



TREK TRAVELS

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President's Message

If you own a motorhome, then from time-to-time you are on the way to somewhere. If it's more than 300 or 500 miles, you are probably going to pull over for the night somewhere. If it is just for a night, what do you do?

- Stay at campground near the road, so you can resume the journey easily. Last year we were going to spend the night at a KOA, but the price was beyond imagination, so we went down the road to a delightful "mom and pop" campground.

- Passport America is a discount program that enables members to stay at member campgrounds at reduced rates. Many think this is a wonderful program, but some of the properties are not the best properties in an area.

- Some will spend a layover at a rest stop and share the spot with the truckers who run their diesels all night long.

- Walmart or Cracker Barrel offer a night's parking, as long as the municipality allows it.

During the 2014 FMCA national rally in Redmond we discovered another option. RV Golf Club offers an overnight camping spot at over 500 golf courses around the country. It is usually a spot in the parking lot, so no canopies or hammocks. It is a quiet place with a great view. It costs \$49 a year to join and nothing additional to camp for the night. It is not just for golfers, they welcome anyone as members. The expectation is that you will purchase a meal in the clubhouse or play a round of golf.

We pulled into Mountain View Golf Course in Santa Paula, California on our recent trip south. We ate our dinner in our coach overlooking the fairway. The gates were locked at 8:00 pm.

We were the only ones on the grounds – talk about peace and quiet. The next morning we had breakfast burritos in the clubhouse.

Why are golf courses participating in this program? Golf courses are having tough times. Two courses are failing for every new course that is opening. This is a new venture to bring in new customers and generate some additional business. It is a new camping venue that you might want to give a try.

2015 RALLY SCHEDULE
(To be Wagon Master for a rally, contact Ken & Helen Anderson, Rally Coordinators, at helen-anderson@comcast.net)

April 23-26 Spring in Yamhill Valley
Ken & Helen Anderson
Steve Webber-Plank
Old Stone Village, McMinnville

June 19-22 Oregon Coast Rally
(& FMCA NW Pre-rally)
Al & Virginia Zimmerman
Winchester Bay RV Resort

June 25-28 FMCA NW Area Rally
Mill Casino, Coos Bay-N Bend

August 23-26 Shining Waters
Gary & Irva Cooper
Ken & Helen Anderson
Bremerton Elks RV Park

Fall Open
Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

No experience needed.
Likes to write, creative.
Able to encourage others to contribute
Familiar with Word or publishing
software.

Contact Al Zimmerman (Pres)
or Dean Bjornson (VP)



HONORARY MEMBER
CONCEPT
APPROVED

NWTFC membership approved amending the bylaws to establish "Honorary Member" classification for members who no longer own a motorhome. Honorary members may be nominated by the membership and are recognized by majority vote of the executive board.

Nominations are now being received by Al Zimmerman (zimmeralz@gmail.com), president, for consideration by the executive board. During the February board meeting the following were approved as honorary members:

- Stan & Barb Shackell
- Bob and Barb Brown (by request)
- Doug and Vera Clark

FMCA governance committee is reviewing NWTFC's revised bylaws. The committee's report is expected in February.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT



During the January meeting of the executive board several significant actions were approved.

- Audit Committee report was received. NWTFC's books are in good order. We are grateful for the good work of Colleen Wright as treasurer for several years. A full copy of the report is on file with the current treasurer, Sue Bjornson.
- NWTFC will produce an ad for the Play ir by the Bay program book for the FMCA NW Rally in Coos Bay in June.
- Financial guidelines have been adopted to provide guidance for income and expenditures of the club. A full copy of the guidelines is posted on the website.
- The job description for the rally coordinator position has been adopted. It reflects the role of the rally coordinator as an encourager and recruiter of wagon masters as well as one who maintains the rally calendar. The full text is posted on the website.
- Rally guidelines have been revised to provide clearer guidance for wagon masters. The full text of the rally guidelines is posted on the website.

FEBRUARYBOARD ACTIONS

- A "wagon master rally planning packet" is going to be assembled to provide helpful tools and helps for rally planning. Included: planning tips, budget worksheets, checklists, helpful mentors and more. It is intended as a help for those wagon masters who could use a little help planning a rally and is an optional tool. Board wants to provide tools to make rally planning fun!
- Isuzu Trekkers have a newsletter and requested that it be included on the Trek Tracks website. Mary Carlson is working on an agreement with the group so we can host this material.

Alternate National Director Being Sought

Primary role is to assist national director in representing NWTFC before FMCA at regional and national meetings and report to the NWTFC membership any decisions that come from those meetings. President or national director may ask alternate director to attend two FMCA regional planning meetings each year. Alternate director is available if the national director is unable to attend FMCA meetings.

Alternate national director is also a member of the NWTFC executive board and participates in helping provide direction for the club.

If you are interested in serving the club in this office, please contact Dean Bjornson (dsbjornson@gmail.com), vice president and chair of nominating committee



NWTFC 2014 OFFICER REPORTS EXCERPTS

(Full reports on the NWTFC website)

President – Al Zimmerman

Perhaps the greatest news of 2014 was the re-launch of the Trek motorhome by Monaco – Allied Recreation Group. The first new version of the Trek was certainly not the Trek most of us purchased, however we are assured that there is a Trek coming that will be closer to our expectations.

We were certainly pleased when Mike Snell, president of Monaco, came to meet with about 20 Trekkers in Redmond at the FMCA High Desert Sunrise Family Reunion.

The NW Trek Fun Club celebrated its 10th anniversary this year with a wonderful rally at Mt. Hood hosted by Ed and Jeanette Block and Rodger and Colleen Wrights. Thanks for making this celebration such a fun and special time.

Two other rallies were held this year: the Beans and Bones Pre-rally with Lee and Judy Keeler in Salem and the Trek or Treat Rally at Valley of the Rogue State Park hosted by Robert and Barbara Henderson with the assistance of Bill and Jackie Johnson.

2014 began with the first rally of the year scheduled for August. Because of this gap the board began meeting by email. This proved an effective way to share ideas and get things accomplished.

One of the first things done was to launch “Trek Travels,” the new newsletter of the NWTFC that is to be published 4 – 6 times a year. We were especially pleased when Stacia Norris emerged as an editor. The newsletter is an additional way to communicate news to members and share the NWTFC story with others around the country.

NWTFC adopted as a goal to have at least three rallies a year (one of which may be a pre-rally to an FMCA event). The objective is to spread rallies among spring, summer, and fall and distribute rallies among the various geographic areas served by NWTFC. An annual rally calendar is to be established and published by March each year. 2015 is off to a good start with rallies planned for April, June, and August – the opportunity of a fall rally is still there for someone to host.

Bylaw amendments were made to enable the executive board to meet, other than at rallies and to include key committee chairs and the past presidents as non-voting members. A provision was also added to create a membership category of honorary member that would include those who wanted to stay in touch with the club though they may not own a motorhome any longer – thus they would not qualify as FMCA members.

Special thanks are extended to officers who have concluded their service to NWTFC with the passing of 2014. Colleen Wright has served as treasurer for the past 6 years and has handled our funds in a very responsible and efficient manner. Helen Anderson (vice president) and Peggy Beers (alternate national director) fulfilled their terms and added positive insights to the board. As president, I also want to express the club's appreciation to Rodger Wright for his service as rally coordinator.

2015 will also bring new challenges, new rallies, new places, and new members. Our club continues to grow because of our fun and fellowship, openness to new folks, and the uniqueness of the Trek.

Vice President – Helen Anderson

Dean Bjornson and Bob and Sue Pinney served along with me on this year's Nominating Committee.

The following slate of potential officers and committee members was provided for elections:

Vice President: Dean Bjornson
Treasurer: Sue Bjornson
Alternate FMCA Director: Judy Schindler
2014 Nominating committee members: Ken Anderson and Helen Anderson
Elections were held and the vote was unanimous in favor of the slated names.

Many thanks to Dean, Bob, and Sue for serving on the 2014 Nominating Committee and for those people who volunteered their time to be officers and committee members to further the success of the NW Trek Fun Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen Anderson



Secretary – David & Sue Pierce

We had a very busy year, electronic meetings, newsletter Introduction, bylaw changes and many well-attended rallies. We are now ending the year with the lowest fuel prices in over five years so expectations are high for future get-togethers.

Membership Report
(As of 1/13/15)

Members in good standing (dues for 2015 paid)	63
Members who have not renewed yet	5
New members	16
Lost/non-renewing members	14

Most of our new members are attracted by the information and experience to be exchanged with other Trek owners, but are usually retained as members by the excellent rallies and friendships that ensue.

David and Sue Pierce, Secretary

Rally Coordinator's Report
Rodger Wright

As it turned out this year, two of our club rallies were the week before and after the FMCA Reunion Rally in Redmond, OR. So this made for a lot Trekking time together.

Over the years, the Keeler's Pre Rallies have quite the reputation for being laidback and serving excellent meals, and this year was no exception. The Keeler's even added a tour of a berry fruit processing plant and bakery and murals of Silverton history. As usual, Trekkers going on to the FMCA Rally caravanned to Redmond, OR.

After the FMCA Redmond Rally, it was on to the 10th Anniversary Rally at the Mt. Hood RV Resort. The Wrights and Blocks were co-wagon masters for this rally. This rally was attended by the FMCA's National Treasurer Percy Bell and his wife Pamela and the NW Area VP Kathie Balogh and her husband Andy. This rally had all the activities that NW Trekkers enjoy, from potlucks, raffles, downtime to catch up with friends, sightseeing, checking out local merchants, and touring the Mt. Hood Lodge. The highlight of the tour was a salmon/prime rib buffet dinner at the lodge's Raven Room with a spectacular view of Mt. Hood and a panoramic view of Mt. Jefferson.

In October the Henderson's put on the Trek or Treat Rally at the Valley of the Rogue State Park. There were several tech talks on Treks and bicycles. Also tours of Harry & David's, the Rogue Creamery, and the Lillie Belle Farms. The meals included potlucks, Dutch oven meal cooked by the Silver Ridge Outfitters and everyone wore western theme outfits. The last night was Casa Amiga's taco bar sponsored by the Henderson's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodger Wright
2013-14 NWTFRC Rally Coordinator



Treasurer's Report – Colleen Wright

Statement of Financial Activity
1 Jan – 31 Oct 2013

Beginning Balance – 1 Jan 2014		\$ 2,626.96
<u>Income</u>		
Member Dues	\$ 310.00	
Lapel/badge pins	\$ 30.00	
Rally registration fees	\$ 5,351.00	
Total Income	\$10,696.00	\$13,322.96
<u>Expenses</u>		
Rally payments	\$ 9,777.44	
Wagon master site fees	\$ 197.24	
Miscellaneous – historian, postage	\$ 118.85	
Total Expenses	\$10,090.53	\$ 3,232.43
Ending Balance – 31 Oct 2014		\$ 3,232.43

UPCOMING RALLIES



SPRING IN THE YAMHILL VALLEY



Thursday, April 23 to Sunday, April 26, 015
Tour the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum

Location: Old Stone Village RV Park, 4155 Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, Oregon.

Steve Webber-Plank
Ken Anderson
Helen Anderson

Contact Wagon Masters for more info

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NORTHWEST TREK FUN CLUB

OREGON COAST RALLY (& Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally) June 19-22

Wagon Masters: Al & Virginia Zimmerman

Join the fun – even if you are not going to the
FMCA NW Rally in Coos Bay

Rally Highlights

Friday, June 19

Arrive and get settled
Dinner – potluck of heavy hor d’oeuvres
Presentation on south coast history

Saturday, June 20

Continental breakfast
NWTFC Business Meeting

Free time – enjoy the area

Dinner – Coney Island hot dog dinner
Dessert included
Fellowship & fun time

Sunday, June 21

Breakfast – Hot cakes & sausage

Free time – enjoy the area

Dinner – Asian buffet dinner
by Sumini’s of Coos Bay

Monday, June 22

Continental breakfast

RV Workshop by Gib’s RV Service
Jewelry Workshop by Jackie Johnson

Caravan to Coos Bay
for FMCA NW Area Rally

Location

Winchester Bay RV Resort

Directions: From US 101 go ½ mile west
on Salmon Harbor Dr. Turn right into
park. Easy walk to restaurants.

Simpsons, North Bend & Beyond

Presentation on Friday by Dick
Wagner, author of *Louie Simpson’s
North Bend*.



Things to Do in the Area

- Oregon Divisional Chain Saw Carving Championships in Reedsport
- Oregon Dunes Recreation Area
- Umpqua Discovery Center
- Dean Creek Elk Viewing
- Golf at Forest Hills
- Umpqua Lighthouse
- Dune buggy rides

CARAVAN TO FMCA AREA RALLY IN COOS BAY • JUNE 22 - 28

OREGON COAST RALLY
(& Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally)
June 19-22

Registration

Rally fee includes: campsite for 3 nights, 3 breakfast meals, 2 dinners – one is an Asian buffet, presentation on south coast history, and Monday workshops.

Cost: \$207 / coach for two people \$172 for single attendees

Make checks payable to NWTFC. Mail completed registration and check to:

Al Zimmerman
875 Seabreeze Terrace
Coos Bay, OR 97420

For questions: phone Al 541-808-0347, or email zimmeralz@gmail.com

Registration and funds must be received by **April 1, 2015.**

**Oregon coast is fun & there is so much to do & see!
Come to the beach to relax or play!**

Name _____ Co-pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ FMCA # _____

Email _____ Home phone _____ Cell # _____

Emergency contact (name & phone #) _____

Do you have any special need we should be aware of? Y or N (i.e. food allergies, etc.)

Trek Model _____ Year _____ License # _____ State _____

Slides Y or N Coach length _____

Are you towing a car: Y or N If yes, are you able to help transport others? Y or N

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to NWTFC.

Quartzite 2015

There were at least 63 Treks of all models, years, and types assembled at the 11th SW Trek Fun Club Rally at Quartzite, Arizona this year. It was a truly large circle of Treks. Twelve NWTFC members attended the rally this year. In addition, members Robert and Barbara Henderson took time away from their booth at the Big Tent to join us for the pot-luck dinner.

Eight Isuzu Treks were able to attend. One of the early arrivals pulled into the Isuzu area, but it had a different look. It looked like a Trek, but not like any that had been seen before. Turns out it was a 93 Trek with a new paint job.

The rally started with a seminar host by Redlands RV & Truck Service. Redlands comes to Quartzite each year and sets up a shop to do motorhome modifications and repairs. And – oh by the way – they sell tires while at Quartzite. The menu was appetizers with beverages supplied by Redlands.

The “Big Tent” provided vendors of all sorts. Then one night Redlands hosted a BBQ dinner for 400 of their favorite customers – including lots of Trekkers.

With this large a group, the potluck supper was especially delicious. And then all the Treks were scattered to places like Yuma, Tucson, and other sunny places.



NWTFC ATTENDEES
At Quartzite 2015

Mike and Lynne Ashbridge
Bob and Peggy Beers
Harry and Mary Carlson
Bob and Linda Fitzgerald
Jack and Joanne Lindhorst
Nancy Logan
Bret and Laura Medbury
David and Sue Pierce
Wayne Vandergriff and
Jana Caughron
Gary and Rosie Wright
Rodger and Colleen Wright
Al and Virginia Zimmerman



NWTFC OFFICERS & Committee Chairs

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Treasurer – Sue Bjornson
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NW FMCA Dir – Steve Webber-
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Alt FMCA Dir – Vacant

Past President – John Turner
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Webmaster – Mary Carlson
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Newsletter Editor – Vacant

Feel free to contact
NWTFC officers or
committee chairs with
questions or suggestions.

NWTFC Website
www.nwtfc.com



The Northwest Trek Fun Club (NWTFC) was formed with the idea that Trek owners are people who are unique because the Trek design is quite unique. They are people who like to get out and visit the very beautiful sites and history of North America. However, they do not want to do it in a huge motor home. The Trek design gives us the comforts of home but still is small enough to get into those off-the-beaten-track sites.

NWTFC was established in 2004 and currently has 59 coach members, including Treks spanning the 1991 Isuzu to the 2008 28RB2. We pride ourselves in fostering new friendships and knowledge of the Trek. We stress that our club's middle name is F-U-N.

We plan several rallies each year in several states and communicate with our members by email, newsletter, and through the club website. NWTFC territory covers WA, ID, OR, AK, MT, BC, Alberta, Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. All Trek owners, regardless of their home state, are welcome to join or to attend our rallies as guests.

Membership dues are \$10 per calendar year. See the website for a membership application.

When your membership is processed, you will be given a password access to the secure Members Only page of the NWTFC website.

NWTFC is a part of the National Trek Fun Club. We are a Chapter of FMCA and very closely associated with SAFARI International.