NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

September 2019

As Barb and I entered onto the property of Polk County Fairgrounds,

we couldn't help but to be reminded of all the rallies we have attended at this location in the past. The size of our 2019 rally was much smaller (16 coaches) than the ones in the past. You know "they" say size matters. Well yes it does. Smaller rallies are much more personal, you are able to spend time with more people. That's a good thing.

It was easy to see that this was not the first event that our hosts, Greg & Renee Peyran, Jim Dale and Teresa Bledsoe had organized. Everything went as clockwork. Extra thanks to Greg and Jim for making multiple trips to the fairgrounds to check and double check with the operations manager to make sure all the ducks were in a row (on a recent walk, Barb and I made in our local park, we stopped at a pond and noticed, of all things, the ducks were paddling around and they were all in a row. Go figure.)

No sooner than we arrived on Thursday, people were preparing for our potluck. As usual, we never ran low on food. Good stuff!

Friday, as we headed to our dining hall, following the smell of eggs McMuessig and coffee, we came upon Richard Harper, Mike Alonzo, Greg Peyran, and Jim Dale working on the grill. Our great friends, Wayne and Betty Muessig have passed, but their Egg McMuessig sandwiches will last as long as our club is in existence. We love and miss them. Later that evening, we enjoyed tacos with all the trimmings

Saturday morning, blueberry flapjacks, bacon and eggs were on our menu, and of course, coffee and juice was served every morning. Our new coffee pot really works out well; always fresh and very little waste. Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad and fresh picked corn rounded out our meals. Greg and Renee purchased our corn from a local farmer. As sweet as it was, I think it must have been irrigated with sugar water.

As fast as they appear to begin our rally, usually a day early, they disappear on Sunday morning after coffee and donuts in a cloud of dust and a hardy "Hi Ho Silver". What a fun rally that is now called history. We look forward to the "Junction City Junket" to be held September 19-22, 2019 at Guaranty RV Travel Center and R.V. Park.

On Thursday, you will see a bulletin reading "no potluck", dinner instead after a presentation introduction and a Margarita furnished by Amazing Creation, a local cabinet designer, from 4:00 to 5:00, then dinner is served. Meals will be catered for this event.

I hope you have signed up for this really. A special tour at Marathon Coach will be held on Friday. I am sure you will be amazed to see how these Prevost coaches are transformed into one of a kind luxury coach. They are advertised as "Excellence by Design". After the tour you will have a better understanding on how they come with a price tag of two million dollars. I hear they will accept cash as well as a check.

Saturday, we have an open forum on coach maintenance seminar hosted by an expert from Guaranty R.V. These are always very informative, and I come away with a little more knowledge. If I could just retain it.

We have a great schedule for our 2020 rallies. The only problem is, we don't have anyone offering to host any of the great locations that we have secured. Please volunteer a little of your time to enable your club to stay strong. We all enjoy our rallies, but it would be nice to spread the hosting around.

Until next time, Your President, Gary



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

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

Welcome new members:

David & Marcia Hess from Nine Mile Falls, Washington

And

Steve & Susan Gilbody from Livingstone, Texas



PROPOSED RALLY SCHEDULE FOR 2020:

MAY Dates TBA Port of Newport RV park and Marina, Newport, OR

JUN 24-28 FMCA Northwest Area Rally, Roseburg, OR

JUL 23-26 Midway RV Park, Centralia, WA

AUG 20-24 Crook County Fairgrounds, Prineville, OR

SEP Dates TBA Oktoberfest, Mt Angel, OR

OCT 8-10 Wine Country RV Park, Prosser, WA

We need hosts for these rallies!

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