



# TREK TRAVELS



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## President's Message

It is looking like another winter has come and gone. I hope. It does this to me every year.

The Daffodils and Crocus come up, we get some nice sunny days, and I think spring has arrived. But then the rains and gray come back for a while. We will see how it goes this year. The motor home is washed up and de-winterized, so I am not planning on anymore freezing weather. Optimistic????

Lynn and I have stayed close to home this winter. We are working on hosting a Rally at the Woodburn RV Park, in of all places, Woodburn Oregon. Anyone interested in co-hosting? The dates are established as Sept. 24 – Sept. 28. That is a Thursday arrival and a Monday departure for those that wish to travel on Monday instead of Sunday. The RV Park is just off the I-5 behind a large Outlet Mall. We are still working on an itinerary, but plan to include a trip to the Oregon Gardens in Silverton and Silver Falls State Park for those that are interested. I will have more information soon and will get that out to everyone. Save the dates.

Mary, our webmaster has posted a report on Quartzite 2020, to the website with great pictures. It seems the club was well represented and everyone really enjoyed the gathering. We have the club rally and the FMCA Northwest Rally coming up in June and the information is out to sign up for these Rallies. I have heard of lots of adventures and changes for club members

over the winter so it will be exciting to get together and catch up.

The Board has an on line meeting planned for the end of March to discuss security issues for the NWTFC and TT Website and the costs  
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## RALLY SCHEDULE

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

**2020**  
March 26 – 29 FMCA 101<sup>st</sup> Convention  
Tucson, AZ

June 20 – 23 Umpqua Pre-rally  
Hi-Way Haven RV Park  
Al & Elaine Zimmerman  
Tome & Jolyne Selvidge

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

Summer Rally – pick a time & place  
Perhaps someplace in Washington

September 24 – 28 Woodburn Rally  
Portland-Woodburn RV Park  
Mike & Lynn Ashbridge  
plus a co-wagon master

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

## President's Message - continued

associated with said security. We will discuss a dues increase to cover the costs to secure the website and also to make up for the costs to the club for the use of Pay Pal. Both of these items are very popular and a service to all of our members, so we will look at our finances to see how we are doing.

We could use another rally or two to fill out our summer?

Safe Travels,  
Mike Ashbridge, President

## FMCA SUMMER CONVENTION

Lincoln, Nebraska  
August 26 – 29, 2020

102<sup>nd</sup> International Convention and RV Expo will be at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. The facility has five interconnected buildings and lots of parking on 160 acres. Lincoln is a vibrant capital city with lots of places to explore.

- National Museum of Roller Skating
- Larsen Tractor Museum
- Arbor Lodge State Historical Park (JS Morton, founder of Arbor Day)
- Backswing Brewing Company (idea began on golf course)
- International Quilt Museum
- Nebraska History Museum
- Strategic Air Command Museum

There is lots to see and do along the way to the Midwest. Now is the time to start planning your next adventure.

### Fake Money

I hate it when cashiers check to see if my money is real. If I could make counterfeit money, I wouldn't be shopping at Dollar Tree!

## 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 with 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.com](http://www.fmca.com) 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](mailto:zimmeralz@gmail.com).



**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

## **UMPQUA 2020 RALLY**

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

### **Wagon Masters**

Al & Elaine Zimmerman  
Tom & Jolyne Selvidge

### **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).

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

20 sites reserved

**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 April 30, 2020.**

## Pilot

## Co-pilot

## Address

**City**                    **State**                    **Zip**                    **FMCA#**

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

**Volunteering to help staff EMCAC stores at NW Area Policy**      Yes      No      # Volunteers

## THE PLACES WE HAVE BEEN

### FMCA Western Area Rally – Indio – January 8 – 12

The Western Area FMCA Rally is held each year in Indio, California. The theme for this year's rally was "At the Hop!" 640 FMCA member rigs including trailers (12) and (628) motorhomes gathered at the Riverside County Fairgrounds. The head count included approximately 1,214 attendees with 114 seminars available. The entertainment included Neon Circus – Brooks and Dunn tribute, Comedian Dick Hardwick, and Alley Cats (an oldies singing group). As in the past the parade was colorful and fun to watch. A good time was had by all.

The 2021 Western FMCA Rally will be January 6 – 10, 2021 in Indio.

Tom Selvidge



## Quartzite – Boondocking in the Desert – January 16 - 20

The annual “No Host and No Cost Trek Gathering” was held in the Arizona Desert at Quartzite – and as usual the Northwest Trek Fun Club was well-represented.

The Quartzite gathering is a great time to catch up with old friends, make new friends, and learn something about your Trek – or just sit and enjoy the warmth.

This year the weather treated us really well – the days were pleasant with 100% sun and no bothersome wind. Counting the number of participating Treks was akin to counting a hill of ants, but at one point there were 54 Treks in the circle – 10 of which were the earliest Isuzu-based versions. In addition, five attendees arrived in some other brand of coaches. At least 30% of the attendees were first timers at the Quartzite rally.

Again this year the folks from the Safari International group were invited and joined in the Thursday happy hour and mini potluck welcome event. Ken and Billie Barker joined us – he is the president of Safari International. They have a 1993 Safari Ivory that is a beautiful coach that could easily be adopted as a Trek!



Photo by Tom Selvidge

Trek Talks were the agenda for Friday. The first order of business was to honor a couple who have so vividly defined the soul of the Trekker family. In recognition of their exemplary contribution to the Trek family, a trophy was presented to Super Trekkers Brad and Debra Teubner.

- Mary Carlson who talked about the ins and outs of good WIFI while on the road.
- Rodger Wright then provided an in-depth presentation on items related to safety covering everything from detectors to brake fluid.
- Big Al gave a brief overview on solar installations and the use of lithium batteries.
- Bret Medbury spoke about upgrading Trek lighting to LEDs. He then announced his retirement from this endeavor.



- Lee Buckley spoke briefly on the 6.5 diesel and the difficulties in diagnosing the electrical damage his rig suffered due to a lightning strike.

- Mitch passed on information on the Banks system products.
- Brad Teubner pointed out a flaw that many of the later electric awnings have and offered to repair the units at the rally.



That evening most of the Trekkers went to the wine and cheese social followed by the BBQ provided by Redlands Truck and RV near the “big tent.” A few took advantage of the bedlam at Silly Al’s Pizza in Quartzite.

Saturday morning brought the opening of the “Big Tent” (otherwise known as the Quartzite Sports, Vacation and RV Show). Many of the group spent the day relaxing and comparing Trek stories. Others (along with some from the Safari International group) headed off to the totally solar-powered Desert Bar, a truly unique desert experience. Saturday afternoon featured the annual potluck. All of the awesome food was prepared in the desert without the help of amenities and it is awesome.

Sunday morning Fran and Harry and an army of volunteers blessed the group with a wonderful breakfast. Thanks Fran and Harry. This was followed by the Quartzite Trekker flea market where many someone’s trash became someone else’s treasure. A great time was had and everyone was a winner.

Monday was a day of relaxing since nothing was scheduled. Most folks stayed, but some had other commitments so they broke the circle. After a few sad goodbyes, the rest of us had a relaxing day kibitzing, commiserating, comparing Trekker stories, and seeing what there was never enough time to do before.

Bret Medbury.



# What's on your Travel Bucket List?

Travel by motorhome is one of the most exciting and rewarding ways to explore the United States. Those of us who own a RV can cover great distances, live in our own home, and come face-to-face with the nation's treasures. Here are with some travel suggestions. Tour America and see what makes this great land so special.

## California

California offers a cornucopia of natural beauty, from towering redwood forests to dusty deserts to breathtaking seascapes and shorelines. You can use any location as your starting point. These are some of the attractions in California and worthy of a trip, even though the price of fuel is high and there are crowds in some areas.

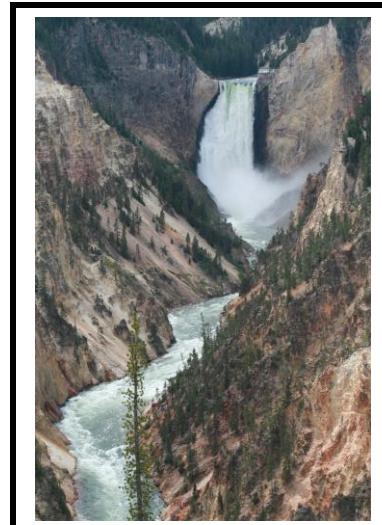
1. Redwoods in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Redwood National Park
2. CA Hwy 1 – cross over at Willits to Fort Bragg & Mendocino, Fort Ross, and Bodega Bay, Point Reyes.
3. Napa Valley, Sausalito, Santa Rosa – wineries, history, and more
4. Lassen National Park – volcano, lava, and mountain communities.
5. CA 1 – Monterey, Hearst Castle, Santa Barbara.
6. San Diego – Zoo, USS Midway, Coronado.
7. Anza-Borrego State Park
8. Lake Tahoe
9. Yosemite National Park
10. Death Valley
11. Joshua Tree National Park



## Rocky Mountains

The Rocky Mountains stretch over 3,000 miles from New Mexico to British Columbia and offer a life's worth of exploration opportunities. You could spend weeks at Yellowstone and Grant Teton alone. Here are just a few of the most interesting destinations.

1. Craters of the Moon Monument, Idaho
2. Snake River – Twin Falls, Hagerman, Black Foot Indians.
3. Grand Teton National Park, Wyo.
4. Yellowstone National Park, Mont.
5. Glacier National Park, Mont.
6. Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Mont.
7. Devil's Tower National Monument, Wyo.
8. Black Hills – Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial
9. Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo.
10. Colorado Springs – Air Force Academy, Pike's Peak, Garden of Gods
11. Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colo.
12. Taos, New Mexico – pueblo, Kit Carson.
13. Durango, Colorado – steam railroad trip, Mesa Verde
14. Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Colo.



## New England

An RV trip around New England offers a balanced blend of verdant forests, rocky seascapes, colonial history and gorgeous seaside towns.

1. Green Mountain National Forest, Vt.
2. White Mountains – Mt. Washington Cog Railway, fall colors
3. Acadia National Park, Maine
4. Finger Lakes, NY – Watkins Glenn, Cooperstown, Letchworth State Park.
5. Salem, Mass.
6. Boston, Mass – Freedom Trail, sites of the American Revolution.
7. Lexington and Concord, Mass.
8. Newport, RI. – Vanderbilt mansions.
9. Mystic Seaport, Conn.
10. Adirondack State Park, N.Y.



## I'm a Seenager (Senior teenager)

I'm a Seenager! I have everything I wanted as a teenager, only 65 years later!

I don't have to go to school or work!

I get an allowance every month!

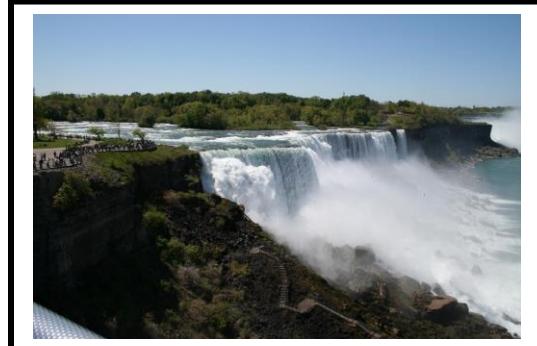
I have my own pad!

I don't have a curfew!

I have a driver's license and my own car!

The people I hang around with aren't scared of getting pregnant and they don't use drugs!

LIFE IS GREAT!



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questions or suggestions.

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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.