

## NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

July 4, 2024

### **Words From Nut One....Al Roeske**

Ten coaches rallied at the Mill Casino RV Park in North Bend, Oregon, June 20-23, 2024. Most were parked at water's edge with a great view of the Umpqua River. The wind blew every day and the fog rolled in every night but we had complimentary exclusive use of the Yurt which was very comfortable. Two large fenced-in dog areas provided much appreciated off-leash exercise for our dogs. On Friday, while the ladies toured a downtown museum and visited local specialty shops, the men visited Leroy Bracelin's unbelievable private collection of classic cars, trucks, logging equipment, family heirlooms and Indian artifacts dating back several generations. His very first truck, completely restored and chromed out (with every single bolt head pointing in the same direction) has taken first place in every show it has ever

entered. Leroy and his wife Joni were active BusNut members for many years.

And then on to another private collection.

Leroy's son Chuck collects unique restored classic trucks. One had an 850-horsepower motor and another only had one driver for 37 years. All were museum quality and fully operational.

Friday evening, we had an excellent meal at the Coach House in Coos Bay and Saturday at the Mill Casino. Twenty-four of us were served gourmet meals at a very long table by one server who got every meal and every check correct on the first try all by himself!

A rare happening and very impressive.

A photo of the dinner event follows this page.



If you are going to attend the Hood River rally, Greg Peyran has volunteered to cook breakfast Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Dinner Thursday will be potluck hors d'oeuvres. Bring your favorite and your table service. Friday will be the Dinner Cruise and we are working on a Chinese restaurant in Hood River for Saturday. Ten coaches are currently signed up and we will have a meeting room.

“He who knows HOW will always have work. He who knows WHY will be bossing the jerk!....anon

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**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!

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**WEBPAGE** Member Greg Peyran is the NWBN WebSite Manager. The WebSite name is: [NorthwesternBusNuts.com](http://NorthwesternBusNuts.com)

Greg will gladly accept recent club photos to place on the site. His email address is: [cobragp@msn.com](mailto: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  
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## **2024 RALLY SCHEDULE**

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 11<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to go in early, you will probably have to take another site for the early days and then move on the 12<sup>th</sup>. 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. Call for reservations at 503-873-2020.

# 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](http://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