

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

February 2025

Words From Nut One.....Al Roeske

Sometime last August or September our kids talked us into selling the house in Eugene and moving to Salem, Oregon. “You’ll be closer to family and we can help out more,” they said. With both of us developing new health issues on a seemingly weekly basis, me in a full-on back brace from my most recent fall, and it taking both of us to do half of the chores that one of us used to do in less than half the time, it made sense.

“It’ll sell faster if it’s empty,” the Realtor said. So, with help from the kids, grandkids, great grandkids and a hired moving crew, we loaded up 3 large PODs, rented two large storage units in Salem, loaded up the biggest U-Haul they make, moved out of the 2500 square foot house and into the 40-foot coach. “Surely, we will find a place and be moved in by Halloween,” we thought.

We made full-price offers on 3 properties and were outbid on all before making a deal on a house that wasn’t even for sale yet. Older (1979), smaller (1400 sq ft), needing lots of work, but very close to kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. “We should be in by Thanksgiving,” we thought.

Finding people who actually wanted to work was a big problem, but getting them on the schedule turned out to be even more difficult. “We should be in by Christmas,” we told people.

Well, we are in! Christmas came and went. New Year’s came and went, weeks went by, but we are in. We don’t have a kitchen yet. Sink and microwave, yes. Cooktop and oven, no. Countertops, no. But we are in and the family has been great.

We share meals several time a week, somebody takes us to appointments when needed, and so far somebody has stopped by nearly every day to help out or check on us. Lots of horror stories to share, for sure, but, all-in-all, a good move for us. Emails are the same, phone numbers are the same. New address is:

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Douglas Brown, Dick Wright and I have been working on a Rally schedule for 2025. It's in the rough and very little is firmed up yet, but what we have is included here. We could use some help with these plans. If you are available, please contact one of us.

RALLY PLAN 2025

MAY Looking at the Elks Club in St Helens about May 22 through 25. They don't take reservations but do have some hookups and overflow dry camping is available. Also quite regular meals and a great view of the Columbia.

JUNE Area rally in Albany June 18 through 21. Signup is open now. We will try to make arrangements to park together again. Contact me or Dick if you plan to attend.

JULY Dick is working on a Coast rally. Coos Bay, Newport. About mid-July. Contact Dick if you have input.

AUGUST I am trying to book a return Rally to Hood River Fairgrounds the week before the county fair. Communication is sketchy at best because the office is only open two partial days per week.

SEPTEMBER Casey's Riverside RV Resort in Westfir. September 23 through 28. Andre is out of town until the end of the month so we can't book groups or spots or the clubhouse yet. But, I'm told that if we call now and book a site they will try to keep us together and they have plenty of sites available for those dates now. (541)782-1906. Please let me 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.

If you have any input concerning dates, activities, etc., please contact Doug, Dick, or Al.

ATTEMPT TO FIND OLD BUS

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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Members Pete and Debbie *** attended the 100th Anniversary Prevost Rally in Quebec and Pete wrote this article about it.

Prevost 100th Anniversary Rally in Quebec City. Yes, Debbie & I were lucky enough to attend!!

The Rally was on August 8-14th. We drove from Washington to the Rally covering the 3,000 + miles in 8 days, spent the week & then meandered home over the next five weeks.

Prevost parked around 175 of us at the ExpoCité (the largest event center in Eastern Canada), where many of the activities were held. We were within walking distance to several events & they bused us to the many tours! It was great having parking lot, after parking lot filled with Prevost conversions & great people!

Upon arrival, Prevost employees were having an event on site. We met a family; the husband was an IT Prevost professional and had never seen a conversion. He said the company was great to work for!

Monday kicked off the Rally with breakfast and various tours and activities for the day which we were able to sign up for using the Prevost 100 app. Pete happened to be the very first passenger on a 2024 100th Anniversary edition H3-45 on our first activity, a tour of 3 beautiful wineries. Monday night was a 20's themed dinner & we met, "Clarisse", a replica of the first Prevost bus manufactured in 1924! See photo. The evening included an amazing meal, cocktails, dancing, a live band and a fun casino night!

Tuesday started with breakfast as well as more activities to choose from AND a Prevost Factory Tour at Sainte-Claire. While very interesting, many of us thought the amount of time spent inside the factory was too short, but it was a working factory, and they did NOT stop work for us. We also visited the home where Eugene & Clarisse raised their 10 children and met two of the founder's grandsons! Tuesday was also the first day of "Tech Talks" with senior personnel from Prevost corporate, the Prevost factory, Prevost service, etc. These were amazing! Our Tuesday evening event was dinner at Quebec Armoury Manège Militaire. A beautiful structure built for the local infantry regiment in the 1880s.

Wednesday brought breakfast, more Tech Talks and other activities including a walking tour of "old" Quebec City and lunch & a tour of the

stunning Montmorency Falls. Wednesday was capped off with a 1980s night with cocktails & dinner.

Thursday continued the theme of breakfast, Tech Talks & sponsored activities including a tour of the Parliament building with lunch & library tour.

Friday continued with breakfast; Tech Talks & more activities. We attended a “real” “how to tow a coach” class outside. Very informative! The final night capped off the week with cocktails, dinner & a gala at the Hotel Le Chateau Frontenac. As all galas, this was a “black tie” affair and, I must say, the ladies killed it!

The Prevost 100th Anniversary Rally was GREAT! We enjoyed meeting & making new friends, experiencing new experiences & learning a wealth of new knowledge!

Pete Blackwell

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

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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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