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President's Message

It is February as I am writing this and there is snow on the ground in Oregon City. The daffodils and crocus were fooled by the great weather we had in January and their blossoms are now buried under the snow. Congratulations to all you members that are using their motor homes to enjoy warm weather travels this winter. When you read this it will be March and hopefully spring will be arriving in the Northwest. For those of us that were not fortunate enough to take part in the snowbird migration, with spring comes thoughts of uncovering the RV, filling the water tanks and organizing for our next adventures.

Our club has some fun rallies planned for this year. The Dune Country Rally in June is in a unique area of the Oregon coast with Honeyman Park and the sand dunes close at hand. This is also a pre-rally for the FMCA NW Area Rally in Coos Bay. **The club is staffing the FMCA store and volunteers are needed to help.** No experience necessary. The Port Townsend Rally is in August. Ron and Mary always put on a great rally in a terrific location. This is one we all look forward to. There is now a Rally in the Redwoods of Northern California planned for September. The Redwoods are spectacular and the RV Park is right on the Klamath River with nice facilities. The newsletter has the details on these rallies.

I lost a battle with a reluctant lawnmower and am looking at shoulder surgery in the beginning of March. I plan on being up and running by Rally season so as not to miss any NWTFC gatherings. I am still bummed about missing the Prosser Rally last year. The club is still in need of an Alternate National Director. It is a position

that I held for one year before being elected president. It would only be a one year commitment before elections are again held for the position. If you are interested please contact myself or any of the officers of the club for information.

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RALLY SCHEDULE

(To be Wagon Master for a rally, contact Ron Mahugh, Rally Coordinator, at Ronski16@comcast.net)

2018

June 16 – 19 Dune Country Pre-rally,
Florence, OR
Al & Virginia Zimmerman
Dan and Debbie Maas

June 21 - 24 FMCA NW Area Rally
The Mill, Coos Bay, OR

July 3 – 22 Traveling Rally to FMCA Internatl. Convention, Gillette, WY
Al Zimmerman

August 9 – 13 Port Townsend Trek Rally
Ron Mahugh and Mary Burchett

September 20-23 Rally in the Redwoods
Klamath, CA
Mike & Lynn Ashbridge
James & Linda Hooper

Other Rallies

July 18 – 21 FMCA 98th Convention
Gillette, WY

August 27 – Sept 1 Safari International
30th Anniversary Rally
Shawnee, OK

President's Message, continued

As I become more involved in the workings of this organization I am really impressed by our website. The organization of the club and its history are there for members and visitors to discover. I enjoy looking at the past rallies and seeing pictures of the adventures the club has had. There is so much information on our website that I have become a regular visitor. Thank you Mary, and all who provide the input that Mary organizes.

It is time to get this to Al so he can put together another issue of his great newsletter and I can go thaw out the humming bird feeders.

See you out there,
Mike Ashbridge

RV CLEANING PRODUCTS YOU MAY NOT HAVE TRIED

An article in the March issue of MotorHome magazine discussed the steps involved in preparing one's motorhome after winter storage. Along with the article was a list of cleaning products – some may be new to you, but might be worth a try.

- **Walex Commando** for cleaning the black tank. It is easy for residual waste, toilet paper and other stuff to buildup on the black tank walls. Fill the tank with water and toss in a Walex Commando cleaning packet. (This stuff works.)
- Microfiber towels can be used on glass, rubber, vinyl, glass, and painted surfaces.
- **Walex Assure** can be sprayed on all fabric surfaces and in the air to eliminate musty odors.
- For those with slides, **Protect-All Slide-out Rubber Seal Treatment** may be helpful. Simply spray on the rubber and wipe off the excess.
- **Camco TastePURE Drinking Water Freshener** helps prevent slime and algae and also helps stored water stay odor free and tasting good.
- **Dometic Toilet Bowl and Seal Cleaner** helps maintain the rubber seal that enables the toilet to keep sewer odors out of the coach. Instructions say to simply turn the bottle upside down and spray the cleaner inside the bowl.

You may have your own tried and true cleaning products, but sometimes a new product is better.



SAFARI INTERNATIONAL 30th ANNIVERSARY GATHERING Shawnee, Oklahoma August 27 – September 1, 2018

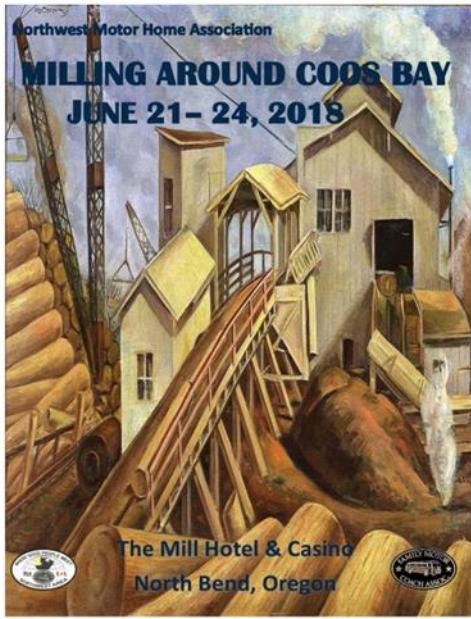
A gathering of Safari owners from all across the land. They hope to have caravans coming from all four areas of the U.S. They are inviting anyone who has a Safari, anyone who has ever had a Safari and anyone who would ever like to have a Safari!

According to Lee Buckley, Safari International NW Vice President, Safari International is throwing one humongous blow-out bash that just happens to be located a convenient 2,100 miles (more or less) from where many of us live out here on the left coast.

The local SI fun clubs (Safari So Good, Safari of SoCal, and Safari R Us) have combined forces to put together an informal Pre-Rally in Oklahoma City in the three days leading up to the start of our 30th Anniversary Rally in Shawnee. Lee and his helpers have put together a time-line to gently lead from an initial rendezvous in Silverton, Oregon with reasonable stops along the way, to arrive in Oklahoma City for the pre-rally. From there, it's a short convoy/caravan to Shawnee on Monday morning, the 27th of August.

This is not a formal rally, so there are no registration fees or catered meals involved.

For more information on these rallies, check out the Safari International website: <http://www.safari-international.org>. You can also check the NWTFC website for information: www.nwtfc.com



MILLING AROUND COOS BAY

FMCA NW Area Rally
June 21 – 24, 2018

Mill Casino, North Bend, Oregon

- Seminars & Exhibits
- Salmon dinner
- Ice cream social
- 2 nights of entertainment
- Movie night & bingo
- 50/50 raffle
- Swap meet

NW Trek Fun Club will be staffing the FMCA store which will be located in the vendor area. **Volunteers are needed.** It is fun to meet people from across the country. Selling FMCA merchandise is easy. Join the fun and volunteer to help staff the store. With more team members, we can do more and reduce everyone's time commitment.

- Register for the FMCA NW Rally
- Register for the Dune Country Pre-Rally
- Caravan together to the fairgrounds on June 19.

- Camp together and enjoy times of fellowship.
- Have a great time with 500 other motorhome owners.

Registration form is online at www.fmca.org under Chapter/Areas – Area Rallies. If 30 amp electricity sites are not available, dry camping will work fine since it is normally cool on the coast. All sites are adjacent to the casino.

NWTFC will caravan to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 19.

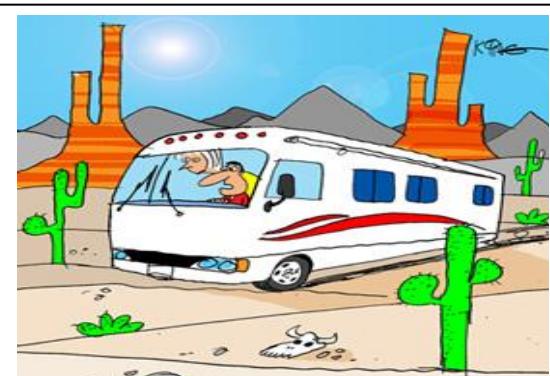
Contact Al Zimmerman to volunteer and join the store team. zimmeralz@gmail.com.

FMCA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

FMCA has launched a newly redesigned website. It is hoped that the new format will make it a little easier to learn about member benefits, find campgrounds, explore events and more. FMCA headquarters would also want to hear what you as a member think about it (that's how we make it better!).

There is a lot of helpful information on the website. Look at these section headings:

- Membership – member dashboard, member directory
- Events – event registration
- Chapters – structure, chapter search, chapter Spotlight, association calendar
- Forums – online forum, blogs
- Contact FMCA



"You were right. Maybe I should've checked to see if the GPS was working before we left, because this doesn't look like the Florida Keys."



DUNE COUNTRY RALLY

Florence, OR

2018 Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally
June 16 - 19

Location

Woahink Lake RV Resort

Directions: on US 101, 5 miles south of the Siuslaw Bridge in Florence on the west side of the highway. It is just south of Honeymoon State Park.



- Fish tacos on Saturday – arrival day
- Historic Bayfront with shops, museum, etc.
- Possible tour of US Coast Guard Station Siuslaw
- Chowder and soup and salad meal
- Sand dune adventures

DUNE COUNTRY PRE-RALLY REGISTRATION

Rally fee: (includes 1st night camping, pancake breakfast, fish taco dinner, 2 continental breakfasts, chowder, soup & salad dinner). **Attendees pay for 2 nights upon arrival.** (\$43/night ?)

Total Rally Fee

\$ 101 (Couple)

\$74 (Single)

Make checks payable to NWTFC. Mail completed registration and check to:
Al Zimmerman, 875 Seabreeze Terrace, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Registration and funds must be received by May 10, 2018.

Pilot _____

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 _____

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

Volunteering to help staff FMCA store at NW Area Rally ____ Yes ____ No ____ # Volunteers



PORT TOWNSEND RALLY

August 9 - 13, 2018

Location

Port Hudson Marina & RV Park
Port Townsend is a wonderful historic town to explore:

- Fun shops & good eats
- Fort Worden
- NW Maritime Center
- Dolphin & whale watching tours
- And so much more
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Check-in 8/11 at 1:00 pm
Check-out at 8/15 Noon

RALLY UPDATE

- 23 coaches coming
- **Port Hudson RV Park is full.**
- Call Port Hudson directly to inquire 360-385-2828
- **Contact Ron to get on a waiting list.**
- Stay at Jefferson County Fairgrounds – 2.2 miles to rally site. \$25/night. No reservations. Always sites available.
- Stay at Fort Worden State Park – 1.4 miles to rally site. Reserve thru WA State Parks.

Contact Ron Mahugh for more info
ronski16@comcast.net

More information to come to registered attendees from Ron directly.

GILLETTE TRAVELING RALLY

Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Cody & onto the FMCA Convention
July 3 – 22, 2018

NW Trek Fun Club is sponsoring a traveling rally to Wyoming with stops in Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone, Cody, WY, and Buffalo. Reservations have been made, however it may be possible to add a couple more coaches.



Rally reservations have been made, contact Al Zimmerman for additional info or late addition possibilities. zimmeralz@gmail.com



Rally in the Redwoods

Klamath, CA

September 20-23, 2018

Directions: Coming from the south, cross the bridge and immediately take the Terwer Valley/Hwy 769 exit on your right. At stop sign, turn left, go under Highway and straight into the park. From the north, continue down Hwy 101 until the Terwer Valley/Hwy 769 exit, at the stop sign, turn right and enter the park.

Location

Klamath Camper Corral

18121 US-101 Klamath, CA

Located at the north end of the Golden Bear Bridge on Hwy 101.

With over 50 waterfront acres in the heart of the Redwoods National Park, 3000 feet of river frontage, and a sunny location that is just beyond the prevailing fog line, Klamath's Camper Corral is the ideal base camp from which many features of Northern California's scenic Wild River Coast. Nearby attractions include the TREES OF MYSTERY and the Tour-Thru Tree

Klamath Camper Corral will supply pizzas on the arrival night. Choices are pepperoni, ultimate meat, combo and cheese.

Rally Fee: \$65(includes 1st night camping, pizza and a continental breakfast) Attendees pay for 2 nights upon arrival. (\$45/night)

Make checks payable to NWTFC.

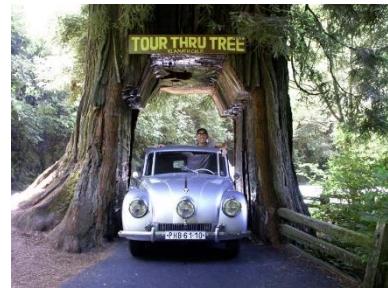
Mail checks and registration form to:

Mike & Lynn Ashbridge

16819 S Holcomb Blvd.

Oregon City, OR 97045.

For more info contact Lynn Ashbridge, lynippin@gmail.com



Registration and checks must be received by May 15, 2018

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ FMCA# _____

Email _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____

RV Model _____ Year _____ License# _____ State _____

RV length _____ Towing a car? Yes or No

Food Allergies? Yes or No If Yes: _____

2018 Quartzite Rally Report

by Bret & Laura Medbury

What can I say, if we discount the wind the last two days, it could not have been a better Quartzsite experience.

Some folks arrived a week or more early (Laura and I arrived Sunday 1/14), and last I knew four days after the official end there were still five camped in the desert. Counting the actual attendance at Quartzsite is akin to counting a school of fish or a flock of birds, but the number given to me as "official" attendance for 2018 was 54 Treks plus about four in other brands of RVs. Interestingly about 1/3 of the attendees were first timers at Quartzsite.

The official start was Thursday 1/18 with our "meet and greet Heavy Hors d'oeuvres" gathering at which Barry and Sandy provided wonderful music. Followed by a great campfire and wonderful Trekker socializing.

Friday noontime we were treated to a "State of Quartzsite" status report followed by a Technical presentation on interior LED lighting, Solar on your Trek, Banks System upgrades, and electric awning disengagement and opening issues, all of these provided by our own Trekkers who care about you and your pocketbook and safety. Lee Buckley arranged a gathering of all the 6.5 diesel owners, after the formal meeting, for the purpose of sharing experiences and knowledge.

Friday evening was the annual technical presentation by Redlands Truck and RV exclusively for Trekkers, and then their Awesome BBQ dinner provided free of charge, however Wayne and Janna took their new Winnebago over to Redlands the next day and managed to cover the cost of the dinner.

Saturday the Big Tent opened and most folks spent the day prowling all the RV innovations and doodads available there. One disappointment though was the wind picked up forcing the postponement of our Pot Luck to noontime on Sunday. The wind was abated some Sunday, but was still a problem so Pam and Mike graciously moved their Trek which became a very effective wind break. As usual Trekkers find a way to save the day.

Throughout the entire period many spent time perusing the extensive flea markets, junk vendors, rock shops, RV salvage venues, etc. that are everywhere around Quartzsite, independent of the big tent.

Sunday morning the Trekkers got out all the items that had that needed new homes for our famous flea market. There were DVDs, CDs, furniture, gifted items from aunt Edna, re gifted items from Uncle George, really useful items, magazines, books (signed by the author even), free items (seemed nobody wanted any of the approximately 50 florescent tubes that had been replaced by LEDs, they ended up at the Salvation Army), the kitchen sink was there somewhere. It was really great and most went back to their Treks with a new treasure.

All in all it was a great year and a great opportunity renew old friendships, develop some new ones and to share the joys that go with out Trekker lifestyle. Many attendees learned a great deal about their Trek and many were able to take advantage Trekker Family expertise to help them upgrade and or solve issues that they had.

Below is a list of all the NWTFC members that attended this year, sure hope all these and more can make it next year.

Bret and Laura Medbury
Wayne Vandergriff & Janna Caughron
Harry and Mary Carlson
David and Sue Pierce
Rodger and Colleen Wright
Gary and Rosie Wright
Bob and Linda Fitzgerald - stayed in town but visited
Ernie and Debi Norris
Donald and Georgia Frick - just submitted application

Tom and Bida Solski
Harry Salit and Fran Zaft
Keith & Laura Kovacs
Rod Blum and Phyllis Gisler
Darald and Leann Froehlich
Laurie Hail
Dan and Debbi Maas
Pete and Beth Sanderson



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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 about 80 coach members, including Treks spanning the 1991 Isuzu to the 2008 28RB2 and the 2016 Trek. 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 chapter of FMCA and very closely associated with SAFARI International.