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President's Message

Why FMCA?

Why did you join the Family Motor Coach Association? Some would say they became part of FMCA because it was necessary to join the NW Trek Fun Club. It is true that NWTFC is an FMCA chapter and one must be a member of FMCA to join an FMCA chapter.

Some join FMCA because of the benefits of FMCA membership:

- Family Motor Coaching magazine with informative articles, travel insights, and technical assistance.
- Mail forwarding
- Campground discounts
- Michelin tire discount program
- Discounts with Office Depot and others

The new **FMCA Assist** medical evacuation and transportation program is now an added benefit of your FMCA membership. (see inside article)

FMCA Family Reunions (national conventions) and area rallies offer helpful and informative seminars, lots of vendor exhibits, and displays of new motorhomes. Many NWTFC members have been to these large gatherings and also volunteer in various ways. Plan now to attend the **FMCA NW Area Rally** next June.

We have become part of a gathering of fellow RVers with shared experiences, struggles, and new adventures – and that bond is something special. We enjoy a sense of camaraderie among those who enjoy motorhome travel and a very unique vehicle called a Trek. We come

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2015 RALLY SCHEDULE

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

January 16-19 Quartzite
SW Trek Fun Club

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

June 19-22 NW Area 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!

REMINDER

2015 Dues are to be paid by 12/31.
Mail \$10 to Treasurer – Sue Bjornson
804 S 219th Street, Des Moines, WA
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Checks should always be made payable to NWTFC.

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together and help each other fix things or share recipes or discuss favorite travel plans. We look for that "goose egg" on the coach and check to see how low the membership number is.

Being a chapter of FMCA means we are part of a larger organization with the strength to address issues of interest to motorhome owners. For NWTFC as a club, there are insurance and other benefits.

Celebrate FMCA and help make the NWTFC a warm and inviting fellowship. I know you do that because our membership keeps growing. Share the benefits of FMCA with fellow travelers. There are thousands of motorhome owners who have not yet joined an FMCA chapter – including some Trek owners.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO FMCA NW
AREA RALLY & PRE-RALLY**

June 25 - 28

NW Rally will be in Coos Bay at the Mill Casino. There are parking area changes for this year. Lot adjacent to the casino has been leased for a log export dock. There are a limited number of spaces available at the casino. The alternate parking area is near Pony Village Mall, approximately one mile from the casino.

If you are planning to attend the NW Rally, it is highly recommended that you register as soon as registration opens and sign-up for an electric site.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NWTFC will have a pre-rally at Winchester Bay RV Resort and then caravan to Coos Bay on Monday, June 22. More info on the pre-rally on page

NWTFC is partnering with the Oregon Trail Drivers to staff the store and the registration/information booth. Steve Webber-Plank is coordinating volunteers., let him know soon that you want to be a volunteer. (donwebberplank@mac.com)
Trekkers have been great volunteers at past rallies, let's do it again!

**WILL THERE BE A NEW TREK?
YES!**

Since the last Trek rolled off the assembly line in 2008, there has been a lingering question: **Would there ever be another Trek?**

In August at the FMCA Redmond rally, Mike Snell, president of Monaco RV, a division of Allied Recreation Group met with about 20 NWTFC members and friends to explore the possibility of a new Trek.

The news is out – there will be a new Trek. It will be branded as a Trek. The first one will be an entry level coach with higher level models to follow.



M O N A C O

TREK, one of the most innovative motorhomes in the industry, is back and will be revealed at the National RV Trade Show in Louisville.

As original today as always, the 2016 TREK leverages a history of innovative designs. "We're very excited to bring such an iconic product back to the market," said Mike Snell, president of Monaco. "TREK provides the best of both worlds – the benefits of a smaller motorhome with the storage capacity of a much larger RV. Inside and out, the TREK is going to turn heads."



RECENT BYLAW CHANGES

Three recent bylaw changes were approved by the NWTFC membership:

1. Changes to the Executive Board.

The executive board is composed of the officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, national director, and alternate director). Now the immediate past president and committee chairpersons (rally coordinator, webmaster, and newsletter editor) are to be included as advisory consultants without voting privileges. The added input of these committee chairs will be helpful to the board. During 2014 these committee chairs met informally with the executive board.

The executive board is now authorized to conduct its business through regular meetings at rallies, specially called meetings, conference telephone calls, mail, or electronic means (e-mail). There is often a span of time between rallies, so this allows the board to conduct business between rallies.

2. Definition of members was made consistent. During the last bylaw revision NWTFC members were defined as those who own a Trek or owned a Trek at one time and are still members of FMCA. There was reference to other members which the bylaws did not authorize.

3. Modifying the voting procedure so voting is one vote per adult member. Previously FMCA had allowed chapters to determine whether voting would be one vote per coach or one vote per member. FMCA is now requiring that voting be standardized at one vote per adult member. NWTFC is now consistent with the new FMCA chapter requirements.

At the general business meeting on October 14, a motion was passed recommending that the executive board consider establishing an "Honorary Member" classification for members who no longer own a motorhome. The results of voting on that amendment will be announced later in December.



FMCAssist

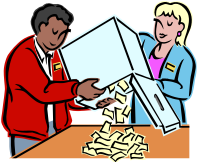
EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION PLAN

One of the results of the FMCA Family Reunion in Redmond was the Governing Board adoption of the FMCAssist emergency medical evacuation program as a benefit of membership in FMCA. For the first year the cost of offering FMCAssist to all members will be covered by a withdrawal from the organization's investment funds.

Some of the benefits of FMCAssist:

- Emergency medical evacuation – pays covered expenses incurred if a covered injury or illness results in the medically necessary emergency medical evacuation to the nearest medical facility capable of furnishing the required care. The need for service is determined by the attending physician in consultation with the insurance company.
- Emergency medical reunion – when medical evacuation is recommended, the plan will provide for transportation for one individual that you choose.
- Return of dependents – should you be traveling alone with dependents (i.e. grandchildren) and become hospitalized, the plan will arrange and pay for one-way transportation to a location stipulated by the child's legal guardian.
- Vehicle return – should you be unable to drive your motorhome back to your primary residence (within North America), the plan will pay to have a service return your motorhome to your residence.
- Pet return – should you be unable to care for your pet, the plan will arrange for the return of your pet to your home.

These benefits apply if you are over 100 miles from your home, even if you are not in your RV. FMCA is the only RV club to offer a similar benefit to its membership. It's another reason to be part of FMCA.



ELECTION RESULTS

Officers for 2015

President – Al Zimmerman
 Vice President – Dean Bjornson
 Secretary – David & Sue Pierce
 Treasurer – Sue Bjornson
 National Director – Steve Webber-Plank
 Alt Natl Director – Judy Schindler

NWTFC officer elections were held during November. Dean Bjornson, Judy Schindler, and Bill Shull were elected. Unfortunately Bill Shull was not able to serve as treasurer. Since the treasurer's office was vacant, Sue Bjornson was appointed to fill the period through then end of 2014. It is presumed that she will be elected following a special election – results to be announced soon.

We are appreciate the service of those who take on a leadership responsibility for NWTFC. Thank you.

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.
 503-472-4315

- Each rally attendee will need to make their own reservation by calling Old Stone Village RV Park. Let the park office know that you are part of the NW Trek Fun Club.
- **Once you have made your reservation, let the wagon masters know.**
- Rate: \$35 per night. Good Sam discount = \$31.50 per night.
- Price is for two persons and one pet. Spaces have full hookups and are pull-throughs.
- **16 Treks have already indicated they plan to attend. 25 spaces are reserved until the end of January, 2015.**

More information will be posted in early 2015

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NORTHWEST TREK FUN CLUB

2015 Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally June 19-22

Wagon Masters: Al & Virginia Zimmerman

Rally Highlights

Friday, June 19

Arrive and get settled
Dinner – potluck of heavy hor d'oeuvres
Presentation on local Indian 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.

Wonderful park with laundry room, showers, full hook-ups.

Easy walk to restaurants along the bay.



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

NWTFC members are encouraged to volunteer to staff the store or registration/information booth at the FMCA Rally at the Mill Casino in Coos Bay. Register early for electric sites in Coos Bay. Treks will caravan to Coos Bay on Monday, June 22. Let Steve Webber-Plank know of your interest (donwebberplank@mac.com). It is fun to get involved with FMCA & the seminars are worthwhile too!

2015 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 Indian 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.

Note: 20 sites have been reserved. 14 have indicated preliminary interest in the pre-rally.

Be a volunteer at the FMCA NW Rally in Coos Bay June 22 - 28. Help staff the FMCA store or registration/information booth. Join the caravan. It is fun to get involved with FMCA & the seminars are worthwhile too!
Let Steve Webber-Plank know of your interest (donwebberplank@mac.com).

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 _____

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.

2014 RALLY NEWS

BONES & BEANS FMCA PRE-RALLY August 7-10, 2014 Keeler's Ranch, Oregon

The rally started on Thursday, August 7th with 18 coaches. Wagon Masters were Lee and Judy Keeler.

On Friday we enjoyed a light Continental Breakfast and then we enjoyed a Happy Hour at the Willamette Fruit & Berry Farms, where they make a large number of pies. Happy Hour means a slice of pie for \$1.50. The group was also given a tour of the facility. This was a wonderful adventure for the group.

Following the pie excursion, we visited Silverton, Oregon, just a few miles away and had lunch and were then given a guided walking tour of the town by a chamber of commerce member, who explained all the different murals that are painted on numerous building in the city. We also learned of the history of the area.

Friday evening we enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner with a lot of great food.

On Saturday August 9th, the club members enjoyed some of the local sights around the area. Saturday evening we had the Bones and Beans meal of chicken and ribs. On Sunday August 10th, our designated caravan leaders, Ed & Jeanette Block, led us to Redmond to the FMCA Rally, where our club members volunteered for several different venues.

Lee & Judy Keeler reported that they had a wonderful time hosting this pre-rally and thank all of those that were able to attend and we look forward to you coming again in the future.



NWTFC 10th Anniversary Rally August 18-20, 2014 Mt. Hood Village RV Resort, Welches, Oregon

Wagon Masters: Ed and Jeanette Block, Rodger and Colleen Wright

Twenty-three members attended this rally as well as NWA FMCA VP, Kathie & Andy Balogh, and FMCA Treasurer, Percy & Pamela Bell – having traveled from British Columbia, Florida, Oregon, Washington & Arizona.

Day 1 – included a festive happy hour an appetizer potluck. Special anniversary rally T-shirts were provided to each rally attendee and it was a treat to see so many wearing them during the rally. Rodger Wright introduced our FMCA VIP attendees and gave them the opportunity to share a little about themselves. Newly elected, NW Area VP, Kathie Balogh, presented our club president, Al Zimmerman, with our 10 Year Certificate. Memories were shared of our club's formative years.

Day 2 – started with breakfast followed by a tech talk by Brazel's Performance RV from Centralia, WA with owner, Steve Brazel, & shop foreman, Alan Sanders. Ed & Jeanette then proceeded with the drawings for the 20+ door prizes Ed had rounded up from RV-related businesses who were happy to support our celebration: Brazel's, Camco, Camping World, Davis Cabinets, FMCA & Redland's RV . The rest of the day was FREE to enjoy as people wished.

Day 3 –The focus of the day was Timberline Lodge. At Timberline Lodge, the USFS guided tours highlighted its 77 year history, the challenges the CCC faced in its construction and its special artistic features. Appetizers and dinner was in the Raven Room. Glasses were raised to the Block's on their 48th wedding anniversary. Humor reigned as past presidents were asked to comment on their experiences and past & present officers and wagon masters were recognized. A marvelous buffet included slow roasted, hazelnut smoked prime rib and NW cedar plank salmon. The evening was filled with light-hearted and creative fun.





TREK OR TREAT RALLY
October 8-11, 2014
Valley of the Rogue State Park
Rogue River, OR



Wagon Masters: Robert and Barbara Henderson, assisted by friends Bill and Jackie Johnson

The consensus was: All treats and no tricks at the TREK OR TREAT Rally. The first evening we had a delicious pot luck. Good time to catch up with old and new friends.

Seminars presented during the rally:

- Bicycles and bicycle maintenance by Robert Henderson.
- RV maintenance by Cecil Allen.
- "White Knuckles and Windstorms in a Trek" by Robert Henderson

Fun and educational tours of Harry & David, Rogue Creamery (makers of wonderful blue cheese) and Lillie Belle fancy chocolates took up most of a day. Returning to the campground there was a Dutch oven cooked meal by Silver Ridge outfitters. What a treat! We enjoyed tri-tip and chicken as well as berry cobbler or peach crisp or both! Everyone was a great sport to dress in the Western theme. We voted for our favorite "cowboy or cowgirl" and newcomer, Mike Mulligan, was the winner just squeaking by Bob Beers! It was thought the 10 gallon hat he wore that cinched the deal. After dinner, Wrangling Richard entertained with story and song.

On Friday night Henderson's Line-up sponsored dinner by Casa Amiga's. A raffle was held with door prizes donated by various businesses.



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NWTFC Website
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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.