

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

July 2018

The way it was.....

When I was a young man, I'd never been kissed. I got to thinking about what I had missed. I found a girl, I kissed her and then, Oh Lordy! I kissed her again. She had kisses sweeter than wine. Oh wait, I got a little sidetracked. This was lyrics of one of my favorite songs. Written and recorded by "The Weavers" in 1950. Later in 1957 it was recorded by Jimmie Rodgers and did very well on the pop charts. He lived in Camas, Washington, just across the Columbia River, where I grew up in Portland, Oregon

Okay, where was I before I got side tracked? When I was a young man, I spent a fair amount of time at the Oregon coast, mainly in the Coos Bay/North Bend Empire area. It's nothing like it was in the 50's. There were plywood plants and saw mills lining the bay where the Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park are today. The log trucks looked more like a train. It looked like ants; so many you could hardly find an open space to merge into traffic. The slough heading towards Coquille was lined with small independent saw mills. A few years back, a whale swam up the river so far that it was about to the point of no return, as the river narrowed so much it was only with help of do-gooders to divert the large whale to turn it and get it turned to head back to the open sea. I bet that gentle giant still remembers the day he was saved by all the concerned people. Well, he will have quite a story to share with its offspring! Enough trivia facts for now. I have to save a few facts to share at a later date.

A lot of us congregated in the parking lot of the "Pony Village" shopping center and convoyed from there to the Mill Casino where we were met by our old and dear friend, Andy Balogh. He took control and led us to our spaces and got us parked without incidents.

Tuesday at 5:00 PM we were served hot dogs, beans and chips. It filled the void and there was water to rinse it down. You know the old saying "It's as American as hot dogs and apple pie"? All that was missing was the pie.

Wednesday, FMCA tried something a little different than has been tried before, and probably will be some time before they do it again. They have out voucher coupons to pay for part of your meal at food carts they had contracted for dinner for the evening. You had a choice of deep fried fish, shrimp, and calamari, vegetarian rice bowl, bar-b-q ribs, pulled pork and chicken, hamburgers and a coffee cart. A lot of people waited in line for better than 1 hour to receive food. They tried, and found out it was not a favorable outcome.

Thursday dinner, we had a choice of salmon or chicken.

Friday dinner, we were on our own for dinner, so I made reservations for 24 at an old time favorite. The specialty of the night was Bar-b-q ribs and steaks. All enjoyed their choice, and most went home with doggy bags (not for dogs).

Barb and I left Saturday at noon, so we could be home for a memorial service of a dear classmate on Sunday.

A lot of good sight-seeing was on the agenda for most Bus Nuts. Sunset Beach is my favorite. I always try to take friends to share this picturesque site. One of the prettiest spots of the Oregon coast.

As a spokesperson for the Northwest Bus Nuts, I would like to honor Kathy & Andy Balogh for the many years of leading our Northwest area and planning and carrying out the duties with a lot of help from the volunteers. A "Big Thank You".

Eric Mutter, a member since September 2017, bought a large number of 50/50 tickets for a fund raiser towards the "Shriners". Guess who won, not one but two drawings Saturday night? After he won close to seven hundred dollars, he donated his winnings back to the Shriners in the name of the NWBNs.

Rallies being our next subject. Come and enjoy our July 26-28 rally in Silverton, Oregon. Have a good time with fellow members and enjoy the food prepared by Rosie Denton, husband and staff. This is the lady that prepared our meals at the last rally, held at Silver Spur RV Park. M M Good.

In our last newsletter, Al Roeske entered a full page of help needed for the August rally in Florence, Oregon at the beautiful Elks RV Park. As of this writing, he has not had any volunteers for help of any sort. Where has all of our old team spirit gone? Please come forth. Don't make the same few do all the work for all of us. For that reason, we canceled our rally in October that was to be held in Hood River, Oregon.

"Rally on the Prairie" will be held at the home of Pat & Ann Horn on September 13-16, 2018 in Spokane, Washington. If cost is a concern, don't worry, only the cost of food – but free parking. Fun times await, don't miss out! Horns old classmates Dan and Judy Altimore will be hosting alongside Pat & Ann.

Until next time,

Your President, Gary

SILVERTON JULY 26-28 2018

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY JULY 16 2018

**SILVER SPUR RV PARK 12622 SILVERTON RD NE
SILVERTON, OREGON (503) 873-2020**

**HOSTS: DARRELL & KAREN BOWES 541-954-1778, BILL EGNER & DARLA VIXIE`
WINE TASTING, BREWERIES, OREGON GARDEN, Mt. ANGEL SHOPPING, FUN**

ARRIVE EARLY / STAY LATE CONTACT RV PARK-MENTION BUSNUTS

THURSDAY DINNER POTLUCK-BRING YOUR FAVORITE ITEM

FRIDAY BREAKFAST WAFFLES, HAM AND EGG QUICHE *

FRIDAY DINNER PULLED PORK, COLESLAW, BAKED BEANS, DESSERT *

SATURDAY BREAKFAST PANCAKES, BACON *

SATURDAY DINNER CHICKEN PICATTA, SALAD,VEGETABLE, DESSERT *

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS

CATERED BY ROSIE DENTON *

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHWESTERN BUSNUTS

MAIL TO: DARRELL BOWES, 190 CHAPMAN DRIVE, EUGENE, OREGON 97404

NAME_____FMCA_____

ADDRESS_____

DATE ARRIVING _____

CELL_____EMAIL_____

COACH AND 2 _____\$200 COACH AND 1 -----\$170 EXTRA PERSON _____\$30

FLORENCE AUGUST 23-26

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2018

JUDD HUNTINGTON ELKS RV PARK 5607 MERCER LAKE ROAD

FLORENCE, OREGON (541) 997-9259

ARRIVE EARLY / STAY LATE CONTACT RV PARK

HOSTS: AL & ELEANOR ROESKE (541) 954-0676

THURSDAY DINNER POTLUCK-BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MEALS TO BE ANNOUNCED

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS

WE HAVE 20 SPACES RESERVED PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHWESTERN BUSNUTS

MAIL TO: AL ROESKE, 2641 CROWTHER DRIVE, EUGENE, OREGON 97404

NAMES _____ F # _____

COACH LENGTH _____ SLIDES _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL: _____ HANDICAPPED? _____

VOLUNTEER? _____

ELKS MEMBER? YES ___ NO ___ LODGE # _____

COACH & 2 \$170 _____ COACH & 1 \$125 _____ ADDITIONAL GUEST \$45 _____

RALLY ON THE PRAIRIE SEPTEMBER 13-16 2018

HOSTED BY

Pat and Ann Horn and
Dan and Judy Altimore

Any Questions please call

Dan: 509-720-9265

Pat: 509-570-3024

LOCATION OF RALLY: AT 10105 EAST MORGAN RD..EXIT I-90 AT #287 GO NORTH ON ARGONNE TURN RIGHT ON BIGELOW GULCH RD GO TO PLEASANT PRAIRIE RD TURN LEFT GO TO MORGAN RD TURN LEFT GO TO 10105 ON THE RIGHT....

SATURDAY: Hot fudge Sundaes at 2 pm
Games: Right Left Center, Domino's, puzzles.....White Elephant gift exchange after dinner....or just visiting.....

FUN THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA....

Spokane	www.visitspokane.com
Carousel	Riverfront Park recently refurbished
Casino	Northernquest.com
Casino	Spokanetribecasino.com
Green Bluff	www.greenbluffarms.com
Sandpoint	www.sandpointonline.com
Hiawatha Bike Trail	www.skilookout.com (It's all down hill)

Thursday:	Dinner:	Chili, salad, maple bars
Friday :	Breakfast:	Eggs, hashbrowns, ham
	Dinner:	Ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls
Saturday:	Breakfast:	Eggs, hashbrowns, ham, toast
	Dinner:	Burgers, corn on the cob, potato salad
Sunday:	Breakfast:	Pancakes, ham

-----CUT AND RETURN LOWER PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO NWBN TO Judy Altimore AT THE ADDRESS BELOW-----

PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION

Name: _____ FMCA# _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Cell# _____

Cost of Rally:

Coach with two person's \$ 60.00 _____

Coach with one person \$ 30.00 _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NWBN AND MAIL TO:

Judy Altimore
7926 S Vicari Road
Spokane WA 99206

**THIS IS A DRY
RALLY**

**NO..... ELECTRIC
NO..... WATER
NO.....SEWER**

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

Bus Nuts –

Have you paid this year's dues yet? Please check, and if not:

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

THANK YOU!

2018 Rally Schedule:

July 26 – 29, 2018 – Silver Spur RV – Silverton, Oregon. Hosted by Darrel & Karen Bowes, Bill Egnar and Darla Vixie

August 23 – 25 – Florence Elks – Need Hosts

September 13 – 16, 2018 – Horn's Estate & Country Club – Spokane, WA
Hosted by Pat & Ann Horn and Dan & Judy Altamore

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