

# **NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS**

**NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 18, 2021**

*It's been a long time coming. . . .*

Barb and I have been waiting for about 2-1/2 years to be able to get back on the road, well, on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the wait was over. I thought I had the bus road-ready with engine serviced and new tires to be headed out to meet up with Bus Nut friends congregating in Gillette, Wyoming. Al and Eleanor Roeske had planned on coming to Happy Valley to start our road trip together; however, medical issues had other plans. They are better now. Barb and I left solo to Spokane, Washington. We had a great time spending two days at Pat & Ann Horn's. We arrived that evening in time to enjoy Pats' world famous "Horny Burgers" for dinner with Pat and Ann Horn, along with Dan & Judy Altimore.

The next leg of our journey found us spending the night at Deer Lodge at a truck stop parking lot. We needed fuel and food. After dinner the parking lot looked like an inviting place to dry camp for the night.

Our nephew's wife was transferred to Billings, Montana a few years ago to manage a new huge Winco grocery store. We had time to spend a couple of days to park and visit at their new home and catch up with their family plans. Their daughter is now living in Japan with her new husband. He is in the service, so she has made her own circle of friends. Her son moved out into his own apartment. They are learning what empty nesters are all about. The day we were to leave, I had a pancreatitis attack, so that put us leaving late in the day until I felt like I could drive without getting sick.

Sheridan, Wyoming was our destination to meet up with most of our gang to empty holding tanks and fill up our fresh water. We had a nice RV park just off Interstate 10. We stayed there for three days. We took the club coffee pot which made it really handy to have fresh coffee every morning as we sat around and enjoyed each other's company. So much to catch up with since this virus had all of us locked up at home. We were treated to some good meals on our trips, and were able to reserve space where we could eat together most days. Dick Wright passed out numbered papers that we placed in our windshields so it would be helpful when we arrived in Gillette. He suggested time slots for people to leave Sheridan, so as to not have a string (convoy) of bus's cluttering the highway. Everybody was anxious to get to Gillette, so most all busses were out of Sheridan before the time of the first bus was to leave. All went well. I don't know what we would do without Dick being there for us to organize us in so many different ways and his strong connection with FMCA officials. The Gillette rally was well organized.

A special thanks to our webmaster, Greg Peyran and his grill for putting out some unexpected meals. Thanks also to Jim Dale, he is always there to help in any way he can to make things go smooth. He has such a high energy level!

After Gillette, members were scrambling to find a RV park to stay in. For those of you that have not tried to book time in a park, be prepared to make plenty of calls, because what we found was that most had no vacancies.

Our next stay was at Sturgis, South Dakota. We left before all the motorcycles arrived. They expected 800,000 bikers to take up residence for their rally. I don't know how a population of 6,796 can service that many. Hal and Blanca St. Clair, Dan and Judy Altimore and Barb and I took in the sites of Devil Tower and Mt. Rushmore. What an experience! It's hard to comprehend how this undertaking was accomplished, even after watching the movie. Crazy Horse was on the schedule for the next day, but my pancreas has other plans for me, so we had to cancel and let the Altimores and St. Clairs enjoy the day without us. After a week at Sturgis, we three RVs headed back West.

The following couple weeks found us accepting the hospitality of the Altimores. What great hosts. Our final layover was in Moses Lake, where we spent two nights visiting with old friend Mike Muffett. Mike and wife, Carol, who is now passed, hosted the first rally we were invited to and joined the NWBNs that week. Now we are preparing for our September 16<sup>th</sup> rally at Mt. Angel to celebrate Octoberfest. Please find registration forms in this newsletter. *Time is of essence*, we have only 18 spaces reserved. The last 18. It is **a must** to fill out and respond as directed. We are holding a board meeting to discuss our future and a general meeting celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Don Schleuse (National Vice President, Northwest area) will be joining our rally and presenting us with a check and certificate for our 45 years as a club. When you register, make sure you let Lynell know that you are with the "Northwest Bus Nuts"; otherwise she might say they have no vacancy. We will be asking for rally hosts, so give it some thought on hosting. We can help. It's time for some new volunteers.

Let me know if you are attending the rally, and what day your will be arriving.

Thanks,

Your President, Gary



❖ **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!**

# OKTOBERFEST

SEPT 16 – 19 2021

MT ANGEL, OREGON

**HOSTS: GARY & BARB CHATTERTON**

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS EVERY MORNING

ALL MEALS ON YOUR OWN

NO RALLY FEES.....JUST PAY FOR YOUR PARKING

REGISTER SOON! WE ONLY HAVE 18 SPOTS RESERVED

THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEETING AT THIS RALLY

**STEP 1. READ THE PARKING INFO SHEET**

**STEP 2. EMAIL PARKING REQUEST INFO TO LYNELL BY SEPT 2**

**STEP 3. NOTIFY GARY (503) 816-5782 OR BARB (503) 308-0383  
THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED AND PLAN TO ATTEND**

**STEP 4. PAY FOR PARKING UPON ARRIVAL**

## **OKTOBERFEST 2021 PARKING INFO**

**Thank you for your interest in camping for the Oktoberfest**

**Here is this year's reservation application.**

**General info: (for those new to our RV site)**

- **It is dry camping-no hook-ups**
- **All RVs must be self-contained (have a bathroom). There are no porta-potties.**
- **Reservations are not made until all needed information is received.**
- **We do not take tents, sleeping in cars or trucks, etc.**
- **No "Saturday Only" reservations. Saturday is a first-come for availability.**
- **Use 495 W Church St. Mt Angel, OR as the address to Google directions.**
- **Pets must be on a leash.**
- **We are quiet at night. Generators off at 10pm, quiet after 12 midnight.**
- **We provide copies of our info and policies when you arrive.**

**Send back the info form quickly.**

**We do not know how fast the reservations will fill this year.**

**Looking forward to seeing everyone.**

**Lynell Hoffer**

# OKTOBERFEST PARKING Reservation Information/Application Form 2021

## Parking specifics:

**Self-contained RVs only. We do not accommodate tents, or sleeping in vehicles etc.**

Each space is 17' wide and the length varies by row to accommodate long and short RVs. Spaces are marked. All vehicles must fit within the space and not extend into the fire lanes.

## 2021 rates.

Thursday night only-\$20.00

Thursday & Friday nights-\$45.00 OR Friday & Saturday nights- \$45.00

Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights - \$60.00

Wednesday night- Add \$5.00

**No "Saturday night only" reservations taken. Saturday is on a space available basis.**

There is no additional charge if you want to stay over Sunday night and leave on Monday.

We do accept early arrivals, just let us know when you send us the form.

---

## Reservation info:

**Please supply all of the following information.**

Name:

Phone contact:

Email:

Have you stayed with us before? Yes No

Length of Vehicle

RV:

Truck:

Tow car:

License plate numbers: RV:

Truck:

Tow car:

## Specific NIGHTS you are staying:

If you want spaces for other people, I must have their info also. **Please forward this form to each person and have them send it to me.** I try to keep spaces available for all in a group to be together, but I need everyone's information. Each will receive a separate confirmation.

If you are coming with other RVs, names of those you will be with:

## NORTHWESTERN BUSNUTS

Add the info, attach it and email this back to me or send the required info in an email to [ofestrv@gmail.com](mailto:ofestrv@gmail.com).

Reservations are filled as received. Once information is complete, a reservation is filled and a confirmation will be sent.

**To Members of the Northwest Area:**

During an Executive Board workshop, held on the 19th of March, we agreed to extend the Rollback offer up until the Governing Board meeting that will be held July 7, 2021 in Gillette, WY. If your membership is expiring soon, you may extend your membership and save \$25 on a one year, \$45 on two years or \$55 on three years, however you cannot have more than three years total membership.

You may extend your membership here: <https://join.fmca.com/renew50/>

Stay healthy and be safe.

Don Schleuse  
President  
Northwest Area

**Oct 8-10 Wine Country RV Park, Prosser, WA**

**THE CRUSH**

---

President – Gary Chatterton 503-816-5782  
VP North – John Shierman 360-253-1526 sharens46@gmail.com  
VP South – Al Roeske 541-607-2992 candle100@comcast.net  
Treasurer – Eleanor Roeske 541-607-2992 – eroeske@comcast.net  
National Director - Mel Wicks 253-530-6815 - mwick10299@aol.com  
Secretary – Sharen Shierman 360-921-9191 sharens46@gmail.com  
Executive Board – Dick Wright, Mike Alonzo, Don Dennis, MaryLou Dickey  
Newsletter Editor – Chris Hansen 509-760-7269 cmhansen555@yahoo.com  
Nominating Committee – Dick Wright, Patty Harper, MaryLou Dickey  
Membership Book – Pat Alonzo 360-635-8724 palonzo\_us@yahoo.com  
Historian – Bob Cotherman  
Sunshine Lady – Nancy Arionus  
Sheriff – Barb Chatterton

