

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

January 7, 2024

Words From Nut One, Al Roeske

Ahhh, yes.....back in the day we would.....! I hope everyone had a happy, safe and healthy holiday season filled with family, friends and good times. As we move forward into 2024, I see many changes in our RVing lifestyle ahead. All of the proposed constitutional changes were overwhelmingly approved, so we can expect several new looks from FMCA in the near future. People are beginning to travel again but prices are sky high and many of our favorite businesses and activities have forever changed or no longer exist. Virtually every surviving RV park in the country has new rules regarding spaces allocated to permanent, long, and short-term stays, and RV age restrictions. Free overnight stays at shopping malls and big box stores have pretty much been eliminated. And then there is still Covid. Put all of these together with a good old dirt-digging, name-calling, mud-slinging election year and 2024 promises to be a wild ride! So, chin up, be prepared, plan ahead, assume nothing, expect difficulties, avoid obstacles and stay focused. You will do just fine.

I received word Sunday morning that Betty Dennis has passed away after a very long illness.

If you are thinking about attending the Fiesta Del Sol FMCA convention in Tucson, Arizona, March 20-23, 2024 and would be interested in a pre-rally or in parking together as a group during the rally, contact Dick Wright ASAP. Phone (541)953-4655, email, dick@riousa.com.

“The reason some people are unhappy is that they see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future more uncertain than it will be.” Marcel Pagnol

THE NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS have volunteered to host the Coffee and Doughnuts at the FMCA International Convention in Redmond, Oregon, August 14, 15, 16 and 17, 2024. Captains will be Al Roeske and Dick Wright. Our duties will be to serve coffee and doughnuts for about 3 hours each morning. We estimate that it will take 20 to 30 volunteers in total to provide this service, depending upon coach attendance. More info as we get closer to the actual event.

Other news. Next year's Westfir rally at Casey's Riverside RV Park has been moved from June 2024 to September 12, 13,14 and departing September 15, 2024. Because another large group has sites reserved through the 11th, if you wish to go in

early, you will probably have to take another site for the early days and move on the 12th. If you plan to attend this rally you must call (541)782-1906 on or AFTER December 17, 2023, to reserve your site. All unassigned sites will be released on JUNE 26, 2024.

If you plan to attend the Western Area Rally in Indio, California, January 11, 12, and 13, 2024, and you want to park as a group with the NorthWestern Bus Nuts, contact Dick Wright, (541) 953-4655 or email dick@riouusa.com. We try to go in early as a group and enjoy a few extra days of fun and friendship before the rally begins.

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Warning Warning Danger Danger!!!

We currently have over 100 members and member couples on our roster. However, just 36 members or member couples paid dues for 2023. Dues are due on September 1, 2023, for the 2024 membership year. Also, you must belong to FMCA to belong to the NW Bus Nuts. We are not concerned about whether or not you paid dues in 2021 or 2022 during Covid. But, members who have not paid their dues by October 1, 2023 for the 2024 year, are subject to being removed from the club roster! If you are not current for 2023, but you pay dues for the 2024 year, that will be fine. We don't want to lose anyone who intends to remain a member, so, take a moment and send in your check. If you have questions, you can call Treasurer Marsha Lewis at 541-601-2798. Club Dues: \$20.00 per year. Make your check payable to NW Bus Nuts and mail it to:

**Marsha Lewis
89931 Rippling Way
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New club Secretary needed!

Marsha Lewis has more than served her time as acting Secretary and is no longer in that position. We need a new one! Somebody step up!

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WEBPAGE Member Greg Peyran is the NWBN WebSite Manager. The WebSite name is: NorthwesternBusNuts.com

Greg will gladly accept recent club photos to place on the site. His email address is: cobragp@msn.com

2024 RALLIES:

August – FMCA International Convention – Redmond Fairgrounds

September – Westfir – Casey's RV Park

October 16 – 20 – Silver Spur RV Park, Silverton, OR

POSSIBLE FUTURE RALLIES:

- Gold Beach, Bandon

- the Elks Club at Lincoln City and Florence, OR.
- AI suggested in July or Sept. of 2024, we could have a Joint Rally with the BC Bus Nuts. AI will check into it.
- Dick will check into having a rally on the OR Coast in June or July. Dick to look into a location and report.
- Indian Head Casino parking lot, Warm Springs, OR (Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.)
- Crooked River Campground north of Bend

WORDS FROM THE EDITOR 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. Also, I will happily accept suggestions for the newsletter. Email is my preferred method for these types of things. Douglas Brown
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