

# NORTHWESTERN BUS NUTS

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## Words From Nut One...Al Roeske

Beloved friend and long-time past-President, Gary Chatterton, passed away on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2026, from end stage renal disease. He had just celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with extended family and friends on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Gary served as Northwestern Bus Nuts President from 2009 through 2022.

Soft spoken and congenial, Gary had an exceptionally quick wit. When a scammer called claiming to be his grandson needing money sent immediately to get out of jail in Mexico, Gary reportedly replied, "Gee, I'm so glad you called. I've been really sick and need expensive surgery. We were thinking about calling you for a donation." The caller hung up.

During our many Bus Nut travels, Gary was always ready and willing to get involved. If an engine or bay door was open, Gary would be there offering to help. It didn't matter what the issue was. He wanted to be in on the action. During rallies he routinely participated in the shopping, cooking, setup and tear down activities. He was just always there.

A compassionate man who only saw the good side of people, Gary was always doing something for somebody, family or friend. He would frequently call upon chapter

members who were sick or needed help, participated in a charity Bingo program for homeless people, would drive 100 miles to help family or a friend install a window, and I don't ever recall him saying a bad word about anybody. I miss Gary already.

An attachment to the email that includes this newsletter has a wonderful photo of Gary. Please check it out.

A memorial service celebrating Gary's life will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM at:

Eastridge Church  
14100 SE Sunnyside Road  
Clackamas, Oregon 97015

## **RALLY SCHEDULE for 2027**

The club received a good response from our members as to which locations they would like or not like for a rally. Pete has put that information into an easy-to-read graph which is attached to the email along with this newsletter. Please look it over. If you would be willing to host a rally, pick the location and the month or months in which you would host it. Send your response to:

Douglas Brown  
PO Box 945, Silverton, OR 97381  
or to: [dbtrooper@juno.com](mailto:dbtrooper@juno.com)

Hosting is easier these days as we have most of our meals in restaurants rather than the host having to plan and make a

meal. If you become a host, you will just need to call the RV facility where we will be staying and make arrangements.

### Business Cards

Pete has designed and had printed some very nice NW Bus Nuts business cards with our contact information. These can be handed out to prospective members you meet along the way. Each member will be mailed 7 cards, so a couple will receive 14. Carry some in your wallet to always have them handy. Good job, Pete!

### Paying Club Dues with Zelle

Marsha has enrolled our Bus Nuts checking account at US Bank into Zelle. The club can now make payments or receive dues through this online application. Any member, if their bank offers Zelle, can go to their online bank account and type in northwestbusnuts, designate an amount to send, and the app will send that amount to the club's account. Also, I think if your bank does not offer Zelle that you can download an app that will do it. You can indicate what the amount is for, for example, "dues."

Also, Canadians can pay directly to US Bank and the currency exchange is automatically adjusted. Quick, easy and efficient. No payments lost in the mail.

**Mobile mechanic** Bus mechanic Seth Stewart came to the Salem area recently and worked on several members' coaches. Also, Theresa hooked him up with a fellow in their Woodburn RV park who was having troubles with his Prevost. Seth replaced the fuel pump and got it up and running like, according to the owner "a raped ape." If you wish to talk to him, his number is: 541-285-5458.

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