

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

July 1, 2019

What a nice peaceful, quiet rally we shared with our friends at the FMCA rally in Albany, Oregon on June 6-9 at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. A great location just off the I-5 freeway and adjacent to the airport, which made a little extra excitement, watching the private planes come and go, even a small personal jet. On Saturday, about a dozen planes flew in and parked their planes near the North end of the airport property and walked to a restaurant next to the airfield. Dick Wright said when he was flying, it was a common thing to fly in and meet fellow pilots for lunch or coffee in the same spot.

It was a smaller than normal turnout for the rally; only 208 coaches. NWBNs had 10 member coaches for a good showing for our club, and it paid off good for two of our lucky members. Alex Theole went to the opening ceremony and picked up \$300.00 and two nights later, Dick Wright had a lucky ticket worth nearly the same. You have to attend in order to stand a chance of winning. Maybe next time!

Wednesday, we were served hot dogs, beans, slaw and chocolate chip cookies. Thursday, we dined out as a group at Sweetwater's, a nice breakfast restaurant. Chicken was served Friday, and pork loin on Saturday to round out our meals that were included in our rally fee.

We had entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening and bingo numbers filled the air on Thursday night. A few of us took advantage of the shows.

Barb and I were unable to attend our first rally of 2019 due to the fact that a granddaughter graduation from Syracuse College in New York. After the festivities, we rented a car and did a little sightseeing around the state. Niagara Falls was very impressive. We drove into Canada for a better view and a boat ride that took us closer than we needed to be to the water cascading over the falls. They even included a paper thin plastic parka. That was the only souvenir we came home with. Of course, because we drove out of beautiful USA, we had to drive through customs to reenter the good old USA. Do you have to take a class on being an a-----hole to be a customs agent? Well, we met the number one jerk. Of all the dozens of times that I have crossed borders, I have never come across a bigger sarcastic person in my life. I know they can cause you a lot of problems if you get out of hand, so I bit my tongue. Don't the taxpayers pay their wages, so they kind of work for us? You would never know it.

Well for New York – the Statue of Liberty made the trip all worth it, but the traffic and crowds of people was another thing. I'm sure most have either seen or heard of the 2004 movie "Terminal" with Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones, where Tom gets stuck at JFK airport in New York. Customs won't let him leave the airport because of a war breaking out in his country. He is unable to enter or exit the airport. My impression was he was at his wit's end.

While in New York, a friend of ours let us live in his apartment in a town called White Plains. He would come over each morning and take us on different tours of the area. One day he was busy and unable to be our tour guide. The train depot was about ½ mile away. Barb and I felt there would be no problem catching a train, no big deal, so we walked to the depot and bought our round trip tickets from a nice lady who said “just ride it til it gets to the end of the line.” Those were easy enough instructions. When the train stopped, we got in line with the rest of the passengers, the only difference between a train full of people and us, was they knew where they were going and Barb and I, two lost souls, didn’t have a clue. As we exited the train tunnel and entered Grand Central Station, I knew at the point how Tom Hank’s character in the movie “Terminal” must have felt.

We entered into a huge marble room that had no notification for information anywhere I could find. If you have ever been there, I am sure you know what I am talking about. I must have looked and responded like I would expect a European tourist to act, but in my case it was no act, I was lost. I finally went into a Rite-Air Drug store and asked a clerk that was stocking shelves for directions to exit this large marble tomb. She left the store and walked us down two huge corridors and pointed us to someone who could help us. At that point, I had a feeling we would once again see the light of day and smell fresh air.

If you have questions, just ask me and I will be honest. I will tell you “I have been there and seen it, and once is enough for me.”

Our next club function will be a dinner cruise on July 20, 2019 in Salem, Oregon. It is most important to register as soon as possible, so they can order food. Please see enclosed registration form, we have two more important rally dates; August 22-25, 2019, see enclosed, and September 19-22, 2019, registration forms enclosed.

2020 would be a great time to reunite with old friends. How about hosting a rally? Ask not what the NWBN’s can do for you, but what can you do for the NWBN’s/ I changed a word or two, but I think you can remember J.F. Kennedy’s famous quote from his inaugural speech, “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country” He challenged every American to contribute in some way to public good. I am speaking for your board of directors, not just I, please get involved in order to keep your club strong. Thanks in advance.

I recently received a call from a man from Placerville, Ca. His longtime friend and neighbor has passed away, and he is helping the widow to dispose of a 1970 bus and parts (not running). If you are interested please contact Bob Obervig (530)417-6097. The former owner may have been a bus nut; his name was Wesley (Wes) Fisher. He thinks it might be an Eagle.

Until next time,
Your President,
Gary Chatterton



CENTRALIA RALLY

By Al Roeske

Wow! What a great way to kick off the 2019 rally season!

15 coaches gathered at the Midway RV Park in Centralia, Washington on May 16th for a weekend of good friends, good fun and good food.

Hosts John and Sharen Shierman and Keith and Nancy Arionus were determined to “keep it simple, keep it fun, and keep the cost down”. They pulled it off flawlessly in one of the cleanest, quietest and best kept parks we have ever visited.

Historian Bob Cotherman arrived in his new (just picked it up yesterday) Gemini motorhome and set up an impressive display of Northwestern Bus Nuts memorabilia and historical documents. Nobody knows the Bus Nuts better than Bob and he is always eager to answer questions or share stories about the good-old-days. Thank you, Bob!

The weekend was.....(Wait! What’s that sound? Can you hear it?).....filled with tours and excursions. John Shierman arranged a private tour of the King Agricultural Museum which had much more than tractors and plows. It was fascinating to hear Dave King himself tell about how, where, when, and why he acquired some of the collectables. Turns out, if he liked it, or he didn’t have one, he bought it!

Greg Peyran set us up with.....(Is that water? That sounds like water!).....a tour of Rogers Manufacturing where some of the largest air compressors in the world are made. These things were HUGE! Some would fill a small room! We were able to actually talk to some of the assembly and testing technicians which made it even more interesting.

And then it was on to the thriving metropolis of Galvin. Population, maybe two. Here we met.....(That has GOT to be water I’m hearing!).....collector Dick Busek and toured his “museum”. Dick had some STUFF. LOTS of STUFF! It appeared that Dick would collect (or accumulate) almost anything. On one wall were at least 100 old kerosene torches. On another, scores of oil filler cans with spouts. He did have several vintage cars and motorcycles, nearly all of which seemed to

be works -in-progress as there were tools and parts lying on the floor near most of them. Judy’s Country Kitchen, adjacent to the park.....(There is water running! It’s coming from the shower! It’s running out the door!).....easily became the place to go for breakfast. Great food

and the most congenial servers ever! One of our group asked if it would be possible to get the special, jalapeno scramble, without the jalapeno. Answer: We can do that. And they did!

This was such.....(3 loads of laundry.....Why?).....a special place that we are looking forward to the possibility of going back again. We never did finish that picture puzzle in the clubhouse.

.....(My OLD coach used to TELL me when the holding tank was getting full!).....

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

When the cop pulled me over he said, "Your eyes are red, have you been drinking? I replied, "Your eyes are glazed. Have you been eating donuts". We laughed and laughed.....



.....I need bail money

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year. And every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd really like to ride in that helicopter". Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars". One year, Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance". To this Esther replied, "Morris, that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars". The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word, I won't charge you a penny! But, if you say one word, it's fifty dollars". Morris and Esther agreed, and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed". Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!"

WILLAMETTE QUEEN STERNWHEELER DINNER CRUISE

SATURDAY JULY 20, 2019

200 WATER STREET NE SALEM, OREGON

EVENT COORDINATOR: AL ROESKE
EMAIL; CANDLE100@COMCAST.NET
PHONE / TEXT (541) 954-0676

COST \$58.00 PER PERSON

**WE WILL HAVE THE ENTIRE BOAT TO OURSELVES
THIS IS A NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS EVENT**

WEAR YOUR BADGES

THE SHERIFF WILL BE ON PATROL AND FINES WILL BE STEEP

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXTRA YOU MAY NOT BRING YOUR OWN

FULL BAR INCLUDES ABOUT 20 WINE SELECTIONS

4:00 PM-5:00 PM ARRIVE / HAPPY HOUR

5:00 PM-7:00 PM CRUISE / DINNER

7:00 PM-8:00 PM AFTERGLOW / DEPART

**BUFFET STYLE PROPOSED MENU NON- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
SALAD BAR- ROAST BARON OF BEEF- PORK TENDERLOIN- CHICKEN CACCIATORE
GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE-GLAZED CARROTS-BAKED POTATO WITH SOUR
CREAM, CHIVES AND BUTTER-SPAGHETTI WITH SAUCE-ASSORTED DESSERTS**

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP! WE NEED 25 TO SECURE THE DATE AND THE BOAT

**FIRST: REGISTER CALL (503) 371-1103 9AM-NOON M-F PAY HER WITH YOUR
CREDIT CARD AND TELL HER OF ANY SPECIAL NEEDS, DIETARY OR PHYSICAL**

**SECOND: CALL / TEXT / EMAIL OR TELL AL IN PERSON TO CONFIRM
REGISTRATION EVEN IF YOU ALREADY TOLD ME YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND**

WEAR YOUR BADGES

ROCKN'-IN-RICKREALL AUGUST 22 – 25, 2019



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2019

**LOCATION: POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
520 South Pacific Hwy.
Rickreall, OR 97371
Ph. (503) 623-3048**

ARRIVE EARLY / STAY LATE CONTACT FAIRGROUNDS \$25 NIGHT

HOSTS: Greg and Renee Peyran (971) 302-1674

Thursday Dinner: Potluck Bring your Favorite Dish

Friday Breakfast: Eggs McMuessig Coffee and Juices

Friday Dinner: Build you own Tacos with lots of fixings

Saturday Breakfast: Flapjacks, bacon, and eggs

Saturday Dinner: Spaghetti Feed with salad, garlic toast, fresh corn

Sunday Morning: Coffee and Donuts

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHWESTERN BUSNUTS

MAIL TO : GREG PEYRAN, 1860 WOODLAND AVE, WOODBURN, OR 97071

NAMES _____ F# _____

COACH LENGTH _____ SLIDES _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____ HANDICAPPED? _____

VOLUNTEER? _____

SITES HAVE ELECTRIC AND WATER. SANITARY DUMP ON FAIRGROUNDS

RALLY INCLUDES 3 NIGHTS WITH FEE

COACH & 2 PERSONS \$150 _____ COACH & 1 PERSON \$120 _____

ADDITIONAL GUESTS \$5 PER BREAKFAST, \$10 PER DINNER, CHILDREN FREE

ROCKN'-IN-RICKREALL AUGUST 22 – 25, 2019



ACTIVITIES: SAVE SATURDAY NIGHT FOR SOME GOOD OLD ROCK AND ROLL



JOHNNY LIMBO & THE LUGNUTS & CRUISE IN

Saturday, August 24 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Rotary Performing Stage

Come enjoy Dallas' favorite band playing all the hit songs of today and yesteryear.

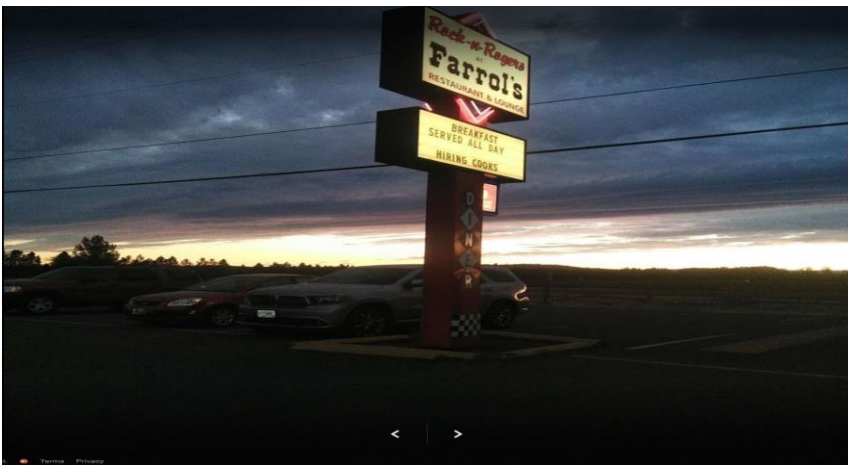
Rotary Performing Arts Stage is at the corner of Main & Academy Street.

Like classic cars? Have one you like to show off?

Come down to the Cruise In.

Check out some beautiful cars, listen to some music, have a beer and get a bite to eat.

Roll in at 4:00 p.m. on Academy Street between Main and Church Streets.



FARROLS "ROCK-N-ROGERS"

BAR AND RESTAURANT RIGHT NEXT TO FAIRGROUNDS

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHEESE COMPANY

EOLA HILLS VINEYARDS

FIRESTEED CELLARS

**POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND
MUSEUM**



AUGUST 24th

Dallas, OR

ACADEMY SQUARE

AMPHITHEATER Rotary

Performing Arts Stage- Main

& Academy St 6:30pm -

8:30pm

JUNCTION CITY JUNKET

SEPTEMBER 19-20-21-22 2019

GUARANTY RV TRAVEL CENTER AND RV PARK, 93668 HWY 99 SOUTH, JUNCTION CITY, OR

**THIS IS THE LAST BUS NUTS RALLY SCHEDULED IN 2019
WE ONLY HAVE 18 SITES YOU MUST REGISTER BY 12 AUGUST**

**GOLF-7 WINERIES-RV SERVICE AVAILABLE-OPEN FORUM
COACH MAINTENANCE SEMINAR-MARATHON COACH TOUR
EARLY/LATE GET RALLY RATES-FUN-GAMES-FOOD-POPCORN!**

THURSDAY NIGHT POTLUCK ALL OTHER MEALS TBA

HOW: SEND REGISTRATION FORM TO AL. CALL THE RV PARK (541) 998-7000
TELL THEM YOU ARE BUS NUT. BOOK YOUR STAY. OUR SPECIAL RATES ARE
\$40.02 PER NIGHT.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

ENTER THE TRAVEL CENTER PARKING LOT. DO NOT STOP HERE PULL
STRAIGHT FORWARD TO END OF LOT. TURN LEFT. GO 1/2 BLOCK AND TURN
RIGHT. GO 1/4 BLOCK AND TURN RIGHT. STOP IN FRONT OF PAVILION. YOU
WILL RECEIVE YOUR ASSIGNED SITE. AFTER YOU HAVE PARKED AND HOOKED
UP, RETURN TO TRAVEL CENTER TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION.

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CHECKS PAYABLE TO NWBN: SEND TO AL ROESKE, 2641 CROWTHER DR, EUGENE, OR 97404

LAST NAME _____ PILOT _____ CO-PILOT _____ FMCA # _____

CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ HANDICAP _____

COACH LENGTH _____ SLIDES _____ WILLING / ABLE TO ASSIST HOSTS _____

COACH & 2 \$35.00 _____ COACH & 1 \$20.00 _____ GUESTS \$5 BKFST _____ \$10 DINNER _____

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