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President's Message

Spring Time I have a continuing case of hay fever symptoms. It started on March 1 and I'm still sneezing due to our super pollen bloom in NW Washington. I live in a cedar grove with no relief with a long-haired tabby.

I traveled to Colorado for a couple of weeks of skiing and they had their own tree brand. No relief. I am working on completing spring tasks like signing up and paying for the remainder of our NWTFC rallies. Almost done! Last one is the Harvest Moon Rally at Wallowa Lake in the fall. That is a very beautiful area. The last time the Trek was there was in 2012 when we were on our way to Glacier National Park.

Getting the Trek de-winterized is always a lottery of bad news and revelation. This year the generator started as expected, but it would not restart. Constant attempts resulted in a 20 amp 12 volt fuse blowing labeled "gauge cluster"? Why is that you ask? Well, this is where I segue into my shameless plug for Trek Tracks. We, Trek owners, are very fortunate to have that resource. I applaud the work of our NWTFC webmaster, Mary Carlson, the TT administrators, Lowell and Gary, and its moderators, one of whom is our own Bunky Bob.

There are a couple of administrative comments I need to make. We are still shy of volunteers to help with the FMCA store at NW Area Rally in Albany in June. Wagon Masters Pat and Tom Wilhelm and Ken and Helen Anderson have planned a super pre-rally at Antique Powerland. Please sign-up, we need your help. The Albany

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RALLY SCHEDULE

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

May 21 - 29 Traveling Rally
Lake Chelan > Grand Coulee
Dean & Sue Bjornson
Ken and Helen Anderson

June 19 – 23 Pre-rally to FMCA Rally
Antique Powerland
Brooks, Oregon
Pat and Tom Wilhelm
Ken and Helen Anderson

June 23 – 26 FMCA NW Area Rally
Albany, OR

August 11 – 15 Port Townsend, WA
Ron Mahugh/Mary Burchett

September 13 - 17 Harvest Moon Rally
Joseph & Wallowa Lake, OR
Bill & Paula Shull
Richard & Nancy Harris
John & Marie Turner

2017

Spring Rally **Open**

June 16 – 19 Pre-rally, Kelso, WA

August 21 – 25 7 Feathers RV
Canyonville, Oregon

September 22 – 24 Great Prosser
Balloon Rally

Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!

2016 Northwest Motor Home Association Rally



ALL ABOARD FOR ALBANY

Linn County Fair & Expo Center

June 23-26, 2016

Join in the fun at the 2016
"ALL ABOARD FOR ALBANY"
FMCA Northwest Area Rally.

Albany,
Oregon

There will be Vendors, Seminars, Meals
& much much more!!!

Handicap Electric is going
fast.

Register soon.

Register on-line

www.fmca.com
or call

1-800-543-3622

Bring a non FMCA member
to the rally in any self
contained RV & be entered
into a drawing for
\$200
Check the NWA website for
more information.
www.fmcanw.org



SWAP MEET at FMCA NW Rally Albany

"All Aboard for Albany" FMCA Rally will have a swap meet. There is no charge for a spot. This is a great way to get rid of some extra RV stuff and earn some extra spending money. Not intended for those selling commercial products. Individuals or FMCA chapters can participate. Questions - contact John Pogany, captain for the FMCA swap meet at Albany rally, poganyjobe@aol.com.

NWTFC is Staffing the FMCA Store

NW Trek Fun Club has a history of supporting FMCA NW and helping with the store that sells FMCA merchandise. At times members have also driven activity (handicap) carts, collected door prizes, and distributed packets at the welcome booth.

It is fun to meet people from across the country. Selling FMCA merchandise is easy. **Let Steve Webber-Plank know of your interest in being a volunteer** (donwebberplank@mac.com).

- Register for the FMCA NW Rally
- Register for the Antique Powerland Pre-rally
- Caravan together to Albany
- Have a great time with 500 other motorhome owners.

The helpful seminars and vendor displays make every area or national rally worthwhile. These rallies are also good places to pick up a new gizmo or a useful tip.

President's Message, continued

registration is available through FMCA in Cincinnati. You can now register online through the FMCA website or call it in.

Oh yes, I picked up the Trek late Friday. She has a new starter and it feels robust thanks to the Onan dealer at Yacht Harbor. I gave up standing on my head trying to read the 12 volt fuse cluster by my left foot. I photographed it using my phone. I transferred that and every other wiring diagram I could find to the cloud for future reference. I understand from TT that there is such a thing as a fuse with a LED glow which says "I'm blown."

Steve Webber-Plank
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UPCOMING RALLIES IN 2016

NW Trek Fun Club Traveling Rally

May 21 - 29, 2016 (8 nights)

Lake Chelan, Coulee City, Grand Coulee



Rally Highlights (3 parts, 8 nights total)

This rally is planned so that there is a lot of free time to explore the areas visited, spend time chatting with friends, napping, reading, comparing RV's, etc. Most of the meals are planned & prepared by you. We do think it would be fun to gather each evening for "happy hour" and eat our dinner together.

Saturday, May 21

* Arrive at Lakeshore RV Park on Lake Chelan & get settled 5:00 – Dinner potluck of heavy hors d'oeuvres

Sunday, May 22

*8:00 to ? — Morning coffee time together
BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee)

*Free time to enjoy the area

*5:00 Happy hour

Monday, May 23

*8:00 to ? – Morning coffee time together (BYOC)

*Boat tour of Lake Chelan, wine tasting, golfing

*5:00 Happy hour

Tuesday, May 24

*8:00 to ? – Morning coffee time together (BYOC)

*Leave for Sun Lakes Resort RV Park

*Free time to enjoy the area

*5:00 Happy hour

Wednesday, May 25

*8:00 to ? – Morning coffee time together (BYOC)

*Free time to enjoy the area; tour Dry Falls

*5:00 Happy hour

Thursday, May 26

*8:00 to ? – Morning coffee time together (BYOC)

*Leave for Spring Canyon RV Park

*Free time to enjoy the area

*5:00 Happy hour

Friday, May 27 & Saturday, May 28

*8:00 to ? – Morning coffee time together (BYOC)

Tour Grand Coulee Dam; Laser Light Show in evening

USEFUL WEBSITES

Lakeshore RV Park –

www.lakechelan.com/what-to-doactivities/camping

(In first paragraph click on "city park")

Sun Lakes Resort RV Park –

www.sunlakesparkresort.com

Spring Canyon (NPS) –

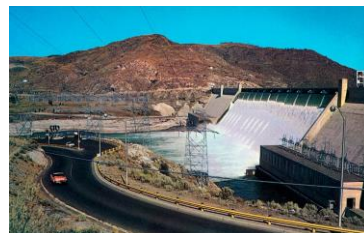
www.recreation.gov (then click "Find Places and Activities", then chose Spring Canyon)

Reservations Period Has Passed

Since the reservation period has passed, contact the individual campgrounds to make reservations.

Let the wagon master know you are coming. (dsbjornson@gmail.com)

14 Treks have signed-up so far.



Wagon Masters: Dean & Sue Bjornson, Ken & Helen Anderson



**ANTIQUE
POWERLAND RALLY
&
PRE-RALLY TO FMCA NW RALLY
at
ALBANY
June 19 - 23**

Wagon Masters

Pat and Tom Wilhelm
Helen and Ken Anderson

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RALLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 19 Coaches Arrive

5:00 pm Happy Hour
6:00 pm Welcome
Potluck - heavy hor d'oeuvres

Monday, June 20

Breakfast on your own
10:00 am Covanta Tour – Waste to Energy

Lunch on your own
Free time – museums, etc.
6:00 pm Lum Yen, Chinese-American
Order off menu, self-pay
Business Meeting

Tuesday, June 21

8:30 am Breakfast at Wilhelm Home (2 mi. E)

Free time – museums, etc.
**FMCA volunteers to Albany
for training**

Wednesday, June 22

8:30 am Continental breakfast

FMCA volunteers caravan to Albany

5:00 pm Happy Hour
6:00 pm Potluck dinner: A-I salad,
J-R main dish, S-Z dessert

Thursday, June 23

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

LOCATION

Antique Powerland
3995 Brooklake Road
Brooks, OR 97302
Take exit 263 – North of Salem
Go ¼ miles west of I-5

Antique Powerland

is dedicated to steam powered equipment, farm machinery, and other modes of transportation.

- Antique Caterpillar Museum
- NW Vintage Car & Motorcycles
- Oregon Electric Railway Museum
- Oregon Fire Service Museum
- Pacific NW Logging Museum
- Pacific NW Truck Museum
- Brooks Historical Society



ANTIQUE POWERLAND

WHERE HISTORY COMES TO LIFE



ANTIQUE POWERLAND RALLY REGISTRATION

Rally fee: (includes camping, museum fee, 2 continental breakfasts, plus 1 full breakfast at Wilhelms)

	Couple	Single
Camping fee of \$23.00 X <u> ? </u> # nights camping	\$ _____	\$ _____
Museum fee (\$3 per person)	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00
Continental breakfasts @ \$3 per person per meal	\$ _____	\$ _____
Full breakfast on Tuesday @ \$4 per person per meal	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total rally fee enclosed	\$ _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to NWTEC. Mail completed registration and check to:
Pat Wilhelm, 6826 Rochester Street NE, Brooks, OR 97305

Registration and funds must be received by May 16, 2016.

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



PORT TOWNSEND RALLY

August 11 – 14, 2016

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

- 26 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

PORT TOWNSEND RALLY REGISTRATION

Rally fee: \$22.00

(includes campsite reservation fee)

\$15.00

(if camping at fairgrounds or Fort Worden)

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

Ron Mahugh
1814 3rd Avenue NW
Puyallup, WA 98371

Registration and funds must be received by July 1, 2016.

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 _____

____ Camping at Port Hudson ____ Camping at Fairgrounds ____ Camping at Fort Worden

(on reservation list)

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



HARVEST MOON RALLY

WALLOWA LAKE STATE PARK

NE Oregon – Near Joseph

September 13 – 17, 2016

Wagon Masters: Bill & Paula Shull, Richard & Nancy Harris, John & Marie Turner



Visit the Switzerland of Oregon

- Tour a bronze factory in Joseph
- Hiking, canoeing, kayaking on Wallowa Lake
- Interesting shops in Joseph & Enterprise
- Ride the tram to the top of Mt. Howard
360 degree view of Eagle Cap Wilderness

Only 2 sites remain – others will go on wait list.

HARVEST MOON RALLY REGISTRATION

Rally fee: (includes 4 nights camping, catered Tri-tip dinner, Taco bar dinner, plus 4 breakfast meals)

	Couple	Single
	\$ 212	\$ 178
Optional activities		
• Bronze foundry – Valley Bronze (\$10/person)	\$ _____	\$ _____
• Joseph Branch Rail Riders – pedal-powered rail cars journey from Joseph > Enterprise \$20 / person, limited to first 20 to register	\$ _____	\$ _____
Registration amount enclosed	\$ _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to NWTEC. Mail completed registration and check to:
Paula Shull, 12868 Mascher Road, Silverton, OR 97381

Registration and funds must be received by June 15, 2016.

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

MEET SOME NEW MEMBERS

Phyllis Gisler and Rodney Blum of Palisade, Colorado recently joined the NW Trek Fun Club.

Rod and I met about 8 years ago. Rod had an MCI 8 bus conversion – a retired Greyhound bus. This was the 4th bus he had converted. I had a C-class Tioga motorhome. We were on a Fantasy Tour to the Rose Bowl and I stepped into a Trek to borrow a map. I was so impressed with the roominess that I immediately summoned Rod and we began our search!!

By chance we saw an ad and the coach was in Denver. Our Trek had a pretty rough life, but we took on the project. Several thousand dollars later, it looks pretty nice. We found out about the SW Trek Fun Club and have been to Quartzsite several years.

Rod is a general contractor and swears he is retired, but he also owns many rental properties. I was in real estate for many years, but I have hung up my license. Our goal now is to travel as much as possible. We love quick trips to Mazatlan. We always plan to go to Quartzsite, and then go on from there.

We both love to hike and search out waterfalls. We also have a Harley and love towing the bike the Trek. Last year we rode the bike through much of Montana and to Sturgis.

We have 6 children and numerous grandchildren between us.

We live in peach and wine country in Colorado. I had sold my vineyard and orchard before meeting Rod, but we couldn't slow down so we bought a small ranch in Mesa where we run a few head of cattle.

We are really excited about the NW Trek Fun Club – we already know a few members and look forward to meeting many of you at future rallies. The balloon festival in 2017 sounds really fun.



REPORT FROM FMCA NW PLANNING MEETING

FMCA held its spring planning meeting at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, Oregon.

FMCA executive Director has resigned. FMCA national offices in Cincinnati are being overseen by a committee of five until a new director is hired.

A new point of sale system is being used by the FMCA store that uses an i-pad platform. (Steve Webber-Plank will be obtaining a training video for store volunteers.) The understanding is that it is a much easier system to use.

FMCA is acquiring new members – the challenge is retaining members. Many join for the tire discount program but then fail to renew their membership. A new door-hanger card describing the benefits of FMCA membership is available as a recruiting tool.

New FMCA membership card has FMCAssist info on the back of the card. If something happens, call 911 first, then call one's personal emergency contact person and relay the FMCAssist information.

It is important for chapters to be involved in the area rallies. Area rallies are vital to keeping FMCA an active organization. Being a volunteer at an area rally helps support FMCA and represents NW Trek Fun Club well.

PIX WANTED

Interesting pictures of Treks are needed for the new NW Trek Fun Club website. Photos may be in .jpg, .pdf format or pictures that may be scanned. Send any pictures you may have to Mary Carlson, Webmaster - webmaster@nwtfc.com



PILOT & CO-PILOT COMMUNICATION

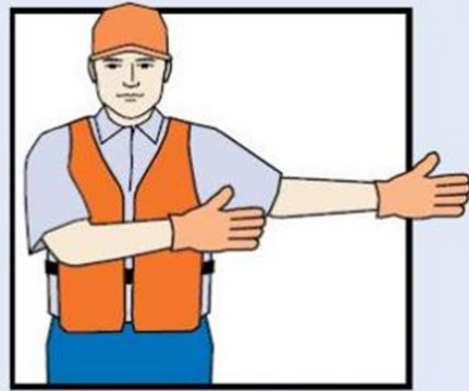
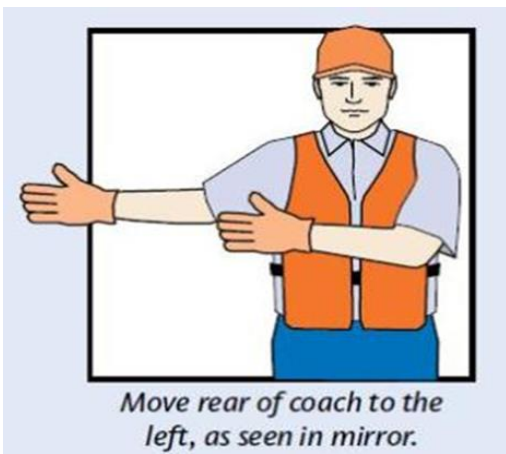
Do you find your amusement watching a husband and wife communicate while backing into a campsite? Voices, yells, panic, frantic waving of arms are all attempts at communicating. Some use devices like two-way radios. And some drivers just tell the partner to keep quiet and stay out of the way.

After watching a husband provide his wife hand-signals that enabled her to back the coach into the campsite on the first try, one person was heard remarking, "See, I told you that you don't have to yell all the time!"

Here are some tips that may make improve your communication skills.

- Agree on a consistent set of hand signals.
- One person gives directions and the other follows those directions.
- Do a walk around the campsite before driving into the site – look for obstructions, rocks, low-hanging limbs, and other obstacles.
- Look at where the electricity, water, and sewer hook-ups are located in relation to your coach.
- Have the person giving directions stand at the left rear of the coach, so that he/she is visible in the driver's side mirror.

There are basic pieces of information the driver needs to know when the driver's visibility is limited: whether to go forward or to reverse, right or left, and how far.



Move rear of coach to the right, as seen in mirror.



Come straight back.



Slowly (when parker is pumping palms down like patting a dog).



Distance to go (palms apart indicating how far).



Closed forearms indicate STOP.

The goal of developing a consistent means of communicating through hand signals is to preserve both your motorhome and your relationship. With a little practice you will amaze your fellow Trekkers.

Special complements to Jeannette Block – she gives great parking signals. Also, hats off to the FMCA rally parking crew who know just how to park 500 or even 3,000 coaches in just the right way.

LESSONS LEARNED TO MAKE FUTURE TRAVELS MORE ENJOYABLE

by Mike Wendland

(Excerpted from an article that appeared in the March 2016 issue of Family Motor Coaching, official publication of FMCA)

We have been on the road for five years traveling across North America in our motorhome. Here are five important things we learned from our travels.

1. **Stuff is just stuff.**

We experienced a break-in and the theft of pretty much everything we had in the RV. It taught us that things can be replaced and, yes, bad things can happen. Insurance took care of most of the loss, and everything we needed was able to be replaced.

2. **Health is the most important thing we have.**

Health emergencies on the road are not a cause for panic. Excellent medical care is available pretty much everywhere.

3. **RVers are the most friendly, caring people you will ever find.**

As we have traveled, RVers have offered us places to stay and camp. RVers are more than a community, they are a family, and wherever you travel, you will meet wonderful folks.

4. **When things break, they can be fixed.**

Mobile RV repair services operate all across the U.S., and RV service shops can be found in many places. Mishaps and breakdowns are really just inconveniences, and help is a phone call away.

5. **The RV truly is our home.**

In the motorhome, we have our own bed and our own private bathroom. All our clothes are handy in our closet. Home is indeed where we park it. (Read the full article in the March issue of Family Motor Coaching)

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suggestions.

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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 approximately 65 coach members, including Treks spanning the 1991 Isuzu to the 2008 28RB2. We look forward to welcoming owners of 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.