

## Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter - Fall 2009

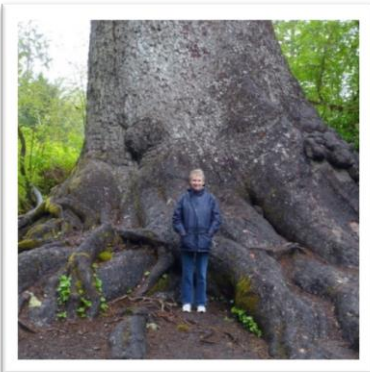
**GREETINGS!** We hope you are having a great year. It's amazing how fast time passes each year! I think those that attended our spring rally will agree it was great fun! The weather was perfect; the location gorgeous, and the vampire patrol in Forks did their job well. If you missed the rally, don't worry, we have another great rally planned this fall. All of the details are enclosed – registration is due by August 1!



**2009 SPRING RALLY:** The Northwest Chapter had a wonderful time May 12 – 18 during our spring rolling friends rally in Washington State's Olympic Peninsula! There was a good turnout of 12 Foretravel RVs and three "friend" RVs. Thanks go to our hosts **Ron & Florence Hecker** [#15415] of Lake Stevens, WA and **Keith & Shannon Miller** [#15553] of Kettle Falls, WA for organizing the rally. Great job!

**Jerry & Nancy Arnold** [#12336] traveled the furthest to join us, all the way from Southern California; while **Gene & Betty Stahl** [#16037] of Sequim, ended up in their back yard at the end of the rally. It was the first rally attended by **Vic & Francie Wilson** [#16734] from Anacortes, WA who just purchased their first Foretravel, a 1989 Grand Villa! A big "welcome back" went out to **Jerry & Alice Walmsley** [#14869] from Port Orchard, WA, who had not attended a rally since 2001.

The first two nights were spent at the beautiful Rain Forest RV Resort on Lake Quinault where we shared finger food at our "meet & greet. Of course, it was raining; after all, we were in a rainforest! The trees in the



**Irona Campbell** [#12490] is standing in front of the world's largest Spruce tree.

and traveled 60 miles along the Pacific Ocean taking in beautiful scenery along the way. Our destination for the next two nights was Forks where the hit movie Twilight

Quinault Rain Forest are well watered with an average rainfall of 12 feet per year. While some of us toured a local fish hatchery, others enjoyed a 31 mile scenic drive around the lake, and others just relaxed.

Thursday morning, sun shining bright, we unhooked one by one

took place. After the group settled in, many went for a hike in the Hoh Rain Forest. That night we had a delicious gourmet hot dog BBQ potluck followed by our chapter business meeting where several Foretravel Motorcade Gift Certificates valued from \$25 to \$100, Foretravel cookbooks, Foretravel hats, baked potato bags and more were awarded as door prizes, thanks to the Motorcade Club in Texas! Last but not least, the group sang happy birthday to three members who were celebrating a birthday.



Gourmet hot dog anyone?

Friday, we carpooled to Neah Bay's Makah Nation for a tour of the Makah Museum. Edie Hottewe of the Makah

People was our very capable and interesting guide.



Claire Almquist with Tatoosh Island in the background. Can you spot the lighthouse?

Following the tour, we ate our brown bag lunches on the warm beach. We would surely need the nourishment for the 3/4

mile hike on the Cape Flattery Trail to the most northwesterly point in the lower 48 states. At trail's end, we enjoyed a breathtaking view of Tatoosh Island, a former Makah fishing and whaling camp and more recently a Coast Guard station. Definitely worth the hike!

Friday evening, there was an impromptu potluck with lots of leftovers from the BBQ the night before.

Saturday morning was another beautiful day and time to move on to our final destination of Port Angeles for our last two nights. We traveled 50 miles along the Sol Duc River including the 12 mile shoreline of Lake Crescent, one of the deepest lakes in Washington State. It is also surely one of the most beautiful lakes you'll ever see.

The Elwha Dam RV Park in Port Angeles was a beautiful country setting, very peaceful and serene. Everyone was free to do whatever they wanted. Some of the ladies went with **Betty Stahl** to visit the Sequim Open Aire Farmer's Market. We visited one of the local lavender farms as well as Sunny Farms Country Store where some of us stocked up on all sorts of goodies.



Charles Ratzsch, guest of the Lannings [#15881], is anxious to try one of Diane's krumkakas. Notice a long line forming.

That evening, no one went hungry during the last potluck of the rally. After sampling the wide variety of dishes and desserts, we had Whidbey Island ice cream bars courtesy of our hosts, **Ron & Florence Hecker**. Just when you thought you couldn't eat another

bite, **Diane Crawford** [#15045] made Norwegian Krumkaka [cookies], rolled and filled with whipped cream, fresh fruit and nuts! Oh My!! There is absolutely no sense in trying to diet during one of our chapter rallies! This is one rally that won't soon be forgotten!



## **NEW CHAPTER WEBSITE**

Please take a look at our new chapter website: <http://www.foretravelnorthwest.com>. It's a work in progress, so if you have comments or suggestions, please contact the chapter secretary. If you are interested in having your own chapter email address, please let us know: [yourname@foretravelnorthwest.com].

To help raise funds for future rallies, we're selling Foretravel Cookbooks and Baked Potato Bags, donated by the Lannings [#15881]. We have 12 cookbooks available -- all proceeds will go into our chapter treasury. If you miss out, you can still purchase them through the Motorcade Club in Texas. The baked potato bags are great to keep in the RV, not only for micro-waving potatoes, but corn on the cob, baked apples, frozen veggies, bread/tortillas, and sweet potatoes.



NW Chapter Newsletter written by Shannon Lanning, your 2009 chapter secretary/treasurer. NW Chapter website is currently maintained by Shannon Lanning. If you would like to contribute pictures and/or articles for either, or if you will soon be celebrating a milestone anniversary or know of any members who have passed away, please send information via the website's contact form at [www.foretravelnorthwest.com](http://www.foretravelnorthwest.com) or to [kanona@gmail.com](mailto:kanona@gmail.com).

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

**Ken & Arlene Casperson** [#16335] of Arlington, WA, celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Nov. 27, 2009.



## **SAD NEWS:**

Our hearts go out to Beverly Koonce, our Motorcade Club Director. Arthur Ryan Koonce, Beverly's son, was tragically killed Tuesday, June 23. Given that Beverly's husband, David, passed away just last October after an illness, it's safe to assume that she is going through a very tough time. You will not meet a nicer person. If you would like Beverly's home address to send your condolences, please let us know.

Ryan's obituary can be read online here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailysentinel/obituary.aspx?n=arthur-ryan-koonce&pid=128901255>. There is also a guest book you can sign until July 25, 2009.



## **2010 RALLIES:**

### 2010 Spring Rally, [Dates TBA]

**We are still looking for a host and a location. We need suggestions for a location, even if you do not wish to host a rally at this time. Please contact us at [kanona@gmail.com](mailto:kanona@gmail.com) if you have any suggestions.**

### 2010 Fall Rally, September [Dates TBA]

**Southern Oregon Rolling Rally** will be hosted by Gary & Claire Almquist [#16103]. Here are a few activities that are being considered:

- Grants Pass: Hellgate Jet Boat excursion on Rogue River with dinner at O.K. Corral
- Jacksonville: Trolley Car Tour of this historic gold mining town
- Ashland: Oregon Shakespearean Festival
- Medford: Harry & David Country Village Store
- Crater Lake National Park Day Trip
- Visit numerous wineries in Grants Pass, Gold Hill, Medford & Ashland
- Canyonville: Seven Feathers Casino & RV Resort

*As always, we hope to see you there!*

