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# TREK TRAVELS



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## President's Message

I hope this finds everyone well and safe from the COVID 19 virus that has changed our lives so dramatically. Lynn and I were at the beach in March just before Oregon closed all the state parks. We have not been anywhere with the motorhome since. The restrictions are being lifted and more opportunities are available to travel. RVing is certainly an easy way to practice social distancing.

This is not so true at club rallies where we seek to socialize and share. For that reason, all of the club rallies were cancelled for 2020. I am looking forward to a time when we can all get together.

We had an Executive Board meeting recently to discuss some minor changes to the chapter's Standing Rules and issues concerning the website. (See the report on the meeting on page 4.)

We also discussed a couple of recent incidents where scam emails were sent to members. The emails indicated they were from members of the club asking for money in some form. These issues are faced by everyone using the internet, but we feel responsible as the mailing seemed to come from and are sent to members of our club. We are looking for solutions.

The club is in need of a person to take on the position of Rally Master. This position provides resources and encourages members to host rallies. We do not have anything planned for this year, but we looking at scheduling for next year!

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## RALLY SCHEDULE

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

### 2020

All rallies for 2020 have been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the rules for safeguarding groups issued by government offices.

Because many members of the NW Trek Fun Club are in vulnerable people categories, we are being especially cautious about chapter gatherings.

It is hoped that the situation in 2021 will allow us to gather in rallies for fun and fellowship consistent with health regulations.

### 2021

January 15 – 17 Trek Gathering at Quartzite

June 18 – 22 Pre-rally  
Site to be determined  
Al & Elaine Zimmerman

June 24 – 27 FMCA NW Area Rally  
Cowlitz County Fairgrounds  
Longview, WA

Summer / Fall Pick a time & place

NWTFC's goal  
is to have 3 – 4 rallies each year.

**Be a Wagon Master & share the fun!**

## President's Message - continued

If you think this is something you would be interested in doing, step right up! We need your help. Contact me with your interest.

September is the time to present candidates for club officers to take over in 2021. Positions up for election this year are Vice President, Treasurer, and Alternate National Director. The term of office is for two years. If you are considering running for one of these positions, please contact VP Dean Bjornson. The club needs your participation!

Looking forward to seeing you all down the road.  
Mike Ashbridge, President

## RALLY COORDINATOR NEEDED

A goal of NWTFC is to have 3 – 4 rallies a year – one of which may be the pre-rally to the FMCA NW Area Rally. For everyone's planning it is helpful to have an annual rally calendar established by March of each year.

The Rally Coordinator oversees rally schedules and provides guidance and support to wagon masters. He/she is to be ...

- Positive encourager
- Planner
- Recruiter
- Helper to wagon masters to find rally sites and provide hints for to successful rallies.

There are many helpful materials for rally planning and mentors to assist wagon masters.

Everyone appreciates the Rally Coordinator and his/her role in helping the NW Trek Fun Club have fun. This could be a great opportunity for you to help support the Trek club.

For a copy of the full job description, go the NWTFC website in the members section, about the club. If you are interested or have questions, send a note to Mike Ashbridge, president.  
[mikeashbridge@comcast.net](mailto:mikeashbridge@comcast.net).

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY

Information has been received about a California Safari rally.

**Twentynine Palms RV Resort**  
4949 Desert Knoll Ave.  
Twentynine Palms, Ca  
**January 11 – 14**  
Rally fee is \$300 / couple with RV  
Single with RV is \$225

Rally fee includes three night with full hookups, two catered breakfasts and two catered dinners. Wednesday night is community BBQ – bring your meat and side dish to share.

Planned activities:

- Night Sky Party at local observatory
- 4WD jeep run
- Card Bingo

If interested, contact Bob & Edie Carter soon.  
760-835-0198 [ec29palms@hotmail.com](mailto:ec29palms@hotmail.com)  
Carters are NWTFC members.

## A DIFFERENT CAMPING IDEA ARIZONA TRUST LANDS

Steve and Cheryl Crockett like to make use of their Trek boondocking capabilities. They have suggested trying Arizona Trust Lands as a potential camping location in the Southwest.

- Annual fee is \$20
- Limited to 14 days/year
- Must have State Land Department Recreational Permit ([apps@azland.gov](mailto:apps@azland.gov))

Arizona trust lands are scattered throughout the state, mostly in rural areas of the state. A large portion of Arizona's trust lands (nearly 2.3 million acres) are found in a checkerboard pattern with federal and private lands.

"Cheryl and I like to use the area around the Bouse Hills north of Quartzite). A significant herd of desert bighorn sheep calls this area home. Lots of birds, coyotes, deer, and foxes during the early and late hours. It is quiet and our Trek does well."

## COVID 19 & THE NW TREK COMMUNITY

Wonder how the pandemic is affecting your friends and fellow Trekkers? A very unscientific survey was conducted among Trek owners. Thanks to the following members for sharing: Edith Carter, Ed Block, Judy Gremmel, Steve Crockett, Lynda McKee, Tom Schramm, Al Zimmerman.

### How is your community different in the midst of the pandemic?

- We live on an island and we are basically by ourselves. We did have a couple cases from people who came from the mainland.
- Outside of wearing masks, everything is about the same.
- We feel safe where we are. Not many cases on Whidbey Island.
- Where we live there are not many cases. Because my husband is so compromised, we really don't want to catch it. We have been pretty holed-up.
- We have been staying home. Been to the grocery store about once every two weeks. Everybody has been wearing a mask and keeping their distance.

### How has the COVID crisis affected you personally?

- We are frustrated because we are not going places. We like to travel in the summer. We had hoped to see Grand Coulee and Mt. St. Helens this year.
- We are pretty much confined at home. Even our grandchildren wave through the window.
- It has not affected me personally a whole lot. It is an annoyance to wear the mask. Being retired I am able to work on my R/C airplanes a lot more.

### Have you made any trips/travels with your Trek since March?

- Went to Arizona from California and then up to Washington.
- Not traveled any place since March.
- Went around the block to circulate the oil.

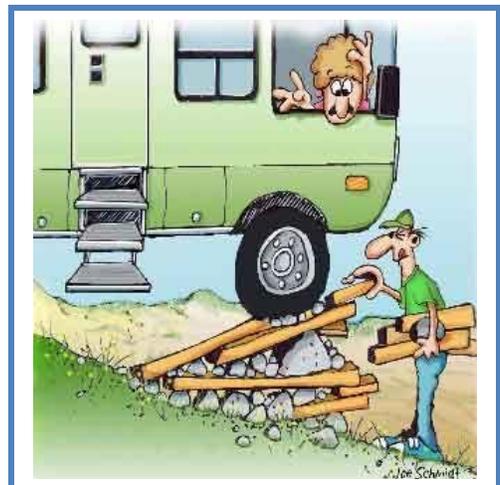
- Returned from Florida after pandemic hit. Got our method of shopping down on the way. Arrived home 3rd week in March.
- Did a volunteer project at a church camp. We were about the only ones at camp.
- We have made a couple trips. Once at a campground with people we knew. We don't feel we can socialize much, even in an outside environment. Running up and giving someone a hug is not something we do now.

### How you made any changes to your Trek during this period of less travel?

- We have a new toad – a Jeep Gladiator.
- Put in a new A/C compressor.
- Scheduled a window snake repair, and discovered that we needed a new radiator. Runs better and windows look good too.
- New set of tires.
- Traded our trek for a Lazy Daze Class C.
- Installed a new King Jack TV antenna.

### If campgrounds are open next summer, would you attend a rally?

- Yes – of course we would.
- Absolutely we would attend the next Trek rally.
- It depends on how it is handled. We hope that by next summer, things would be better. We love being on the road.
- Yes – we have missed hanging out with our Trek friends.
- Would consider attending a rally. It's like any other trip we plan. If health situation is OK, we would be up for it and looking for places.



**THINKING ABOUT A RALLY  
IN 2021 OR 2022?  
NOW IS THE TIME TO START  
PLANNING**

**Being a wagon master for a rally means you are in charge of the fun!** NWTFC provides planning materials, mentors, ideas, and wonderful people to assist. You get to decide where to go and the fun things to do during the rally. We try to have two couples work together – usually one of the couples is an experienced wagon master.

Here are some suggestions of past rally sites or places we would like to visit – these may be good places to consider for a rally.

- Diamond Lake, OR
- Redmond / Bend / Sisters, OR
- Anacortes / Mt. Vernon, WA (Tulip Festival)
- Grants Pass / Cave Junction, OR
- Leavenworth, WA
- Newport, OR
- Tillamook, OR
- Hood River, OR
- Coeur D'Alene, ID
- Westport, WA
- Burlington, WA
- Centralia, WA (Brazel's)
- Klamath, CA
- Port Townsend, WA
- Gold Beach, OR
- Prosser, WA
- Canyonville, OR (7 Feathers)
- Wallowa Lake, OR
- McMinnville, OR
- Bremerton, WA

*Be the captain of fun! Be a wagon master!*

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**WILL I LIVE TO AGE 85?**

I recently picked a new primary care physician. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age.

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, "Do you think I'll live to be 85?"

He asked, "Do you smoke tobacco or drink beer or wine?" "Oh no," I replied. "I'm not doing drugs, either."

Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?" I said, "No, my other Doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy."

"Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?" "No, I don't," I said.

He asked, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?" "No," I said. "I don't do any of those things."

He looked at me and said, "Then why do you want to live to 85."

**NWTFC EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEETING**

Executive Board met during the first week of August by means of an email exchange. Some of the actions taken included:

- NWTFC currently has 71 members.
- Revised the Standing Rules to make things simpler and easier to follow. A revised copy has been posted on the website under the "About the Cub" section.  
[https://www.nwtfc.com/members-only/standing\\_rules-2/](https://www.nwtfc.com/members-only/standing_rules-2/)
- Added a section on rally refunds to the Rally Guidelines.
- Planning for 2021 rallies and beyond – depending on the COVID 19 situation. We will plan for rallies, and then adjust the schedule if necessary.
- Discussed ways to improve communication involving the website, newsletter and other means.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE NATIONAL FMCA SCENE? Dues – Membership – Intrigue - Money

Report by Al Zimmerman, National Director, NW Trek Fun Club

In 2013 FMCA was facing a declining membership, though it was and **is the largest nonprofit association of RV owners that advocates for Rvers**. At one time FMCA had approximately 125,000 members. Membership is now about 78,000. Charlie Adcock and Jon Walker were elected as the A&W team as president and senior vice president. Their primary goal was to seek a way to increase membership. Eventually this evolved to include three different strategies: 1) FMCAssist medical evacuation program, 2) reach out to younger member prospects through social media – especially RVillage, and 3) open the FMCA membership to towable RVs.

In 2014 the FMCAssist program was brought to the Governing Board. Previously there had been a Medex medical evacuation program, but this was dropped when it became too expensive. The FMCAssist program was presented as a new member benefit that would lead to an increase in membership (and dues). In the meantime, the premiums were to be funded from invested funds (“savings account”).



At this 2014 meeting a significant minority said this was an operational expense that should be borne by current funds, not investments. Over a three-year period, there was a modest increase in membership. At the 2018 convention it was reported that FMCA had lost some \$3 million and FMCAssist was really an operational expense. A poll of Governing Board members indicated that about 80 – 90% of members wanted to keep FMCAssist. So now the premiums come from current dollars, and the dues were raised to reflect this. The dues increase of \$25 was to ensure the cost of premiums was covered, even with a percentage of members having memberships that continue over a number of years.

The appeal of FMCAssist has always been to retirees who travel and face the prospect of a health crisis (heart attack, injury, etc.) and need to be transported to appropriate medical care and have their RV transported/driven to their primary residence. FMCAssist has less appeal to those under age 65 who think they are invincible and do not think anything will happen to them. It also has less appeal to those who seldom travel more than 100 miles from their home.



In 2016 Jon Walker and Rett Porter were elected as president and senior vice president as the “WPA Team.” However, since that time Walker and Porter are not working closely together.

In 2016 it was decided to open the FMCA membership to towable RV owners. It was decided to retain the organization title as “FMCA” as an operating “name” similar to AT&T and other commercial companies.

In June of 2020 president Jon Walker reported to the Executive Board, and then to the Governing Board, that FMCA had lost 3,718 members since the dues increase. This loss in membership was all attributed to the dues increase (according to Jon Walker). He now says FMCA can no longer afford

FMCAssist. FMCA is losing members and having financial trouble because of this expensive program that was once the panacea for all of FMCA's problems.

President Walker called for three items to be considered and passed by the Executive Board:

1. Eliminate the FMCAssist program and save the \$900,000 in premium expense.
2. Roll the membership dues back to \$50 – the same as it was before the dues increase was instituted to cover the FMCAssist premiums.
3. Those who have paid the increased dues amount were to have their membership extended.

The Executive Board rejected these recommendations. A contrasting report was issued by all 10 area vice presidents, plus Kathie Balogh (national secretary) and Rett Porter (senior vice president).

It has been noted that if someone is truly desirous of being a member of FMCA, \$2 a month (or 7 cents per day) is not going to be the breaking point.

Many of the Executive Board members felt that following this path is a bad move. Eliminating FMCAssist and dropping the dues could resolve the short-term concern of providing a balanced budget, but next year we could be back with the same situation because we have not stopped the losses that have caused the deficit spending for many years. It was felt there was a need to address these problems now and make the tough decisions to bring FMCA back to a solid financial foundation. This group saw a need to look at the magazine, conventions, and administrative costs to determine where we can save on expenses.

The board feels that FMCA must seriously consider the budgets for income as well as expenses. If the income is not present to sustain the current programs, then changes must be made.

One board member noted: "We know that FMCAssist is a very valuable member benefit. We don't know what will happen to our membership if we discontinue FMCAssist. We increased the dues to cover the cost of FMCAssist. We anticipated the loss of members, and the revenue from the increased dues has offset the losses of membership."

On August 6<sup>th</sup> a Zoom meeting was held by the FMCA Executive Board and Governing Board members (national directors) were invited to listen to the meeting. It was expected to be a long meeting to work through the budget based upon the budget recommended by the finance committee.

However, the Executive Board decided not to adopt this budget. Rather, the board decided to return to the budget that was adopted that had a deficit of approximately \$214,000. The intent was to work to bring this budget into balance and utilize new figures being received concerning the cost of FMCAssist as a member benefit. Because this was not on the agenda, a new meeting was required.



**[Since it is not known when this next meeting will be scheduled, the newsletter will not be delayed further. Watch for the next issue of the Trek Travels newsletter for the conclusion.]**

**STAY TUNED**

**THERE IS MORE  
TO COME**

# Hidden Gems in Southern Oregon

Al Zimmerman

I was scheduled to give a workshop for the NW Area Rally in Roseburg in June. Since the rally was cancelled, you might as well get the benefit of the workshop. The presentation was designed to provide some tips on some known and little-known places to visit and experience in southern Oregon. There is more, but this will get your mind in gear to plan your next motorhome trip when you can travel.

Southern Oregon is generally defined as Lane County and south (from my perspective). On the coast it is Florence south in Douglas, Coos, and Curry Counties. It is east as far as Crater Lake, but not as far east as Klamath Falls.

The main routes between the Willamette Valley and the coast are: OR 126 from Eugene to Florence, OR 38 from I-5 and Drain to Reedsport, OR 42 from Winston/Roseburg through Myrtle Point, and the most southern route that goes down into California from Grants Pass through Cave Junction and north to Brookings via US 199.

There are some other less-traveled routes: **(Doable by most motorhomes, but use caution. May include some travel on gravel roads.)**

- Smith River road from Gardiner to east of Drain where it intersects with highway 38. Paved all the way. Waterfalls, campgrounds, etc.
- Coos Bay Wagon Road - many waterfalls and follows the east fork of the Coquille River.
- Journey through Eden Valley through Powers on USFS road 33. This route follows the south fork of the Coquille River. **Steep hill to flat heading to valley.**
- Powers to Agness and down the Rogue River to Gold Beach

## Florence to Reedsport

**Darlingtonia State Natural Area** – a small state park focused on the Cobra Lily, a carnivorous plant. The park has a nice boardwalk trail leading to the plants. The park is free and located 5 miles north of Florence off US 101.

**Old bayfront on the Siuslaw River** – seafood, sand, shops, boats, and good eating. Old Town Florence has a fishing village and port for over 150 years and retains much of its charm today.

## **Sand dunes with fun for everyone**

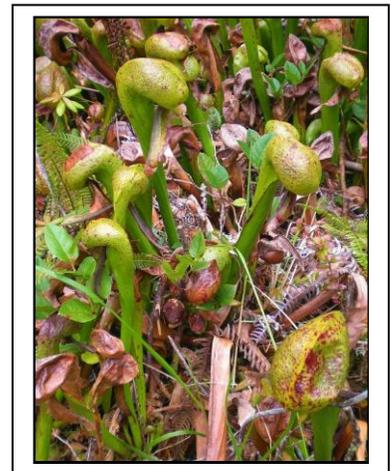
From Florence to Coos Bay the one thing that characterizes the coast is sand – and lots of it.

## Coos Bay Area

### **Sunset Bay and Shore Acres**

Perched on rugged sandstone cliffs high above the ocean, Shore Acres State Park is an exciting and unexpected combination of beautiful natural and constructed features. Once the grand estate of pioneer timber baron Louis Simpson, Shore Acres features lushly planted gardens with plants and flowers from all over the world. Something is in bloom almost every day of the year.

**Golden & Silver Falls** – two waterfalls that plunge over sheer rock cliffs to moss-covered boulders over 100 feet below. Well worth the 24-mile drive from US 101 through Allegany.



**Cranberry Sweets** – wonderful candies – all made right inside the factory/store and samples galore. The main “factory store” is in Empire on the Cape Arago Highway (Newmark Street). There is also a store in Old Town Bandon.

Bandon – Port Orford

**Old Town Bandon** – once a lumber shipping port and once burned by the fire of 1936, the waterfront is now a bustling tourist district known as Old Town.

**Face Rock and the beaches**

Bandon by the Sea is known for the beaches that stretch south from the mouth of the Coquille River. These beaches include some of the most spectacular rock formations along the coast. If you visit the area, look for Table Rock, Garden of the Gods, Elephant Rock, and Cat and Kittens Rock.



The most famous rock formation is Face Rock. Local legend says that Face Rock is the face of an Indian maiden that was frozen into stone by an evil spirit. Some say they hear a maiden's voice on the wind, and standing on the cliff overlooking the ocean you can easily pick out the face on Face Rock. There is a well-kept trail to the beach, and several rocky intertidal areas to explore at low tide. Legend also says that Cat and Kittens Rock had been her animals who were thrown into the sea and turned to stone by the same evil spirit.

**Face Rock Creamery** - founded in May 2013, Face Rock Creamery has been gaining national acclaim and followers with its wonderful handmade cheeses. Specialty cheese are a hallmark of Face Rock: Vampire Slayer (garlic flavored), Extra-aged Cheddar, Cranberry Walnut Cheddar, and Peppercorn Harvest are just some of the special cheeses produced. And everyone likes squeaky cheese (cheese curds).

**Cape Blanco** - Located at Oregon’s westernmost tip, and perched over the Pacific Ocean, Cape Blanco State Park features a 19th-century lighthouse and an early Irish settler's home. Cape Blanco Lighthouse was built in 1870, it is the oldest standing lighthouse on the Oregon coast.

**Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum** – the museum is open April 1-October 31 - Wednesday-Monday, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. (Closed during pandemic)

**Battle Rock** – named for the historic battle that took place at Battle Rock where the Qua-to-mah Native Americans fought Capt. William Tichenor's men in 1851.

**Port of Port Orford** – one of only two "dolly docks" in the U.S. – and only six in the world - where gigantic hoists lift the vessels in and out of the water each day. The harbor area is too shallow for safe mooring, and when not on the ocean, the boats are parked in rows on the dock, cradled in custom-made trailers that are easily pulled around by pickup trucks.



**Crazy Norwegian Fish & Chips** – several years ago there was a crazy Norwegian who opened a fish and chips restaurant in an old gas station. Then he sold the business to his assistant.

**Humbug Mountain** – at 1,756 feet, this is one of Oregon’s highest headlands.

**Prehistoric Gardens** – this temperate rainforest attraction (80-100 inches of rain per year) is complete with life-sized re-creations of dinosaurs from long ago. E.V. “Ernie” Nelson – artist, sculptor,

entrepreneur, and dinosaur enthusiast opened his Prehistoric Gardens on January 1st 1955. He would go on to construct 23 dinosaurs in total over the next 30 years.

### Gold Beach – Brookings



**Jet boats on the Rogue** - probably the best way to experience one of the most beautiful and scenic wild rivers in the country. Jerry's Jet Boats is the premier Rogue River jet boat trip and the only commercial Rogue River jet boat trip operating in the 'Wild' section of the Rogue River. This is also Oregon's only Mail Boat tour.

**The "new highway 101" & Samuel Boardman State Park** – the stretch of US 101 between Gold Beach and Brookings to the south is considered one of the most scenic drives in the state, and named by National Geographic as one of the most beautiful drives in the world.

### Eugene – Grants Pass

**McKenzie River – OR hwy 126** - truly one of the most beautiful and easy-to-enjoy rivers in the world. The partially spring-fed river originates high in the volcanic Cascade Mountains at Collier Glacier in the remote Three Sisters Wilderness.

**Waldo Lake** - the second-largest natural lake in Oregon, covering 10 square miles, and it's absolutely breathtaking. With an average depth of 128 feet, and a maximum depth of 420 feet, Waldo is the second-deepest lake in the state, right after Crater Lake. Waldo Lake can be reached off of OR hwy 58 – Willamette Pass.

**Marial – Rogue River Outpost** – about the only place where you can drive into the remote Rogue River Canyon. Marial is an unincorporated community and the site of a former post office in Curry County, Oregon. Located along the Rogue River, the area was home to Takelma Indians, then to white and Karok settlers, before becoming part of a designated wilderness.

**Umpqua River waterfalls / OR hwy 138** - drive the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway, more commonly known as the "highway of waterfalls." About 18 miles east of Roseburg the North Umpqua River crashes into the Little River at Colliding Rivers, one of the few places in the world where two rivers meet head-on. After traveling beside the Umpqua River, you arrive at sparkling Diamond Lake, a year-round playground at the base of Mt. Thielsen.

**Wolf Creek** – this historic inn, built in 1883, stands in a valley nestled among the green, forested hills of southern Oregon. The inn is situated on three picturesque acres that are managed by Oregon State Parks as a State Heritage Site. Wolf Creek Tavern serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch.

### Grants Pass south on US 199

**Cave Junction / Taylor's Sausage Company** - fifth generation sausage makers selling over 100 varieties of homemade gourmet items in the deli and restaurant as well as wholesale throughout the West Coast of the USA and Canada. Family owned and operated. Taylor's is not just sausage – it is also many flavors of jerky, stuffed chicken breasts, lunch meats, and more. It is definitely a place to stop to fill your freezer with good eating.

**Oregon Caves** – the Oregon Caves National Monument features a marble cavern system decorated with natural mineral sculptures including helictites, draperies, and soda straws. Eons of acidic water seeping into marble rock created and decorated the wondrous "Marble Halls of Oregon." Although the caves are only accessible spring through fall, the monument is open year-round and includes several trails through the old-growth forest.

The Chateau is a wonderful step back in time with overnight accommodations and great food. Unfortunately, the Chateau is closed for renovation at the time of publication.

#### Grants Pass – Ashland

**Oregon Vortex** – this is a glimpse of a strange world where the improbable is the commonplace and everyday physical facts are reversed. It is an area of naturally occurring visual and perceptual phenomena, which can be captured on film. Located in Gold Hill.

**Rogue Creamery / Lillie Belle Farms Fine Chocolates** – handcrafted blue cheese, cheddar cheese, and TouVelle. Right next door is Lillie Belle Farms Fine Chocolates – a world of gourmet chocolates made in the grand traditions.

**Harry and David** – since 1934, Harry & David has grown to become America’s premier choice for gourmet gifts. From handpicked fresh fruit to hand-packed gift baskets filled with delicious treats, the company is committed to providing premium quality and excellence in every way.

**Jacksonville** – one of the oldest communities in Oregon that began with the discovery of gold in 1851. The railroad passed the town by for a more expedient and less costly route, which laid the groundwork for Jacksonville’s demise as the county seat and economic engine. The town was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1962 in recognition of being an intact example of a late 1800’s Western Gold-boom town.

**Rogue River Underground / Rogue River Gorge** - the Natural Bridge on the Rogue River is a geologic phenomenon, formed as part of the tectonic forces that gave form to the state of Oregon, beginning about 100 million years ago. At the Natural Bridge, the Rogue River disappears underground into a 250-foot lava tube. All of the water, slowly but surely, reappears at the surface further down the river. It is an easy walk from the parking area to great views of the gorge.



Nearby is the Union Creek Resort that harkens back to a simpler era. Across the highway from the Union Creek Resort is Beckie’s. Serving travelers since 1926, Beckie’s Café is famous for delicious, home-style food, great service, an awesome location just minutes from Crater Lake National Park. Beckie’s pies are made fresh daily.

**Crater Lake** –the park encompasses the caldera of Crater Lake, a remnant of a destroyed volcano, Mount Mazama, and the surrounding hills and forests. The lake is 1,949 feet (594 m) deep at its deepest point,[4] which makes it the deepest lake in the United States, the second-deepest in North America and the ninth-deepest in the world. The water’s intense blue color is an indication of its great depth and purity.

Crater Lake Lodge was built to encourage tourism to Crater Lake National Park and southwestern Oregon. It opened to guests during the summer of 1915. Its clientele has included people from all over the world.

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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.