



Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter - Spring 2010

Greetings ~ We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest chapter members! We're glad you're here! A new year has begun and spring is just around the corner! The days are longer with each passing day. We hope everyone is ready to hit the road and join our 2010 spring rally June 2 - 7 in the Snoqualmie Valley and Seattle! Please take a look at the enclosed information and mail your registration form and payment to grab a spot!

2009 Fall Rally ~ Hosts **Ken and Arlene Casperson** really put on a first class rally! Twelve coaches lined up at their beautiful home in Arlington, WA. Ken organized his shop and turned it into a wonderful gathering place for meals and meetings. The weather was absolutely perfect!



Check out the very shiny floor!

Our 2009 Motorcade Club International President, **Dolly Ferguson and her husband, Bob** drove from the state of Pennsylvania to join us. This was their first time in the Pacific Northwest. We welcomed **Bruce and Patty Graham**, new members from Lebam, WA, and proud owners of a new-to-them Grand Villa. **Leo and Ineke Volkert** came all the way from Lodi, California. They have invited our chapter to attend the California Chapter's 2010 fall rally October 14 - 17 in Lodi, which they are hosting at the Flag City RV Park. For more on that, check the Foretravel Motorcade website at http://www.foretravel.com/motorcade/events_all.php.

We started our fall rally by gathering around a roaring fire, and while catching up on everyone's news, fresh picked corn on the cob was roasting in the husk as an appetizer before a very tasty dinner prepared by **Arlene Casperson**.



What a beautiful sight!

We celebrated two birthdays during the rally: **Arlene Casperson** and **Leo Volkert**. Many happy returns!

The following morning we toured Arcana Precision Machine Shop [a parts provider for Boeing] and Glass Air Aviation, a kit plane maker. That evening, the Caspersons took us to their favorite restaurant, Bistro San Martin in Arlington, for a meal that was a real treat! It's no wonder that is their favorite place to eat!

Friday morning we toured the assembly lines for the 747, 767, 777 and 787 Dreamliner at Boeing in Everett. What a fantastic tour! Our group enjoyed lunch at Ivar's on the waterfront. Next, we climbed the Mukilteo Light Station for the fabulous view at the top looking out over the ferries going to and from Whidbey Island. Later that evening, we had our first potluck. Let's just say no one went hungry on this rally! **Ron and Florence Hecker** provided Whidbey Island Ice Cream for dessert again! Thank you Ron & Florence!



Boeing's 747-400 assembly line

That evening, we held our chapter meeting. At our annual officer elections it was unanimously agreed that the 2009 officers would continue their terms through 2010. After the meeting, **Dolly Ferguson** spoke at length about how much her role as international president meant to her. She asked us to give some thought as to what we, as a group, could bring to the club as opposed to what the club could do for us. All agreed they are happy with the value they are getting from the Motorcade Club for the annual dues paid.



Bob & Dolly Ferguson

Saturday we visited the Stillaguamish Pioneer Museum and reminisced over all of the many vintage tools and gadgets on display that most of us grew up with so long ago. Technology has really come a long way! How did we ever get along without it? That evening we feasted on steak and fries, a delicious meal provided by the club. On Sunday morning, we walked down the road to watch a glass blowing demonstration by one of the Casperson's talented neighbors who produces beautiful bowls, vases and other decorations.

Kris and Shannon Lanning departed Arlington Sunday to begin their long journey to Little Rock, Arkansas to attend Grandvention, while everyone else had the pleasure of another sunny day before parting on Monday. Rallies always seem to end too soon. All who attended had a wonderful time. Thanks, Ken and Arlene, for planning and hosting such a terrific rally!



NW Chapter Fall Rally, Arlington, WA

Note from your Chapter President

If you have never attended Grandvention or been on a motorcade, this is the year to sign up! Grandvention dates are **Sept 27 - 30** in Branson, MO, known as the "Live Music Show Capital of the World" with more than 50 live performance theatres. Along with scheduled seminars, annual reports, awards and entertainment, not to mention great food, this is the perfect time to connect with old friends and make new ones!

Branson is about as centrally located in the U.S. as possible. It's not likely that a future Grandvention will be geographically closer to our chapter area. For that reason, we highly encourage you to take this opportunity to attend. This is the third Grandvention Shannon and I will have attended. We enjoyed the first two immensely and are looking forward to Branson. We would love to have more chapter representation.

One of the many advantages of attending is finding out where and when future motorcades will be and having the opportunity to sign up before they fill due to limited space. The biggest advantage is that you will be using your Foretravel RV more. We have found that fewer "problems" arise when we are out on the road vs. after being parked in storage for many months.

Immediately following Grandvention is a wonderful event called Branson Extraordinaire, an all-inclusive package with a variety of choices of shows and tours. The dates are **Oct 2 - 7**. There are 12 championship golf courses, a theme park, dozens of museums and shopping galore in the area. It is going to be a fabulous time so please, come along!

Another event, much closer to home, that we also encourage you to attend, is the Oregon Summer Fun Rally **Aug 6 - 8** at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino in Central Oregon. Kah-Nee-Ta is also a beautiful full-service RV Park. There will be vendors, seminars, and even crafting taught by Warm Springs tribal members. The food is outstanding! In the past, there have even been new Foretravel models on display.

Then, imagine a line of Foretravel RVs in a caravan driving down the road to attend the FMCA Rally at the Redmond Fairgrounds Aug 11 - 14. This caravan is sanctioned by local law enforcement. We attended both of these events in 2007 and enjoyed it so much we signed up again!

Two events to think about in **2011** are Grandvention in Kerrville, Texas, **Sept 27 - 30**. Kerrville is only an hour from San Antonio. How about something new, a two week Panama Canal cruise, **Mar 26 - Apr 11**, returning just in time for the Buddy Rally **Apr 13 - 16** in Nacogdoches! There's still plenty of time to plan for these ~ we would love to see you there!

Hope to see you somewhere down the road,
Kris Lanning, NW Chapter President



Congratulations!

Gene & Betty Stahl [16037] of Sequim, WA, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 27, 2010.



Please Save the Following Dates:

2010 Spring ~ Snoqualmie Valley & Seattle, WA

June 2 - 7, hosted by Kris & Shannon Lanning

- Details are enclosed in this mailing.

2010 Fall ~ Southwestern Oregon Rolling Rally

Sept 8 - 15, hosted by Gary & Claire Almquist

- Canyonville: Seven Feathers Casino & RV Resort
- Grants Pass: Hellgate 4 hour Jet Boat Rogue River excursion and dinner at O.K. Corral
- Medford: Harry & David tour; Tucker Snow Cat tour
- Jacksonville: Take a trolley car tour of this historic gold mining town
- Ashland: Oregon Shakespearean Festival and backstage tour; dinner at Callahan's Lodge on top of Siskiyou Mountain Pass
- Prospect: Dinner at Historic Prospect Hotel, Crater Lake National Park day trip

2011 Spring ~ We need a volunteer to host this rally!

2011 Fall ~ Mt. Rainier, WA

Sept 7 - 12, hosted by Kris & Shannon Lanning

- Northwest Trek Tram Tour - Eatonville, WA
- Pioneer Farm Museum & Ohop Indian Village
- Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad Trip - Elbe, WA Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center - Paradise, WA
- Lots of short hikes are available on the many beautiful trails at Mt. Rainier

To contribute photos and/or news items for the NW Chapter website and/or newsletter or if you will be celebrating a milestone anniversary or know of any members who have passed away, please send to kanona@gmail.com. You may also send info via the contact form at www.foretravelnorthwest.com. Rally registration forms are available and may be printed from the chapter website.
Thank you! Shannon Lanning, 2010 secretary/treasurer.