



Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter – Summer/Fall 2010

Greetings and a huge welcome to our newest chapter members! We're glad you're in the Motorcade Club! It's hard to believe the year 2010 is half over. Here we are, gearing up for our fall rally in SW Oregon. Hosts **Gary & Claire Almquist** of Talent, Oregon have been working hard to plan an exciting rally for us. This is one you will not want to miss! For details, see the enclosed registration forms. There are a limited number of spots available so please don't wait to send in your form. We don't want you to be disappointed! *Registration is due by July 22.*



2010 Spring Rally ~ The NW Chapter's spring rally, hosted by Kris & Shannon Lanning of Ravensdale, WA, took place in the Snoqualmie Valley near Seattle. We had a small turnout but even so, it was very enjoyable. We said hello to new members Don & Alva Kiesbuy from Spokane who were attending their first rally and would like to again thank all of those who were able to attend!

We camped along the Snoqualmie River in Fall City, WA. After a group dinner at the Fall City Roadhouse Inn the first night, we held our chapter meeting. All four officers were in attendance.

Thursday, we toured the Seattle Times Newspaper production and distribution facility which covers 36 acres and is equivalent to ten Husky Stadium football fields long by 3.5 fields deep! Using 500 gallons of ink and 200 rolls of newsprint weighing 2,400 pounds each, they print about 400,000 copies per day. In their warehouse, they keep 12 days' worth of newsprint on hand. Robots move the giant paper rolls around. It is absolutely incredible how much paper is needed to put out a daily newspaper.

Next, we visited nearby William Church Winery where we had the opportunity to taste many different wines while the process of winemaking was explained by Assistant Winemaker Marcus Rafanelli who just happens to be Kris's nephew. Can you think of a better way to spend a sunny afternoon?



With sunny skies, we headed to the Seattle Center to ride the "Duck", an amphibious World War II vehicle that took us to the Seattle waterfront,



downtown Seattle shopping district, Pike Place Market and historic Pioneer Square. We splashed into Lake Union and went past the houseboat used in the movie *Sleepless in Seattle*. Seeing Seattle by land and by water is a great way to see the city!

By Friday, the sun had disappeared but we managed to stay dry as we toured Boehm's Candies in Issaquah where they have hand dipped their candies in melted chocolate for over 50 years. After watching the candy production and tasting a few samples, we visited Boehm's Edelweiss Chalet and a replica of a 12th century chapel near St. Moritz, Switzerland, now a popular spot for weddings in Issaquah. After a visit to the retail shop, where no one left empty handed, we were off on our next adventure.

Again we crossed Lake Washington, this time to Safeco Field, home of the Mariners Baseball team. We toured the almost 20 acre outdoor park with real grass and a retractable roof. We went in the press box, a private suite, stood on the field, sat in the dugouts and went in the very private and swanky Visitors Clubhouse. While in the



interview room, our very fun tour guide, Helen, took our photo. After the tour, we walked across the street for a great lunch at the Pyramid Alehouse. My, oh my!

Saturday we enjoyed brunch at the beautiful Salish Lodge in Snoqualmie Falls. It was a gorgeous day! We hopped aboard antique railroad coaches for a fun 5-mile excursion through the Upper Snoqualmie Valley, stopping above the falls on the opposite side of the river for photos. [Photo taken by Kris Lanning]



That afternoon, the guys left the gals behind and went to see Kris's biodiesel "factory" and RV shop. Afterwards, Kris offered to give the guys a lesson on riding a Segway, which is always entertaining and a lot of fun! Fortunately, everyone managed to stay upright!

Sunday the group went to Kris & Shannon's favorite Mexican restaurant in Issaquah for a final get together. Even though it was a small group and a bit wet at times, everyone claimed to have had a great time!

See you all at the fall rally!

Kris and Shannon Lanning



Please welcome our newest chapter members:

- 16885 Terry & Angie Solinsky, Spokane WA
- 16880 Paul & Sheila Favron, Dawson City YT Canada
- 16870 Wyatt & Joan Sabourin, Victoria BC Canada
- 16847 Chris & Theresa Reiter, Portland OR
- 16842 Bob & Jonnie Downey, Sunriver OR
- 16832 Stan & Roberta Schones, Siletz OR
- 16809 Don & Alva Kiesbuy, Spokane WA
- 16808 Rochelle Dusenbery, Trail OR
- 16802 Dyon & Jessica Wagner, Bonnyville AB Canada



It's Not Too Late ~ Please Read!

You can still sign up for the **Oregon Summer Fun Rally August 6 – 8** at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert RV Resort & Casino in Central Oregon. It's as simple as contacting Beverly Koonce in the Motorcade Club office at 800-955-6226 ext 220 or email motorcadeclub@foretravel.com. The cost is \$545 for 2 in a motorhome and includes meals, seminars, and camping for 3 nights. Along with informative seminars, some activities being planned are a trip to the High Desert Museum, Casino night and a Native American-inspired "Bird in Clay" dinner at Kah-nee-Ta.

Don't forget your swimsuit for the mineral hot springs or you can swim in the naturally heated Olympic size pool. If you're a golfer, bring your clubs for the par 72 golf course right on the reservation. Check it all out here: <http://www.kahneeta.com>

There is an optional **10-mile float trip on the Deschutes River** for \$85 per person including lunch. You must sign up and pay for the float trip by **July 1**. Shannon and I have done this and it is very relaxing and enjoyable! Bring a towel, your sunscreen and a waterproof camera for sure. You are guaranteed to have fun!

After the Summer Fun Rally, imagine several Foretravel RVs in a sanctioned caravan driving down the highway to arrive together at the **FMCA Convention** taking place at the **Redmond Fairgrounds August 11 – 14**. Once there, imagine an endless sea of all makes and model RVs. You'll meet new friends, view new motorhomes, shop, learn technical information and be entertained throughout the day and evening. There are more than 350 vendors in booths packed with RV related merchandise.

A multitude of technical seminars are presented covering chassis, engines, transmissions, communication systems, electrical systems, towing, and tires. There are educational seminars such as digital photography, microwave-convection cooking, safe driving classes, and full-time RVing. Fitness and health seminars guide RVers through exercises you can do in your RV while traveling. The list goes on and on ~ think one-stop shopping. Repairs and upgrades can be arranged on-site or at an off-site repair facility. Sign up for the 4-day convention for as little as \$144. To get this early bird price, **sign up before July 19**. Prices will go up \$30 after that date. Fees and parking preference for both members and non-members can be found here: <http://www.fmca.com/index.php/conventions/redmond/3056-family-registration>. We enjoyed both of these events in 2007 and signed up again!

I know I've mentioned this before, but if you are a fan of live performance theatres, **Branson Grandvention** is the place you'll want to be with your Foretravel friends Sept 27-30. This is where you'll find out, first hand, the status of the Foretravel Motorcoach Company. There will also be lots of seminars, annual reports, entertainment, awards, great food, and plenty of fellowship.

Immediately following Grandvention, why not spend a few days taking in a variety of popular, award-winning shows? Tour the Ozarks and see fall foliage like you've never seen before! If you're a golfer, there are 12 championship golf courses in the area. Contact Beverly in the Motorcade Club office to ask about availability and pricing. The dates for **Branson Extraordinaire** are Oct 2 – 7, 2010.

For more Motorcade Club events, check the Foretravel website:

<http://foretravel.com/inc/motorcade-events.php>

Hope we see you in Oregon this summer and fall,
Kris Lanning, NW Chapter President



PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

2010 Fall ~ Southwestern Oregon Rolling Rally
Sept 8 - 15, hosted by Gary & Claire Almquist

2011 Spring ~ To Be Announced

2011 Fall ~ BC, Canada
Date to be determined, hosted by Gene & Betty Stahl



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 www.foretravelnorthwest.com using the contact form at. Rally registration forms are available and may be printed from the chapter website.

Thank you! Shannon Lanning, 2010 secretary/treasurer.