

NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

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Words From Nut One...Al Roeske

Eleven coaches rallied at Blackwell Island RV Park in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, August 5-9, 2026. Despite a partial evacuation when the Spokane fires reached the end of their street, Pete and Debbie Blackwell hosted one of the best rallies in recent years. Morning coffee and casual gatherings were held in a private Rally Room provided by the park, while hiking, biking and boat rides were on the agenda along with a tour of the Buck Knife factory.

Smoke was not an issue as our Air Quality Index barely exceeded 125 only once. Debbie set up a text thread to keep everybody informed about upcoming events. Doug Brown arranged for a two-day visit from Seth Stewart, a highly regarded mobile mechanic and several member's coach issues were either repaired on site or evaluated for future action. Craig Thielen celebrated his 70th birthday and was officially declared to be a genuine "Old Fart". Craig launched his drone on several occasions and got some great overhead shots of the Blackwell's boat ride launch. Ben and Frea Neumann from Camino, California, traveled the farthest and Larry and Gloria Dunn gave a tour of their new-to-them Millennium Coach.

With beautiful warm weather and clear skies, daily Happy Hours and the Chapter General Meeting and elections were all held outside in the shade of a small Sumac tree

RALLY SCHEDULE

October: **Nothing is scheduled. Unless a member sets up another rally for this season, we are done for the year.**

Remember, you need to maintain your membership in FRVA to be a member

Rally Survey. You all will be receiving a form that is a rally survey for next year. It lists various possible locations for rallies and gives you a yes, no and maybe option for each one. It also allows you to suggest additional locations for next year. We only had three rallies this year and had to cancel two of them. On the other hand, the Coeur d'Alene rally was one of the best we have had in a long time. So, when you get the survey, which will come separately, please respond.

Mobile mechanic Bus mechanic Seth Stewart came to Blackwell Island and worked on three busses. He has plans in the near future to go to Salem to work on several member's coaches. He is very talented and is a perfectionist. If you wish to talk to him, his number is: 541-285-5458.

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