OREGON RIVER RAMBLERS
WINCHESTER BAY RV RESORT
October 14-18, 2026

We had surprisingly nice weather at Winchester Bay. Almost everyone was settled in by Wednesday: Emory and Gail Ball, Keith and Cathy Bender, Dick and Janice Burke, Duane and Betty Corke, George and Sally Doersch, Gary and Kathy Greenwell, Robin and Lavonne Hamilton, Ron and Cindy Hoff (co-hosts), Ed Stutz (host), and Rich Torres and Faye Carter. Herb and Kitty Waud came in on Friday.

Fifteen of us went to the Harbor Light Restaurant in Reedsport for dinner on Wednesday. They hadn't been sure they could accommodate our group on short notice, but they set up two tables for us and did a great job.

We had the rest of our meals in either the back patio room or the main room of the Marina Activity Center, as we were sharing the center with a Kiwanis RV group from Grants Pass. They were a friendly bunch and were great about sharing the sink and refrigerator.

Ed tried out a new recipe for a huge casserole of biscuits, gravy, eggs, sausage and cheese on Thursday morning, and it was a hit along with Kathy G's infamous cheesy potatoes. For dinner Ed had carefully cooked some carne asada for us which we enjoyed in tortillas along with sides. In keeping with the Mexican theme, Lavonne provided two great desserts—a fluffy, chocolatey éclair dish and little croissants with chocolate and cinnamon.

New member Duane Corke graciously agreed to call card bingo for us on Thursday evening, having never even seen the game played before. He did a great job, and Keith won the $15 pot.

Friday morning was sunny and beautiful until the fog rolled in heavily early in the afternoon (putting an end to our outside gatherings); then it rolled out, and then it came back. On Friday night we heard a little bit of rain.

On Friday morning Keith cooked pancakes with Cathy's great batter, with Kathy G's fruit compote on top. Gail has become our go-to egg scrambler and cooker when Linda Palmer is absent, and Ed cooked sausage. We were also gifted really cute little souvenirs printed by Keith on his 3-D printer; they were little ghost cups filled with candy and printed with the rally dates inside.

Friday's dinner was a potato bar prepared mainly by Kathy G and green salad from Rich and Faye. We also celebrated EIGHT October birthdays (Emory, Herb, Keith, Janice, Gail, Sally, Ron and Gary) with a big chocolate birthday cake, singing "Happy Birthday to Us!"

We rearranged the tables and had 15 participants for a game of Left/Right/Center after dinner, and the $45 pot was won by Rich "Taco" Torres.

Saturday morning's breakfast was more scrambled eggs, Ed's potatoes, and bacon. The Corkes set up a toaster since it was such a hit at Casey's, and it got plenty of use!

Saturday's dinner was Costco rotisserie chicken all cut up and served by Ed along with a huge crockpot of mashed potatoes by Cindy as well as gravy, corn, carrots and some sides.

Everyone who hasn't been credited already pitched in with tons of juices, fruit and desserts to round out the meals.

Sunday morning was the usual pastries, eggs, yogurt and fruit bowl before we said our goodbyes. Cathy Bender had sold 50/50 tickets, and I was very happy to win $42! And as usual, this was probably the nicest, warmest day of our time at Winchester.

Over the course of the rally, folks went sightseeing out to the dunes, the lighthouse, nearby towns, etc. We die-hard game players fit in several rounds of Five Crowns or Rummikub here and there.

The friendly camp hosting couple went out of their way to be sure we had heat, lights, clean trash bags, and whatever else we needed.

Thanks go to Ed and the Hoffs for another great rally. Our first rally of next year will be March 18-22 (Thursday to Monday) back here at Winchester Bay, and Ed and the Hoffs have already agreed to host again.

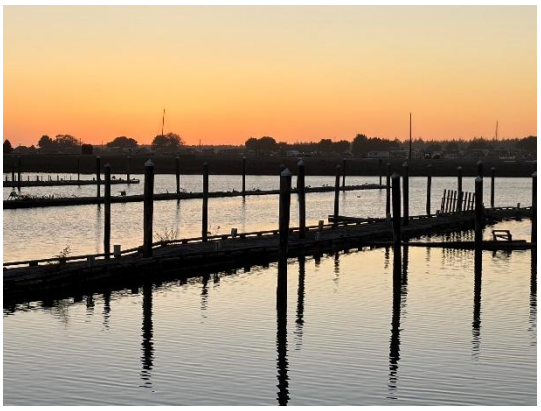
There was some unfortunate news to share. Former member Al Zimmerman has been quite ill, but in a big shock, his wife of 7.5 years, Elaine, passed away suddenly last month. Some of you may remember her helping Al call bingo at the Northwest Area rallies.

Additionally, Kathy G shared that Bill Roth (former member) and Jim Ogborn were both at Mercy Hospital in Roseburg. Jim's wife Nancy expects he will come home on hospice soon.

Lavonne sent me some great pictures, so I'll see if I can include some here.

Janice Burke
Newsletter person







Keith's handiwork





We had the back patio room most of the time.



Left/Right/Center



Taco, the big winner!



Ed, Cindy and Ron, our great hosts!



What's a rally without some Five Crowns?



Cathy kept us company while we played.