



Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter – Summer/Fall 2011

Hello everyone! Hope you all had a wonderful 4th of July! Even though the spring rally just recently ended, it's already time to be thinking about our fall rally. The dates are September 19 – 23 [5 nights]. Our hosts, **Gene & Betty Stahl** of Sequim, WA, have some fabulous plans. I hope you like oysters and *don't forget* to bring a kite! For details, see the enclosed registration form and schedule of activities. Forms may also be downloaded and printed at our chapter website: <http://foretravelnorthwest.com>. *Please be sure to mail your registration form and payment to arrive by August 1.*

❖❖❖

2011 Spring Rally ~ Sunday June 12, four coaches arrived in Warden, Washington at Doug and Irona Campbell's home in order to caravan to Wallace Monday morning. Along the way two more coaches joined in the caravan, arriving in Wallace a few days early, starting the rally on Monday the 13th. A total of eight coaches attended our spring rally.

The rally was held at Wallace RV Park at the bottom of the canyon on Nine Mile Road. The park is just a block from the downtown, so there was easy access to the fun shops, antique stores, great restaurants and museums in this Historic silver mining town. The whole town, including the residences, is on the National Historic Register, preserving the original ambiance of this beautiful little town.

This rally focused on exploring back roads and byways of surrounding historic mining towns, using paved roads, logging roads, and old railroad beds of the Milwaukie Railroad converted to accommodate motorized vehicles.

There were seven ATVs [all terrain vehicles] and three 4X4 vehicles that joined in for the back road explorations. A good thing, as the spring has been unseasonably cold and wet this year yielding high rivers, numerous wash outs and landslides, and snow pack lingering on mountain trails and passes. All of this made for a fun and sometimes challenging experience.

Monday was a day of unloading, relaxing, after which we all joined together for Pizza delivered to what used to be the park office and now the newly remodeled RV park micro brewery and pub. We were graciously allowed to utilize the facility to host our dinners and potlucks.

Tuesday at 9:00 am we assembled for our first 25 mile round trip on back country logging roads to the town of Osburn. There we saw the monument dedicated to the 91 miners who lost their lives in the 1972 Sunshine Mine mining disaster, one of the worst mining disasters in the history of the United States. Lunch was eaten at the Smoke House BBQ in downtown Wallace.

Wednesday we once again departed at 9:00 am for a 60 mile roundtrip, this time to the town of Murray, the home of some of the richest placer mining history in Idaho.

Lunch was eaten at the historic Sprag Pole Restaurant and Museum. Along our route through Kings Pass we came upon a family that was operating a sluice box, mining for gold out of the gold laden placer deposits from the Beaver Trail Creek drainage basin.

We arrived home and were treated to a club hosted dinner of Souper Burgers fixed by Arlene Casperson.

Thursday was cold and rainy, so we took a trolley ride to the Sierra Silver Mine for a tour. The tour takes you to the main drift of an actual underground silver mine where an experienced miner was our guide. He demonstrated the operation of mining equipment and techniques used to mine silver, gold, lead, zinc and copper.

Friday we once again left at 9:00 am, this time for a 117 mile ride across Moon Pass, where we encountered a lot of snow, and along the North Fork of the St. Joe River. Our route took us through numerous old railroad tunnels and high railroad trestles above the valley below on our way to the town of Avery. After lunch in Avery we headed up Slate Creek where we had some fun and challenging river crossings.

We headed home to another potluck dinner followed by the chapter business meeting.

Saturday we took a leisurely ride to the town of Burke, ruins of one of the largest mining operations at the Old Hecla silver mine. There were many remaining abandoned brick and concrete structures, rock and timber fortifications of days gone by. The canyon is only 300 feet wide, so narrow that the Tiger Hotel that was built in the late 1800's had a stream, a road and a railroad all running through its center. We attempted to cross the

Mountain pass into Mullin, but after crossing several snow drifts with difficulty, had to turn around and take a different route along steep drop offs and spectacular views back to Nine Mile road and into Wallace.

Sunday was a day spent relaxing and getting ready for our departure. Late in the afternoon the whole group decided to depart early and head for the Northern Quest Casino, in Spokane where we all enjoyed dinner and a little gambling.

[The 2011 Spring Rally information was written by Claire Almquist ~ thanks Claire!]

◆◆◆

Motorcade Club News ~ The Motorcade Club office is pleased to announce a joint effort between the Motorcade Club and Overland Insurance Services that may offer our members the possibility of a substantial savings on their RV insurance premium. Overland Insurance Services represents several well know carriers such as Progressive, Nationwide, National Interstate, Triumpe, Great American and Foremost. They also represent several other RV Clubs such as the Beaver Ambassador, Allegro and Wanderlodge.

They are offering competitive pricing for Club members worth comparing to your present policy. Here is the link where you can get a quote:

<http://www.rvins.com/fmc/http://www.rvins.com/fmc/>.

You may also contact Foretravel's representative, Ron Jarvie at 800-677-4027 or email ron@rvins.com

◆◆◆

Don't forget, Foretravel, Inc, Nacogdoches, TX and Oregon Motorcoach Center, Eugene, OR has formed a service alliance. Oregon Motorcoach Center, a premier service and remodeling center in the Pacific Northwest, and Foretravel's highly regarded factory service center in East Texas, have entered into a service agreement involving Foretravel Motorcoaches. Oregon Motorcoach Center will offer Foretravel Motorcade Club Members the same 10% parts and labor discount for service work as Foretravel does.

Oregon Motorcoach Center will also be a factory authorized warranty service center for Foretravel. Oregon Motorcoach was started by Bob Lee three years ago to provide excellent service for all makes and models of motorhomes. Co-owner, Pat Mason and Operations Manager, Ed Read recently visited Foretravel to better understand our manufacturing, service, parts and warranty processes. This service alliance will include an exchange of parts and technical support.

Foretravel is confident our owners will receive the best possible service from Oregon Motorcoach Center.

Note: Proof of club membership must be shown prior to commencing service work.

◆◆◆

Sad News ~ Jim Rockstrom [12470] of Otis Orchards, WA, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2011. Though we haven't seen Jim & Carol at a rally in awhile, those of us who knew Jim will miss his smiling face. If you find yourself at R'nR in Liberty Lake, consider stopping nearby Otis Orchards to say hello to Carol.

◆◆◆

Please welcome our newest chapter members:

16951 Mark Fields, Carnation WA

16971 Lew & Cindy Farber, Hood River OR

◆◆◆

CLASSIFIEDS ~ We have added a page to the chapter website for anyone wishing to sell or trade their RV related items including, but not limited to, RVs, tow cars, spare RV parts, etc. Email details and photos to the chapter website coordinator. Once your item[s] has sold, please follow-up so your post can be removed.

◆◆◆

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

2011 Fall ~ Long Beach WA & Astoria OR

September 19 - 23, 2011

Magnificent Pacific or Singin' in the Rain

Hosted by Gene & Betty Stahl 16032

Co-hosted by Gary & Claire Almquist 16103

2012 Spring & Fall ~ To Be Announced

Locations being considered are Cody, Casper, and/or Thermopolis, Wyoming or Winchester Bay, Oregon. If you have a suggestion, please contact a chapter officer.

◆◆◆

2011 Chapter Officers:

Ron Hecker, president

Keith Miller, vice president

Claire Almquist, treasurer

Shannon Lanning, secretary & website coordinator

◆◆◆

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 an email to kanona@gmail.com. You may also send info via www.foretravelnorthwest.com using the contact form. Rally registration forms are available and may be printed from the chapter website. Thank you! Shannon Lanning, 2011 secretary