

# NW Country Coachers

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## Board Members

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## Event CALENDAR

October 23-25 Anacortes, Wa  
November 13-15 Long Beach Rally  
February 16, 2010 Yuma with Jim & Ang  
March 25, 2010 ODR Cathedral City Potluck  
May 22-23, 2010 Hoodsport Canal Event  
August 5-8, 2010 Annual Event  
August 11-14, 2010 FMCA Rally Redmond, OR  
August 25-29, 2010 CC Reunion Albany, OR



## President's Corner

Thank you all for your support as your new President! I didn't expect the transition to happen quite so soon, but your new Board has hit the deck running with our first Executive Board meeting at our annual Salem Rally before the CC West Coast Reunion. On behalf of myself and your new Board I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the work your past officers have done to make our club what it is today. I hope that over the next few years we can build upon the foundation they have laid for an even better club. Your board is enthusiastic and has some great ideas for the future our chapter.

Following our club's Salem rally, 16 of our members gathered at the 23<sup>rd</sup> West Coast Reunion at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, OR. We had a great time getting to know everyone and visited with several of the other regional clubs. We seem to be one of the most active clubs holding a variety of events from socials (no coaches) to gatherings (usually informal weekend gatherings of coaches) to our annual Rally in August with catered meals, repairs services available, planned side trips and events. You'll find articles in this newsletter about both the Salem NWCCers rally and the 23<sup>rd</sup> West Coast Reunion so I won't reiterate them here.

Here are some of the things your Board is going to try to implement this year:

- Improve the way we handle registration for events so the Wagon Master can better plan
- Add more registration information for each event in the newsletter
- I've asked our new VP, Russ Warren, to act as our Rally and Event coordinator to assist Wagon Masters and manage the club calendar
- Compile a Wagon Master guide with information to assist members who want to host an event
- Revise the club By Laws to conform with how we have learned to run the club. Much of this is just housekeeping but will require a club vote.
- Clarify officer term lengths, staggered elections and when officers take office following elections
- Add the immediate Past President to the Executive Board

Your Board has started planning next year's calendar so if you have some ideas or want to host something let us know right away. We already have our 2010 calendar filling up with socials, rallies and events which you will find listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Next year FMCA will host their International Convention in Redmond, OR, August 11 to 14. We would like to volunteer as a club at the FMCA rally as we have in the past. We may plan a club gathering for a couple of days prior to FMCA so we can park as a club at FMCA. Then the Country Coach 24<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Reunion is planned for August 25 - 29 at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, OR. We usually have our annual meeting rally the weekend before the West Coast Reunion, so, next

Contact Lee Casebeer to join NW-CC-ERS Yahoo Group

# CCI West Coast Class Reunion— By Caroline Konczey

It was a sizzling hot rally at Albany this year. 17 NWCCers were there to liven things up. About 160 coaches registered for the rally, down from over 400 last year. It meant large spaces for our coaches and plenty of breathing room when generators were running.

The temps were in the upper 90s and over 100 a couple days. Our pets were well taken care of in our A/C rigs while we cooled down in the event center and enjoyed hosted bar and wonderful meals in the morning and evening.

Though the number of seminars and vendors was down, there was still plenty of variety in the presentations and many of the regulars returned. You could hear about heart health, tire maintenance, learn line dancing, driving with Silverleaf, Battery care, relax with yoga, Q&A from the vendors and suppliers, be awed by the K9 from the Linn Co Sherriff's Dept., and get updates on CC from Jay and Jim Howard.

Jay Howard opened with "I get blamed for everything that goes bad at CC. Hopefully all the good that happens will be blamed on someone else at CC"

Ted Wright, President of CCI greeted and welcomed us to the rally. He opened with "I feel a bit like George Bush— he was elected as President and then was hit by 9-11. I was elected President and was hit by Chapter 11".

Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts entertained two evenings, along with the Mike Denny Trio during happy hour and the Gospel singing Knox Brothers on Sunday morning.

The new coaches were on display and 6 were sold including one Veranda and the Allure Crane Prairie (a favorite of many of us).

We NWCCers met for drinks and a pot luck on Friday after the Factory Tour. 10 of us were parked at the end of the gravel – oh, so special, and that is where we gathered.

Things were going well until Fred's inverter and transfer switch were 'fried'. It seems Caroline Konczey borrowed his microwave to heat potatoes when it happened. Now Fred is not saying it was her fault...he also has a cracked windshield and the hydrohot quit working after its annual service. Fred says it must have something to do with him taking over as President of the NWCCers. David, you better look out. You may receive the 'President' part of his badge in the mail soon.

Most of us started engines on Sunday morning for new destinations. See ya all next year. Let's make it a bigger group of NWCCers.

## Mardi Gras in Yuma

King Rex Jean McCarthy invites all her loyal subjects to the Second Annual Yuma Mardi Gras Social, hosted by club members Jim Gregory and Angela Carmen at their winter home.

The date is Fat Tuesday, February 16. The potluck will begin at 1 p.m. Jim and Angela will be cooking up a big pot of Red Beans and Rice with Andouille Sausage and Spicy Shrimp on the side. Revelers are asked to bring a Mardi Gras theme based side dish and BYOB and BYOC (bring your own chairs).

Jim and Ang will also provide masks and beads, but if you have your own please bring.

Millie & Ken Blodgett will be baking a traditional New Orleans Bread Pudding in which will be hidden a tiny "baby". King Rex Jean will abdicate her thrown, crown and scepter to the reveler who finds the baby in his or her bread pudding.

This is a walk-in social; there is no coach parking. There potentially is desert parking nearby. Jim will confirm this after his arrival in December.

Revelers must be limited to no more than 30. Please RSVP (or request more information) at [jimgregory3@gmail.com](mailto:jimgregory3@gmail.com)



August will be very busy for our club!

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Here are your club Officers for 2009 – 2010 (Contact information appears elsewhere and will be eMailed to all members):

President	Fred Dent	Seattle, WA
Vice President	Russell Warren	Bremerton, WA
Secretary*	Lee Casebeer	Milwaukee, OR
Treasurer	Dana Suttell	Port Orchard, WA
Newsletter Editor	Mary Lou Thun	Vancouver, WA
National Director*	Don Schleuse	Blaine, WA
Alt National Director*	Herb Harris	Kalama, WA
Membership Chair**	Kris Casebeer	Milwaukee, OR
Past President ***	Dave Roberts	Sisters, OR

\* Indicates continuing from last year

\*\* Outgoing Vice President continuing as Membership Chair

\*\*\* Invited to sit on the Board – this will require a By Law change to make this a voting position on the Board.

I hope this finds you all well and with your shiny side up! Please let one of your officers know what we can do to improve your experience with Northwest Country Coachers!

For those who asked me not to talk about my pets, please skip this paragraph! I promised not to fill up my

President's message with stories about my dogs, but Covington and Windsor say 'Hi' with a wag and a lick and hope to see you all soon. Fred Dent, President August 23, 2009

## Officer Contact List

Our officers are ready to help you at any time. Contact the following:

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# Salem Rally Recap

By Glenda Serex

Oh, gosh! Where to begin??!! There was so much going on and so much fun being had by so many people!

If the surveys submitted at the banquet on the final evening are a true reflection of the participants' experience, then we feel free to suggest that the gathering was a success.

Folks were out and about in ideal weather (until Monday when it got a bit too warm). Some went off to shop and eat at Salem's Saturday Market, to ride the Riverfront carousel and take pictures of the Tom McCall memorial statue. Nine others trekked out into the countryside to visit Wings of Wonder Butterfly "Farm." (Boy! Did we ever learn a lot about caterpillars and how they get to be butterflies.) Some of those same folks went on to stroll through the amazing gardens at Dancing Oaks. Another group elected to visit some of the wineries in the Eola Hills west of Salem. They were treated to wonderful vistas and beautiful facilities; though we understand the wines were disappointing due to the uncooperative weather conditions. Some who remained at the park took advantage of their being several service people on-site and had repairs and updates made on coaches. (Thanks so much to those who arranged for the techs to join us.) This was a real plus for several of our coachers as was the Q and A session held in the tent.

It seemed that whenever we gathered, there was an abundance of food. Friday night brought out so many appetizers that several folks opted out of preparing dinner that evening. Saturday saw more of the same culinary talent on display. (Wow, there are a lot of outstanding cooks in this crowd!) Several people noted in the survey suggestion area that we should benefit by spreading our potluck appetizers over several nights with a "Happy Hour" each evening of the rally. More time for just visiting! (Good idea for the next Wagon Master!)

A couple of other suggestions noted that the impromptu "crafting" gatherings in the tent area should have been included in the daily schedule, and "Games" nights scheduled for those "free" evenings. (More notes for

the next guy!)

The more formal gatherings on Sunday for Brunch and on Monday for the Catered Dinner were well received. The advantage of having everyone together during Brunch gave the club a perfect opportunity to thank our current Executive Board, hear campaign speeches from candidates and vote in a new slate of officers. It made for a very smooth transition as the newly elected Board assumed their duties for the remainder of the rally.



We would be remiss if we didn't thank all of those who "pitched in" to lighten the workload, clean up after our gatherings and keep things running smoothly. We discovered over the four days of our adventure that a Rally is really only as good as the "Rally-ers" in attendance, and this one was the best!!! (Maybe we should adopt "We Are Family" as our NWCCers them song???)

Thank you also from the group to the Serex's who worked tirelessly to make sure the club members enjoyed all the time they were able to spend together.



*NorthWest Country Coachers  
Salem, Oregon Rally 2009*

*Veron L. Serex ©*

# NorthWest Country Coachers

## Pioneer Trails RV Park Rally

7337 Miller Rd. Anacortes, Wa.  
888-777-5355

October 23 to 25, 2009

Reservations: Please send your site reservation fee with

your check payable to: **Pioneer Trails RV Park**

**to: Jack & Therese Gordon, to assure this event happens**

**Jack needs your reservation form by September 18th to inform the RV Park**

There is lots to see & do in the Anacortes area. This is an open event for members & friends of **NWCCers**. Spread the word & invite your RV friends. Please make your reservation early. There are 17 sites set aside for our Club. There are no rally fees for the event, just the remainder of your site rental payable at check in. You may reserve a few additional days either before or after the planned club event at the same rate.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying more that 3 nights: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Length: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Slides: \_\_\_\_\_ Towing?: \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

Pets (Number, type, size): \_\_\_\_\_

Member of NWCCers? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No (All are welcome, rates are the same for everyone)

All sites are full hookup. Our group rate is \$35.26 per night including tax which is the first night's deposit to reserve your place.

Please make your check payable to: "**Pioneer Trails RV Park**" to reserve a site.

Jack will contact the park of your intentions, this procedure is so Jack knows how many Coaches are coming.

We need 10 coaches to waive the \$125 the Club House usage fee. GOOD SAM discounts do not apply.

Mail this form & your 1<sup>st</sup> night's site fee check to the Gordons at:

**Jack & Therese Gordon**  
**15813 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW**  
**Burien, WA 98166**

Any Questions? ?? Call: 206-241-6988 or E-mail: [gordondupl@aol.com](mailto:gordondupl@aol.com)

## Country Coach Officials Pleased with Reunion Rally-

Luxury motor coach manufacturer Country Coach today announces the successful completion of the company's 23rd Annual West Coast Class Reunion Rally.

Held in Albany, Oregon from August 19 to 23, the annual rally combined learning, fellowship, shopping and adventure in five entertaining days.

More than 150 Country Coach motorcoaches, with more than 300 avid coach owners, joined the company for the multi-day event. Company president and CEO Jay Howard reported positive results from the rally.

"It was encouraging to share time with owners and other stakeholders who have been on our company's difficult journey with us. I am grateful that so many chose to visit with us in Albany this year, and that many have purchased a new Country Coach or are considering a purchase in the near future," he said. At the time of this release, Country Coach Factory Direct has sold nine motorcoach in conjunction with the Class Reunion Rally, and consultations are ongoing with additional clients searching for their ideal Country Coach.

"We are always pleased and grateful when clients select a Country Coach, and it serves as an affirmation of our dedication to caring for our customers. However the success of this rally is not measured in retail sales alone. Our rally attendees do not drive across the country to Albany, Oregon for free service or any other incentive. Overwhelmingly, attendees came to support Country Coach and each other," said Howard. "It was a great few days, and people left smiling."

The company is currently exploring locations in the southeast United States for a pending winter rally.

Source: Country Coach press release Posted in: RV Industry Submitted by Herb Harris

**Photos Needed:** Kris Casebeer is making a scrapbook of club events. Please send photos of the Albany Rally or the CCI West Coast Class Reunion to the Casebeers: [lcasebeer@gmail.com](mailto:lcasebeer@gmail.com) Kris would like to thank those who have already contributed some of their photographs. They are Patti Teeuw, Jim Gregory, Angela Carmen & Vern Serex.

# Free on-line books

By Angela Carmen

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## Something to do while you are traveling

We just got back from a trip (without our motor coach) in Colorado. The visitor center in Lake City, CO has its own version of geo-caching. They give you a passport that will take you on a tour of some of the most interesting historic sites in this town. There were 10 different sites to find and each site had lots of interesting stories and information about the town. We had never done geo-caching but had a lot of fun doing it. When I got home I checked out the official website of geo-caching and thought that might be a fun thing to do wherever you are in the USA.

Below is some information that might get you started. All you need is a GPS and a keen eye to find the "Hidden Treasures". It is a fun way to spend a day or afternoon.

### Easy Steps to Geocaching (<http://www.geocaching.com>)

Register for a [free membership](#).

1. Click "Hide & Seek a Cache."
2. Enter your postal code and click "search."
3. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name.
4. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS Device.
5. Use your GPS device to assist you in finding the hidden geocache.
6. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location.

**Share your geocaching stories and photos online.**

### Before You Go

Find a [geocache](#) that will meet your immediate goals. Are you looking for a difficult Hike or an easy adventure? [Learn How to Find a Geo-cache](#)

- If you're headed out on the trail, pack any needed supplies such as water, Food and extra clothing. Bring both a map and a compass.
- For safety, let someone know where you are going.
- Do not forget your GPS and extra batteries.

**Need a GPS? Read [GPS Device Reviews](#) and our [Guide to Buying a GPS Device](#).**

### Get Out and Play

- Mark your car as a waypoint to ensure your safe return.
- Be mindful of the environment, practice [Cache In Trash Out](#).
- Bring friends and family with you; sharing the experience can be very rewarding. Pets are usually welcome, too!

**Remember that distances can be deceiving. A Geocache can take longer to find depending on trails, rivers, and other obstacles.**

### Share Your Experience

- If you take something from the geocache, leave something of equal or greater value.

- Write about your experience in the geocache logbook.

Place your geocaching stories and photos online.

[Learn How to Log Your Find](#)

Enjoy and we might see you on your next treasure hunt!  
Sibylle and Richard Beck, Salem, Or

# Northwest Country Coachers Andersen's RV Park On The Ocean

November 13 to 15, 2009

Reservations : please make you reservation through NWCC (see below) and not directly with Andersen's

**To guarantee this event we need your reservations by September 15**

**We may be able to accommodate additional reservations until October 15 on a space available basis**

This may be a clamming weekend but we won't know for sure until November so make your reservation now so we can claim all the spaces we will need. This is an open event for members and friends of NWCCers. Spread the word and invite your RV friends too. Please make your reservation early as this RV park fills up fast! If you think you may want to go please make a reservation. The park has a very forgiving cancellation policy as long as your cancellation is received 7 days before arrival. There is no rally fee for this event, just your site rental payable upon check in. You may reserve a few additional days either before or after the planned club event at the same rate.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Address (for confirmation so be sure this is legible!): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Length: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Slides: \_\_\_\_\_ Towing?: \_\_ Yes\_\_ No

Pets (Number, type, size): \_\_\_\_\_

Member of NWCCers? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No (All are welcome, rates are the same for everyone)

All sites are full hookup (20/30/50 Amp) with cable. Our group rate is \$25 per night plus tax and a first night deposit is required. Please make your \$25 deposit check payable to 'Anderson's on the Ocean.' Deposits are refundable for cancellations received by Andersen's RV prior to November 6. Mail your \$25 deposit (payable to 'Anderson's on the Ocean') with this reservation form (one form per coach) to:

NWCCers

c/o Fred Dent

3213 West Wheeler St #120

Seattle, WA 98199

Questions : Call 206-914-4109

[dent@u.washington.edu](mailto:dent@u.washington.edu) (Please put "NWCC" in subject line)

## Clams, Clams, Clams-

That's all we heard last year at this popular Washington destination and it may very well be another clam weekend this year. The gathering will be at **Long Beach November 13-15, 2009**. The tides will be right, it's just a matter of Fish and Wildlife releasing the days which won't happen until a week or two before our event. Last year we had great weather, but this is the Washington coast it could be cold and rainy, one never knows on our beautiful Washington coast. Andersen's is right on the beach behind the sand dunes. You will be lulled to sleep by the ocean which is only a two or three minute walk away from your front door. The beach is flat and wide and is one of the few you can drive on (luckily there aren't many drivers on the beach in November.) If your dog loves to run on the beach this event is a must! We'll try to have at least one organized dog walk if the weather permits (perhaps organized is a poor word-let's just say planned) which was a lot of fun last year. You will have miles of open beach to walk and enjoy. Long Beach is famous for kite flying, so bring your kites or pick one up in town. We'll have pot luck meals in the club house and campfires Friday and Saturday evening. The town of Long Beach is just a few minutes away affording good restaurants, souvenir shopping and the International Kite Museum! There is also a paved bicycle and walking path about two miles long along the sand dunes through Long Beach. If you drive about 25 minutes north up the peninsula you'll come to Oysterville which isn't much, but you will find an oyster processing plant with a store selling fresh oysters and accoutrements. For more information about Andersen's RV Park on the Ocean visit their web site but please **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION THROUGH NWCC** (reservation form is on page 6) . The website is <http://www.andersensrv.com/> Reservations must be received by September 15 to guarantee a site and to confirm our club reservation. Reservations received between September 15 and October 15 will be on a space available basis. No rally fee. Sites are full hookup 30/50A \$25. per night plus tax. You can reserve several days before and after the event at the same club rate. \$25. first night deposit required. Cancellations must be received by Andersen's 7 days prior to arrival for a full refund.