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President's Message

We made it back to the States at the end of September, and I was amazed to find fall was in full swing. The grass has all greened up and there was snow on all of the mountains. It must be time to think about heading south.

We had a great time in Norway with friends that live in Oslo. It is a beautiful city with a really good public transportation system. I did not drive at all in Norway and that made things much less complicated. There was a trip to Bergen on the West Coast by train, then a ferry trip up a fjord, a tram from the head of the fjord to the top and back to the train to Oslo. It was spectacular scenery even though it was rainy and overcast during the ferry trip it was still beautiful.

We saw quite a few RV's in Norway. They were mostly class B's and some class A's. Treks would be perfect there.

We stumbled across an RV Park while visiting a sculpture garden at the edge of Oslo. The park looked like a big pasture at the top of a gentle hill. It was all just a big grass field with the showers and bathrooms all together at one side. There appeared to be power but no water or sewer hookups. I do not know if it would be usable in the winter as there were really no graveled or paved pads.

We went from Oslo to Venice Italy and then on to Vicenza, where our granddaughter lives with her husband. He is in the US Army and that is where he is stationed. In Italy we did rent a car as we stayed in town at an air BnB. That added

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ELECTIONS HAPPENING NOW
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Please respond to this email with a yes or no for 1,2 and 3 or supply a write-in for the position.

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

2020

January 17 – 19 Trek gathering at Quartzite

March 26 – 29 FMCA 101st Convention Tucson, AZ

Spring Rally – pick a date & place

June 20 – 23 Umpqua Pre-rally Hi-Way Haven RV Park Al & Elaine Zimmerman Plus additional wagon masters

June 25 – 28 FMCA NW Area Rally Douglas County Fairgrounds Roseburg, OR

Summer Rally – pick a time & place

Fall Rally – pick a time & place

NWTFc's goal is to have 3 – 4 rallies each year.
Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!

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a whole new dimension to our travels. What they say about Italian drivers. being aggressive and not being overly concerned about rules is true. They did however all seem to be defensive drivers and aware of the other cars on the road. They just didn't seem to care about the other cars on the road so much.

Most all rental cars in Italy are standard transmissions. I can drive a standard but it has been long enough since I have done so that I wisely paid extra for an automatic. I had enough things to think about and keep track of when driving there. I thought I may have to replace the armrest on the passenger side of the car when we turned it in. Lynn had a pretty tight grip on it most of our time in the car

We only saw one RV in Italy and it was out in the countryside. Some of the roads our GPS sent us t on were barely wide enough for our little Alfa. I have a whole new perspective on what is a narrow road.

There have been a couple issues that came up with FMCA while we were gone but AI will cover those for you.

We still need rallies for the coming year. The only formalized rally is the pre-rally for the FMCA Rally in Roseburg in June. If you have any ideas please present them to Ron and Mary to get them on our calendar.

Safe Travels,
Mike

**FMCA NW Planning Meeting
Highlights
September 24 – 26
Longview, WA**

FMCA dues have been increased by \$25 per year to cover the cost of the FMCAssist program. FMCAssist is a medical evacuation program that is a member benefit. It is not something that you purchase separately, it is provided to you as a member of FMCA. It is different from Road

Assist – a program that provides help if you get stuck on the side of the road with a flat tire or mechanical issue.

Since 2015 the cost of the program premiums has been paid from investment/reserve funds. Over \$2.1 has been taken from reserve funds to pay these program premiums. In reality is an operating expense of the association that should be covered by member dues.

Efforts are underway to identify other potential carriers for the program and to seek other company proposals.

Future national convention sites

March 26 – 29, 2020	Tucson, Arizona
July 28 – August 2, 2020	Syracuse, NY
Winter 2021	Perry, Georgia
Summer 2021	Gillette, Wyoming
Winter 2022	Tucson, Arizona
Summer 2022	Lincoln, Nebraska
	or Sedalia, Missouri
Winter 2023	Perry, Georgia
Summer 2023	Lincoln, Nebraska
	or Sedalia, Missouri
Summer 2024	Gillette, Wyoming
Summer 2027	Gillette, Wyoming

Redmond, Oregon became too expensive. It is hoped that by concentrating of a few sites that multi-year contracts can save money and lock-in dates for the conventions.

Other Future Rally Dates

January 8 – 12	Western Area Rally, Indio
January 17 – 19	Trek Gathering, Quartzite
January 18 – 26	Quartzite Big Tent
June 24 – 27	NW Area Rally, Roseburg
June 24 – 27, 2021	NW Area Rally, Longview

NW officer elections

Sr. Vice President – Dennis Martin
Vice President – Jim McBride
Secretary – Cindy Haynes

NW Trek Fun Club will staff the FMCA merchandise store at the FMCA NW Area Rally in Roseburg. Mark your calendars now.



Seattle for lots of airplane tours.



Bronze foundry tour
Joseph, Oregon



Umpqua Rally
& Wildlife Safari

Look at where the NW Trek Fun Club
has been for rallies!



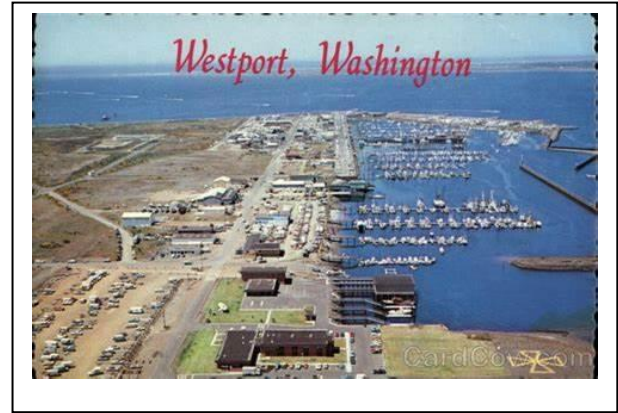
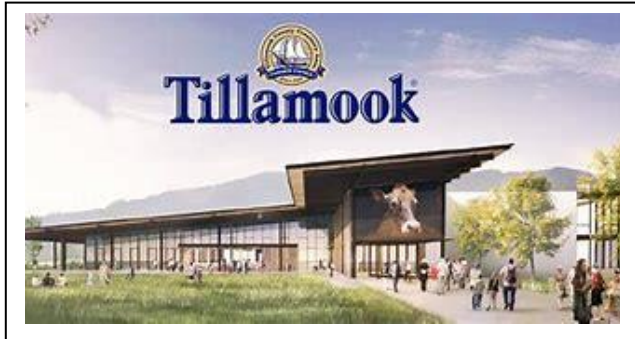
Silverton to view the murals



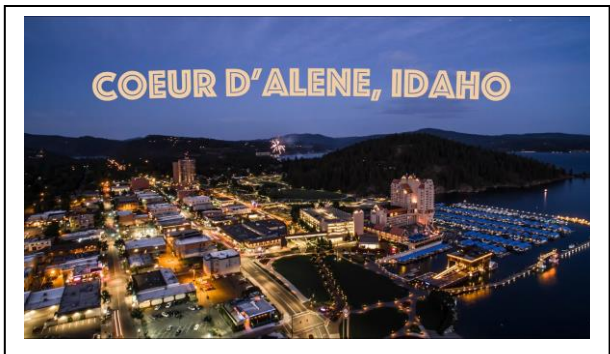
Ohanapecosh on Mt. Rainier



Balloon festival in Prosser, WA



Rallies for 2020?
Spring – Summer – Fall
Rallies Needed



Be a Wagon Master – Choose a Rally Site
Others will be glad to help!
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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 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.