



## Spring Newsletter 2026

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## 2025-26 Rally Schedule

April Rally; Hoquiam, Washington

At Hoquiam River RV Park 425 Queen Ave

(In on Tuesday 28; and out on May 1, 2026.)

Contact **Denise** 360 538 2870

Hosts: Martin's & Morse's

### May Rally Bend/Sisters Garden RV

In on May 28<sup>th</sup> and out on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

67667 Hwy 20. Bend. 97703

Call 360 549 3021 (**Dorothy**)

*Special Note: Reservations must be made by December 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. Discount available to Good Sam, but must have current membership number. \$69/night*

### June Northwest Area Rally

KoKwel Casino (June 17- 20)

Coos Bay, Oregon

July Rally July 3- July 7, 2026 ( a combined rally) with two other chapters, at the Sol Duc river in Forks, Washington. Known affectionately as the "deBord family campground."

August Rally (August 13-16) at the Swiss Sportsman RV 9205 198<sup>th</sup> Ave E. Bonnie Lake, Wa. 98390

Hosts: Yoder, Purvis & Hanson

### September Rally

(In- Sept. 15 and out- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>)

Indian Creek RV

94680 Jerry's Flat Rd

Gold Beach, Oregon 97444

Hosts; Brinkman, & deBords

**Presidents message: Butch Evans**



**Blessings to you all!**

As I have said before I try to publish a newsletter about 4 times per year. This is the “spring” edition and I hope that this message finds you all well and in good health. This has been an exciting first three months to say the least! First of all, Julie and I along with our terrific friends, Dennis and Martie Martin were fortunate to have taken a cruise through the Panama Canal. Along the way, we visited Fort Lauderdale Florida and continued on to Cozumel, Mexico; Cartagena, Columbia; Colon, Panama, Panama City, and through the canal. After reaching the Pacific Ocean, Turning north we visited Puntarenas, Costa Rica; and Acajutia, El Salvador with a bus trip to Nahuizalco, El Salvador. We then had five (5) beautiful days at sea reaching Los Angeles, California some 18 days after starting the cruise. Fantastic! Viking Cruises treated us very well.



After arriving home, we had several Dr visits and within a few days we were off to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Pacer NW Rally of the year in Quartzsite, Arizona and then to our Yuma lot. We were able to sell out lot with very mixed emotions. We had that lot for the

past 9 years but health and age seem to have snuck up on the both of us. HOWEVER, the new owner assured us that we would certainly be welcome to rent the lot next year should we decide to “Yumanize” ourselves once again.

At this time I want to issue an invitation and offer encouragement, to participate in our Northwest Area rallies and support the chapter. We have many new and exciting members that we all should get to know.

This year will be a very exciting year to visit several very interesting places. Just review the “Where” we are holding our rallies and you will find: New areas of each state to visit. New opportunities to visit, shop, fish, and take a guided riverboat run up the beautiful and spectacular Rogue River! **As of this writing, our annual business meeting with the election of new officers, and our Christmas Auction will be held in Gold Beach, Oregon during our September Rally.**

This is a very important rally for these reasons and I do hope everyone will participate! **May God bless and keep you all! (Proverbs 3: 5-6)**



**Remembering the Importance of Easter**



**Kathy McKnight**  
Washington VP

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Report

Aloha! My Pacers  
Northwest  
Family.

Don and I have just returned home from 108 degree Yuma, Arizona and what a cool welcome this weather is. I am one who loves the sun but this was the hottest I've ever experienced in Yuma, too HOT, I lived under the garden hose and we chased the shade. Any way good to be home. Our first rally of the season was a great success in Quartzsite Arizona. Washington upcoming rallies: April 28-out on May 1, 2026 in Hoquiam, River RV Park \$49.35 per night 425 Queen Ave Hoquiam, Wa. 98550 **NEXT** is "in on July 3-out on July 7, 2026" at the deBord River Rally. Contact: Linda & Jim deBord at 360 460-7202 or 360 460 1155. **THEN: "In on Aug 13-out on Aug 16, 2026" at The Swiss Sportsman RV \$45 per night 9205 198<sup>th</sup> Ave E Bonnie Lake, Wa. **Please make your Reservations soon.****

**Reservations are made by sending a check to our Treasurer, Don McKnight for \$135 per site. Please make checks payable to: "Pacers Northwest" memo line "The Swiss".**

Don's address is:

**1723 Stuart St NE  
Olympia, WA 98506**

Send your funds in NOW to reserve your site. Rally Schedule and food costs to come closer to rally date. I'm currently working on locations for our 2027 season.

Our Quartzsite Rally is January 18 and out on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. near mile marker 3 on Palmosa Rd. on the north side of town. The weather in April is unpredictable. So I am trying to find a location I know will have sufficient indoor facilities for us to use.

August 2027 I am working on finding somewhere close to Diablo Lake, possibly in Newhalem. They have the Seattle City Light's Skagit Tour of the North Cascades and along with that tour is included the famous "Dam Good Chicken Dinner at the Gorge Inn. This year, 2026, the cost for the Diablo Lake & Lunch Tour is \$45 pp for seniors. I have found a campground 26 miles from the tour site in Marble Mount, they can accommodate a group of 10 to 15

coaches, full hook-ups, NO clubhouse and this years (2026) price is \$60 a night. Any suggestions for a reasonable campground for all of us would be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you around the campfire soon, we can talk stories.

### Arizona Sky



And Ted says it can get hot here!



**Julie Evans**

**Oregon V.P.**



Writing this report for Oregon has been an interesting and frustrating time. Reservations were not

available until after the first of the year which makes decision making difficult so that you all may make your plans for the coming year. Be that as it may, we have several very exciting rallies for you to enjoy this year.

**MAY** First, is the rally in Sisters, Oregon . We will be going “in” on **May 28<sup>th</sup>** and “out” on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Bend-Sisters Garden RV Park** is a very beautiful area. Lots of shopping, eating, shopping, and many other ...did I mention shopping? Hosts are Cal & Loretta Habig and Butch & Julie Evans. This park does not offer an enclosed meeting room for food and socials, but we are going to ask that you bring chairs and collapsible tents should weather require. It will be an

outdoor experience so do bring warm clothing. Please watch for the rally sheet coming out soon for more specific details on food and other information.

**JUNE** Again this year, Oregon is host to the Northwest Area Rally being held in Coos Bay-North Bend at the **Ko-Kwell Casino and Resort**. In on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** and Out on **June 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Registration materials are available in the latest issue of Family RVing. Entitled "A Coastal Gathering, the event should be an exciting time to gather together for fun, food and friendships.

**SEPTEMBER** Oregon's fall rally will be at **Indian Creek RV park in Gold Beach**, Oregon beginning on **Sept. 15,- Sept 19**. Hosts for this rally are Jim & Linda deBord along with Jerry & Cheryl Brinkman. Watch for the rally sheet as it will have some important information. Gold Beach is on the Rogue River which is famous for two (2) very good reasons. First is the fame that has accompanied the name of Rogue River for fabulous fishing! And Second is the beginning of the Famous Rogue River Mail Boat service to Agness, Oregon. There

has been interest expressed by several who wish to schedule a guided fishing trip for one of the earlier days, and there has been several interested in the Rogue River Boat excursion to Agness and back. If you are interested in either the fishing trip or the mail boat excursion, please contact my husband Butch at [hearfromus@aol.com](mailto:hearfromus@aol.com) for more information.

Also during this rally, will be our business meeting and election of officers for the coming year, This gathering will also be the Christmas Auction. Please plan to attend. Reservation for the RV Park are now open. Please contact: Cher at 541-247 7704 leave a message and tell them you are with Pacers NW. You can also write an e-mail: [icrvoffice@gmail.com](mailto:icrvoffice@gmail.com) Our office may still be on winter hours. Reservations are encouraged as early as possible so we can get and keep your reservation.

Do make your reservation early!



**Butch Evans is putting together a list of those interested in a guided fishing trip on the Rogue River, perhaps a day or so earlier, or perhaps a day later than our rally. Please contact him at:**

**[hearfromus@aol.com](mailto:hearfromus@aol.com) for information.**



**“I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o’er vales and hills, when all at once I saw a crowd , a host, of golden daffodils; beside the lake beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze.” (William Wordsworth)**



## **Sunshine Report**

**By Linda deBord**

**I ask for your understanding as I did send cards and best wishes but I forgot to write them down for the newsletter. I will have a report next time. Dennis Martin is having surgery, as well as I am having surgery and I hope all is well with the rest of our group. Love to you all.**

## **Safety Reminder: Batteries**

The care and maintenance of your battery system is very important. Usually you have a Battery for the “tractor” or motor of your RV, and you have “house” batteries for your home area. Often the house batteries are 6 volt and are arranged in series. When using 2 or more 6 volt batteries that are connected in a way that the negative terminal is

connected to the positive terminal of the next, adding voltage while maintaining the same amperage hours. This is referred to as being “in series”. Often 6 volt “ deep cycle” batteries are use because they offer better repeated discharging and recharging capabilities. Even so- both the 6 volt and 12 volt battery will need to be checked for water levels unless it is a sealed “maintenance free” Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) or Lithium-ion (LiFePO4) battery. For lead acid batteries, the water level must be monitored and maintained for optimum battery life. For most of us, whether Motor home or Towable; batteries must be checked often. NOTE: use only distilled water, and do not overfill!



**DAD JOKE: What time is your dental appointment?**

**Ans: Tooth hurty (oh, George!)**

***A special note: The Pacer Northwest chapter sponsors a year long fund raiser to support a needy family(s). The Christmas Sock will be hung at each rally in hope of receiving***

***donations. This project has a final event to raise funds by having an “auction” at the fall rally. The following is a report on this past years receipts.***



## **Report on Pacers 2025 Christmas giving.**

**By Harold and Linda Cohrs**

We so totally enjoyed the opportunity to take the funds donated by the Pacers for the 2025 Christmas giving and put them to good use. The total amount raised was \$1500. We ended up adding more to that as we proceeded with the process. Our church was very helpful in finding 3 families that were in need of a good blessing.

The first family was a single mom with an 18-month baby. They were living in a type of shelter until they could get back on their feet. The mom was in need of some money for groceries, baby supplies, and

other bills. We were able to bless them with a gift card to help cover those items as well as a Christmas gift for mom and child.

The second family was a blended family with 7 children. The wife had recently been laid off work and the husband was working and going to school to get into a better paying job. Our church was able to get us a list of desired gifts for each of the children. It was a lot of fun doing the shopping for them, wrapping the gifts, and presenting them to the kids. We also gave them a gift card to help make Christmas dinner a better occasion.

The third family was a single dad with 2 children ages 8 & 10. Dad was in need of funds to get some maintenance done on his car as well as some new work clothes. He also provided us with a list of gifts for his children. We were able to help with both gift cards for auto maintenance and gifts for the whole family. As well as a little extra for a good dinner.

The leadership of our church was so inspired by what the Pacers allowed us to do that they decided to stretch beyond what they normally do and blessed 3 or 4 more families themselves.

Overall, it was such a blessing to Linda and myself to be able to do this. The look on the families faces as they were each presented with gifts and funds was priceless. Having been a part of this, I encourage every Pacers member to reach deep when the opportunity comes for the 2026 Christmas giving.

**NOTE:**

***A comment from your chapter president:***

May God Bless each and every giver of support to this vital and rewarding program. To those who donate money to the “Christmas Stocking” present at each chapter rally, to those who so generously give in bidding at the annual Christmas Auction during the last rally of the year, A Sincere Thank You and Blessings to you all!

**Have you ever been underway and wondered “Is there something wrong with a tire?”**



**You might want to consider a:**

## Tire Pressure Monitor Systems (TPMS)

Most of today's modern vehicles have tire pressure systems already installed and will generally display any problem on your speedometer or gauge display. However, if you have a towable, the trailer tires may not be monitored inside while you drive.



Your motor home may or may not be equipped with a “reporting” system for the vehicle

however your towed car or pickup may not be included. In such cases, it is advisable to consider the purchase and installation of a TPMS system for your towed tires.

Immediate warning is given if your towed tires should have any problems like excessive heat, or pressure build-up or loss of air pressure. Many of us have heard horror stories of someone towing a vehicle with a flat tire without knowing that it was flat and causing extreme damage to the vehicle.

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A friend towing a vehicle behind the motor home was unaware of a flat

tire. It was some time before he realized that he had a problem. It was indeed flat and caused extreme damage to the entire front end of the vehicle. Major damage! Major expense! Fires are often started by flat tires. In fact, in this person's case, he was flagged down by a passing motorist waving excitedly. Thousands of dollars later, he realized Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems are no longer a luxury but rather a definite necessity.



April Showers bring May flowers!

## Quartzsite Az. 2026

Gathering Under the Desert Stars  
By Kathy McKnight

Oh my goodness, what a gathering we had this year in Quartzsite! 17 coaches strong for Quartzsite 2026 . . . Cohrs, Rayner, Brinkman, Huffman, Martin, Stutz, Balogh, deBord, Weaver, Wheeler, Habig, Kumar, Armitage, Schuster, Evans, Martin, McKnight and we had one guest who had contacted me in October 2025 wanting to join our desert gathering-John Suprock.

Most of us had arrived on Sunday. We had our circle off to a great start, gathered rocks and formed our fire ring, unloaded the vehicles who had brought wood and settled in. We all decided to go out for dinner that evening at our regular first night spot, Dos Amigos in Salome. Dinner was wonderful and the waitress was fantastic. We were all happy and content, ready for bed. . .no talking stories around the campfire tonight.

Monday, January 19, was rally start date and the rest of our crew

rolled in with a lot of happy greetings. Our Quartzsite family was complete. As the day went on some folks made their way to town to enjoy the Big Tent and Tyson Wells, returning with the treasures they had found. Some of us stayed and relaxed visiting with one another. That afternoon we came to the consensus of the group that we would venture to Blythe, Ca. to partake in dinner at Sizzler. You have a wide variety of choices there, along with a yummy salad bar. Again, we left fat and happy but, this time we decided to enjoy each other's company around the fire when we returned to camp.

Tuesday, January 20, the exciting and fun-filled annual Desert Dog Potluck. Our two experienced chefs, Ed Stutz and Don McKnight, did a sublime job. We also had a wide variety of dishes and desserts contributed by all. Thank You everyone for your contributions . . . we have a lot of excellent cooks amongst us . . . that's why we never go away hungry 😊 Throughout the day we played several games of domino, we even talked our guest, John Suprock, into joining us ladies in a few games but, SHHHH, were not suppose to let that secret out or his

wife will start making him play games. We ended the perfect, warm, sunny day with a gathering around a nice warm fire, talking stories, underneath the beautiful starry desert night sky.

Wednesday, January 21, we had a potluck breakfast...another delicious meal with a wide variety of food. One particular dish we had was smoked meatloaf and BOY OH BOY was that ever tasty! A little more dominos in the afternoon, along with some taking walks, some venturing downtown Quartzsite and some just relaxing and enjoying each other's company. That evening we decided to go back to Dos Amigos for dinner...MARGARITAS FOR ALL! Returning back to camp to a nice warm fire under the stars.

Thursday, January 22, meals were on your own...time to clean out the frig. Don and I, along with our friend, Jim Schuster, decided to go into Tyson Wells for the famous foot long corndog with honey and mustard, of course. MMMM...Good it was. You can't get away from this rally site without having the famous corndog! Everyone gathered around the fire that evening, enjoying each other's company.

Friday, January 23, it was time to say our "See You Down the Roads!" with hugs and well wishes.

It was so much FUN seeing and visiting with so many of you and seeing new faces there also "good to see you and see you next year, same place, around the same time of year!"

Thank You everybody for a GREAT rally!! A HUI HOU !

## Quartzsite, Arizona

January 19, - January 22, 2026

Pictures:





Pacers circle the wagons



No one goes home hungry!

After desert dogs, one needs to let the feast settle; so some take naps, and some swap stories.



Food is an essential part of "Camping.

Each Year on Tuesdays we have "desert dogs" and Pot Luck

Food is not the only happening at Quartzsite, some of us play games



Friends and....



We often go "out" for dinner...



Fellowship is what its all about!





Our 4 legged friends are included as well.

Stories and more stories make the evenings much brighter and more enjoyable.



Friendships are formed and not soon forgotten.



More of us gather around the fire on a cool (cold) January morning!

Nothing like sharing an evening fire together. Result? Friends forever.





And...That was just Quartzsite!



Yuma was fun as well.

Birthdays and of course more and more food!

Its Yuma, beautiful sunrises, and sunsets! Then along came Mid-March and It got hot as well. 106 - 108 degrees.

**We were blessed with good weather and beautiful sunsets!**

**Vic and Don's Birthday**



**The Seahawks Super Bowl Win celebrated Martie's Birthday**



**Vic with Don, HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



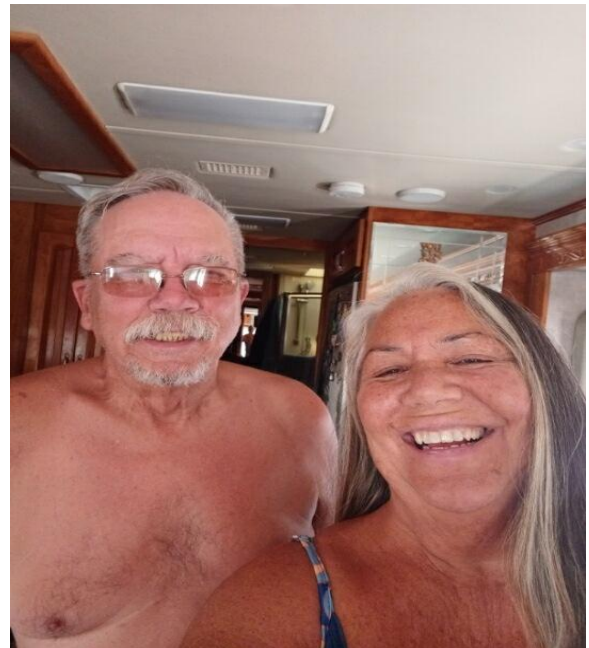
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THE PACERS! JUST KEEP ON HAVING THEM!**



**And wife Julie along with my sister**



**DID I SAY IT WAS HOT?**



**AND SO WE WANT TO SAY, "TILL  
WE MEET AGAIN" GOD BLESS  
YOU ALL!**

