

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

April 8, 2023

Words from NUT ONE, Al Roeske

Spring was in the air for a few minutes again today and in-between bouts of hail my thoughts turned once again to rallies and road trips, new adventures and old friends as we head into a new year of activities. It's been a long two years with nearly no activity and very little contact with fellow Bus Nuts but this promises to be a year of turnabout. We have a full schedule of rallies, May through October, lots of new faces on the governing board, and nearly a dozen recent new members.

Many changes have evolved in the way RV parks do business as a result of pandemic pressures. Millions of people have moved into their RVs and as a result most venues now have designated permanent, long-term and short-term sites in addition to overnight. Those permanent and long-term sites were taken from short-term and overnight sites. So, finding a venue with 18 to 24 sites available is nearly impossible these days. That's why on your signup sheets you will see that we have a limited number of sites available. Also, we are seeing RV parks asking to have reservations confirmed and to be paid for earlier than in previous years. Newport required that reservations be confirmed and paid for 9 months in advance. Because a lot of homeless people are living in very old and unkempt RVs, some venues require pictures of any RV older than a certain age. Nearly all of our coaches will require pictures at the Westfir rally. A pain, but the new norm. If you travel with your coach, you will experience this frequently. I keep 4 pictures of my coach on my phone just for this purpose.

We have no hosts assigned for any of the scheduled rallies except for Newport. Please consider hosting or co-hosting a rally. Feel free to contact me directly if you have questions or concerns about hosting. It's not as difficult as you might think and in general there is a lot of help available. So, expect things to be a bit different, read the signup instructions carefully, follow the directions to a T and let's get back to enjoying the reason we have these coaches!

"Whether you think you can....., or you think you cannot....., you are right."
Henry Ford

Words from Past President Gary Chatterton

The last four years, our travels have been almost non-existent due to my on-going issues with my pancreas. I figured, "No time like the present," so we came up with a game plan. Both Barb and I were getting tired of staying home and leaving our

bus sit in its shelter, so on December 28th we left our happy home and headed south for sunshine. After wind, rain, snow, sleet, hail and every type of weather that was thrown at us, we finally made it to Indio, California to enjoy the FMCA rally, “Wizard of Oz”. There was a very small turnout. Only 5 members of the Northwestern Bus Nuts. A total count of 479 coaches. Our ages and health have a big impact as well as the price of fuel, meaning six dollars per gallon in Sunny California.

Finally, our club president, Al Roeske, has made some dates and reservations for future rally locations. Let’s make 2023 a real turnout for all of Al’s hard work. Participation makes for a strong club.

CLUB DUES

Marsha Lewis wants to remind the membership to send in their \$20 annual dues. Please make your checks payable to NW Bus Nuts. Send to Marsha Lewis, 89931 Rippling Way, Walterville, OR 97489. You can call or text Marsha at 541-601-2798.

Thanks!

2023 RALLIES

MAY	11-14	REDMOND, OR	EXPO CENTER RV PARK
JUN	7-11	ALBANY, OR	FMCA NW REGIONAL RALLY
JUL	20-23	PENDLETON, OR	WILDHORSE CASINO RV PARK
AUG	17-20	WESTFIR, OR	CASEYS RV PARK
SEP	14-17	NEWPORT, OR	PORT OF NEWPORT RV PARK
OCT	12-15	PROSSER, WA	WINE COUNTRY RV PARK (WEEKEND OF THE CRUSH)

WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

I have taken the reins for putting out the newsletter. Since I am not familiar with everything that the club is used to seeing in the newsletter, if there are things missing, do not hesitate to let me know. And, if you have something to share with the club, whether it be mechanical, electrical, or club matters, feel free to contact me and I will add it to the next issue. Email is my preferred method for these types of things. Douglas Brown dbtrooper@juno.com 503-931-0190

NOTE: Webmaster, Greg Peyran, is requesting pictures of people and their coaches for the webpage.

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REDMOND RALLY May 11-14

Deschutes County Fairgrounds Expo Center RV Park

3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond, Oregon 97756

Phone 541-585-1569

expo.deschutes.org/p/rv-park

From HWY 97 take exit 124 onto Airport Way. Cross the RR tracks and take first right onto 19th Street. RV park is at the end on the left. Check in at office first even if you have already been assigned a site.

You must register by phone. TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BUSNUTS. Rates are approximately \$47 per night. You cannot register online. After you have registered, call, text, email Al Roeske (541)954-0676 candle100@comcast.net to confirm.

We only have 18 sites available. The RV park is sold out that weekend for the Oregon State High School State Equestrian Championships.

There are no designated hosts for this rally at this time. If you would like to host the rally or volunteer to help, call, text, email Al Roeske (541)954-0676 candle100@comcast.net.

There are no pre-planned meals or activities for this rally and no rally fees other than your site rent. Once we arrive we will attempt to locate suitable venues for some group meals, but otherwise all meals will be on your own or with your friends.

There should be plenty of activities, both on and off the fairgrounds and, weather permitting, lots of opportunities to mingle with old and new friends alike!

FMCA Northwest Area Rally

**JUNE 7-11 2023 Linn County Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany, Oregon 97322**

Register with FMCA www.fmca.com, (800)543-3622, (800)543-4717
Tell them you are arriving with the Northwestern BusNuts

We are making arrangements with the parking coordinator to gather at a site outside of the expo center so we can enter as a group and be parked as a group, possibly on the 6th. In the past this has been a dry camp situation and we expect the same this year so come in full and empty. (Full fuel, empty holding tanks).

Details of the gathering site and parking area have not been finalized. It is important that we have an accurate count for the parking crew. After you have registered, call, text, or email Al Roeske (541)954-0676 Candle100@comcast.net You will be notified when gathering and parking details are available.