



## Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter – Winter/Spring 2011

**Hello everyone!** It sure seemed like a very long winter! Thankfully, spring has sprung and it's time to get our coaches ready to head to our 5 night, 4-wheeling spring rally in Wallace, Idaho. The dates are June 15 – 19. Our hosts, **Ken & Arlene Casperson** of Arlington, WA, are planning some fun 4-wheeling trips and other activities. For details, see the enclosed registration forms. Forms may also be downloaded and printed at our chapter website at <http://foretravelnorthwest.com>. *Please mail your registration form and payment to arrive by April 30.*



**2010 Fall Rally** ~ The Northwest Chapter's fall rolling rally in southwest Oregon was hosted by **Gary & Claire Almquist** of Talent, OR, with 10 coaches attending. We met at Seven Feathers Casino RV Resort in Canyonville on a rainy Wednesday afternoon where everyone was welcomed with a barbecue prepared by our hosts.

Thursday morning, we moved down the road about an hour to Grants Pass. We quickly set up camp and hurried over to Hellgate Jetboat for a 4-hour, 36-mile excursion through Hellgate Canyon on the Rogue River. We stopped at the OK Corral, an old homestead, where we feasted at an all-you-can-eat country banquet. On the return trip, we felt like napping but instead, were treated



to several 360 degree turns at 40mph, while our boat captain played "tag" with another boat to see who could soak the other first. Our group was in the last four rows. Not many of us made it back dry. What a fun ride!



Friday morning the group visited nearby Medford for a tour of the kitchens at Harry & David. I'm sure we've all received a Harry & David catalog in the mail around the holidays! Of course, the tour ended in their sprawling gift shop and we were all like kids in a candy factory! After whetting our appetites sampling all the gourmet treats, we carpoled to the nearby historic gold mining town of Jacksonville for lunch on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

That evening, we had a potluck barbecue followed by our chapter meeting. Club officers elected for 2011 were **Ron Hecker**, president; **Keith Miller**, vice president; **Claire Almquist**, treasurer and **Shannon Lanning**, continuing as secretary.

We departed Grants Pass Saturday morning and after a short drive, arrived at Emigrant Lake near Ashland. We camped here for two nights, allowing everyone to explore the Ashland area, known for the year round Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The warm, sunny skies continued to delight us as some relaxed and others took in a play.



Monday morning found us in Prospect, where we would spend our final two nights. The afternoon was free to explore Mill Creek Falls, Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery or simply relax among the tall Ponderosa pines at our very woody campground. Pictured above are chapter members enjoying the view from the abandoned Hershberger Mountain fire lookout in the Rogue River National Forest, near Prospect.

That evening we met at the historic Prospect Hotel Dinner House for supper. We had a private room and during our meal, the owner gave us a history of the hotel and area.



Tuesday morning we carpoled to Crater Lake National Park. After taking in one of many gorgeous views of the lake, we met with a park ranger at the Rim Village Visitor Center for a lively presentation. Following the presentation, **Ken Casperson** [shown above taking an oath] was taken by surprise when presented with a Crater Lake National Park badge and hat, which he collects.

We ate lunch nearby at the Crater Lake Lodge. That day, Crater Lake was just breathtaking. The sun was shining and the sky rivaled the sparkling blue lake as seen in the picture.



We all took off in different directions to drive back to the campground, but no matter which way you went there were plenty of spectacular views to stop and see along the way. Here is a great view of Wizard Island on Crater Lake.



That evening after happy hour, we enjoyed a campfire potluck dinner. Our hosts cooked hot dogs along with homemade chili [served with all the fixins'] and everyone brought a dish to share. After dinner, we sat around a roaring campfire and enjoyed each others' company.

Wednesday morning, following a full breakfast prepared by our hosts, members departed throughout the day. Kudos to Gary & Claire who put in an amazing amount of hard work to put together an unforgettable rally which we all felt was over all too soon!

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**Grandvention Report** ~ We [the Lannings] departed the fall rally and began our long journey to Branson, Missouri Grandvention to represent our chapter. As Kris promised, during the Grandvention board meeting, he proposed a change to the by-laws affecting friends rallies, that the word "motorhome" be changed to "RV" in an effort to build rally attendance. The board felt very strongly that the wording remain as is and we are sorry to report back to you that it was voted down.

Grandvention had a good turn out and was great fun! The fun parts included a tour of the Titanic Museum while role playing as one of the passengers. The goal was to find out if your character was a "survivor" [or not] as you explored the museum looking for clues and experiencing what it was like to be on board Titanic. We learned a lot about that fateful day. The Dolly Parton Dixie Stampede was also somewhat interactive. It was the north competing against the south. Mainly it consisted of who could yell, stomp and clap the loudest. Our group was the north and is it any surprise we won the competition! After all, there were 160+ Foretravel people. It was an exciting show to watch as we tried to eat our way through a 4-course feast without utensils as I suppose they did back in those days. The food and entertainment were amazing!

At Grandvention, those in attendance are given a presentation of future motorcades and events. This time, in addition to motorcades, they offered a 2-week Panama Canal cruise in March, 2011 which turned out to be very popular. It was also announced that the location of the 2011 Grandvention was changed from Kerrville, TX to Breaux Bridge, LA due to logistical issues.

The future direction of the Motorcade Club was discussed by Foretravel president Greg Amys. Greg has a lot of ideas and would like the members to be more involved in shaping the club's future. You will notice on the Foretravel.com website's main page, the Motorcade Club link is now listed as "Owners Club". It's a start!

The all new IH-45 was announced. It has an exterior height of 13'6" [interior 7'] and is available in 40', 42' and 45' lengths. We saw it during the building process and it is impressive! It has since been rolled out but we did not have a chance to go inside before they took it to the Florida RV SuperShow in January.

You will be happy to know that the Oregon Motorcoach Center in Eugene, OR now has an agreement with Foretravel to offer the same 10% parts and labor discount for service work as Foretravel. They are also a factory authorized warranty service center for Foretravel.

Foretravel would like your opinion on Camping World as a potential service center. Please log in to your Motorcade Club page at Foretravel.com to select one of four options.

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Please welcome our newest chapter members:

- 16898 Al & Lynn Miller, Lake Country, BC Canada
- 16907 Hugh & Judy Taylor, Richland WA
- 16932 Rick & Colleen McDougall, Bragg Creek, AB Canada
- 16942 John & Ruth Haygarth, Kaleden BC, Canada
- 16947 Rick & Irena McCloud, Chiloquin OR

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**Chapter Website Update** ~ We will be adding a page to the chapter website for anyone wishing to sell or trade their RV related items such as RVs, tow cars, spare RV parts, etc. Send details and photos to the chapter secretary. Please let the secretary know once your item[s] have sold so your post can be removed.

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**PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:**

2011 Spring ~ ATV Travel in the Woods, Wallace ID  
June 15 - 19, hosted by Ken & Arlene Casperson

2011 Fall ~ Astoria, OR & Southern WA [2 nights ea]  
[Due to cost, there was not enough interest  
to proceed with Vancouver Island]  
Sept, 2011, hosted by Gene & Betty Stahl

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*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](mailto:kanona@gmail.com). You may also send info via [www.foretravelnorthwest.com](http://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*