

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

February 2018



Greg Peyran has agreed to be our webmaster for the Northwestern BusNuts Web page. This will help keep our web page up to date and current. Thanks Greg!!

Access our web site at www.nwbusnuts.com to see what is happening and watch for current updates.

WELCOME 2018

Well, here it is, time to close out 2017 and welcome in 2018. What better place to do that than the home of Dick and Jeanne Wright in their home town of Eugene, Or.

Also, written in not so many history books, it happens to be the birthplace of your President. Not the Donald, but NWBN's President, Gary Chatterton. I was born on September 5, 1941, which was my dad's paycheck day. For that reason, my parents nicknamed me "Payday". Fortunately, it never stuck with me. Trivia, but true.

We always spend Christmas with our family up in the Portland area. After we store our decorations and organize the bus, we are ready to head south for our winter getaway. First stop, Eugene, to celebrate our annual New Year Eve party with our Bus Nut family that live in the area. There are always a few projects that need to be done by someone. Dick had an issue with his suspension. We were able to repair it in the dark of night. Boy, those LED trouble lights really work well. Al Roeske had a few loose ends that needed some attention before we could head for the sun. After a few hours of, let's call it "Fellowship", the Roeskes were ready to hit the road on Friday. We decided to rendezvous at the rest area on I-5 near Cottage Grove. Finally, we are on our way, following Al and Eleanor south to destination for the day, Corning, California. It was dry camping with the 18 wheelers at Rolling Hills Casino. This makes for a comfortable drive and a nice place for dinner. No snow along the way - HooRay!! Saturday morning, we were ready for our rough rides, bouncing over all the imperfections, south on I-5. I swear it gets worse every year. Our final destination makes it worth-while. Traffic stayed busy until we made it up that steep old pull going up the "Grapevine". When we got to the top, we were ready to spend the night at the Flying J Truck Stop. They have a huge parking lot that is shared by big rigs. Sunday was a perfect day for traveling through L.A., fairly light traffic, and those long awaited sun rays. With our designated tour guide, Al, leading our convoy of two, we made it to Outdoor Resort in Indio, CA. without any complications. Let's hear it for Al!

We had a couple of days to clean up, dump and fill with fresh water in preparation for five days without hook-ups or dumping our holding tanks. Good old dry camping. Thanks to the parking crew of FMCA for furnishing NWB Nuts a large area to park together, and a big space for our meals and Happy Hour get-togethers. Thanks, Andy, Kent, and Rod. Of course, Indio weather had to make us feel at home, so naturally, rain was in the

forecast for Monday; no dust, just all size water puddles, some lasted the duration of the rally, but we never allowed it to dampen our spirits. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Tuesday was dinner at Mario's Italian Restaurant. They have a private room and will do individual checks. That's how we dealt with inclement weather. Wednesday, we enjoyed the Mulan Chinese Restaurant. What a joy to watch the owner serve our group of 25 all by herself. Believe me, she makes every move count, and always with a smile. Thursday, we were treated to a finger food meal furnished by our NW area FMCA President, Kathy Balogh and her board members. All of the NWBNs made a good showing of support for our FMCA Northwest area. After dinner, some enjoyed the entertainment. Friday was pork chops on the Bar-B-Q for all to enjoy. They were large, thick and delicious. My mouth is watering just writing about them. We tried to eat about 4:30 before the sun went down. Also, those of us that went to the entertainment would have time.

Saturday always turns out to be people's winding down day. Vendors start closing their spaces and packing their products early to head for the next event, with hopes that the next event will be more profitable than the last. A lot of registered guests can't wait to get on the road to avoid the evacuation of their neighbors the following day. It amazes me, with the way people's mind-set is. They come days early to a rally with anticipation of the excitement in seeing their friends, but want to leave at the crack of dawn. You can bet your "bottom dollar" that none of our 20+ coaches left early. They didn't want to miss our "Grand Finale": New York steak Saturday evening special, and special it was. Hand carved to your liking, and it was up to the individual to season it in their own special way. You know it is not so much the rally we all enjoy, but the camaraderie in bringing some of our friends together that we might only see once a year at this event. Those of you that have not experienced it, you have missed a great get-together.

On Sunday morning, we leave the FMCA's "Viva Las Vegas" 30th annual Western Area Rally in our past. It becomes history, hopefully we will be able to remember it for years to come, and the good times we were allowed to spend with so many dear friends.

Barb and her loving husband, that would be me, will enjoy the sun and friends for a few more weeks. We will be back in the northwest in time to enjoy our opening rally of 2018. Chris and Chris Perks, along with daughter Anne and husband Robby Robinson will host your spring with a "Wild Time at Wild Horse Casino" in Pendleton, Oregon May 17-20, 2018. They have a great rally planned at a location that will be new to us. Please help our new hosts by signing up early. They are newbies, so this will really help in their efforts of planning their first rally as hosts. We have a deadline for registration of April 28th, 2018. Thanks for your continued support.

June 19th through 24th, 2018, FMCA will host "Milling Around Coos Bay". When registering for this rally, the NWBNs are requesting the late dinner and non electric. The vendor booths will open on Thursday. On Tuesday, June 19th we will be served hot dogs. On Wednesday, there will be food carts to order food from. You will receive coupons to pay for food from carts. Please let Dick Wright (541-953-4655) know if you will be attending, so we have room to park together.

July 26-29, 2018 – Silver Spur RV in Silverton, Oregon, hosted by Darrel and Karen Bowes, Bill Egner & Darla Vixie.

August 23-25, 2018 – Florence Elks – Need Hosts!!

September 13 – 16, 2018 – Spokane, Washington held at “Horn’s Estate and Country Club R.V.” (This will NOT come up on your computer or GPS!!)

October – To be announced – Need Hosts!!

Just a reminder, Jeanne Wright asked for an early retirement from her position as NWBN Treasurer, and was granted all of her full benefits. A big hug and a thank you for her many years of dedicated service. Eleanor Roeske was asked to take over this “prestigious” position and most graciously accepted. Thanks, Eleanor. If you have questions or need to pay dues, please send to Eleanor Roeske at 2641 Crowther Drive, Eugene, Or. 97404 or email her at EROESKE@COMCAST.NET

Until next time,
Your President,
Gary

Bus Nuts –

October 1st was the new fiscal year for NWBN. New year dues are due. Please check your records and send in your dues if you haven’t yet paid them.

Send to: Eleanor Roeske, 2641 Crowther Drive, Eugene, OR 97404

THANK YOU!



2018 Rally Schedule:

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Start Your Spring With a Wild Time at Wild Horse Casino in Pendleton, Oregon

May 17-20, 2018



Hosted by Chris and Chris Perks with major help from Anne and Robby Robinson

Join us for Northwestern Bus Nuts first rally for 2018. Enjoy golf (across the street), museums, cinema, Pendleton Underground and Pendleton Woolen Mills tours and of course you may feel urge to visit the Wild Horse Casino. Arrive on Thursday, May 17th and enjoy company and activities through Sunday, May 20th.

Thursday Dinner	Finger food potluck
Friday Breakfast	French Toast
Friday Dinner	Spare Ribs, Mac & Cheese, Salad
Saturday Breakfast	Breakfast Burritos
Saturday Dinner	Casino Buffet – Roasted Tri-Tip
Sunday Breakfast	Doughnuts and Coffee for the road

Soft drinks, coffee and water available every day

We have reserved 30 spaces with full hookups and 50 amp electrical. All spaces are 60 feet long. There are 100 spaces in the park so if we have additional registrations, we should be able to fit you in. If you want to come early or stay late, contact the park directly at 541-966-1891. Let them know you are with the Bus Nuts, you may have to relocate Thursday. From either direction on I-84 take Exit 216 and follow the signs North. Take a Right Turn on Wildhorse Blvd. North of the Casino. Turn Right at the third intersection to the RV Park. Address 46501 Wildhorse Blvd. Pendleton, OR. 97801

Registration

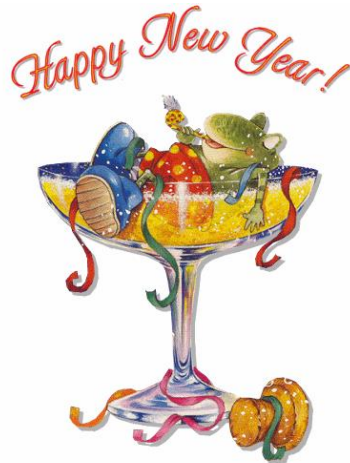
Name _____ FMCA # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell # _____

Coach and two Persons - 3 night stay	\$ 195.00	Date Arriving _____
Coach and one Person – 3 night stay	\$ 165.00	<u>Registration deadline April 28th, 2018</u>
Extra Person in Coach	\$ 30.00	

Checks payable to Northwestern BusNuts. Please send registration to Chris Perks, 5111 Summitview Ave., Yakima, WA 98908. Phone Chris Perks, 509-965-4143, Cell 509-969-6467 caperks@outlook.com

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