

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

June 2025

Words From Nut One.....Al Roeske

I like to make surprise visits to my local ER three or four times a year just to make sure they are ready for me when the big time comes. Sometimes I take the ambulance to be sure they know how to find me when I call 911. So, when I found myself in tears with the worst headache of my life, the night before the St. Helens rally, I thought it might be a good time to pay them a visit. I don't get headaches. Had maybe three or four in my whole life. So, I'm thinking blood clot, aneurysm, tumor, stroke, cancer again, etc.

Long story short, four days later I'm released from the hospital with a Foley catheter and a kidney that is struggling to survive. We can compare notes and discuss details at the next rally.

Here are the details for the Hood River Rally:
August 26 -31, Hood River County Fairgrounds
3020 Wyeast Rd, Hood River, Oregon, 97031.

We have reserved the entire facility.

You do not need to call the fairgrounds.

You do not need to arrive or depart on those dates. Later departure to avoid Labor Day traffic is possible.

Upon arrival you will park in the vacant site of your choice and pay \$30 per night for your stay. Call, text, email Al Roeske (541) 954-0676, or candle100@comcast.net for details if you plan to attend.

Use I-84 exit 64 only. Do not follow your GPS if it tells you to exit at 63 or 65. There is a 180-degree hairpin turn that is nearly impossible for a 45 foot coach towing. Specific driving directions will be sent to those who contact Al.

**CLUB DUES WERE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2024.
MANY OF YOU HAVE NOT PAID!!! IT'S ONLY
20 BUCKS. SEND A CHECK TO MARSHA.
PLEASE!**

RALLY PLAN 2025

JUNE Area rally in Albany is the FRVA gathering June 18 through 21. Signup is open now. There is a registration form in the FRVA magazine. We have an arrival time of 1PM June 18 at the Linn County Fairgrounds. If you arrive earlier, tell them you are with the Northwestern BusNuts and they will let us park in holding until 1PM when we will all be parked together. PLEASE inform Dick Wright (dick@riousa.com, 541-953-4655) that you are coming and approximately when so he

can arrange for us to park together. We have signed up for 30A electric.

JULY Dick has arranged for a coast rally at the casino in North Bend, July 17 – 20. Call the casino RV park to make your reservation. \$50 per day away from the water and the bayfront is \$60 per day. Reserve before June 26 as we have spaces on hold that will be released on June 26, 2025.

Call (800) 953-4800. To receive the special rate, simply call Casino Hotel Reservation Center before Thursday, June 26, 2025, and inform them that are attending Northwestern Bus Nuts RV Group, Booking ID 11444.

Please email dick@riousa.com or call Dick Wright (541-953-4655) to let him know that you are attending. It's a great time for the Oregon Coast! Your Hosts: Tim & Linda Jones, Dick & Jeanne Wright.

Elections will be held at the July rally at the Casino, now renamed Ko-Kwel casino. Please contact Patty Harper or Dick Wright if interested in running for office. We Have Vacancies!!

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.

**NOTICE!!! Annual Dues were due October 1, 2024. Annual Dues are \$20.00. Mail your payment, made payable to NW BusNuts, to:
Marsha Lewis
89931 Rippling Way
Walterville, OR 97489**

Also, 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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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR If you have something to share with the club, whether it be photos, 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

Amazon pushes into RV territory with \$8 million, 200-site RV park

By [Russ and Tiña De Maris](#)

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Internet giant Amazon is getting into all kinds of markets. RVers have been closely watching the company's move to become an [internet satellite provider through Project Kuiper](#). Now Amazon is getting into the RV park business. Well, sort of. Hermiston, Oregon, will soon become the home of a new Amazon RV park.

Amazon RV park to benefit both the company, and the community

Company offspring Amazon Web Services wants to build a huge data center near Hermiston. While under construction, plenty of workers will need a place to stay. Amazon recognizes that a lot of the temporary construction workers move from job site to job site in RVs. Why not build an RV park as a spot for these folks to stay during the build?

Amazon's forte isn't the construction business, so the company approached Hermiston city officials and made them an offer they couldn't refuse. "Here," says Amazon. "We'll give you \$8 million, you build us an RV park on city land on or near the Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center. Build 200 RV sites, you can keep 100 of them for yourself, and reserve the other half for us to rent from you." Nah, we don't think they used those exact words, but that's what it boiled down to.

City grabs the deal



Hermiston, Oregon's Riverfront Park MIM1765 on wikimedia.org

On Monday, May 11, the city council voted 6 to 1 to take the \$8 million and run. While [officially speaking](#), “The [other 100] remaining spaces will be available for events,” Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan told us the city has plans to rent those spaces out to RVers visiting the city at any time, not just during events.

Morgan told us that the city hopes to have the new “Amazon RV park” completed by the end of 2026. Amazon will dole out the \$8 million in four payments through the construction period.