

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

June 2026

Words From Nut One...Al Roeske

A few years ago I put a lithium battery in my Toyota Prius. Not because it needed a battery, but because I wanted to see if it would make a difference and because I like playing with electrical stuff. (BSEE Purdue University, 1967.) I didn't notice much change in the Prius performance but I was smugly satisfied that I was able to pull off the change without being electrocuted. This year, with the help of my grandson, I put a lithium battery in my golf cart. Its about 300 lbs. lighter now, faster, and snappy as all get out. My grandson says he thinks it will do wheelies, but I'm not sure my heart is up for that kind of stuff anymore. Anyway, the other night I had a dream that I was putting lithium batteries in my bus at

some rally, on a gravel road, at night, using flashlights, and about 20 Bus Nuts were all standing around giving me advice, just like in the good old days, and it started snowing. That's when I woke up and discovered that Eleanor had all of the blankets. But it was a great dream and it reminded me of good times, good friends, and that my coach probably needs batteries again. Maybe I'll do lithium this time.

RALLY SCHEDULE

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/>

NOTE!

Here is the latest information as to reservations at the Town and Country Motorcoach RV Resort. There are only 4 coaches signed up as of Friday May 29th. We have 10 spots reserved for the rally and really need at least 2 more to make it worthwhile as 2 of us live in the area. We need to make a deadline of June 15th to sign up and pay a deposit. If we do not have

enough signed up and need to cancel, then each person will need to call and cancel with the resort by June 19th to receive a full refund.

The resort also has a restaurant if anyone might have an interest in staying in and not going out with the group. I have enclosed a copy of their menu.

Alex Thole

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.

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

Coeur d'Alene Bus Nuts Rally
Wednesday, August 5, 2026 – Sunday, August 9, 2026

Rally Costs:

\$99.00 per night (tax included).

Reservations held by credit card but NOT charged until check-in.

Cancellations at NO costs up until 24 hours prior to reservation start.

Rally Host:

Debbie Blackwell 509-939-3512

Pete Blackwell 509-939-3513

Host will be onsite Tuesday, August 4 – Monday, August 10

Will provide their 8-passenger boat for rides & general lake enjoyment

Reserved the 'small' Rally Room

Will be planning: Group dinners at local, including the famous “floating” restaurant (<https://www.cedarsfloatingrestaurant.com>)
90-minute cruise or 2-hour dinner cruise with the famous Lake Coeur d’Alene Cruises Company (<https://www.cdacruises.com>)

Blackwell Island RV Park (<https://idahorvpark.com>)

One Mile From Beautiful Downtown Coeur d'Alene Idaho - (888) 571-2900

- On the water - 500 feet of swimming beach
- 20/30/50 Amp Hookups, city water, sewer, antenna DTV, wireless internet
- 182 sites with over 140 pull through sites
- Laundry, showers, propane, mini-store, rally room
- Boat launch and moorage available, 18' and 24' pontoon rental, canoes, and kayaks
- Within minutes of downtown, golfing, dining, shopping, cruises, boating, parasailing, hiking, biking, live theatre concerts
- Within walking distance of the Cedars Floating Restaurant
- Less than an hour from more shopping, waterparks, wine tours, scenic drives, casinos, hunting and fishing, Spokane, the world's longest gondola ride, more golfing, mining tours, Silverwood Theme Park
- Free wi-fi and over-the-air digital TV

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

Fuel prices

I read an interesting article a few weeks ago about fuel prices. When adjusted for inflation, fuel today is cheaper than it was under the last two Democrat administrations. The numbers were startling. Besides, how much of your annual expenses for maintaining your motorhome and traveling in it are for fuel? Not that much.

Mobile mechanic

In the last issue I wrote about bus mechanic Seth Steward who used to work at Tec Equipment. Excellent mechanic who is branching out to do some mobile mechanic work. He came to the Sisters rally a few weeks ago and met our members and passed out a few of his cards. He may be available at the Blackwell Island rally in Coer d’Alene, Idaho. If you are interested in talking to him, his number is: 541-285-5458.

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