has been very supportive to me.
Fondly, Carol Irwin



Kris and I always enjoyed Carol and Lee's presence at our rallies. Lee was a very kind, optimistic person. One example was at a Thanksgiving rally in Troutdale. The Irwins arrived late and were in a hurry to get to our meet & greet social. In Lee's haste to hook up their coach in the rain and get to the social, he inadvertently connected the fresh water hose to the black water tank spray/flush fitting. Their black drain was closed. Upon returning from the social, the contents of their black water tank was flowing out the coach's entry door. Lee's response when we arrived to help clean up the mess was: *"Well, we had planned on replacing the carpet anyway."* That is the kind of sense of humor and optimism Lee possessed. At the last Southern Oregon rally, Bill Holmes, Lee Irwin and Lee Casebeer were discussing Bill's recent coolant transfer pump failure. Lee Irwin had experienced the same problem and fix. Because of the age of our vintage coaches, I was very interested in details of the fix. Within one-half hour of our conversation, Lee Irwin was at our door with written information on his problem, with details on where he got it fixed and what it costs, an example of Lee's giving nature. Both Lee and Carol are very caring and giving people. Every rally that we attended with them, they would bring a gift for the group, boxes of apples and/or walnuts from their orchards near Royal City, Washington. Lee and Carol will be very much missed at future rallies.

Thank you, Lee, for all the happiness that you brought to our club.

Here is where you can send your condolences to Carol and family:

Carol Irwin cksewbiz@juno.com

Or

Carol Irwin

4985 Road 11 SW, Royal City, WA 99367



Submitted by Lee & Kris Casebeer



On March 29, 2017, we lost a fellow member of Northwest Country Coachers. When Carol Irwin e-mailed us that Lee had passed away, we took a moment to think about all the wonderful memories we have of Lee and Carol. He was my hero: Lee and Carol were going to drive their coach ("Applecart") to his 90th birthday party back East. If you had the pleasure of getting to know Lee and Carol, treasure it. Lee was a true gentle man and a lot of fun to be around. He always brought walnuts and apples from his orchard to the rallies and club members spent many hours sitting around the table shelling walnuts and telling stories. Lee, we will miss spending time with you and Carol.



*Contributed by Sibylle on behalf of Sibylle and Richard Beck
Salem, OR*





NWCC Rally Attendee Cancellation Policy

Rally Attendee Cancellation Policy: If you are unable to attend a rally as planned, notify the rally host and NWCC Treasurer as soon as possible.

Rally Fee: Refund of the basic rally fee can be made up to two (2) weeks before the start of the rally unless otherwise stated in the rally registration form.

Special Fees: There are times when there are "Special" rally fees. These fees would be for additional activities, like tours, dinners, catering, etc. If you are unable to attend the rally, refunding Special rally fees will be based on the agreements the host has made with the vendors. This cancellation information will be included in the Rally registration form.

Camping Fee: The RV park cancellation policy will be used if, for any reason, you are unable to attend the rally.



This and That

Oregon State Parks to open 1,000 more campsites for the solar eclipse

Campsites at Oregon State Parks went fast for the 2017 total solar eclipse, but those who missed out have a big second chance.

About 1,000 more campsites will be made available for the cosmic event, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced Tuesday, all within or near the "path of totality," where the total eclipse will be visible the morning of Aug. 21.

The majority of the campsites will be in temporary campgrounds set up in parking lots and fields at state parks, while the other portion will be at traditional campsites that are usually first-come, first-served.

Campers will need to book a minimum of three nights (Aug. 18 to 21) at each site, and can make reservations beginning at 8 a.m. on April 19, online at oregonstateparks.org or reserveamerica.com, or by calling the reservation line at [800-452-5687](tel:800-452-5687). --Jamie Hale

For specific information: http://www.oregonlive.com/travel/index.ssf/2017/04/oregon_state_parks_to_open_100.html

Winnebago International Travelers

(WIT) Club of Washington has extended an open invitation to our club members to attend the Northwest Regional Winnebago Rally at the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere, Washington, May 18-21, 2017. Since Country Coach is now part of the Winnebago family, they want to make sure you know that you have an open invitation to participate with their state club and any of their chapters. If you have any questions, you may contact:

Ron Woodward, President, Wash-I-Bagos
Niners843@yahoo.com, 703-608-5171

Sidetracks from Herb Harris



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.





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.





Blackwell Island RV Resort

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

July 23 -28, 2017

It's been seven years since we visited Blackwell Island RV Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, as a chapter. It doesn't seem that long – time flies! Blackwell Island RV Resort is on the mouth of the Spokane River where it empties into the north shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene just a few minutes from downtown Coeur d'Alene. The area offers lots of summer time activities, including boating, fishing, jet skiing, hiking, water skiing, shopping, golf, nearby Silverwood Theme Park and tons of geocaches in the area for you geocacher enthusiasts.

We are planning a relaxing week, including games on the lawn; summer BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and all the fixin's of a family picnic; a catered BBQ Dinner; an optional evening at the famous Cedars Floating Restaurant nearby; an optional sightseeing boat trip on the lake and lots of free time to enjoy the area. We'll start you off every morning with a continental breakfast (coffee, pastries, fruit and maybe a surprise or two). We'll start the rally with a pot luck meet & greet in our NWCC tradition on Sunday night and gather for a "Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow" semi-pot luck breakfast together on our last morning. You must make your reservations for these events in advance with your registration for the weekend (details are on the registration form).

The optional dinner at Cedars is planned a little earlier than usual to accommodate our group reservation and to get discounted "Early bird" pricing. I know you will enjoy the evening; we all did last time. Your meal is inclusive – soup or choice of salad; your choice of prime rib, Cedar Plank Salmon, Smoked Chicken Alfredo or a vegetarian entrée TBA; huckleberry ice cream sundae and beverage (coffee, tea, iced tea). Bar service will be available separately. Our Catered BBQ will offer a variety of BBQ meats and all the fixings, including desert. See registration for pricing.

The optional Sightseeing Boat Trip was also popular last time. The boat offers both inside and outside seating with no-host basic bar service (beer wine and limited cocktails). The guides will point out interesting sights along our trip. When we return to the dock, you are free to enjoy downtown Coeur d'Alene. We don't have anything planned for that night, so you may want to make dinner reservations in town and perhaps enjoy an evening event in town. If you would rather come back to Blackwell Island Resort, the clubhouse and kitchen will be open for our use.

This rally is planned during the height of Blackwell Island Resort's season, so space is limited. We have a limited number of sites reserved and when they are gone, they're gone. Make your plans now for what promises to be a great rally and send in your registration early! Don't miss out.

Please be aware that Blackwell Island Resort is pet friendly, including a doggie area on the river to enjoy. However, they have a pet policy that will not allow certain aggressive breeds (Pit Bulls, German Shepherds, etc). If you have any concerns about whether your pet is welcome, please call the park at 888/571-2900 for additional information

Resort information – **you MUST register for this event through NWCCers.** Please do not contact Blackwell Island directly for reservations. <http://www.idahorvpark.com/index.htm>

Here is what we have planned:

Monday – Thurs 7:30 – 8:30	Continental Breakfast in the Clubhouse – Rotating hosts
Sunday, July 23, 6 PM	Meet and Greet Pot Luck
Monday, July 24	Summer Family Picnic hosted by NWCC
Tuesday, July 25	Afternoon Boat Cruise* on Lake Coeur d'Alene – Evening free
Wednesday, July 26, 6 PM	Catered BBQ in the Clubhouse
Thursday, July 27, 5 PM	Dinner at Cedars*
Friday, July 28	Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow Breakfast (semi-pot luck)

*Optional – see registration for cost.

The last time we visited Blackwell Island Resort, we had a lot of fun together and the July weather was perfect – nice and warm, but not too hot. You will have plenty of time to relax and enjoy the area with your NWCC friends.

So, y'all come for a Summer Family Picnic week at Blackwell Island with your NWCCers family! Make your reservation NOW! You can register online through our web site at www.nwccers.org or use the printed form in the Newsletter.

Fred Dent, Past President, Wagonmaster
dent@uw.edu

Registration

Northwest Country Coachers Lake Coeur d'Alene Rally Blackwell Island RV Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID July 23 - 28, 2017

This will be a popular rally, so get your reservation in as soon as possible, we have limited space available. You may arrive a couple of days early or depart a few days later at the same daily rate if space is available. Indicate the dates you want to arrive and depart on the registration form and we will confirm those dates promptly upon receipt of your registration. You must make your registration for this rally through NWCC. Please do not call Blackwell Island directly unless you have questions about their policies.

Registration **must be received no later than Sunday, July 1, 2017.** After July 1, please e-mail dent@uw.edu to be placed on a waiting list. If space becomes available, we will notify you on a first-come/first-served basis. There will be a \$20 late registration surcharge if we confirm your late reservation. Spaces are \$49.95 plus tax per night with full hook ups 30/50 Amp. We will send you a confirmation when we receive your registration and confirm it with Blackwell Island. Please do not make a reservation directly with Blackwell Island.

Name: Pilot _____ Co-pilot _____
Email address: _____ Phone #: _____ / _____ - _____
Arrival Date: _____ / _____ Departure Date: _____ / _____ Coach length: _____ # of slides: _____
Member FMCA Y/N _____ Member NWCC Y/N _____ (non-NWCC add \$10)

Pets: Please be aware that Blackwell Island is pet friendly, including a doggie beach on the river, but they have pet restrictions and ban "aggressive/attack" breeds like Pit Bulls and German Shepherds. If in doubt, please contact Blackwell Island RV before your arrival (888/571-2900). Number/size dogs ____/____ cats ____/____

First night site deposit \$49.95
Per person registration – includes all meals served on site and onsite activities
_____ Adults @ \$40.00 each Amount _____
_____ Young adults 12-18 @ \$20 each Amount _____

Cedars Restaurant Dinner. Dinner price includes Soup or Salad, Entrée choice, Sundae, Dining Room beverages (coffee, tea, iced tea). Bar beverages, soft drinks and juices not included – on your own.

_____ Adults @ \$35.00 ea Amount _____
_____ Children 6 – 12 @ \$17.50 Amount _____
Sightseeing Boat Trip
_____ Adults over 17 @ 24.75 ea Amount _____
_____ Senior 55+ @ 22.75 Amount _____
_____ Children (6-17) @ 16.75 ea Amount _____
Little tykes under 6 – Free

Non-NWCC member add \$10 per coach Amount _____
Grand Total _____

Make check payable to 'Northwest Country Coachers' and mail to:
Dana Suttel (360/876-1197)
3163 SE Tucci Pl., Port Orchard, WA 98367

All sites are full hookup (20/30/50 Amp) with cable. Our quoted rate of \$49.95 plus tax per night is payable upon arrival at Blackwell Island. This same rate will apply for your early arrival and late departure nights as well on a space available basis.

Cancellation policy for this rally. Cancellation received by:
July 16, 2017 Full refund
July 17 – 20 Refund will include - First night deposit (\$49.95), Cedars Dinner, Boat Sight Seeing Plus one half of your "Per Person" registration. (See Cancellations Note)
July 21 – 22 First night site deposit, Cedars Dinner, Boat Sightseeing only. (See cancellations note)
July 23 or after No refunds.

Cancellations note—For cancellations received after July 17) Full refund less \$25 if we have someone on the waiting list to replace you.

Wagon Master – Fred Dent, Past President, dent@uw.edu

Blackwell Island RV Resort Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Last Time We Were There



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



*Sidetracks from
Herb Harris*

*When on a road trip, better get your beauty sleep!
Cheers, Herb*

Drowsy RV Drivers are more Dangerous than Drunk Drivers, Experts say

By [Rene Agredano - The Full Timing Nomad](#)

Drunk driving is bad for everyone. But when it comes to drunk drivers, a 2016 study by the American Automobile Association's (AAA) Foundation for Traffic Safety reports these rolling time bombs are actually *safer* behind the wheel than drowsy RV drivers.



Falling asleep at the wheel can have devastating consequences. Photo by slemnah iRV2com member

Why Drowsy RV Drivers are more Dangerous than Drunk Drivers

Even missing just one hour of sleep can make drivers as risky as an inebriated drunk behind the wheel. The study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety states that "Drivers who miss between one to two hours of the recommended seven hours of sleep in a 24-hour period nearly double their risk for a crash." Even more surprising was the news by Dr. David Yang, executive director for the foundation, who says: "Our new research shows that a driver who has slept for less than five hours has a crash risk comparable to someone driving drunk."

Just because RVers take their bedroom on the road doesn't mean they're less at risk. Effective snoozing doesn't always come easy at noisy rest areas, brightly lit or busy [WalMart camping parking lots](#) and RV parks perched next to interstates or other bustling areas. When a drowsy RV driver gets behind the wheel and commandeers a motorhome or trailer, that person is potentially even *more* of a risk on the highway than sleep impaired drivers at the wheel of passenger cars. An uncontrolled RV can do far more damage than a sedan. [How to handle and drive your RV like a pro](#) takes some time, but when you're drowsy those skills become severely hindered.

Better RV Driving Starts with a Plan

RV drivers who wait until they're sleepy to pull over are playing Russian roulette. Navigating a large RV is more

intense than driving a passenger car. Even when you're not sleepy you need to concentrate harder to create safe conditions. On any RV road trip, your focus should be on preparing to rest *before* you get that tired. For instance, [Drowsy RV Drivers](#) should consider:

- Drive shorter distances than when you're driving a passenger car.
- Trade driving duties with capable passengers who can drive your RV.
- Only stay behind the wheel two hours at a time. Stop and take a 20 minute nap. Sleep experts say even 20 minutes will help refresh a drowsy RV driver.
- Take breaks. Make a sandwich, brew a cup of coffee and walk around. The fresh air will wake you up and prepare you for more miles.

Most people don't realize when they're about to nod-off behind the wheel. But the human body gives lots of clues before it tries to snooze.

Here's how you know you're too Drowsy to Drive

Your body is much better at giving you sleep signals than you think. Common signs that you're about to join the unfortunate drowsy RV drivers on the road include:

- Yawning repeatedly
- Rubbing your eyes
- Hitting a rumble strip
- Not remembering the last few miles
- Missing exits and traffic signs

When these signals hit, many people don't always know the best ways to stay awake while driving. Dumb things people do to try to stay awake can actually make them sleepier, like eating sugary snacks or drinking a soda.

"Sugar is not helpful and can make you sleepier after 30-90 minutes than if you had no sugar," writes the National Sleep Foundation. Drivers should always opt for healthier snacks like sunflower seeds instead. Even drinking coffee isn't an instant pick-me-up because it takes about 30 minutes for the caffeine to kick in.

Nodding off behind the wheel is just like trying to fall asleep on a pillow – it happens before you realize it. Don't wait until you think you're sleepy or it could be too late to avoid a horrible RV accident that puts an end to all your road trips.

Source: <http://rvlife.com/drowsy-rv-drivers/>

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@yahoo.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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