

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Foretravel MOTORCADE CLUB

Greetings from your chapter president!

I think it's safe to say winter is over for most of us in the Pacific Northwest. My wife tells me our rhodies are starting to bloom and our lilac bushes have buds growing. I noticed yesterday while driving through town, many trees are in full bloom, which is always a welcome sight. It's been a long winter.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled spring rally in the Snoqualmie Valley near Seattle, June 2 - 7. Downtown Snoqualmie has many unique shops and restaurants including a candy shop with an old-fashioned lunch counter which we'll visit for a candy-making tour. We'll also have brunch at the beautiful Salish Lodge overlooking Snoqualmie Falls which are more than 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Following brunch we'll take a scenic ride on a diesel-powered train through the valley. Since we're only minutes from Seattle, we've scheduled a tour of Safeco Field, home of Mariners Baseball. If we have 20 in our group, it will be a private tour, so please sign up! We'll have our own bus for a tour of Seattle. We'll plan to see Pike Place Market, the Seattle Center, Ballard Locks, Pioneer Square, Seattle Waterfront and West Seattle. If the weather permits, we'll enjoy our box lunches outside! You'll also have plenty of free time during the rally to do as you please.

The fall rally in Southwestern Oregon is shaping up to be very exciting! Gary and Claire Almquist of Talent, OR, are working hard to put together a rolling rally starting at the Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville. We'll head south to Grants Pass for a Rogue River jet boat excursion. In Medford, we'll tour Harry & David's and possibly the Tucker Snow Cat Factory. Take a trolley car tour of the historic gold mining town of Jacksonville before heading to Ashland for the Oregon Shakespearean Festival and a backstage tour. How about dinner at Callahan's Lodge on top of Siskiyou Mountain Pass? The final leg of the rally will be a day trip to Crater Lake National Park and dinner at Historic Prospect Hotel. I don't know about you, but we can't wait to sign up for this one! The dates are September 8 - 15 so be sure and mark your calendars.

In the spring chapter newsletter, you'll read about the Oregon Summer Fun Rally August 6 - 8 at Kah-Nee-Ta in Central Oregon. This is one function that is in our chapter's geographical area! On August 9, we anticipate caravanning to the FMCA Convention in Redmond, Oregon at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center which runs through August 14. Ed and Lois Goering of Corvallis, OR, are very busy putting the Summer Fun Rally together. Foretravel will not be sending service people to help this year, so the Goerings have asked us to help find two to three couples to help guide people to the campground entrance and to their parking spaces as they arrive on August 6, just after lunch. We need four to six people to assist with simple food prep and/or to take turns serving during two breakfasts, lunches and dinners. All food will be provided, of course! Last but not least, they need help with coordinating a Sunday worship service. If you possibly can, please help us support Foretravel Motorcade Club by signing up for the Fun Rally and volunteering to help! It's really no different than pitching in and helping out at our chapter rallies. You do not have to sign up for the FMCA Rally [but we hope you will] to go to the Fun Rally. I promise you will have a wonderful time. Two of the many activities we enjoyed at the last Fun Rally were gently floating down the Deschutes River on a beautiful sunny day and at the FMCA Convention, riding the ski lift up to the top of Mt. Bachelor for lunch and incredible views. There is so much more to enjoy, please come! Shannon and I will have our Segways and will be offering free lessons to anyone who is interested! Please let me know if you have any questions.



We hope to see you this year! Foretravel Motorcade Club really appreciates your support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris".

Kris Lanning, president
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