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The FUN in the NW Trek Fun Club

The NW Trek Fun Club was formed with the idea that Trek owners are unique people who are drawn to a unique motorhome and they like to have fun. We like to foster new friendships and knowledge of the Trek. We stress that our club's middle name is F-U-N.

Fun for us means rallies. We meet somewhere and enjoy the fun of eating together, playing games, touring unique places, and sharing the happenings in our lives and our Trek journeys.

Did you notice the rally schedule for 2020? There is only one rally planned for 2020 so far. Our goal is to have 3 – 4 rallies a year.

As wagon master you get to select a rally site and plan the rally. Each rally is unique - some rallies are very simple, others more involved. They are all good and FUN for the group.

If you have been a wagon master, consider hosting a rally this year. If you have not been a wagon master, this may be a good year to give it a try. We do some things to make being a wagon master easy:

- Have two couples be wagon masters, so one person or couple does not do everything.
- Match you up with an experienced partner or mentor.
- Provide helpful planning tools.
- Provide sample flyers and registration materials.
- Suggestions on rally sites – lots of possibilities.

Contact Ron Mahugh about being a wagon master for a rally. Ronski16@comcast.net

2019 NWTFC ANNUAL DUES \$10

Send to: Irva Cooper, Treasurer
15705 Cedar Grove Road
Poulsbo, WA 98370

RALLY SCHEDULE

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

2020

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!

ELECTION RESULTS

Following officers have been elected to two-year terms:

President – Mike Ashbridge
Secretary – David Pierce
Natl. Director – Al Zimmerman

Congratulations and a thank you for your willingness to serve.

We were saddened to hear of Vera Clark's passing. Doug and Vera Clark were former members from Vancouver, Canada who sold their Trek. They were unique individuals who made the most of their Trek in their own way. TV did not interest them, so they removed it for more storage. They liked to be off the grid and away from folks – especially those noisy generators.

They were a fun couple with lots of fun stories.



FMCA SUMMER CONVENTION MOVED TO LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

August 26 – 29, 2020

2020 international convention was scheduled for Saratoga, NY. Negotiations fell through, so a new venue was secured.

This will be the first time that the convention has been held in Nebraska. The Lancaster Event Center is a nationally recognized event facility. It has 5 interconnected buildings set on 160 acres. Lincoln is a vibrant capital city with lots of places to explore.

WINE & ROSES IN ROSEBURG

FMCA NW Area Rally

Douglas County Fairgrounds
June 24 - 27, 2020

This is a new venue and there are lots of places to explore. Plan to visit southern Oregon for a great time!

- Seminars & Exhibits
- 2 Catered Dinners
- Ice cream social
- 2 nights of entertainment
- 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 (See FMCA magazine or register online)
- Register for the Umpqua 2020 Pre-Rally
- Caravan together to the fairgrounds on June 23.
- Camp together and enjoy times of fellowship.
- Have a great time other RV owners.

Electricity may be a challenge, so it may be better to dry camp if you can.

Registration form is online at www.fmca.org under Chapter/Areas – Area Rallies

NWTFC will caravan to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, June 23.

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



UMPQUA 2020 RALLY
 June 20 – 23, 2020
 Pre-rally to FMCA NW Area Rally

Wagon Masters
 Al & Elaine Zimmerman
 Tom & Jolyne Selvidge

**Register directly with
 Hi-Way Haven for camping.**
 3 nights – Saturday – Monday.

Location

Hi-Way Haven RV Park

This park is located on the site of a classic drive-in movie theater. You get an RV spot plus a nostalgic movie experience.

- Frisbee Golf, Horse Shoes, Bocce Ball
- Pull-Thru Sites 30 & 50 amp
- Vintage 50's Club House
- Game Room - Pool Table, Foos Ball, Darts, Pac Man...
- Two Fenced Open Dog Runs

Register directly with Hi-Way Haven for camping.

Mention NW Trek Fun Club.
 Sites available with 30 or 50 amp.
Hi-Way Haven Rv Park
 609 Fort Mckay Rd
 Sutherlin, Oregon 97479
 (800) 552-5699 (541) 459-4557

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Chase the Ace game
- Movie on the giant drive-in screen – Long, Long Trailer
- Winery tour and dinner at Melrose Winery

Rally Schedule

Saturday, June 20
 6:00 pm Dinner – heavy hors d'oeuvres
 potluck
 Chase the Ace card game

Sunday, June 21
 8:30 am Breakfast – Scrambled eggs & hash
 Browns, sausage
 Free time – see ideas next page
 5:00 pm Happy Hour
 6:00 pm Dinner – grilled chicken Caesar salad
 Movie – Long, Long Trailer

Monday, June 22
 8:30 am Continental breakfast
 Free time
 4:00 pm Winery tour
 5:30 pm Dinner at Melrose Winery
 BBQ chicken & Tri-tip beef

Tuesday, June 23
 8:30 am Continental breakfast
 10:00 am Caravan to fairgrounds
 for FMCA NW Rally

MELROSE WINERY

Tour and Catered Dinner
Monday, June 22
885 Melqua Road
Roseburg, OR 97471



Melrose vines are located on 150 acres in the Umpqua Valley near the town of Roseburg, Oregon. Wayne Parker, owner of Melrose, seeks the most state-of-the-art growing techniques. Melrose Vineyards' wines are premium, fruit forward, balanced wines that express the unique characteristics of the Melrose Vineyards terroir. Melrose Vineyards has built a reputation for providing high-quality fruit for numerous prestigious Oregon wineries throughout the state.

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

- Tour historic Oakland in a walking tour
- Visit Colliding Rivers Park in Glide on OR 138
- Drive the Umpqua Scenic Byway (OR 138) with 17 waterfalls and many short hikes
- Tour Wildlife Safari in Winston
- Try your luck at 7 Feathers Casino

UMPQUA 2020 PRE-RALLY REGISTRATION

Rally fee: (includes 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners including catered dinner at winery, winery tour, and movie).

Total Rally Fee

\$ 119 (Couple)

\$60 (Single)

Register directly with Hi-Way Have RV Park for camping.

20 sites reserved

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

Registration and funds must be received by April 30, 2020.

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

NWTFC 2019 OFFICER REPORTS EXCERPTS

(Full reports on the NWTFC website)
<http://www.nwtfc.com/members-only/annual-reports/>



President
Mike Ashbridge

Well, 2019 is in the record books and we are entering 2020. It is amazing how quickly a year goes by these days. Even a decade!

“2019” marked the 15th Anniversary for NWTFC and we were presented a 15-year certificate at the June FMCA Rally in Albany. I wish to thank our original founding members for their efforts in laying the groundwork to such a successful gathering of RV owners with a common bond. Several of those founding members are still involved with our chapter activities and continue to contribute greatly to the enjoyment we derive from NWTFC.

The club membership is holding steady around 80 coaches with some old friends leaving and new friends joining. The numbers speak a lot to the quality of the TREK motorhomes and the fun people that own them. It seems there will be a dues increase for FMCA membership this year. It was decided by the board of directors that the increased cost of FMCA Assist was worth the service it provides. I believe they are investigating ways to reduce the cost of this service in the future. Membership in FMCA is required to be a member of NWTFC so this may affect our membership numbers.

We had two great rallies in 2019 and unfortunately our fall rally did not happen due to circumstances.

Looking forward to this year!!! The 2020 FMCA Northwest Regional Rally will be at the Roseburg OR at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in June. We have not held a FMCA area rally there before, so it will be a chance to see a new area. Al and Elaine Zimmerman along with Tom and Jolene Selvidge are putting together a pre-rally in the area. At the moment that is the only 2020 rally in the books for the club. Any ideas????

As many of you know a vote was taken in May on acquiring an AED for the club. The purchase was approved by a vote of 17 yes and 12 no. The board decided to try raising the money to purchase an AED with donations from the membership so as not to deplete the treasury. The fund is currently around \$270.00 and the amount required is close to \$1000. We will need to revisit this again.

The Quartzite Trek gathering will have either happened or be close when this is read. I hope a good time is enjoyed by all and I am sorry to miss it. Looking forward to another great year of RVing.

Vice President
Dean Bjornson

A call for nominations for offices was called. The following slate was provided for the elections:
1) President – Mike Ashbridge; 2) Secretary – David Pierce; 3) National Director – Al Zimmerman.
The vote was positive, and these positions are filled for next two years.

Secretary
David Pierce

NW Trek Fun Club currently has 79 members. We had 14 applications, 9 new members, and 14 membership withdrawals.

The Paypal Application has worked very well for dues payments, but may require us to increase our future dues to cover the expenses associated with this service.

Rally Coordinator
Ron Mahugh

We had three rallies planned for 2019, but just as the fliers for the Sequim rally were going out the RV park said they could not accommodate us. However, we did have two very successful rallies.

John and Marie Turner and Dick & Nancy Harris put on a great rally at Armitage Park, just north of Eugene. They went to the Cascade Reptile center and to the Marathon coach facility to see what you can get for one or two million dollars. They had 20 coaches at the rally. On the last day Al Zimmerman lined up a group to head out to the FMCA rally in Albany Oregon.

The second rally was on Vancouver Island, BC. Peter and Beth Sanderson and some new and old Friends from BC put on one heck of a good rally. The Rally coincided with the BC days. BC days is a three-day weekend long celebration. The Comox Valley is a four-season vacation spot. The farmers market was as good as it gets. They also had two craft fairs that were unbelievable. Both fairs had very high quality and unique items. The food was also very good. The RV park had a bocce ball tournament which was won by Ron Morehouse who was with us.

This was Peter and Beth's first rally, and they did a great job. We had 14 couches from as far away as Pueblo Colorado. Eight of the coaches were from the United States.

In 2020 we only have the Umpqua 2020 Rally in Sutherlin, Oregon. This is a pre-rally to the FMCA NW Area Rally in Roseburg. We need people to step up and host a rally. We were hoping to do another Port Townsend rally this year, but they would not answer their phone or call me back. I only called 30 plus times and left many messages. By the time we drove over to PT most of the good sites were taken.

We are thinking of doing a PT rally in 2021. We'll be looking for 4 Co rally host. Also, it will probably be a 5-day rally. We are planning on the first week of August. Arrive Monday and leave on Saturday. We are hoping to have 30 coaches. If this sounds good shoot us an email message.

In closing WE NEED RALLIES FOR 2020.

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Ron & Mary

Another Call for the Frying Pan

Therapist – Your wife is upset because you don't buy her flowers.

Husband – I didn't even know she sold flowers!
From irv2.com

National Director
Al Zimmerman

The spring planning meeting for the FMCA NW Area was held in April at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, Oregon. The key focus of this meeting was planning the FMCA NW Area Rally in Albany in June. NW Trek Fun Club staffed the store for the area rally. Many thanks for all the volunteers who helped make the store run smoothly.

There was a call for chapters to revise their bylaws to change the terminology for motorhome to recreational vehicles. NWTFC had already taken this step, so the Trek Club is ahead of the game.

The number of coaches attending the Albany NW Area Rally was lower than in the past. Some of the RV dealers are indicating that unless they get an exclusive deal as the only dealer with display coaches they will not be a vendor at FMCA rallies. Effective marketing and growing the attendance at area rallies is becoming a challenge.

16 coaches from the northwest caravanned together to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds for the 100th International Convention of FMCA from a school parking lot a few miles outside Minot. Others from the northwest were parked in other areas of the fairgrounds. The interest among northwest attendees was raised because Kathie Balogh was running for national secretary. The official count of attendees was 1,688 family RVs with 489 first-time attendees.

The main business session was the Governing Board meeting on Wednesday. It was thought that this year's meeting would be relatively uneventful, but it did not turn out that way. One of the key issues was FMCAssist – the emergency medical assistance program that is a benefit for all FMCA members. An informal poll was taken of delegates indicating that about 90% definitely wanted to keep the program.

Two problems have arisen regarding the FMCAssist program:

- 1) When the program was adopted in 2014, the program premiums were funded from FMCA reserves (investments). Since 2015 over \$2.1 million have been taken from reserve funds to cover the premiums.
- 2) Seven Corners, the insurance company administering the FMCAssist program, has announced a significant premium increase for the next fiscal year. The company indicated that premium payments (based on a per member per month charges) are not covering the costs of administering the program.

A way had to be found to cover the premium cost from current operating revenue, reimburse the reserve fund withdrawals, and cover the additional premium cost.

Based upon recommendations from the treasurer, Al Zimmerman moved to amend the budget by increasing the annual dues by \$25 per year effective September 1, 2019. Jim deBorg of the Northwest Area seconded the motion to amend the budget. After significant discussion, the 2020 budget was adopted.

Dues will increase to \$75 per year. Though this was a significant dues increase, it was realized that the cost of a similar program (FMCAssist) would cost significantly more on the open market.

Members overwhelmingly wanted to keep FMCAssist as a member benefit. That dues increase was also necessary because of the number of members who have prepaid their dues for a number of years.

President Jon Walker reported that 24 of the past 25 months have shown positive increases in FMCA membership. Several delegates indicated that FMCAssist was a key factor in the recruitment of new members and the retention of current members.

Elections were held and the following officers were elected to two-year terms:

President – John Walker	Vice President – Rhett Porter
Secretary – Kathie Balogh	Treasurer – John Reynolds

Future national convention sites and dates

In an effort to secure convention sites and reduce costs, this the convention schedule:

March 26 – 29, 2020	Tucson, Arizona
August 26 - 29, 2020	Lincoln, Nebraska
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

The fall FMCA NW planning meeting was held in Kelso, WA. Tom and Jolene Selvidge and Al and Elaine Zimmerman represented NWTFC. Much of the discussion was focused on the 2020 FMCA NW Rally to be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg, Oregon. This is a new venue, so there were many details to discuss. The theme for the NW rally will be “Wine and Roses in Roseburg.” **NWTFC will staff the FMCA merchandise store at the Roseburg rally.**

Future NW Area dates

June 24 – 27, 2020	Roseburg, OR
June 24 – 27, 2021	Kelso, WA

Treasurer – Irva Cooper

Beginning Balance 1 Jan 2017	\$3,546		
Income		Expenses	
Member dues	\$802	Member dues refund	\$10
Rally reg. fees	\$1,857	Rally payments	\$578
Fundraising & gifts	\$491	Wagon Master sites	\$200
Member pins, etc.	\$4	FMCA program ad	
Other inc/adjustments	\$00	Misc. – bank charges	\$5
		Website exp.-Go Dad	\$144
		Other – historian, etc.	\$65
Total Income	\$3,154	Total Expenses	\$1,002
Total Expenses	\$1,002		
Ending Balance 12/31/2019	\$5,698		

* AED fund account balance is \$491

Webmaster
Mary Carlson

The NWTFC website continues to be a source that new and existing Trek owners find valuable. In addition to the links to Trek Tracks and the other Fun Clubs we also have all of the Trek Brochures on our website, some write-ups about the History of the Trek, some old ads for the Trek and other documents that Trek owners have sent to me over the years. I urge those of you who have not visited this page to do so: www.nwtfc.com, then click on the About the Trek menu item.

Those looking for information on Safari Treks find us through a variety of sources. In 2019 we received referrals from major search engines - 3304 referrals from Google, Bing, Yahoo and AOL. We also received 1,233 views originating from Trektrax.com, 592 from IRV2.com, 133 from Wikipedia and 70 from Facebook.

Following are the top pages visited:

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| 1. Trek Brochures | 4,180 views |
| 2. All Things Trek | 1,084 views |
| 3. Club Newsletters | 924 views |
| 4. Isuzu Trek Documents | 693 views |
| 5. Trek History | 692 views |
| 6. Isuzu Info Letters Index | 569 views |
| 7. Upcoming Rallies | 551 views |

We currently have 227 followers - up from 147 followers in 2018. These people receive an email each time I post something on the website, such as when a new member has joined, when a new rally is posted, when the newsletter is posted, etc. If you haven't signed up yet, the sign-up form is found on the Home page of the website.

Just a reminder - PayPal can now be used to pay dues by both our US and Canadian members. They can pay either by using their personal PayPal account or with a credit card. Just a note: the address format defaults to the USA format, so our Canadian members will need to change the address format to Canada so they can enter in their province. Go to the Member's Only tab on the website and click on Pay Dues With PayPal or Credit Card. Then just follow the directions.

If you have questions or need help, please send me an email at NWTFCwebmaster@gmail.com.

On a personal note, Harry and I sold our house in Henderson, Nevada and hope to buy a house in the Pacific Northwest sometime in the near future. We hope to see all of you sometime this summer!



It's OK – It's Just Me

A guy in a taxi wanted to speak to the driver so he leaned forward and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed in fright, jumped and yanked the steering wheel over. The car went over the curb, demolished a light pole and came to a stop inches from a shop window. The startled passenger said, "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to frighten you." The taxi driver said "It's OK. It's not your fault. You see, this is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for the past 25 years."

From irv2.com

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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.