

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

Decemberrrr 2016



2016 COMING TO AN END

There is a small creek that separates Oregon and Washington. It's known as the Columbia River, which makes up the beauty of the Columbia River Gorge. The Columbia River Gorge is the largest national scenic area in the United States. It is no wonder we keep coming back to this area. There is a glass viewing area that allows you to watch salmon climb the ladder to rise above the Bonneville Dam. You are only feet away from these amazing fish. This is on the Washington side of the Columbia River; while on the Oregon side, you can view the fish hatchery, and let's not forget about the 10 foot long and 425 pounds of Sturgeon. Years ago, vandals came in and slashed these prehistoric wonders; the experts thought this was done with the help of razor sharp box cutters. The scars are still visible.

Doug and Lori High, Tom and Karen Goldsby and Vic and Donna Crane worked as a well-oiled machine on hosting such a great rally. There were quite a few that arrived early for such a great opportunity to enjoy a delightful area to explore. We were greeted by the welcoming committee of three happy, smiling faces. Lori, Karen and Donna made everyone feel like they made a wise choice in attending this rally. While they were greeting rally goers, their other halves, Vic, Tom and Doug were busy parking their homes on wheels. Great opening day, thanks to the Highs, Goldsby and Crane families.

Thursday night we gathered at the hall to enjoy people's favorite specialties and creations, combined to make a memorable potluck.

Lisa Cloutier represents Zoll AED Plus defibrillator as well as other medical devices. I invited her to come to our rally to demonstrate how to use an AED. Everyone was invited to sit in on the demo. She represented her product line that was priced very competitively, very knowledgeably. We purchased an AED machine that will be brought to our functions. Want to know more? Call Gary at (503) 816-5782.

On Friday, a lady from the Chamber of Commerce gave a talk about the area and some history of this beautiful area.

We woke up by the birds singing and the sun shining, and maybe a slight breeze. Coffee and pastries were made available to tide you over till breakfast was served.

Lori High hosted a "Women's Roundtable Discussion". Much wisdom was shared by the better halves. One of our new members, Doreen Walker, shared her hand-made "Cool Scarves" with all in attendance. The ladies won't soon forget Doreen's crafty gift.

As if we didn't have enough to eat, at 1:30 it was time for Root Beer floats. About the time we sucked up our floats, it was time for Tom Goldsby to put on our "Scrumptious Steelhead" for dinner. You could tell this was not the first fish meal he's prepared. Great taste Tom.

While we watched Tom do his magic with the fish, we were entertained by the Fred Coates Band., and a couple of the tunes they played were accompanied by our very own vocalist, the ever-popular Doug High. Not bad, but he decided not to quit his day job!

Saturday started early with coffee and pastries, and let's not forget our fresh fruit, and soon came breakfast. Root Beer floats were on the docket at 1:30. Today was a free day, so many paired up and went their separate ways. It was a perfect day for a drive to explore the famous Multnomah Falls. At a 620 foot drop, it is one of the tallest in the nation. What a magnificent sight.

The "Fly In" that is held at the airport in Hood River, Oregon is always a favorite destination. It is not just for airplane enthusiasts; they have 3 huge buildings full of old cars, planes and things you could not imagine. Great viewing. You can spend all day roaming through and examining things of interest.

Get back early enough, you don't want to miss Happy Hour and chicken dinner. Social time was enjoyed each evening after dinner. This is always a good time to roam around and get to know people a little bit better. Last one out, please turn off the lights.

Well, here we are on Sunday morning and it's time to have a cup of coffee, a pastry and some fresh fruit as we say our final Good-Byes to a stupendous rally in Stephenson, Washington.

Check out our list of rallies enclosed. Can you and will you attend and/or help out? Call your area Vice President Al Roeske (541) 954-0676 or John Shierman (360) 253-1526,

Our Columbia Gorge Rally was a great success. One way to gage this is by signing up new members, and we didn't fall short. I counted eight families. Not in any particular order:

1. Doreen and Dave Walker, Roseville, California
2. Russ (RJ) Long and Pat Cox, Cheney, Washington
3. Paul and Thelma Tappero, Fruitland, Washington
4. Nelson and Carol Majors, Lemoore, California
5. Gary Hatt, Anaheim, California
6. Chuck and Sandra Constable, Nanaimo, British Columbia
7. Robby and Ann Robinson, Yakima, Washington
8. Chris and Chris Perks with son Will & daughter Greyson

A warm welcome goes out to our newbies from all of the N.W. Bus Nuts family.

Our next club function will be held in India, California on January 11th to the 15th, 2017 at the Riverside County Fairgrounds. See enclosed forms. Sign up with FMCA and contact Dick Wright (541) 953-4655 for parking instructions. Hope to see you there. Fun times will be had by all.

In the last few months, many of our Bus Nuts members have deceased. On behalf of the NWBN, we offer our condolences to the ones left behind. Our sympathy to the families and friends of Carl Stein, Marian Janke, Marion & Lucille Hoff, Jackie deBord, Ed Curtice and Jerry Gallart. I apologize for anyone that I may not have paid recognition to. Please let me know if you have knowledge of anyone I missed, and I will be able to enter it in our next newsletter.

Until next time,

Your Pres, Gary



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



*If any member that receives a newsletter by
US Postal mail has acquired an email address
and can now receive these letters by email,
please let me know via email at: cmhansen555@yahoo.com*



If anyone is in the southwest for January, A lot of us Bus enthusiasts gather at the FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio, CA. January 11 – 15, 2017. We have a row where we can park together, cook and visit. The Indio show is a great winter get together with usually great weather. We usually try to arrive before Wednesday 10 am, as I can hold spaces till that time. If you would like to come to Indio, Please give me a call as I try to let parking know about how many we are expecting on Dec. 15. If you are traveling with friends, bring them along! All are welcome. If you arrive earlier, I have an 8 AM Monday, January 9th entry time for parking. We will meet at the fairgrounds parking area. **Please register with FMCA for the Western Area Rally, General Parking with Electric. Check YES for caravan parking and indicate “BusNuts” for group.** We do not have a rally fee. We cook our dinners and divide up the costs among who eats. We really have some great meals and memories in the sun!!

This March 2017, FMCA will have FMCA’s 95th International Convention in Chandler, AZ. March 7 – 10, 2017. We will be having a Converted Coach Pre-Rally in Casa Grande, AZ prior to the rally. All The BusNuts are invited to attend. An enclosed pre-rally registration is attached. We have hook-ups with water and power. Dump stations are on the grounds. This is a new area and should be a great time in the sun for all who attend.

Save the dates: July 27 – 30, 2017 Newport Oregon Rally. We will be in the Marina RV Park with full hook-ups for the 1st 30 coaches. I will have a sign up in the next newsletter in January. This is high season on the Oregon coast, if you want to come early or stay longer, you will need to make your reservations early, likely in February. Over 30 coaches maybe accommodated in a dry camp area outside of the park. **First 30 Registered Gets the 30 Full Hook Up sites!!**

CVC/BusNuts Pre-Rally 2017 FMCA Chandler, Arizona

March 2 - 6, 2017 At Casa Grande, Arizona

This is a very scenic area with lots of exploring and sight seeing available. It is close to Tucson, Phoenix, and several recreation areas. The weather can be sunny and dry.....and during the FMCA Convention, who knows!

We have hook-ups at the Pinal County fairgrounds with water and electric. Dump located on grounds. For **Early Arrivals** its \$20.00 per night. If you are not sure of arrival day, Call Dick Wright as soon as you know so we can have a space for you in the campground.

We have some great meals planned and will have seminars to keep everyone busy. Please register as early as possible so we can plan our meals and reserve enough RV spaces.

Rally Fee includes 4 nights parking, 3 dinners, 2 breakfasts, seminars, and a great time with all your old and new friends!

1 Coach/2 Persons	\$ 130.00
1 Coach/1 Person	\$ 110.00
Each extra person over 10 Yrs.	\$ 50.00

RALLY HOSTS: Al & Eleanor Roeske
Dick & Jeanne Wright

Contact Information:

Dick Wright (541) 953-4655

Caravan will depart Monday, March 6, 2017 for Chandler FMCA Rally.

Directions: To Pre-Rally at Pinal Fairgrounds & Event Center 512 South Eleven Mile Corner Road, Casa Grande, AZ. 85194. I-10 East bound from Phoenix, Exit 194, Go east on HWY 287 to Eleven Mile Corner Road. Turn Right to Grounds. I-10 West bound from Tucson, Exit 211. Go North on HWY 87. Turn Left on HWY 287 West.. Continue to Eleven Mile Corner Road.. Turn Left go South to Grounds.

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CONVERTED COACH RALLY REGISTRATION Casa Grande AZ.

NAME: _____ F# _____
Last Husband Wife

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____ COACH LENGTH _____ SLIDEOUT? _____
New Member? _____ Non-Member? _____ Guest of? _____

Need Handicap Parking? _____ We will have Guest(s) with us: _____

Is this your 1st CVC Rally? _____

Rally Fees:

1Coach/2Persons	\$130.00	_____
1Coach/1Person	\$110.00	_____
Each extra person over 10 yrs	\$50.00	_____
Early Arrivals...Campground per day	\$20.00	_____
Total Rally Fee enclosed		_____

Make checks payable to: **CVC**

MAIL TO: Jeanne Wright, PO Box 41555, Eugene, OR 97404

PLEASE MAIL RALLY REGISTRATION BY 2/20/2017

COOLIDGE
Includes
San Tan Valley,
Florence and points
north

BARTLETT RD
SUNSHINE RD
MARTIN RD
SKOUSEN RD

CONSTRUCTION ALERT FOR PINAL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:
 * 10-20 minute construction delays along HWY 287 east to HWY 87 until the end of February.
 * Also, traffic constrictions at the I-10 Interchange on HWY 287 will exist often resulting in single lane traffic.
 * The colored arrows on this map have been added to assist you in planning alternative routes to Caywood Farms.
 * Please call Caywood Farms at 480-215-9472 for further clarification

**FROM PHOENIX
(AND POINTS NORTH)
I-10 EXIT 190
MCCARTNEY RD
ROAD EAST
BOUND**

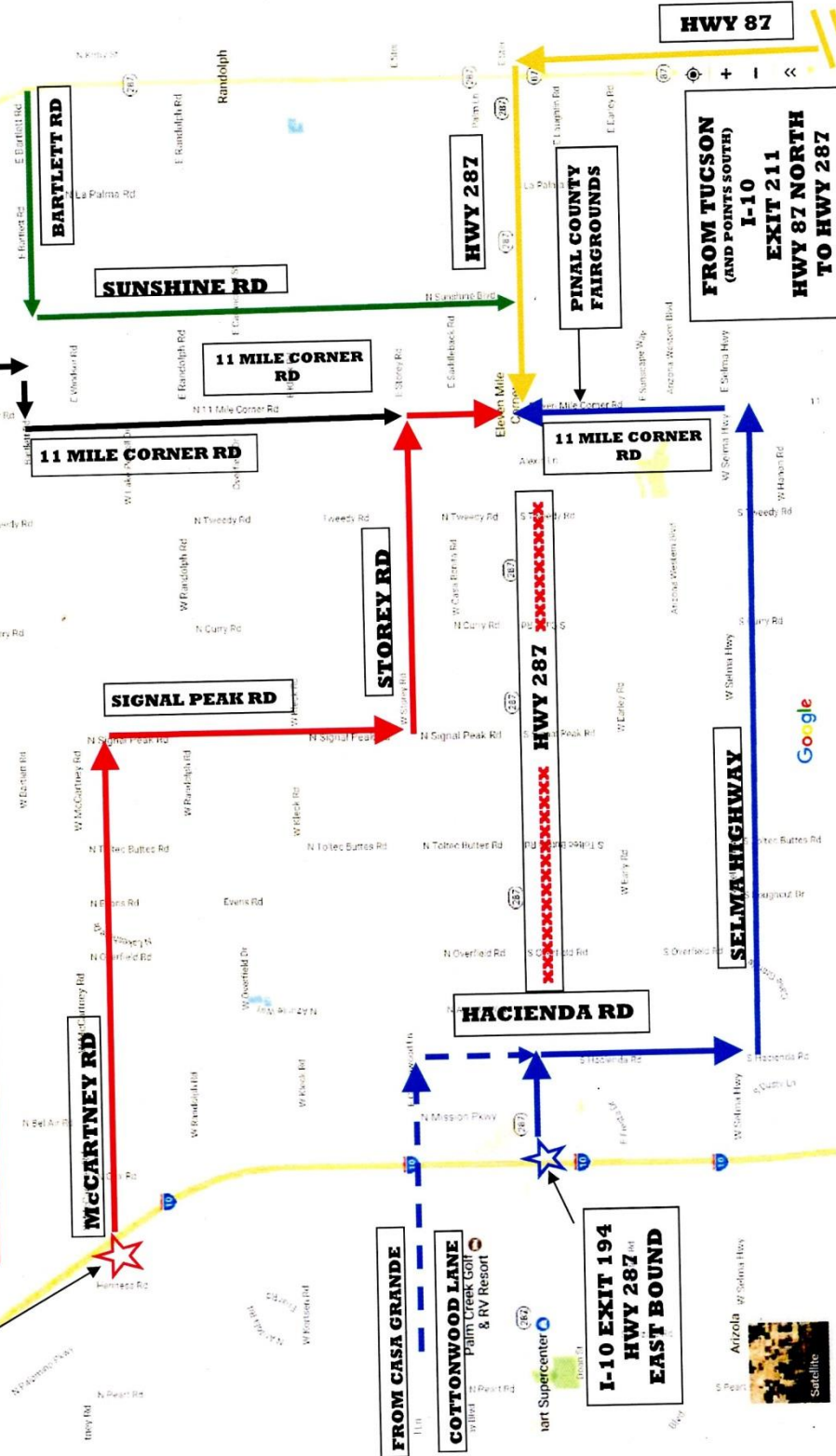
FROM CASA GRANDE

**COTTONWOOD LANE
Palm Creek Golf
& RV Resort**

**I-10 EXIT 194
HWY 287
EAST BOUND**

HWY 87

**FROM TUCSON
(AND POINTS SOUTH)
EXIT 211
HWY 87 NORTH
TO HWY 287
(distance:
about 15 miles)**



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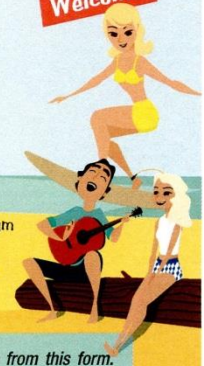
29th Annual Western Area Rally BEACH PARTY • JANUARY 11-15, 2017

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival • Indio, California

Highlights: 4 Nights of Camping / 3 Nights of Entertainment / Parade
2 Ice Cream Socials / Ladies' Tea & Fashion Show - \$2 / 1st Time Attendee Orientation / Chapter Fair
Bingo / Pet Extravaganza / Seminars & Crafts / Door Prizes / Commercial Exhibits
New Display Coaches / The Frustrated Maestros / Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning

General Information: Early Arrival Area opens Sunday, Jan. 8 (Fee Payable On-site) • **2 Bus Tours:** Palm Springs Air Museum & B17 Tour (Jan. 10) and Palm Springs Area Tour (Jan. 11) • **Exhibit Hours:** Display Coaches Open Wed. Jan. 11, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm / Commercial Exhibits Open Thur. - Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • **Private Golf Cart Rental Available:** Call GTI for reservations, Mindy Hawkins 800-477-0467 • **Directions:** I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south 3 miles to 48th. Left 1/2 mile to Arabia Street. Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.

Towables Welcome



Western Area Rally Registration Form

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

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address (If this address differs from your billing address, please call):		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Cell Phone:
Coach Make:	Coach License:	Coach Length:	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call	Are you parking with a chapter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Chapter Name:	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	
		Handicap Parking? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

	Pre-Reg.	After 12/16	Qty.	Total
Coach with 2 Adults – Electric	\$ 225.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Coach with 2 Adults – Generator	\$ 145.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Coach with 1 Adult (deduct)	-\$ 20.00	- \$ 20.00		\$
Coach with 2 Adults – 24-Hour Generator	\$ 145.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 50.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Passport ¹ for 1 adult	\$ 45.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$
Children 12 & Under	FREE	FREE		FREE
Palm Springs Air Museum & B17 ² – Jan. 10	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00		\$
Palm Springs Area ² – Jan. 11	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00		\$
			Total	\$

Parking Information

- **Electric Parking** – 20-30 amps
- **Generator Parking** – 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
- **Handicap Parking** – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. State-issued placard must be visible.
- **Early-Arrival Fee** – \$25 per night payable on-site, cash or check only

Payment Information

PLEASE CALL IF YOUR BILLING ADDRESS DIFFERS FROM THE ADDRESS ABOVE.
Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.
Please Charge:

Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____

Mail to: FMCA / Attention: Western Area Rally
8291 Clough Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Place your credit card registrations by:
Online: FMCA.com
Phone: (800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622
Fax: (800) 543-4717 • (513) 474-2332

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be given only upon written request if received by December 16, 2016, with return of badges and confirmation materials. Absolutely no refunds for electric cancelled after December 16, 2016. A \$20.00 processing fee will be charged. Cancellations made after December 16, 2016 will be issued a Voucher toward the next WMHA Rally. Registrations after December 31, 2016, will be held at Will Call.

Rally Contacts

WMHA President – Lon Cross (661) 886-5077 • lcross@fmca.com	Seminars – Faaidah & William Smith (213) 598-2511 • kinshipedu@aol.com
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Groups & Caravans – James McDaniel (925) 818-7718 • jmcndan2296@sbcglobal.net	Volunteers – Alice Bernard (530) 519-7346 • benardfrogfarm@yahoo.com

Would you like to Volunteer?

Yes. If interested please contact Alice Bernard (info above).

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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

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS & AREA RALLIES

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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