

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

July 2026

Words From Nut One...Al Roeske

Over the past few days, I've had time to speak with three RV clubs about Rallies and gatherings. One in Florida only has rallies coinciding with special events in the area. The second, in Montana, is a very small group and only holds one rally per year. The third, in Oregon, holds 10 rallies per year but only averages 5 or 6 coaches per rally. Each club seems to have molded their rally programs to fit what actually works for them.

For the Bus Nuts, the days of 30-40 coach rallies are great memories, but clearly over. On the agenda of the August board meeting will be a discussion of future Bus Nut rallies.

Please take a moment and call, text, email me your thoughts about our rallies. How many, where, when, what makes them worth going to now that our numbers are going down and our average age is going up. Tell me what works and what doesn't.

RALLY SCHEDULE

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

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 restaurants, 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

Election We will be electing a new VP North and possibly other officers and nominating committee members at the August rally. Members may volunteer or submit names to Dick Wright. Please discuss details with Dick.

FRVA Bonus!

FRVA gave our club a check for \$300.00 rewarding the club for being in existence for 45 years. Dick Wright accepted the check at the Coos Bay Regional Rally several weeks ago. Those funds have been deposited into our club checking account.

Mobile mechanic I have written about bus mechanic Seth Stewart 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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