

Oregon River Ramblers  
Remote Outpost RV Park  
August 13-17, 2025  
Hosts: Burkes and Greenwells

Twelve rigs were signed up for this rally, but the day before they were to head out, Lyle and Linda Palmer had a major problem with the slide on their motor home. Instead of cancelling, they went above and beyond and rented one of the park's cabins. The park was fully booked for the weekend, so they were only able to stay Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Since they had promised chili dogs for Wednesday night as well as lots of eggs and bacon, we are very grateful that they managed to come! With their son David with them as well as Bogie and Mickey, they ended up pulling a utility trailer for all their "stuff."

By Tuesday more than half the group was situated: Keith and Cathy Bender, Bob and Kathy Davis, Mike and Glendora Dillon, Elmer Ogborn and Sue Akre, Jim and Nancy Ogborn, the Palmers, Ed Stutz, and Jerry Yoder and Karen Purvis. The rest of us arrived on Wednesday: Dick and Janice Burke, George and Sally Doersch, Gary and Kathy Greenwell, and Robin and Lavonne Hamilton.

I was so impressed with the roll-up glass garage doors and sliding man-doors at the ends of the pavilion, thinking they were brand new. But a review of my write-up from 2023 indicates they were already there then. Guess I've had another senior moment! Rob and Edy maintain a beautiful park with constant improvements.

The Tuesday group had a potluck dinner that included delicious chicken breasts cooked by Bob Davis.

That evening Sue Akre reached for the hand grip getting into the RV, missed, and fell all the way backwards down the steps, hitting her head on the ground. I understand Keith drove her and Elmer to Roseburg to the emergency room at Mercy to be checked out, and they got back late that night. Such an absolutely scary thing to happen, and we thank God it wasn't worse.

Tuesday was hot, and Wednesday was just a little better. Thursday was quite nice, Friday was cloudy but very muggy, and Saturday was actually chilly. The only rain was one night.

We enjoyed the chili dogs provided by the Palmers for Wednesday's dinner along with potluck dishes by the participants. Kathy G. brought out those delicious fruity sorbets from Costco for dessert.

I'm not going into all the detail this time, but we had fine breakfasts and dinners. The "guys" wanted a real breakfast on Thursday and made it happen, with Ed cooking omelets to order. On Friday the Benders cooked us pancakes. We had eggs galore and plenty to eat, complimented by fruit and juice each day. I heard that George was so impressed with Keith's fancy grill (which was used for several meals) that he's going to get one himself. Ed was very accommodating with his grill as well, cooking lots of our breakfast food and the Saturday night hamburgers. Bob Davis had his out as well for meat and breakfasts. I am so grateful to the guys who do this for us!

After breakfast on Thursday the ladies had a short craft session where we chose a wine bottle or two and inserted lights into them. The new lights have fake corks on the top with a little switch, and for something so simple, they looked beautiful.

That afternoon we had our senior games since the Palmers wouldn't be there by Friday. We had almost full participation, which is great to see. Lyle came in first, followed by Elmer, and Kathy Davis scored the lowest. Each of them received a Walmart gift card prize.

Thursday's spaghetti dinner was delicious with meat sauce prepared by George. A handful of us ladies played some Five Crowns after dinner.

One of the dessert highlights was Friday when the Ogborn parties shared root beer floats for all. Lavonne Hamilton's "chocolate lasagna" was another big hit.

We did manage to have one "around the circle" discussion of folks' favorite things about their RV's and favorite places to camp with some taking notes on ideas.

On Saturday morning we finally had a short puzzle competition with little 100-piece puzzles from the Dollar Store. There were ten participants; Kathy Greenwell came in first at 27 minutes, and Nancy Ogborn was second. I think all agreed it was a fun little exercise for the brain.

Keith Bender loves to make us special things with his 3-D printer, and we all received handy green keychains that said "ORR Remote 2025." Thank you, Keith!

Friday's card bingo \$16 pot was won by Mike Dillon, and Bob Davis raked in \$54 from Left/Right/Center on Saturday.

George's and Kathy Bender's birthdays were on Sunday, and Sally and George provided a German chocolate cake on Saturday to celebrate.

Kathy B. once again sold 50/50 tickets, and Sue won \$47. Our treasurer, Kathy G., announced she will donate the club's half to the local Roseburg food pantry as she did last month (including her own winnings last month), and we might vote on that next time around.

Some of us REALLY like to play Five Crowns or Skip-Bo at our rallies, and we fit in as many sessions as we could here and there with up to six players.

My thanks go to Kathy Greenwell for doing the major planning for meals, which is never going to be my "thing." Thanks also to everyone who brought food, helped out, and participated. Clearly this is one of our favorite parks, and it was a very enjoyable rally.

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