OREGON RIVER RAMBLERS
CASEY'S RV RESORT
September 9-13, 2026

Attending were Emory and Gail Ball, Keith and Cathy Bender, Dick and Janice Burke, Duane and Betty Corke, Mike and Glendora Dillon, Robin and Lavonne Hamilton, Ron and Cindy Hoff, Elmer Ogborn and Sue Akre, Lyle and Linda Palmer, and Richard Torres and Faye Carter. Sue and Elmer came in on Monday (in the driving rain and with a faulty windshield wiper), most of the rest arrived on Wednesday, and the Balls came in on Thursday. The Benders and Dillons were staying until the following week.

We missed George and Sally Doersch and Jim and Nancy Ogborn, who had to cancel due to health issues. We were really happy to see the Palmers, whose son David is still hospitalized with brain-related issues; his short-term memory is non-existent at this time, but he said to say hi to everyone!

When we realized we had no host for this rally, I put out an email asking for input, and the responses were fantastic. This rally could not have come off any better! Right away the Palmers offered to fix chili dogs on Thursday evening, and our brand-new members the Corkes offered to cook a whole breakfast, which they did on Friday. The Benders immediately offered to do pancakes and bacon (Thursday) as well as pork ribs, baked beans and coleslaw on Saturday. The Balls offered to provide hamburgers which we had Friday as well as sausage biscuits for one morning. Glendora brought a breakfast casserole. The rest of us filled in with lots of desserts, some side dishes, fruit and juices. Sue and Elmer, with the help of Elmer's chickens, scrambled eggs to go with the pancakes, and they also provided a generous variety of pastries and yogurt for Sunday morning. Desserts included Costco's pumpkin cheesecake (Burke), ice cream sundaes (Hoffs), wonderful chewy brownies (Hamilton), blackberry cobbler and ice cream (Akre), chocolate and lemon pies (Torres), and pumpkin pie (Corke).

On Wednesday, 15 of us went to Oakridge and had dinner at Mazatlan Mexican restaurant, followed by dessert back at the pavilion. We only had use of the pavilion, and we pretty much filled up that long counter for every meal. The weather was warm the first day and got increasingly cool until it rained on Saturday afternoon through Sunday.

Keith's pork ribs deserve special recognition; he had FOUR varieties of seasonings and sauces, all clearly labeled, and they were tender and delicious. The Corkes did hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs and tortillas. They also set up a four-slice toaster along with bread and English muffins, and I doubt anyone could have predicted what a hit that would be!

On pancake day, we had a miscommunication and weren't sure where the syrup was (Cindy had it and went back for it, but Ron and I misunderstood and waved her back). We put the word out asking if anyone had syrup, and you wouldn't believe the selection that showed up!

Keith had been busy with his 3-D printer and brought out an "ORR puzzle challenge" on Friday that proved a little too difficult for all of us. It was several layers of a pyramid, ALL in white, with pieces that were a little tough to distinguish, although several of us gave it a good shot.

On Saturday afternoon the pavilion was busy--some of the group was watching the Ducks game while Glendora, Lavonne and I played card games and Cathy, Gail, Betty and Cindy talked quilting at the other end of the pavilion. We even got the park to turn on the propane heater for us. We had brought ladder golf and the Balls had their axe board, but we ended up not using them. Emory did set up a putting green he'd recently won at a tournament, and that was fun. Hopefully he'll bring it again and get more takers.

We cancelled card bingo because we feared the cards would blow away, but we did manage a rousing game of Left/Center/Right on Friday evening, with Elmer winning the $48 pot. Linda sold 50/50 tickets; Lavonne won the $38 pot and the other half will go to the club's coffers. We did not have a rally fee for this one, which partially made up for all the money folks spent putting meals together.

We're grateful to the Balls for bringing the club's tote. I had the coffee pot and took it out and put it away each day; that worked fine, too. The carafe has broken twice, so we just use pods.

We learned that the park has been sold and that long-time manager (and one of the three previous owners) Andre is no longer with the park. Wagonmaster Keith is working diligently on next year's schedule, and we are assured we WILL use the clubhouse next time around!

Many thanks to Lavonne Hamilton for taking pictures; now let's see if I can share some here!

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