

Foretravel Northwest Chapter Newsletter

Happy New Year: We hope this newsletter finds you in a good place during these first few weeks of 2009! It's hard to believe that another year has gone by but most of us were probably glad to see 2008 end! What a wild and crazy ride! We are so fortunate that Foretravel is committed to succeeding so we can continue traveling with our Foretravel friends and having great fun in our Foretravel RVs! We have some marvelous rallies planned for 2009! [See the back of this page for info.] Hope to see you all there!



2008 Spring Rally: This was the first rally hosted by Kris and Shannon Lanning #15881. Twelve RVs joined in June 9-16 at Lincoln Rock State Park in East Wenatchee, WA. In addition, we had special weekend guests from R'nR RV in Liberty Lake, WA. After a hearty Ziploc omelet breakfast Saturday morning, Keith Woodruff and Don Walker of R'nR gave a presentation on the various aspects of Foretravel RV ownership. They spent most of the day going from coach to coach answering questions and helping resolve those mystery issues everyone seems to have from time to time. Keith and Don then handed out

discount certificates for R'nR service and/or parts. Thanks, Keith and Don!

During the week our group had a

private tour of the ALCOA Aluminum plant. We also visited the Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen, Rocky Reach Dam and Ohme Gardens. We stopped at Orondo Cider Works to enjoy fresh-squeezed apple cider and a cider doughnut prior to a three-hour dinner cruise on Lake Chelan aboard the Innamorata, formerly owned by the late Dean Martin. We had an enjoyable time visiting and dining while listening to Dean Martin classics.

After our potluck BBQ, we held our chapter meeting with many door prizes given away courtesy of Foretravel. Among the winners, Gene and Betty Stahl were the lucky recipients of a \$100 Foretravel certificate good towards future rallies or motorcades. Everyone went home with a Foretravel 40th Anniversary tote, a Foretravel hat and water bottles.



2008 Fall Rally: We had a very nice fall rally, hosted by Dave and Diane Crawford #15045. In all, nine coaches attended Sept 17-22 at the Pioneer Trails RV Resort in Anacortes. A delicious potluck dinner, with fresh salmon and meatballs provided, started the rally. Diane Crawford compiled the recipes of all of the side dishes that were contributed and everyone took home a copy. Thursday, we crossed over the Deception Bridge to West Beach and over a short trail to view the bridge from below. Then to the top of Mt. Erie for a Birdseye view of the area.



We had a very educational tour at Dakota Creek Industries, a shipbuilding facility that specializes in construction and repair of steel and aluminum vessels up to 400 feet, including research, fishing and oil recovery vessels, tugs, high-speed ferries, fireboats, and barges. We ended the day with dinner at the Swinomish Northern Lights Casino, courtesy of our chapter, where several decided to stick around and see which way their luck was running!

Friday we were up early to catch the ferry on foot to San Juan Island for a private bus tour. From Friday Harbor, we drove around the island enjoying the scenery as our driver narrated the island's history. In Roche Harbor we stopped for lunch and a bit of shopping before heading back via a different route. On the return trip, we visited Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm where a lot of us spent time in the Country Store oohing and ahhhhing over the sweaters and



coats made from alpaca wool. We stopped to take in the fragrance as well as take a few photos of a lavender farm and checked out a winery along the way. We had plenty of time for shopping in Friday Harbor before taking the ferry back to Anacortes.

Elections were held during our chapter meeting. Kris Lanning and Irona Campbell agreed to stay on as president and vice president. Shannon Lanning is our new secretary/treasurer, taking over for Edith Smith and Diane Crawford. Following the meeting, we enjoyed delicious Whidbey Island ice cream bars provided by Ron and Florence Hecker.

On Sunday, some attended a Home and Boat Tour benefitting Children's Hospital. Everyone was invited for coffee and rolls at Dave and Diane Crawford's home in Anacortes Monday morning before hitting the highway.



Grandvention: Your NW Chapter president, Kris Lanning and his wife Shannon left Anacortes a day early to drive across the country to attend their first Grandvention taking place in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. There were over 100 Foretravel coaches in attendance -- what a sight to see!

There were a lot of fun activities, including a bus tour of a local racing garage with a pit crew demonstration. Not to be missed, a Red Hat Luncheon and jewelry crafting class for the ladies and lots of technical seminars for the guys.

Kris presented the NW Chapter report. Certificates were awarded for memberships of five years and up and for miles driven in the coaches. There was an opportunity to purchase Foretravel logo hats, shirts and jackets and to sign up for future motorcades. Rumor has it the food was just amazing! A lot of old friends were seen and a lot of new friends were made there. Kris and Shannon are already looking forward to the 2009 Grandvention in Little Rock, Arkansas. If you have never attended a Grandvention, you should definitely give it some thought!

Take a few minutes and check out all of the available motorcades and chapter rallies across the country: http://www.foretravel.com/motorcade/events_all.php.



Congratulations: Warren & Sharon Bishop, #16507, from Kalama, WA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February, 2009. Congratulations!



Sad News: Some of us met Clyde and Linda Lippincott from Newport, WA, at our spring 2008 rally. Sadly, Clyde passed away November 28, 2008, the day after Thanksgiving. He was driving with Linda, his wife of 32 years, in their pickup and had a heart attack, causing him to lose control. The pickup rolled and Clyde did not survive. Linda is selling their 1994 40' U300 which can be seen in Newport, WA. If interested, she can be contacted at crldl@yahoo.com.



SAVE THESE DATES:

2009 Spring Rally, May 12 – 18

Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Hosts: Ron & Florence Hecker and Keith & Shannon Miller. All of the details are enclosed in this mailing.

2009 Fall Rally, September 9 – 14

Arlington, WA. Hosts: Ken & Arlene Caperson. Activities planned: Tour of Everett Boeing Plant; Arlington Pioneer Museum; Arcana Precision Machining [Boeing parts]; Upper Baker Dam; art work by local artists; glass blowing; tour of a cargo ship, if one is in, at the Port of Everett. Stay tuned for more info!

