

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

June 2, 2024

Words From Nut One, Al Roeske

Sunshine, blue skies and old friends. What a great way to begin the 2024 rally season! Six coaches gathered at the Spirit Mountain Casino RV Park in Grand Ronde, Oregon, May 16-19. But not without our fair share of, “First-trip-of-the-season” surprises. Eleanor and I arrived at the registration building only to find that our step slide would not retract. Jim Dale came to the rescue with his ladder and Dick Wright figured out which wire to unplug to make it retract. Dick mentioned that there was a strange noise coming from the engine compartment. Further inspection revealed that the pulley had come off the dash air conditioner compressor while we were signing in. We found the pulley and the belt in the engine compartment and later that day Tim Jones found the bolt in the street. How lucky is that?

Gary Chatterton arrived a day late, (because his bus wouldn't start), with his toilet overflowing. Dick tackled the repair project and removed debris from the water shutoff valve.

With all the major issues solved we focused on the fun part of the no-host rally. Coyote Joe's Restaurant and the Casino provided excellent meals and with the Oregon coast only 30 miles away we had plenty to see and do.

There are three spots left for the June rally at the Mill Casino in North Bend, Oregon and the deadline to register has been extended to Wednesday, June 5. There will be a general meeting at this rally and we are expecting a visit from the FMCA Northwest Area Vice President, Dennis Martin.

“We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing”George Bernard Shaw

NWBN Who's Who

PRESIDENT Al Roeske (541)954-0676 candle100@comcast.net
VP NORTH Patti Harper (360)560-5297 ricverha@yahoo.com
VP SOUTH Douglas Brown (503)931-0190 dbtrooper@juno.com
TREASURER Marsha Lewis (541)601-2798 applegate4@yahoo.com

SECRETARY VACANT **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!

WEBMASTER Greg Peyran (971)302-1674 cobragp@msn.com
NEWSLETTER Douglas Brown (503)931-0190 dbtrooper@juno.com
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY Pete Blackwell (509)939-3513
debandpetebblackwell@gmail.com

NATIONAL DIRECTOR Al Roeske (temporary acting)

SUNSHINE LADY Nancy Arionus (253)569-3237
keithnancyarionus@msn.com
SHERIFF Barb Chatterton

EXECUTIVE BOARD Dick Wright, Mike Alonzo, Don Dennis,
Gary Chatterton

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Dick Wright, Patti Harper

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

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
dbtrooper@juno.com 503-931-0190

2024 RALLY SCHEDULE

June 20,21,22 Mill Casino RV Park, North Bend, Oregon

July 11,12,13 Hood River County Fairgrounds, Hood River, Oregon

Aug 14,15,16,17 FMCA National Convention, Redmond, Oregon

Sep 12,13,14 Casey's Riverside RV Park, Westfir, Oregon

NOTE: This rally at was moved from June 2024. 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 then 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.

Oct 16,17,18,19 Silver Spur RV Park, Silverton, Oregon

The Mill Casino RV Park

North Bend, Oregon June 20-23, 2024

Deadline to register is Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Special rates \$45-\$55 per night

Call (800) 953-4800

Tell them you are with the NorthWestern BusNuts

Booking ID # 10247

HOSTS Dick & Jeanne Wright, Tim & Linda Jones

THURSDAY 4:00 Happy Hour in the Yurt

5:00 hors d'oeuvres potluck

(Bring your favorite dish and your table service)

FRIDAY 9:00AM board meeting in the yurt.

All other meals and events are TBA

HOOD RIVER HANGOUT

JULY (8,9,10) 11,12,13,14, 2024

HOOD RIVER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

3020 WYEAST ROAD, HOOD RIVER, OR 97031

DO NOT USE GPS! SEE DIRECTIONS SHEET

This should be a good one! We have the entire fairgrounds to ourselves except for Saturday night and we are authorized to arrive as early as Monday.

50 / 30 amp power and water, dump station on site.

Parking \$30 per night. More than two dozen venues on the world famous “Fruit Loop”. Western Antique and Automobile Museum (WAAAM). Sternwheeler dinner cruise available. Mount Hood Railroad. Golf.

Panorama Point. Timberline Lodge. Wineries.

Vineyards. Orchards, Museums and much more.

Call, text, or email Al Roeske (541) 954-0676

candle100@comcast.net with expected arrival date,

Yes or No on the dinner cruise, and are you available to help with parking, food, cleanup, etc.

All meals and events except Dinner Cruise are TBA.

DIRECTIONS to HOOD RIVER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

3020 WyEast Rd, Hood River, OR 97031

This is the route the fruit trucks use. It avoids steep grades, hairpin turns and narrow roads. You may not be happy if you use another.

From I-84 Eastbound or Westbound take exit 64.

EASTBOUND turn RIGHT, WESTBOUND turn LEFT to
BUTTON BRIDGE ROAD. (US Hwy 35 South)

NOTE: While on US Hwy 35 South your GPS may tell you to
turn on DETHMAN RIDGE DRIVE or EHRCK HILL ROAD.
DO NOT DO THIS. Narrow roads, hairpin turns and very
steep grades await you on these routes.

Go 6.5 miles on Hwy 35 South. Sign ODEL RIGHT ¼ MILE /
JCT 282

In ¼ mile turn RIGHT at signs ODEL 1 / SOUTH 35 /
WEST 281 (There will be a right turn lane for this turn. This
is Davis Drive but there is no sign)

Go 0.7 miles. Turn RIGHT at Signs FAIRGROUNDS / WEST
282 (Odel Hwy)

In 0.3 miles Hwy curves left, then in 900 feet curve hard
RIGHT as traffic merges from left. DO NOT GO STRAIGHT
AHEAD

Go 0.4 miles. Turn LEFT on SUMMIT DRIVE

Go 0.5 miles. Turn RIGHT on WyEast Rd. Sign (Welcome
to Hood River County Fairgrounds) on corner

In 400 feet turn LEFT into GATE A.

Pull forward to first intersection, unhook and wait to be
parked

STERNWHEELER DINNER CRUISE

FRIDAY JULY 12, 2024 5:30-8:00 PM
299 SW Portage Road, Cascade Locks, OR 97014
\$49.25 PER PERSON

Includes cruise, meal, coffee, tea, soda and water. You do not have to attend the rally to join us for the dinner cruise. You do not have to do the dinner cruise if you attend the rally. The actual cost of the dinner cruise is \$99.25 per person which includes a 15% gratuity. If you are a NWBN member in good standing and you actually attend the cruise, the North Western Bus Nuts will reimburse \$50.00 per person. The Sternwheeler does not offer refunds but cancellations may rebook at a later date.

Reservations must be booked by Friday, June 14 to guarantee seating with our group (June 21 if seating is available). You book with the Sternwheeler directly and you must make menu selections at the time of booking. **Note: The menu is attached to this email.**

Call Nikki Adler (541) 399-5029 or go to their website sternwheeler.com and select "Book a Cruise". Tell them you are a BusNut. You will pay the full \$99.25 per person and make menu selections at that time. Notifying Al Roeske would be helpful.

Redmond Registration

NorthWestern BusNuts Chapter is hosting the coffee hour at the FMCA International rally in Redmond, Oregon August 14-18, 2024. This involves serving coffee and doughnuts for about 3 hours each morning. We will be assigned 10 spaces near the coffee tent. Our arrival day is Monday, August 12. Captains are Al Roeske and Dick Wright. If you plan to attend this rally and if one or both would like to join us, you must register by phone.

Call FMCA (800) 543-3622

Tell operator you want to register for Redmond.

Tell the registrar you are a Bus Nut coffee volunteer and what electric power you want.

Call Al Roeske (541) 954-0676 with number of members volunteering