

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

December 2019

Merry Christmas 2019
Happy New Year 2020

Here's Wishing everyone a healthy holiday season! This time of year my mind reflects back in time of the many memories that Barb and I have made with the many close friends through our great organization. Yes, that would be the NWBNs.

We were invited to attend our first NWBN rally by my brother-in-law, Jack Cook. It was being hosted by Mike and Carol Muffett at their air strip in Zillah, Washington. This became our first, in a large list of memories involving our club and members of our club. Those of us in attendance were treated to Ultra-lite and airplane rides. Les Lessard was not too agile, but really was excited to climb aboard Mike's Ultra-lite. I should say hoisted aboard by some of our guys. Smiles from ear to ear!! Mick Hansen arrived to help man the cooking with what would end up being his wife, Chris. It didn't take him long to find out how special she is. I guess you could say Chris, Barb and I made our debut at the same time; September 2003.

This rally was where we were introduced to Jonie and Leroy Bracelin. I can't forget the memory I have of Leroy. He was dressed as though he just stepped out of his high school dance from the 50's. I am sure he must have been on the top 10 "stud muffin" list of Marshfield High. Yes, from his Princeton hair style, shrink to fit 501 Levis, "woman beater" sleeveless white T-shirt. He had traded his Brogue shoes in for a pair of tennis shoes. Since 2003, we have become close friends.

It was at this rally that Mike, Carol, Barb and I struck up a close relationship that has grown closer as the years have passed. I learned on the first day, when I offered to make a deli sandwich that he hates mustard, so to this day, when I prepare a snack I always tell Mike I put mustard on his sandwich (just the way he likes it – ha ha!) Oh the memories.

Sometimes, the smaller memories are the ones that stand out the most. I bet if you reflect back on some of the rallies, you too, will be reminded of many of the great memories you can relive. Point being, come to more rallies and build some memories together, and share some old ones.

Our last memory builder was held in Junction City, hosted by Al and Eleanor Roeske and Don and Betty Dennis. Thanks for time and dedication. Their choice of location, Guaranty RV, was a great RV park and a beautiful building to have for dinners and happy hours. Scott and

Danette, owners, of “Amazing Creations”, a local quality cabinet shop, sponsored a Margarita Happy Hour to open our Thursday evening festivities. No potluck, giving our ladies a night off. We enjoyed a catered teriyaki chicken dinner. After breakfast Friday morning, we had a date at Marathon Coach for an in depth tour of their complete facility. The new coaches have a sticker price (is everyone sitting?) 2+ million dollars. Sorry, those numbers are not in my vocabulary. They sure are a thing of beauty.

Baked ham dinner was on the menu for Friday night. The smell of breakfast brought members out of their RVs to enjoy a fresh brewed cup of coffee to compliment breakfast. At 10:00, a long time employee at Guaranty RV hosted a seminar, service and maintenance, it touched on new technology on batteries. Our own Jerry Work took all of us to “school”. He knows more about batteries than all in attendance. Thanks, Jerry for sharing your knowledge, we all found it most informative. If you plan to upgrade your battery bank, you are in for a shock when you pay the cost. Happy Hour followed up with a Bar-B-Q rib dinner, rounded out our final evening. More memories were made.

A list of memory makers and rally schedule is below. We have some great locations and dates, but we need Hosts and Helpers. Please pitch in and offer your time. Thanks in advance.

May 14- 16	Port of Newport Oregon RV Park & Marina
June 25 – 28	Roseburg, Oregon Fairgrounds
July 23 – 26	Midway RV Park, Centralia, Washington
August 20 – 24	Crook Co. F.G. Prineville, Or. Bob Dickey Memorial
September 16 – 19	Mt. Angel, Oregon Octoberfest
October 8 – 10	Wine Country RV Park, Prosser, Washington – the Crush

January 8 – 12, 2020 is the date of the 32nd Annual Western Area Rally held in Indio, California at the Riverside County Fairgrounds. I was looking forward to meeting up with old friends, but it looks like medical procedures will cancel our ability to attend, making this the second year in a row. Hope to be able to see a good turnout of NWBNs in Tucson to celebrate F.M.C.A. 101st International Convention and RV Expo at the Pima County Fairgrounds on March 26 – 29, 2020 There should be a good number of RVs to enjoy “Sunsets and Saguaros”.

Call Sharen Schierman (360) 921-9191 if you are planning to attend. She will try to make arrangements for a location for parking, and set up a convoy to travel into the rally so we will be able to park together at the rally. Thanks Sharen and John. Contact Sharen by March 15, 2020 before – not after! Thanks for your cooperation.

Hope to see everyone in Indio or Tucson. A big thanks to Chris Hansen, our newsletter editor.

Until next time, your president, *Gary*

FMCA'S 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

MARCH 26-29, 2020

PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Seminars • Exhibits • RV Displays
Coffee & Donuts • Games
Ice Cream Social • Entertainment

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

See reverse for details and options.

BECOME A MENTOR

I would like to be a mentor

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

MEMBER # _____ LAST NAME _____

PILOT FIRST NAME _____ CO-PILOT FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS (Confirmation packet and credentials will be sent here.) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

AREA CODE/HOME PHONE _____ AREA CODE/CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ I am/we are First Time Attendee(s)

RV MAKE & MODEL _____

LICENSE NUMBER _____ STATE _____ RV LENGTH _____ RV WIDTH WITH SLIDES EXTENDED _____

I/we own a: Motorhome Trailer/Fifth-Wheel

GUESTS

Guests 18 years and younger and/or immediate family are free, others are \$20 each.

GUEST NAME _____ AGE _____

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CONFIRMATION & PARKING CREDENTIALS

Parking credentials will be mailed to the mailing address provided, unless you request to have them held at Will Call for pickup.

- Mail my confirmation paperwork
- Hold parking credentials at Will Call

REGISTRATION FEES

See reverse side for parking descriptions, mailing procedures, parking procedures, and additional volunteer information.

	EARLY BIRD RECEIVED BY 1-22-20	RECEIVED AFTER 1-22-20	AMOUNT DUE
Registration + Dry Camping (credit card)	\$225	\$245	
Registration + Dry Camping (check/cash discount)	\$215	\$235	Select
RV with 1 Person Deduct \$20	-\$ 20	-\$ 20	
Each Additional Guest* (complete info above)	\$ 20	\$ 20	Select
30-Amp Electric (additional fee required)	+\$195	+\$195	
30-Amp Full (limited availability/additional fee required)	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	50-Amp Electric
50-Amp Electric (additional fee required)	+\$315	+\$315	
50-Amp Full (limited availability/additional fee required)	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT	
Passport – 2 People (no overnight parking)	\$175	\$205	Select
Ladies' Luncheon – Friday, 3/27, 11:30 am	\$ 15	\$ 15	Select
Payment Plan† (credit card only)	HALF DUE	N/A	Select
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			315

* Not available with Passport Registrations † See reverse for details

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PARKING PREFERENCE

See reverse for descriptions

- General
- Electric
- Full Generator
- No Generator
- External Generator
- PNO/Committee
- Disabled Parking Needed†

† A current state-issued disability placard must be visible upon arrival.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds for this convention will be made only upon written request (cancel@fmca.com). Cancellations made by January 10, 2020, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after January 10, 2020, but before March 26, 2020, will receive a full refund minus \$50 handling fee. Absolutely no refunds March 26, 2020, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office before any refund is issued.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

To pay by credit card please call 800-543-3622. All major credit cards accepted. Make checks and money orders payable to Family Motor Coaching, Inc. in U.S. funds.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO

FMCA/Events Dept.
8291 Clough Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244

AFTER MARCH 18, 2020, REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ON SITE.

The Arrival Area and Will Call in Tucson will open on Monday, March 23, 2020, at 8 a.m.

REGISTER BY Online www.fmca.com • Mail • Phone 800-543-3622 | 513-474-3622

Bus Nuts –

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

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