

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

April 2026

Words From Nut One.....Al Roeske

It's been a long hard winter. Nine trips to the ER, 5 hospitalizations, numerous recurring medical issues and a new pacemaker. But things are looking up! I am on the docket for a cardiac procedure which will eliminate the need for blood thinners in the future.

And soon I will resume a series of forty plus hyperbaric oxygen treatments which, in the past, have resulted in restored energy and reduced health issues for several years. Unfortunately, these treatments are four hours per day, with commute time, and every weekday for a little over two months. As a result, I will miss the May and June rallies. VP South, Douglas Brown will attend these rallies and act in my stead in all respects.

Included in this newsletter is the resume of Donald Scherck, our candidate for President of the Northwest Area of the FRVA. Both Donald and his wife, Debbie, are very active members and I look forward to working with them in the future.

RALLY SCHEDULE

May 13 – 17 **Bend Sisters** Garden RV Resort
67667 Hwy 20 (about 4 miles east of Sisters)
541-549-3021

Deposit is \$71.00. They do have a refund policy.

I believe the 10 spaces we reserved have been taken, but if you want to attend this rally and have not signed up. Call the RV park. As of last week, they had a few spots available and said they could probably assign a few spaces with the rest of the group.

June 17 – 20 North Bend – Ko-Kwel Casino (FRVA Regional Rally)

July 7 – 12 Mt. Vernon, Washington
Town & Country Motorcoach and RV Resort
342 W College Way, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Office: 360-503-9095 Cell: 360-527-5429

Website: <https://townandcountryrv.com/>

The total cost per site is \$582.83 for 5 nights. Arrival July 7th 2026 with Departure July 12th 2026. This price includes the waiver of the nightly resort fee of \$35 per night, a savings of \$175 per group guest.

Due to the waiver of the resort fee, each guest must call the property at 360-503-9095 and identify themselves as **NW Bus Nuts** to access the block of reservations. All guests will be required to provide their information and a valid credit card at the time of booking. At that time, the resort will authorize the guest 's card for 50% of the cost of the total reservation. The deposit is refundable if the guest cancels the reservation 2 weeks prior to arrival.

This is a new, very nice resort with a lounge, large screen televisions, a restaurant, two Jacuzzis (different temperatures), Pickleball, work-out and weight rooms, an indoor – outdoor patio with bar, and access to local shopping and restaurants.

NOTE: Driving directions are attached.

August 5 – 9 Blackwell Island RV Park in Coeur d’Alene, ID

September 17 - 20 Oktoberfest, Mt. Angel, OR (dry camp)

NOTE

I have had only one member indicate interest in going to Oktoberfest so I am not organizing a rally. If you want a dry camping spot in Mt. Angel near the Oktoberfest site, call me and I will put you in touch with the owner. Doug

October **Not yet scheduled. If you have a suggestion, please contact Marsha or Ted Lewis, Al Roeske or Douglas Brown. Remember, you need to maintain your membership in FRVA to be a member.**

In Memoriam

We have lost another member of our Bus Nuts family, Leroy Bracelin passed away March 10,2026, in Coos Bay, Oregon. Leroy and Joanie were long-time Northwestern Bus Nuts. Leroy enjoyed his time using his Prevost traveling the country and spending winters in Indio, Ca. He had a collection of old equipment and restored trucks that the Bus Nuts got to tour when we had rallies in Coos Bay. Jeanne and I were lucky to have spent many miles traveling to different parts of the country with Leroy and Joanie creating great memories. He will be missed.

His obituary can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.coosbayareafunerals.com/obituary/Leroy-Bracelin#tributewall>

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