

# NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

April 2025

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

The 2025 rally schedule has come together nicely thanks to the efforts of Dick Wright and Doug Brown. Please note the instructions and book as early as you possibly can as we have limited availability at most of the rally venues this year. If you are not an Elk but plan to attend the St Helens rally, contact Dick, Doug or me to attend as a guest.

Hosts and/or volunteers are needed for all the rallies and most meals and activities are still TBA so if you have ideas, input or effort to give, your help will be most welcome.

As with most Chapters, our membership is aging out and it's becoming more and more difficult to maintain our accustomed RV lifestyle with a shrinking population of active members. But the spark is still there and the bonds are still strong. So kick the tires, light the fires and git on down the road! See you at the next rally

### RALLY PLAN 2025

MAY May rally will be in St. Helens at the Elks Club May 8 – 11. They have 12 RV sites, 9 with 50 amp and 3 with 30 amp. Nine spaces handle 45 feet' one space handles 40 feet, and two spaces are smaller. Guests of Elks can obtain a space by

having and Elks member book it for them. Call Douglas Brown for details. The club restaurant is open 7 days per week for lunch and dinner and does breakfast on Sundays. The view of the Columbia is great.

**JUNE** Area rally in Albany is the FMCA gathering June 18 through 21. Signup is open now. We will try to make arrangements to park together again. Contact Al or Dick if you plan to attend. There is a registration form in the FRVA magazine.

Well, in order to make this a great rally we need volunteers, not only to monitor seminars but also to give a seminar or present a craft. Please forward the attached document to all your members. Please reply to Jerry with your support and suggestions.

Thank you

*Roxanne Parish*

*NWA Secretary*

*"Don't make me flip my witch switch"*

**JULY** Dick has arranged for a Coast rally at the casino in North Bend, July 17 – 20. Call casino RV park to make your reservation. \$50 per day away from the water and the bayfront is \$60 per day.

**AUGUST** Rally at Hood River Fairgrounds August 26 – August 31. Let Al Roeske know if you are coming. You will then check in when you arrive at the fairgrounds and pay at that time.

**SEPTEMBER** Casey's Riverside RV Resort in Westfir. September 23 through 28. You can call now and book a site. Tell them you are with the BusNuts and they will try to keep us together and they have plenty of sites available for those

dates now. (541)782-1906. Please let Douglas Brown know when you sign up.

OCTOBER Doug has booked Silver Spur RV park in Silverton October 15 through 19. 503-873-2020. Please book early and let Doug know when you have signed up.

#### ATTEMPT TO FIND OLD BUS

This is a repeat from last month.

Hi, I am trying to locate my grandfather's 4104 and my older brother mentioned that he had been a member of BusNuts. His name was Walter E. Bates and he was located in Salem, Oregon. He built one of the first 4104 conversions in the area and ended up doing four, two for himself, one for Ken Neilson, and one for Utah Croison with a modified early Honda car that fit in the baggage compartment. I am trying to locate the second one he built for himself which would have been in the mid 1970's and had a green stripe and top, built in vacuum, and a bathtub. It was sold in the early 1980's to someone in Keizer. I don't have a plate or a VIN. I would really appreciate any help or leads you could provide.

Thanks, Bob

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(Note: Several members think he did not build 4 4104's and that two of the busses were maybe MCI's or something else.)

**NOTICE!!! Annual Dues are due October 1, 2024. Annual Dues are \$20.00. Mail your payment to:**

**Marsha Lewis  
89931 Rippling Way  
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**You need to maintain your membership in FMCA to be a BusNuts member.**

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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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