



Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter – Winter/Spring 2012

Hello everyone! It surely goes without saying Pacific Northwest winters are very long and no doubt we're all ready to head out in our Foretravels. It also goes without saying, the 2012 spring rally, hosted by **Gary & Claire Almquist** of Talent, OR and **Jerry & Marilyn Marlow** of Post Falls, ID will be one you won't want to miss! The dates are June 3 – 8 [6 nights]. For details and sign up, see the enclosed forms. Forms may also be found and printed at <http://foretravelnorthwest.com/calendar.aspx>. *Please be sure to mail your registration form and payment to arrive by April 1, 2012.* Hope to see you all there!



2011 Fall Rally ~ We could not have asked for nicer weather or more attentive hosts than **Gene & Betty Stahl** of Sequim, WA, during our 2011 fall rally at Long Beach, WA & Astoria, OR! Some of us arrived a few days early and were concerned about the heavy rainfall. By Monday, bright sunshine dominated the sky as we enjoyed fresh barbecued oysters and clams while getting reacquainted. We welcomed our newest club members **Rick & Colleen McDougall** from Alberta, Canada who are not only new to RVing but they chose a Foretravel! Welcome back to **Jerry & Marilyn Marlow** from Post Falls, Idaho! Everyone missed you over the last few years.



The first three nights of the rally were spent at Andersen's RV Park on the Ocean in Long Beach. You could step out your door and in less than a minute, be on the beach watching ocean waves. You could even hear the roar of the waves at night. It doesn't get much better than this.



Tuesday morning we visited the World Kite Museum, the largest in the Western Hemisphere. Their collection includes 1500 kites from around the world. While there, we were invited to make a basic kite of our own. There was time to browse their kite store where some of us

made purchases for the big kite flying contest Wednesday afternoon. Some of us went straight to the beach to test our newly made kites. I'm guessing it has been a few years since most of us have actually flown a kite!

That evening we had a delicious potluck followed by our chapter business meeting. During the meeting, elections were held. The 2012 officers are president **Ron Hecker**, vice president **Keith Miller**, treasurer **Claire Almquist** and secretary **Shannon Lanning**. Afterwards we were treated to a surprise drawing by **Leo & Ineke Volkert** of Lodi, CA for some very nice and fun prizes! Thank you **Leo & Ineke!** Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated.



Wednesday morning, our group visited the Oysterville Sea Farms to learn where the barbecued oysters we enjoyed on Monday afternoon came from.

After a scenic drive up the Long Beach Peninsula, we came upon the little town of Oysterville, founded in 1854 on the northwest shore of Willapa Bay and at the mouth of the Columbia River. The cannery we toured, along with many other local historical buildings, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Our knowledgeable tour guide explained in detail how they grow oysters for up to five years on their 200 acres of privately owned tideland, then harvest them by hand. They are sold fresh daily, by the bushel, along with clams and other products. Though we don't all eat oysters, it was a very interesting and educational tour.

Wednesday afternoon found us scattered all over the beach flying every size of colorful kite imaginable while showing off for our judges! The wind had been scarce up until this point, but on this day the wind was perfect and there was plenty of sunshine to go around as well! I'm sure it took everyone back to their childhood days. It was a sight to see.



Thursday morning, we packed up and headed south along Highway 101 to Warrenton, Oregon, near Astoria where they happened to be celebrating a bicentennial. After getting settled into our campground, a few of us visited the Ft. Clatsop Museum on the site of Lewis & Clark's campsite on the Oregon Coast while others took advantage of no sales tax in Oregon and went shopping!



We gathered for a barbecue Thursday evening. All of the food was generously provided by our hosts, the Stahls, who awarded some special prizes for Wednesday's kite

flying contest. Per our hosts/judges, all of the kites were so beautiful and the flyers so skilled it was very difficult to choose winners. Two of the flyers did go home with prizes courtesy of Eric's RV in Sequim: a combo knife, flashlight and multi-tool (all in one) in a case. Some say they transform into a small automobile!

A drawing was held for several Foretravel certificates, which are good towards future Foretravel Motorcade Club Event or Chapter Rally. The lucky winners were: \$25 to **Don & Alva Kiesbuy** and **Doug & Irona Campbell**; \$50 to **Kris & Shannon Lanning** and **Ken & Arlene Casperson**; \$75 to **Doug & Irona Campbell** and **Leo & Ineke Volkert**; \$100 to **Gary & Claire Almquist**. Congratulations to all!

Last but not least, we revisited where to have our 2012 rallies. The **Marlows** and **Almquists** announced they would jointly host the spring rally in Cody, Wyoming. For the 2012 fall rally, the **Lannings** suggested the Kah-nee-ta High Desert Resort & Casino in Warm Springs, just two hours from Portland. The new *Indian Head Casino in Warm Springs on Hwy 26* will be opening in February 2012. Stay tuned.

Motorcade Club News ~ Foretravel Inc. founder **C. M. Fore**, 83, passed away August 5 surrounded by his family in his home town of Nacogdoches, Texas. His second career, which began as a high school project for his son, motivated Mr. Fore to create a business in 1967 that evolved into Foretravel Inc. He owned and operated Foretravel for 40 years. Just six weeks after Mr. Fore's passing, his wife **Marie Fore** passed away. They were married 66 years.

Congratulations to **Lyle Reed**, executive director and chairman of the board of Foretravel Motorcoach, Inc., on

his election to the RVIA Board of Directors. Lyle will serve a three year term as a manufacturer representative.

Grandvention ~ **Wayne & Linda Eliason** #15974, were announced as the 2012 International President & First Lady at the 2011 Breaux Bridge, LA, Grandvention. There were several amendments to the International and Chapter Bylaws which can be found in Volume 31 Number 4 Fall 2011 issue of MotorCader and in the back of your 2012 Membership Directory.

Please welcome our newest chapter members:

- 17051 John & Lee McMorris, Saskatchewan, Canada
- 17052 Reg Hawkes & Donna Newall, BC, Canada
- 17062 Grant Lake & Betty Woodhouse, AB, Canada
- 17063 Brian & Meribel Dunlop, Helena MT
- 17064 Roy & Jo-Anne Youwe, BC, Canada
- 17067 Chris & Leslie Von Ravensberg, Seattle WA
- 17070 Gordon Cole, Snohomish WA
- 17084 Ron & Donna Brunson, Tangent OR
- 17087 Richard & Carol Snyder, Battle Ground WA
- 17089 Gene & Kathy Krattli, Friday Harbor WA

Classified Ads ~ Please visit the new Classified Ads page on our chapter website. It's 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 & photos to the website coordinator. Once your item has sold, please follow-up so your post can be removed.

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

2012 Spring ~ Cody, Wyoming
 June 3 – 8 [6 nights]
 Hosted by Gary & Claire Almquist 16103
 Jerry & Marilyn Marlow 12663

2012 Fall ~ Kahneeta High Desert Resort & Casino
Warm Springs, Oregon
 September dates to be announced
 Hosts to be determined

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 the club secretary at kanona@gmail.com. You may also submit information at www.foretravelnorthwest.com using the contact form. Rally registration forms are available and may be printed from the chapter website. Thank you!