

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS



August 2017

Marvelous

What word would you use to describe the Oregon coast if you had sunny skies, no rain, and of course, it wouldn't be the Oregon coast without a little wind? All in all it was marvelous! We always have a good turnout for rallies at the ocean. Some members arrived as early as Monday and stayed through the following Monday. Why not? Most of us are retired, which allows us the time to spend with friends and explore all the fun and interesting places wherever we land.

Barb and I had to postpone our early departure due to my new hearing aids, arriving on Tuesday late in the afternoon. These are going to take some time to get them dialed in with many appointments to make adjustments for me to take advantage of the many built in benefits that hopefully will help me to be in touch better in conversations and maybe even keep me from asking for people to repeat what was just said. Please be patient with me.

Now that I got that out of the way, we got home and finished packing last minute things in the bus for an early start Wednesday morning. There is no such thing as beating rush hour traffic in Portland anymore, so we decided to leave at 9:00 PM and drive to the Wilsonville rest area to spend the night to avoid morning congestion. It worked great, kind of. We parked in the rear and where there is a lot of room and never overly busy with a lot of open spaces. We parked two spaces away from a pickup truck and camp trailer. We watched some TV while munching on popcorn. So now it is time to turn in, so we could rise and shine early and be rested to start our rally the following morning. We just laid our heads on our pillows, and who'd believe it? Well, guess what? You guessed it, a semi with a refrigerated trailer from Missouri parked between us and fellow RVers, with trailer motor running all night. Even with hearing aids lying on a table, I woke each time the engine went into high speed. With all the empty spaces, this driver must have something against RVers.

Let the fun begin! There were a dozen members already checked in at the park in Newport, Oregon when Barb and I arrived. We were ready to help get the rally on its way, but all was taken care of, thanks to hosts Teresa Bledsoe and Jim Dale, along with Dick & Jeanne Wright. A great job was done by our hosts as well as all the volunteers that they enlisted to lend a hand. As the day wound down and groups of people made dinner plans to go their separate ways or eat in, we hooked up the Wrights, Teresa, Jim and Dan & Judy Altmore to enjoy our meal at the Chowder Bowl, an old time fish house at Nye Beach. What a great meal and conversation with great friends. Many of us met in the clubhouse early to take advantage of our latest investment, a new coffee maker. We kept Jim Dale busy, brewing a great blend to enjoy while B.S. filled the air. It was a good way to begin any old Thursday.

Monday, Thursday and Saturday, Opal, the octopus makes a showing at the Hatfield Marine Science Center to show off her eating skills. Her diet of squid and shrimp was on the menu and not a bite went to waste. She is nine months old and will be released back to the ocean where she will live out her life in a few months. Quite interesting. This area houses the Oregon Coast Aquarium where many members enjoyed the afternoon.

Potluck was on hand for Thursday with large shrimp cocktails that were furnished as part of the rally fee. Dick enlisted my pickup to transport our shrimp and salmon for our Saturday dinner. He had a good plan; saving his Ford Flex for a possible smell leftover. He said he was still enjoying the new car smell.

Friday morning, we were served biscuits and gravy with about equal parts sausage and gravy. During the day, people had time for sightseeing before the delicate smell of clam chowder filled the air in the kitchen. What a tasty treat served for dinner along with garlic bread and salad.

Wayne & Betty Muessig may have retired from RVing, but we are reminded how dedicated these charter members were for so many years, being officers and on the board and volunteering at every turn since 12/23/1982. They were responsible for our club trailer, storing it inside, transporting to all rallies that it was needed at, keeping it stocked, drying our tent if it came home damp, laundering the towels and aprons, and the list goes on and on.....

Saturday morning, Richard Harper, Mel Wick and Mike Alonzo stood at our grills and prepared morning treat that has the nickname "Eggs McMuessig". Just one more reminder of our dear friends. Saturday afternoon, we had quite a unique production line preparing our fresh salmon so it could be placed on the club's large bar-b-q, beginning with mayonnaise smeared on, followed with sliced onions, then lemon and seasonings. After all that, they were double wrapped in foil. The ladies and the men each had their preferred wrapping skills. When it was all said and done, they both worked out great. Not a single person complained on how the salmon turned out. Great Job!! Thanks to all the volunteers that prepared, cooked, served or did clean up.

Too bad Sundays always come so fast. Just when we were really having a fun time with our old and new friends, it's time to eat our farewell donuts. I guess that's not all bad. If everyone enjoyed the rally as much as Barb and I did, you would not miss a one.

Speaking of rallies, check out our September rally registration in this newsletter. Remember August 20, 2017 is our deadline for registering. I need to commit for spaces to park.

Check out the October rally registration in this newsletter as well. Prosser, Washington Oct 12-15, 2017. Questions? Al Roeske (541)607-2992 or Mike Alonzo (360)921-0276

There is a festival of fun referred to as the "Crush", a big bunch of fun that arises around the wineries of the surrounding area. I don't drink, but am looking forward to seeing the beautiful area.

Another reminder – we are looking for rally hosts. Talk to one of our board members if you have questions.

Till next time,

President Gary

Grape Salad:

4 lbs red seedless grapes
Mix together: 8 oz. cream cheese, 8 oz. sour cream, 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tsp vanilla.
Pour over and mix with grapes

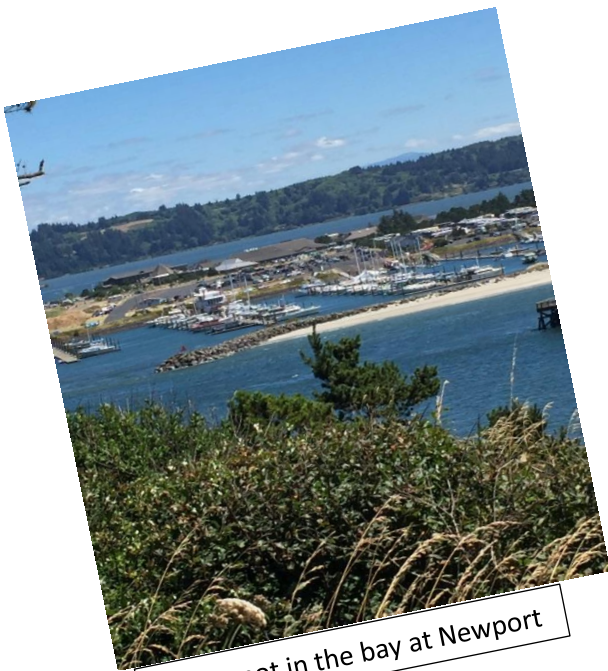
Spread on top of grape mixture: 1 cup brown sugar and 1 cup chopped pecans



Refrigerate



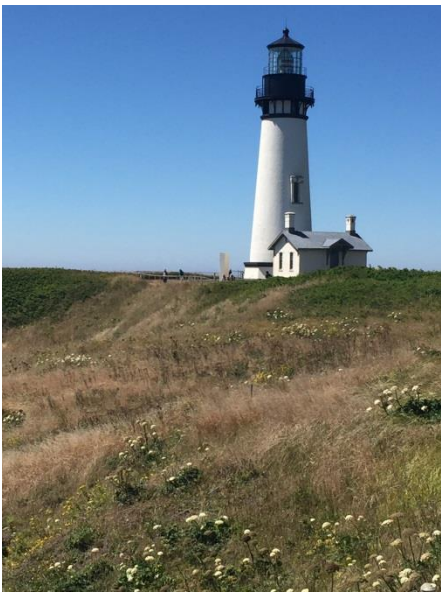
There's always lots of volunteers to help with meals



Rally spot in the bay at Newport



Newport Aquarium



Lighthouse at Yaquina

Linda Jones ' Meatloaf recipe:
 Mix your favorite meatloaf mixture. Gather in a ball and remove all air. Place mixture between 2 pc. saran wrap and roll like a jelly roll. Remove top piece of saran and place 2 cups shredded mozzarella on the meatloaf, keeping cheese about 2" from the edge. Then put 2 cups chopped mushrooms and 1 can chopped black olives. Roll up meatloaf and put in baking dish. Top with your favorite BBQ sauce or whatever is your preference. Bake at 360 degrees for about an hour. Don't slice for at least 10-15 min.

We had lots of requests for this one!

Bus Nuts –
 This is August and there are many members who haven't yet paid their 2017 dues. Please check your records to see if you have paid, and if not, please send your checks to Jeanne Wright at your earliest convenience. Your membership is important to the club and we don't want to terminate your names from the roster. Thanks in advance for your help in keeping our club strong.

Send to: Jeanne Wright at PO Box 41555, Eugene, OR 97404

Catch the Crush

OCT 12-13-14-15 2017

WINE COUNTRY RV PARK, 330 MERLOT DRIVE, PROSSER, WASHINGTON 99350

PH (509)-786-5192 EARLY ARRIVE / LATE DEPART PLEASE CONTACT PARK DIRECTLY

COACH + 2 \$195.00

COACH + 1 \$170.00

GUEST \$25.00

View this site for more specific information: wineyakimavalley.org/wine-events/page/2 (scroll down to OCT 14). Consider purchasing a PREMIUM PASS via the above website for upgraded access to many events. Bring your own wine glass. .

THURSDAY	Arrive	Dinner-potluck
FRIDAY		Breakfast / Dinner
SATURDAY		Breakfast / Dinner (PLEASE SELECT DINNER MEAT BELOW)
SUNDAY		Coffee and doughnuts DRIVE SAFE!

HOSTS: Al & Eleanor Roeske (541) 954-0676 and Mike & Pat Alonzo (360) 921-0276

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY SEP 17 TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT



Make check payable to NWBN and mail to: Al Roeske, 2641 Crowther Drive, Eugene, OR 97404

LAST NAME _____ PILOT _____ CO-PILOT _____ FMCA# _____
 CELL PHONE _____ HANDICAPED/SPECIAL NEEDS _____
 COACH LENGTH _____ SLIDES _____ WILLING TO ASSIST HOSTS IF NEEDED? YES ___ MAYBE NEXT TIME ___
 RUN ERRANDS ___ SETUP ___ FOOD PREP ___ COOK ___ SERVE ___ CLEANUP ___ TEARDOWN _____

MEAT CHOICES: B = BEEF C = CHICKEN P = PORK (TAMALE ONLY)

	PILOT	CO-PILOT	GUEST
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TAMALE	_____	_____	_____
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ATTENTION! THERE ARE ONLY 25 SPACES RESERVED FOR THE "CATCH THE CRUSH" RALLY IN PROSSER, WASHINGTON OCT 12-15. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 17th, THE LAST DAY OF THE MOUNT ANGEL RALLY.

**END OF
Summer**
Converted BUS
RALLY
IN THE MOUNTAINS

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7-11, 2017
(Reserve Date 9/1/2017)

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7-11, 2017
Sept. 7-11, 2017



The Star Valley Ranch Resort, Thayne, WY

Registration Form

Last Name(s) _____ Pilot _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

e-mail (Please Print) _____

Make & Year of Bus _____ Length _____ Does your bus have slides _____ Leveling Jacks _____

Special Requests or Needs _____

Are you Golfers? _____

Would you be interested in:

- White Water Rafting? _____
- A Day of Fishing? _____
- ATV Trail Rides? _____
- Pickleball? _____

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starvalleyranchresort.com
Thayne, Wyoming



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and Embroidered Hats**

How Many shirts would you like to order? _____

Men's Sizes only

Sm _____ Med _____

Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

3x and larger, add \$ 2.00 each

Embroidered Hat(s) @ \$ 15.00 each

Rally Masters

State checks payable to and mail Registration to:
Before June 1, 2017

Tony Sarscent
P.O. Box 9601
Pahrump, NV 89041

After June 1, 2017

Tony Sarscent
P.O. Box 636
Thayne, WY 83127

bcitony@aol.com

307-250-8966

Rally

Fee... \$ _____

Polo Shirt(s) @ \$ 18.00 each \$ _____

with Pocket add \$ 2.00 each \$ _____

Hat(s) @ \$ 15.00 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

It is understood, by participating in the Bus Conversions International Rally, payment verifies that you agree not to hold PCI liable for any or all risks that may occur, including travel to and from the rally during the event.

Rally Fee

Price includes 5 days of fun, and 5 Nights of camping with full hook ups

We have reserved 20 spaces. The FIRST 20 registered guests will be booked reasonably close together.

5 Nights 2 People 1 Coach

\$ 250.00

No Bus... Rally fee with full participation... **\$ 65.00**
No Camping per person

Registration Deadline August 15, 2017

Included in Rally Fee

- One round of 18 hole Golf
- Dinner... Thursday Night Arrival
Date... September 7, 2017
 - Coffee & Donuts... Friday... September 8, 2017
- Dinner... Friday Night
Date... September 8, 2017
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner... Saturday... September 9, 2017
 - Coffee and Donuts... Sunday... September 10, 2017
 - Ice Cream Social... Sunday... September 10, 2017
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner... Monday... September 11, 2017
 - Coffee And Donuts... Tuesday Morning... September 12, 2017



495 W Church
Mt Angel, OR

MT ANGEL OKTOBERFEST

(**DRY CAMPING**)

September 14, 15, 16, 17, 2017

Sept 14	Thursday	6:00 Bring Finger Food
Sept 15	Friday	9:00 Continental Breakfast & 4:00 Light Snacks-Provided
Sept 16	Saturday	9:00 Continental Breakfast & 4:00 Light Snacks-Provided
Sept 17	Sunday	7:00 Doughnuts-Provided

*****Enjoy dinner out on your own!!!**

COACH 2 PERSON	\$85.00
COACH 1 PERSON	\$72.50
GUEST	\$20.00

Come join in for a fun filled RALLY!!!
Gary Chatterton 503-816-5782

Questions ??? Contact
John Shierman 360-253-1526



Make checks payable to **NWBN** and mail to:

Barb Chatterton
13836 SE Clatsop
Happy Valley, OR 97086

DEADLINE AUGUST 20, 2017

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>F#</u>
<u>ADDRESS</u>		
<u>PHONE/CELL</u>		
<u>COACH TYPE</u>	<u>COACH LENGTH</u>	

Directions for the Mr. Angel Oktoberfest Rally:

From I5 North or South:

Take exit 271, Woodburn/Silverton. Go East on Highway 214, follow 214 to 99E, turn right, stay on 99, turn left onto Young/214E. Upon entering Mt. Angel, go across railroad tracks and make a right/west onto Church. About 2 blocks on the right, look for NWBN signs. (Approximately 9 miles from I5)



2017 Rallies

September- Mt. Angel, Oregon

September 15-18, 2017

October- Prosser, Washington

October 12-15, 2017

National Director - Bob Dickey
Alt. Nat. Director - Mel Wick
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Sheriff - Barb Chatterton
Membership Book - Pat Alonzo
Nominating Committee - Dick Wright,
MaryLou Dickey & Pattie Harper

2017 Solar Eclipse: Don't be left in the dark

(from the Happy Valley Monthly)

Does it seem like the upcoming total solar eclipse is all anyone is talking about? Can the hype, both for the event and the number of visitors, possibly be right? We'd like to be able to provide solid answers on what to expect in the days leading up to the event and the event itself, but the truth is there are a lot of unknowns. This event is rare and is expected to draw large crowds from all over the country. The large number of additional visitors is bound to put a strain on public safety services and the travel infrastructure of the state.

However, the hope is that through preparation and expectation setting, residents and visitors can experience the solar eclipse in a safe and positive way.

In Oregon, the eclipse will begin on Monday, August 21 at approximately 9:04 a.m. Totality is expected around 10:16 a.m.

Here are a few tips, not only to be prepared in the event of an issue, but to save you a few headaches along the way.

(The following suggestions are mainly directed towards Oregon sightseeing)

Plan for emergencies

Fill up your car with gas a few days in advance and keep it as full as is reasonable. Running out of gas while stuck in traffic could cause a negative chain reaction.

Similarly, visit the grocery store the week before and stock up on supplies, particularly if there is something specific you want or need.

While this is always good practice and recommended by emergency managers everywhere, be sure to carry water and a first aid kit in your car during this time period. Snacks on hand are also a plus.

Be prepared for cell service overloads; there could be disruptions due to the increased demand on networks. Make sure family members or friends know your schedule and your plan in case they are not able to reach you, or you them.

Protect your eyes

Often an announcement of an impending solar eclipse is followed by "never look directly at the sun". However, there are safe viewing products that can be ordered or purchased to make viewing safe, such as cardboard glasses, wrap around glasses, SUNoculars, and Eclipse Viewers.

Items that are not safe to use for viewing include polarized sunglasses and welding masks rated lower than #14. You should also not try to view an eclipse through a telescope, binoculars, or camera lens that is not outfitted with a special lens filter for viewing eclipses.

Enjoy

A total solar eclipse is certainly a rare and exciting event to witness and, weather permitting, it sounds as if most residents will be able to witness at least a partial eclipse regardless of location. With a little bit of planning and patience, you can safely enjoy one of nature's most spectacular shows.