



September 2023 Newsletter



Upcoming Dates/Events

September 7th – 14th

Chapter Rally

Casey's Riverside RV Park

46443 Westfir Rd, Westfir, OR 97492

September 19th – 21st

FMCA NWA Planning Meeting

Linn Co. Fair & Expo Center (Albany, OR)

**** For 2024 Int'l Convention (Redmond, OR) ****

October 2nd – 9th

Chapter Rally

Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort

67667 US-20, Bend, OR 97703



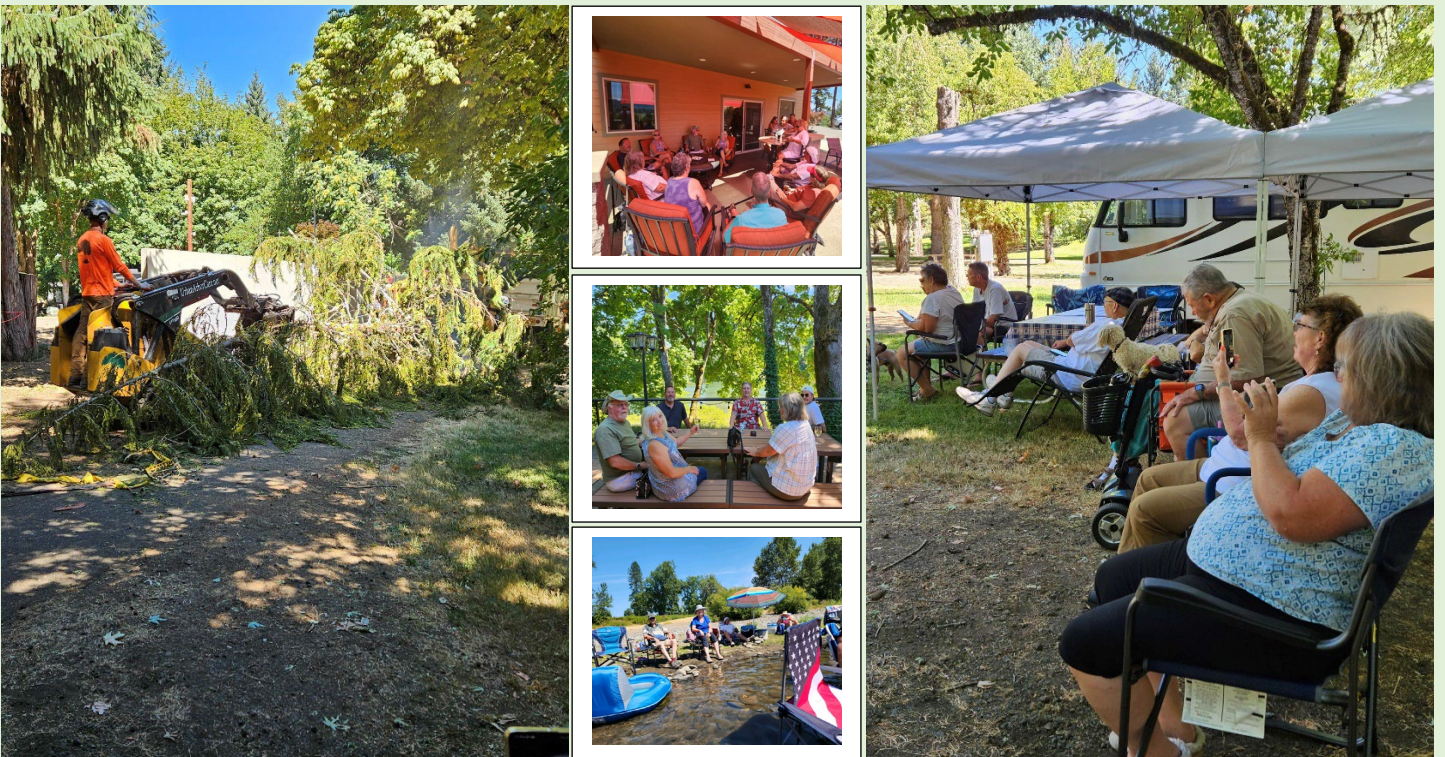
Hello Roamers,

With 2/3 of the year now behind us, we're coming into a great period... late summer! Warm days, cooler nights, and of course, the beginning of football season! We've had continued wildfire activity around the entire Pacific Northwest over the past month or so, but yesterday's rain had to be a big help to firefighters. It rained nearly 12 solid hours here in the mid-Valley, from 8am – 8pm last night. Hopefully, some of that moisture made it across the Cascades to Central Oregon where it is desperately needed as well. For our Sep rally, I've been keeping an eye on the AQI for Oakridge/Westfir and it seems to go up and down depending on wind shift. Fingers crossed for clean air during our upcoming week at Casey's 🍷

Once again, a good time was had during our most recent chapter rally at Twin Rivers Vacation Park. There were a few SNAFUs in getting set up on check-in day, but we worked through them, and things settled down after that. Poor Jan had to move sites twice to finally get one with working shore power, and somehow, Brian and Mary succeeded in earning the wrath of the park manager – more than once! Of the many highlights, several of us walked to Discovery Garden – a botanical garden across the street from the RV park (see pg. 1 photo). The place was amazing, but we're still trying to figure out how Greg snuck in for a photo op with all the pretty ladies... 😊 Other highpoints included spending time (next door) at River Forks Park, where some of us floated on tubes in the river or sat in camp chairs in the water, while others simply relaxed along the riverbank reading a book or consuming beverages, in between pauses to apply SPF-50! Another major highlight was the wine tasting trips. It helped greatly that two quality wineries were located within a mile or less of Twin Rivers! A few of us also went to the Douglas Co. Fair one evening and attended a rock concert. Whatever the pleasure, it was certainly time well spent!



Back at camp, there were plenty of games and activities to enjoy as well, while still allowing ample time to relax and just visit. Once again, Jerry entertained us with “Where’s George” bingo, and several folks partook in card and dice games. A scheduled removal of a huge cedar tree near our group of sites provided some unexpected entertainment for much of a day during midweek. Folks sat out in their camp chairs watching the removal team perform their magic in falling and disposing of the large beast. Only thing missing at the show was the popcorn and Milk Duds! Several coaches pulled out a morning early due to the 110° F forecast for our last day, but over the first six nights we had 9 coaches in attendance.



Other items of interest from the August rally:

- We all learned some new vocabulary on this outing... Thank you, Bill DeWolf, for introducing us to "Do-Dah-Day!" 😊
- Thanks to many generous beverage container contributions, the Davis retirement fund grew significantly following the rally. A recent haul to the local Bottle Drop facility yielded almost \$24.00!
- Kevin Wesley's sister, Shane, was traveling with them during this rally. It was great getting to know her and have her join in for our various activities.
- Likewise, Mary Benz' brother-in-law, Gary, traveled with them to Twin Rivers. We enjoyed Gary's company and getting to know him as well. I think he should come along more often, as he was a major contributor to my fund... 🙌

Member Update

We currently have two chapter members who are dealing with health injuries. Robert Brown recently took a spill and fractured the humerus bone in his arm, while also cracking some ribs during the fall. As of last week's update, he was still waiting to see a specialist to find out if his arm will require surgery or if they'll recommend the splint route. Also, Susan Guillory experienced a recent fall and fractured her right arm during an excursion to Ape Cave (near Mount St. Helens) with her grandkids. It sounds like the doctors have gone with a splint/plaster cast for now, but she may need orthopedic surgery sometime soon. Please keep Robert and Susan in your daily thoughts and prayers as they heal... 🙏

Upcoming Rally Hosts

Mattioda coach will be hosting our upcoming rally at **Casey's Riverside RV Park**, 7-14 Sep, which is located approx. 35 mi SE of Eugene, just off Hwy 58 in Westfir. Anne has sent out the host schedule (twice) to the parties who are attending, but please have a another look at it and send her any questions you might have. Also, don't forget the "Ladies Red Hat" Tea get-together on Monday, 9/11, for those interested. Benz coach has volunteered to host our final rally of the season at **Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort** (2-9 Oct), directly adjacent to the Sisters Rodeo grounds.

Annual Chapter Business Meeting

- We'll hold our annual/required chapter business meeting at Casey's, as that rally is projected to have the highest participation of the year. Hence, we shouldn't have any problem attaining a required quorum. Anne has it penciled in on the rally schedule for Sun, the 10th, directly following brunch and cleanup at the clubhouse
- Copies of a basic agenda will be provided for the meeting
- Try to think of any topics you may want to bring up and address
- Voting: Opportunity to nominate and vote on individuals for Executive Board officer positions

FMCA's 107th International Convention (Gillette, WY, 23-26 August 2023)

As mentioned in the email forwarded to everyone back on Monday of this week from NWA President, Dennis Martin, last week's elections in Gillette are now determined, and we have a new Board of Directors in place at FMCA. While 3 of the 4 position winners were not voted for by Rim Rock Roamers, the results "are what they are," and we're hopeful this Executive Board can work together to help bring FMCA back to the high membership level it once held, 5-10 years ago. You may have also received an email from (incoming) President, Gary Milner, about a week ago, with an update on the Governing Board results for the national officer election. Let me know if you have any questions about the election.

FMCA will host its 109th International Convention & RV Expo in Redmond, Aug 14-17, 2024, at Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

- We should learn more specifics at the **19-21 Sep NWA Planning Meeting in Albany** – Stay tuned!
- RRR should anticipate a fairly significant logistical role as we are basically the "hometown" chapter.
- Our 4-nt pre-rally will be at Crook Co. RV Park (Prineville), 9-12 Aug, checking out on 8/13. Susan originally blocked 14 sites, however, the deadline for reserving a space in your own name was nearly two months ago, back on July 11th. If you missed out on a reservation, it still wouldn't hurt to contact the park for availability.

Bits & Pieces

- Bring your t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps, etc., with you to Casey's, that you'd like to have embroidered with the RRR logo. Anne has offered to collect our items and drop them off at **Our Personal Touch** in Redmond for embroidery. She would plan to pick up the items and return them to us during the Bend/Sisters Garden rally.
- Also, for the Sep Rally, **three** couples who are guests of Rollie and Ruth will be visiting us to see if they'd like to join the chapter.
 - Ron and Linda Clark, Space #76 (10-13 Sep)
 - Roland and Martha Crop, Space #74 (10-13 Sep)
 - Dave Schuck and Janice Warden (7-13 Sep)

Recipes

Caramel Apple Dump Cake

(Courtesy – Jan Rydman)

- 1 (20 oz can of apple pie filling
 - ½ cup chopped pecans or whichever nuts you like, plus more for serving
 - ½ cup of jarred caramel ice cream topping
 - 1 (15.25 oz) box spice cake mix – not made, just dry cake mix
 - 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted cubed butter
 - Vanilla ice cream for serving
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- Grease crockpot with cooking spray
 - Dump in apple pie filling and spread with a spatula to evenly cover bottom of crockpot
 - Top filling with pecans (nuts) and then the caramel
 - Pour in cake mix and use your hands to spread it out evenly and gently press it down
 - Top with cubed butter



Cover and cook on **low** 4-6 hours (5 hours was perfect), or until cake is cooled to your liking. Start the timer. Scoop and serve with ice cream. Sprinkle with extra nuts and drizzle with extra caramel.

"The recipe didn't say what size crockpot to use, or I didn't see it. Mine as a 2-qt crockpot. If someone wanted to make this dessert using a larger crockpot, I think you'd need to double the amounts listed in the above directions and adjust the cooking time."

- Jan

Safety Corner: How to Survive an RV Tire Blowout

Step-by-step instruction found in web link below:

<https://rvlifestyle.com/rv-tire-blowout/>

Best photo of the entire August rally!



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Membership Chair: Jan Rydman will retain this position for 2023. This is an appointed position.