OREGON RIVER RAMBLERS
FLORENCE ELKS (JUDD HUNTINGTON) RV PARK
July 16-19, 2026

Attending this rally were Emory and Gail Ball, Keith and Cathy Bender (co-hosts), Jerry and Jackie Brooks, Dick and Janice Burke (hosts), Bob and Kathy Davis, Gary and Kathy Greenwell, Elmer Ogborn and Sue Akre, Ed Stutz and Richard Torres and Faye Carter. Everyone arrived on Thursday. We were sorry that Jim and Nancy Ogborn and George and Sally Doersch had to cancel because of health issues. We were welcomed at the park by camp hosts Hayden and Michelle, who were wonderful to deal with the entire weekend. We had full use of the very nice clubhouse for the entire rally. (We paid for two days, but they let us fudge and include another morning as well.) The weather was perfect the entire time—comfortably sunny with very little wind. We spent quite a bit of time gathered in front of the Davises' rig for visiting.

The group decided they would forego a Chinese dinner the first night, and instead we went to the International C-Food Market on the bayfront in Florence for seafood.

Gail and Emory had graciously volunteered to cook the eggs and sausage for our Friday morning breakfast burritos, and she prepared ahead of time. She had a full container of cooked sausage ready to go on the grill with Ed's potatoes. She had also cooked some lamb and rice for their tiny furballs and put it in an identical container. She told Emory to take the sausage over to Ed, and from the Greenwells' rig, she saw him come back with the empty container. FORTUNATELY she went back to her own rig shortly after that and realized the full SAUSAGE container was still on the counter, just in time to catch Ed before he mixed the dogs' food with the potatoes. Everyone got a good laugh out of it, and the story will become part of ORR lore. The burritos were wonderful.

I'm so grateful to Keith and Cathy, who did the bulk of the major cooking for the rally, something they enjoy and I do not. 😊 We had fine pulled pork sandwiches for dinner Friday night along with several sides and desserts. Bob Davis was again willing to call card bingo, and Jackie Brooks won the $16 pot.

On Saturday morning we had Cathy B's delicious pancakes, cooked by Keith. Bob Davis cooked the bacon on Ed's grill. We enjoyed Kathy G's strawberry and blueberry fruit combo on the pancakes. After breakfast, Ed initiated a brief maintenance discussion centered primarily on holding tanks and maintenance logs.

On Saturday afternoon, Jackie, Gail, Kathy G. and I enjoyed multiple rounds of Rummikub in the clubhouse. Some of us also took drives to town or to Heceta Beach to see the ocean, and a handful finally stopped at the nearby Darlingtonia Wayside to see and read about the carnivorous cobra lilies.

Saturday's tasty and filling dinner was tacos with rice and beans, plus Sue's guacamole and Kathy G's jalapeno poppers. Gail won the $42 pot from our Left/Right/Center game.

Sunday morning was the usual continental breakfast. Cathy B. had sold 50/50 tickets, and Keith won that $37.50 pot with one of the very first tickets sold.

Since the Keurig coffee carafe had been broken for the second time, we just used the single-serve side of it, which worked fine.

Huge thanks go to everyone who helped with this rally, from cooking to decorating to cleaning up and quickly putting away the tables and chairs on Sunday. Special thanks to Ed who is always willing to do anything I ask of him. These rallies are truly a community effort. Most of us were headed back home to stifling heat, happy to have spent some time enjoying Florence.

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