

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

May 2026

Words From Nut One.....Al Roeske

Donald Scherck, F497210, has been elected as the new president of the Northwest Area of FRVA and will be installed at the 113th International Convention and RV Expo in Sedalia, Missouri in July.

Anyone planning to attend this convention? Please contact me. There is a pressing need for delegates to represent Northwest Area chapters.

No prior experience is needed and it is an opportunity to temporarily participate in the governmental workings of the FRVA.

Rally season is here and we have some excellent rallies planned for this year. Unfortunately, fuel prices are not favorable right now but hopefully that will change soon. I recall complaining to an old timer once about high fuel prices. He looked at me and said, "Fuel is the cheapest thing you will ever put in that Prevost". And he was right. But for me, fuel is a small price to pay for the opportunity to connect with old friends and enjoy the lifestyle we love.

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. We are expecting at least 8 coaches.

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**

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

Each year I take my bus to Marathon and then to Tec Equipment for routine maintenance. Their bus mechanic was Seth Stewart who was an excellent mechanic whose eyes could spot upcoming problems. He left Tec and became the head of maintenance for charter bus company in Idaho. He has now left that and has several irons in the fire, including doing mobile mechanic work on busses. He plans on being in Central Oregon when we are at the Sisters rally next week. He wants to meet our members and see if anyone might have some mechanical needs. He still lives in Idaho and he said that when we are in Coeur d' alene Idaho in August, he could arrange to do some service work. For larger projects, he would locate a shop for the member to take their bus to where he could do the work.

I have attached a flyer from Seth to the email that this newsletter is attached to. Feel free to give him a call.

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