

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

November 15, 2023

Words From Nut One, Al Roeske

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!! Shaun & Madeleine Lateef, Las Vegas, Nevada and Steve & Bonnie Smitherman, Leaburg, Oregon have joined the NorthWestern BusNuts. We look forward to sharing many happy memories with these new BusNuts.

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.

IF YOU PLAN to attend The Western Area Rally in Indio, California, January 11, 12 and 13, 2024, and you want to park with the NorthWestern Bus Nuts, contact Dick Wright (541) 953-4655 or email dick@riousa.com.

IN A QUEST to increase membership, FMCA worked with a consulting firm which polled people who own RV's but are not members of FMCA . One outcome resulted in the FMCA Governing Board approval to send four constitutional amendments to the entire FMCA membership for a vote. One vote per membership number is allowed. Deadline is December 31, 2023. These amendments are important issues including possible name and logo changes. I strongly

encourage you to visit the FMCA website <https://www.fmca.com/constitution-changes-2023>. Review the changes and vote, either on that site or by mail-in paper ballot found on page 23 of the November 2023 issue of Family RVing Magazine.

“SOMETIMES when things seem to be falling apart, they may actually be falling in place”.....Anon

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@rioussa.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
Walterville, OR 97489**

New Member Applications: There is an attachment to the email that is a sign-up sheet for new members. Members should print it out and carry a couple of copies in their coach so that if you meet a prospective member, you can give it to them.

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.
- Al suggested in July or Sept. of 2024, we could have a Joint Rally with the BC Bus Nuts. Al 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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