



FORETRAVEL
Motorcade Club
NW Chapter

Greetings from your chapter president!

We recently wrapped up our chapter's spring rally in the Snoqualmie and Seattle area. I know a lot of you wanted to be there but the dates just didn't work due to graduations, travels and other plans. Shannon's youngest son graduated high school a few days after the rally so we do understand that sometimes life gets in the way. That said, this was the lowest turnout in the history of our chapter, at least since Shannon and I became members in 2004, but those who attended said they had a great time! Have you ever said to yourself, "I've lived here all my life and never done that!" Most of the activities planned were those we had talked about doing for years! And even though we had our fair share of rain, the sun popped out at the right times making it all the more enjoyable. All things considered, it turned out to be a very nice rally.

Where does the time go? Here we are, looking forward to our fall rally in Southwestern Oregon. This will be a week-long rolling rally starting with an overnight at the Seven Feathers Casino RV Resort in Canyonville and heading south, with overnight stops in Grants Pass for a jet boat ride on the Rogue River; Ashland for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; and Prospect for a day trip to Crater Lake National Park. These are just a few of the many activities being planned by hosts, Gary & Claire Almquist from Talent, OR. Take a look at the enclosed schedule of events for dates and details. If you have already made the decision to come, I recommend sending in your registration as soon as possible. Our hosts need a head count for the jet boat ride by July 22 and we have a limited number of campsites reserved which will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

While we are in Grants Pass, we'll hold our chapter meeting where an entirely new slate of officers will be elected to take our club forward in 2011. While I have enjoyed the experience, after almost 2-1/2 years, it's time to pass the torch and so this will be my last official written communiqué. We received nominations for each office from Diane Crawford at the spring rally, but you may still nominate someone you'd like to see for president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer. If you are unable to attend the rally, please email your nominations to me at krislanning@earthlink.net.

Immediately following the fall rally, Shannon and I will head for Grandvention in Branson, MO, where I will be presenting my final NW Chapter report as your club president. This is one event we are especially looking forward to attending! Branson, known as the live music show capital of the world, is right up our alley, since we hold season tickets to two live theatres in the Seattle area! We have never been to Branson so this will be a real treat. I hope some of you are planning to be there as well. We need more chapter representation at Grandvention and Branson is about as centrally located in the U.S. as it gets. Go to <http://www.explorebranson.com>, check out the shows that will be available and come on along!

I have been invited to be on this year's Member of the Year Award Committee. If you have someone in mind from our chapter that you would like to nominate, please forward the name to me at krislanning@earthlink.net as soon as possible so it can be submitted by August. The winner of the Member of the Year Award will be announced at Grandvention.

Last, but not least, there has been a change for the 2011 fall rally which was scheduled to be at Mt. Rainier in Washington State. Instead, it will be in BC, Canada and will be co-hosted by Gene & Betty Stahl from Sequim, WA and Gary & Claire Almquist. The exact location in BC is yet to be determined so stay tuned for details. Our hosts will be looking at several locations.

Have a safe and sane 4th of July and a great summer. We'll see you in the fall!

Warm regards,

Kris Lanning, president
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