

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

October 2016



Happy Anniversary!

What a nice surprise. Our club was honored in front of the FMCA member that attended the rally in Albany, Oregon, where I accepted a \$200.00 check for our club being in good standing and in existence for 35 year. Quite an honor! Most all of our board officers were alongside me to help accept our check. This FMCA rally has helped bring our club closer involved. For many years, NWBNs haven't enjoyed the Northwest area FMCA rally, but a few years ago, some of our members decided that we should start participating and supporting our area Vice President Andy and Kathy Balough. It has been a good fit. Kent and Karen Pratt have been very instrumental in securing great parking areas, so we can all be parked together and leave us space to enable us to have an area to cook and have our happy hour get together.

We rented a big bar-b-q for our New York steak dinner, baked potatoes and salad. The weather was cooperating, so we had a comfortable evening. We invited Andy and Kathy Balough and Kent and Karen Pratt to join us and they soon saw why we have such a strong club. Oh the commeradity!! Come see for yourself.

We invited 4 couples to join our special little corner of the fairgrounds. They had such a good time, that they all joined our club. That's just how we make new people feel; welcome!! We had three Canadians join; Emery & Jeanette Leraand from Calgary, Peter & Lenie Johnson from Ladysmith, BC, and Douglas Simpson from Chillwack. Mike & Charlie Harris from Auburn, CA. is our first new member that heard about the NWBNs through our newly posted website. You will read more about our "web" in a later newsletter article.

I recently heard that we lost one of our favorite members; Bill Spong. We haven't seen a lot of Bill since his wonderful wife Juanita left us a few years ago. We could always rely on them to help out. They were a 'key' couple when we enjoyed Bus N USA rallies. We will miss the Spongs deeply.

On a brighter note, Bill's son Michael, and his wife Eileen drove to Albany for the day to introduce themselves to us and joined our club. They will be traveling in the big "green eagle" that Bill and Juanita enjoyed so much. Michael & Eileen reside in Woodinville, WA. They are planning to attend our rally in Stephenson in September. Let's make them feel welcome.

We had some unexpected guests stop by and spend some time with us. It's always fun to see out charter members, Wayne and Betty Muessig. They have sold their bus, but they are always welcome. Hope to see more of them.

Pat and Ann Horn bought 60 pounds of Rainier cherries and passed them out. Free cherries for our members and guests! Thanks Horns, you're always so thoughtful.

Next year, 2017, this FMCA rally will be held in the Longview, Washington area. Please plan to attend.

Rally in the Valley

Boy was this ever an easy, fun and carefree rally. Everyone enjoyed just kicking back. Our meals were catered, they were not just meals, they were excellent, and no clean up either. Everything was done for us. Rosie stays at Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton, Oregon during the summer months and caters meals throughout the season. Rosie and her husband work as a pair preparing great food, which all of us took advantage of. During the winter they travel to Phoenix, Arizona where they stay in an RV park. They service up to a thousand people on occasion.

We had about a dozen coaches show up on Wednesday. Most enjoyed that little extra time to share with fellow members. All that came early enjoyed a scrumptious Mexican meal just a mile from our temporary home away from home.

Thursday by noon, most were parked and settled in. They had time to look around a bit before we met at Home Place where we were served everything from pizza, sandwiches, to a full meal. We had our private room with a bar adjacent. One more good meal under our belts.

Friday, the coffee was brewing by six for those who do not know how to rest in bed till a reasonable hour. At 8:30 everyone was up to enjoy waffles, ham and egg quiche, fresh fruit and yogurt, and of course we had to have juice before breakfast. Sightseeing was on the agenda for most. So much to see and enjoy in this quaint little town. Many drove to the Willamette Valley Pie Company for “Happy Hour” pie and a drink at a special price. Wayne and Betty Muessig came over and enjoyed dinner with us. Homemade lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and Rosie’s fresh pie and ice cream. Wow what a treat! This lady can cook and bake.

Saturday coffee was brewing early. It was fresh baked biscuits and sausage gravy, sausage, fresh fruit and yogurt. What a nice way to start a day, on a full stomach. Marcia Lewis invited the girls to a Mary Kay cosmetic presentation.

Next in store for our group was a tour of Marquam Hill Ranch, where the majority of members attended. They breed and raise Alpacas. A young Alpaca was on hand for viewing and to be held by Pat Horn. He was only a few days old, but had legs nearly as long as Pat’s.

Before we knew it, the day had slipped away and it was time for “Happy Hour” and dinner to follow. We were treated to Sirloin steak, baked potatoes, salad, homemade rolls and to top it off, build your own ice cream sundaes. This rally had to be a least a “five pounder”.

Doug High and Tom Goldsby took pictures of members by their coaches, which they are planning to put on our website.

Good times were had by all!



If you have friends that would like to attend one of our rallies or would like to join our club, remember, they do not have to own a bus; it only has to be a motorhome class B, class C, or a class A and belong to FMCA. Many people that I have talked with recently did not understand that. I can see where our name might be a little confusing. Some people do not know all the benefits you get by belonging to FMCA. If you have taken advantage of the pricing on Michelin tires, you surely understand. FMCA Assist is a medical benefit that is also included in your membership. These are only a few benefits that you can expect from being a member. If I can help clear up any questions, please call your president, Gary at (503) 816-5982.

While we were in the area, I was able to secure parking for a rally in Mt. Angel for the annual Octoberfest on September 15-17, 2017. This is an event our club has attended many times and it always turns out to be a big success.

Check out our 2017 schedule of rallies and plan to participate, whether you host or attend. I will see you there.

Until next time,

Your President,

Gary

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Northwestern Bus Nut Members - are you paid up on your dues? October 1st started a new fiscal year for the NWBN. Dues are \$20.00 per year. Please send your dues payment payable to:

Northwestern Bus Nuts

c/o Jeanne Wright,

P.O. Box 41555

Eugene, OR 97404

Thank you!!

Note from Dick & Jeanne Wright:

One of our long time members, who we never see at a NWBN passed away. Marian Janke passed away this month. Dick & I see Jim & Marian at ORI in Indio. They have not been to a NWBN Rally since we gathered in Billings, MT. years ago. Our condolences to Jim.



2017 Rallies

January- Indio, California FMCA	January 11-15, 2017
March- Chandler, Arizona FMCA	March 7-10-2017
June- Longview, Washington FMCA	June 22-25, 2017
July- to be announced	
August- Newport, Oregon	to be announced
September- Mt. Angel, Oregon	September 15-18, 2017
October- Prosser, Washington	October 12-15, 2017

Welcome to our New Members:



Chuck & Sandra Constable- Nanaimo, BC
Gary Hatt - Anaheim, California
Nelson & Carol Majors - Lemoore, California
Paul & Thelma Tappero - Fruitland, Washington
Dave & Doreen Walker - Roseville, California
Emily & Jeanette Learaand - Calgary
Peter & Linie Johnson - Ladysmith, BC
Douglass Simpson - Chilliwack
Mike & Charlie Harris - Auburn, California

We now have a website! - NW Bus Nuts Website Information:

This is a brief description of the new NW Bus Nuts website explaining how to open the website and navigate through the site.

To open the website go to: www.nwbusnuts.com

The website will open to the "Home" page

The "Home" page will show a welcome statement and you will notice photos that are being shown as a slide show.

Our goal is to use this slide show to display photos of all our members. It would be nice to have the photos taken in front of their coach if it is possible. We have begun taking photos of those members attending the rallies and these photos will be added to the slide show shortly.

While on the "Home" page you will notice a small box on the left side of the screen at the top of the page directly under the club Logo. When you tap or click on this box you will see that it opens up and shows a list of the tabs included on this website. You will also find a list of the tabs at the bottom of each page.

These tabs include: "HOME", "ABOUT", "MEMBERSHIP", "EVENTS", "RALLY GALLERY" and "CONTACT"

The "HOME" page gives a brief description of the club, shows the slide show with photo's of the members and also includes a "Get Membership Information" box the when clicked on will take you directly to the "Membership" page.

We have also included a photo at the bottom of the sheet that can be used for displaying any photo that would be desired.

The "ABOUT" page give more detail about the club history and also lists at the bottom of the page the club officers.

The "MEMBERSHIP" page explains the process required for those that want to sign up to be a member of the club. It explains the need to join the FMCA when becoming a member of the NW Bus Nuts. This page lists the new membership fees as well as the yearly dues. On this page you are instructed to "click here" and a copy of both club applications will pop up and can be printed. This page also directs you to the mailing address for sending the completed application. There is also a "Contact Us" that will pull up a contact form that can be filled in electronically and submitted for response to any questions one might have.

The "EVENTS" page will show a listing of upcoming as well as previous events. Details of each event are included and the address of the event as well as the event hosts and contact information will be listed. There is also a Google Map link that will pull up directions from

your location to the event site. Each event will have a “find out more link” where additional details surrounding the event can be located. This might show activities in the area, specific details or information related to the event etc.

The “RALLY GALLERY” page will be used to post photos taken at each of the rallies. These photos will be displayed under the year they were taken and will, when possible note the names of the individuals in the photo. Photos in this area will be mostly of club members but will also include guests that attend club events and even special facility and staff that assisted with our event.

The “CONTACT” page is the last page on the site. This page is where those requesting further information will be able to fill out an electronic form and submit it for a response to their inquiry.

Note: The website is in the process of being updated with recent rally information.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS & AREA RALLIES

October 5-9, 2016, State Fairgrounds of West Virginia, Lewisburg, West Virginia
Contact John Reynolds at jreynolds@fmca.com

January 11-15, 2017 Western Area Rally, Riverside County Fair & National Date
Festival, Indio, California. Contact Dick Gibbs at dgibbs@fmca.com



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