



EVENT CALENDAR

*All events sponsored by NWCCers unless noted otherwise by **

May 21-23, 2010 Hoodsport Canal Event, Dana & Frank Suttell, Rally Masters, fdsutt@wavecable.com or 360-876-1197

June 10—12, 2010 Newport, Oregon @Outdoor Resorts Pacific Shores, Cindy Hix, Rally Master. cynthiahix@aol.com or (503) 705-8409

July 8—12, 2010 Sisters, Oregon Quilt Show Gathering, David and Karen Roberts Hosts, dakatsrv@gmail.com (541)550-9660

July 13—18, 2010 Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho @ Blackwell Island RV Park, Fred Dent, Rally Master, dent@u.washington.edu or 206-282-6798

August 5—8, 2010 NWCC Pre FMCA Event, Cascade Meadows RV, LaPine, OR, Millie and Ken Blodgett, Rally Masters, rvred-mill@web4mix.com or cell # 503-701-7525 or home 541-447-7838

***August 11-14, 2010** FMCA Rally Redmond—**NWCC Volunteer Check in August 8th. See article on page 4**

September 24—26, 2010 Prosser Balloon Festival, Richard & Sibylie Beck, Rally Masters, sib@nu-teksupply.com or 503-399-0636

October 8—10, 2010—Leavenworth, WA October Fest

***October 25-29, 2010** CCI Fall Party Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

November 5—7, 2010 Long Beach, WA @ Andersen's RV Park, Fred Dent, Rally Master, dent@u.washington.edu or 206-282-6798

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President's Corner

All's well that ends well! For those of you following the saga of broken rear shocks, I'm repaired and back home in Seattle. There's more to the story in 'It's a Small World' elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We have two rallies coming up quickly – one in Hoodsport later in May and another new rally in Newport, OR, in June hosted by Cindy Hix a friend of our club (aka Our Mascot!).

If you can get away to either one call and let our Treasurer, Dana Suttell, know ASAP so we can reserve a site for you.

Dave and Karen Roberts still have room at their place in July for the Sisters, OR, Quilting Festival. If you want affordable, close by camping to enjoy the Quilt show, this one is for you. Contact Dave Roberts directly to arrange for a place to camp at their place just outside of Sisters, OR.

Many thanks to Barb Lowery who has stepped up to help plan the Lake Coeur d'Alene rally in July. We hope to have the rally information and registration out for that rally in May and included in the June Newsletter.

The new club name badges have been made! They were mailed the week of April 26 to those of you who requested your badges be mailed. The rest of them will be delivered to you when we see you at a rally. Thank you, Lee and Kris Casebeer, for taking care of that project.

The August FMCA International Convention and our pre Rally planning are coming along nicely. Remember, if you plan to park with NWCCers at the FMCA Convention you must let Don Schleuse, NWCCers National Director, know that you will be a volunteer right away. You will not be able to caravan with us and park with us at the FMCA Convention if Don doesn't have your name on the Volunteer list well in advance of our pre rally.

Spring is upon us which means many of us will be getting caught up with sprucing up our Country Coaches for spring washing, waxing, polishing, oil changing, climbing on the roof to check seals and all sorts of spring maintenance. Please be careful! Don't reach too high, be careful on ladders (especially the roof ladder), take it easy (don't pull any muscles) and if you are going to climb ask someone to help to hand you tools, hoses, brushes and the like. We want to see all our members out enjoying the Northwest in their coaches and hope to see you at a club rally.

Fred Dent, President

JOIN US ON THE OREGON COAST

The NorthWest Country Coachers are having a Rally in Newport, Oregon, June 10 -12th. The Rally master for the event is Cindy Hix. We have 15 sites reserved at the Pacific Shores RV Resort. . With 10 coaches in attendance, the site rate will be \$34.00 a night plus tax. If you have questions on the event please contact Cindy at cynthiahix@aol.com or cell #: 503-705-8409. Our April 2009 rally at this facility was well received; it is a beautiful location with breathtaking ocean views. June on the Oregon Coast is a wonderful place to be. Let's kick off the summer on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. This will be a casual gathering with plenty of time to visit or roam. The resort has its own activities scheduled that we can join, or plan our own fun. We'll have a meet & greet social on Thursday evening, June 10th. We will organize golfing, old town browsing/shopping, visit to the aquarium, sightseeing, beach combing, or just relax with a view of the Yaquina Head Lighthouse. Just fill out the accompanying registration form, send it with money to Dana and we'll see you there.



Outdoor Resorts Pacific Shores Motorcoach Resort

6225 N. Coast Hwy #101, Newport, Oregon
541-265-3750

June 10-12th, 2010

Reservations: Please send your Rally Registration Form with
your check payable to: **NorthWest Country Coachers**

Mail to: Dana Suttell, 3163 SE Tucci Pl., Port Orchard, Wa. 98367

There is much to see & do in the Newport, Oregon area. This event is open to members & friends of NWCCers. Spread the word & invite your RV friends. Please make your reservation early. There are 15 sites set aside for our Club. There is a Rally fee of \$130, (\$140 Non-NWCCers) for the event, which includes 3 nights site fees & Club House Room reservation fee.

Name(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: (____) - _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Are you staying more than 3 nights: No ___ or Yes ____, If more, make arrangements with the Resort upon arrival.

Coach Length: _____ Towing?: ___ Yes ___ No

Member of NWCCers? ___ Yes ___ No (All are welcome, \$10 extra fee for Non-NWCCers attendees)

We need 10 coaches to get the group site fee rate.

Rally Event Questions? ? ? Call: Cindy Hix's Cell: **503-705-8409** or E-mail: cynthiahix@aol.com

Rally Registration Questions ?? Call: Dana Suttell: **360-876-1197** or E-Mail: fdsutt@wavecable.com

Here are some of the highlights: June 10, Thursday—gather around 5:30 for cocktails (BYO) and bring an appetizer to share. (Cindy will supply dessert) Friday, June 11—the resort is sponsoring a Chowder Feed (\$6 per adult, \$3 ages 6-12). Bingo at 7:30—cards are \$1 each and they play up to 10 games. All cash prizes. Sat., June 12 from 3—4 complimentary wine and cheese. Adults only! Following wine and cheese our club will have a buffet dinner at 5:00. Sunday 9:30—11 a.m. Brunch (\$9.50 per adult and \$5 ages 6—12)

There is lots to do in the area: Golf, Indoor Pool, Beaches, Aquarium, Campfire gatherings, Geocaching, etc.

JOIN THE FUN

Shock Extension Limiting Strap

Information supplied by Doug Beaudry of Country Boys RV Services

Ever find yourself stuck in a shop after breaking those rear shocks?

We have found that with the Intrigue, Magna and Affinity coaches using the RD 227 drive axle suspensions there is some help. The way the coach was set up with the tag axle raise operation, the rear axle air bags get full air pressure to those bags. The only limiting factor is the drive axle shocks. Country Coach did some testing and found that by adding limiting straps to the drive axle shocks it would help support the shocks. The other thing that they found was the engine air compressor governor was set too high. So we suggest that you get that tested and set to no higher than 130 PSI.

We have talked to a lot of coach owners on this subject and it appears that most concerns arise when the coach has the tag raised, some times for a significant amount of time. Coach owners raise the tag while driving through down town, get stopped by a light or construction etc. The entire time the tag is raised the drive axle bags are getting full air and the rear is at full extension. We suggest that you not raise the tag unless you are backing into a tight spot or drive way.

The other factor in this is the programming that Country Coach put into the HWH system; it sends the signal to the drive axle for full raise, continuous raise while the tag raise switch is enabled. We have talked with HWH and it would take a lot of time to engineer a new program and get it tested so at this time that is not an option.

We are continuing to monitor this concern and have found some other coaches that have had similar shock issues but had a different suspension package so please feel free to contact us with your findings, questions or suggestions.

There also have been some customers that have changed out the shocks to a higher strength shock brand such as Road King. This may or may not be the ultimate corrective action but it can not hurt if that is the direction that you wish to go down. I do however still suggest adding the retaining straps as an extra precautionary measure no matter what style or brand of shocks you wish to purchase. It is a simple installation by most chassis shops that can remove the rear dual tires to gain access to the shock bolts. There is one steel bracket that goes over the top shock bolt and the shock strap.

You can purchase these kits through Country Boys RV Services for \$100.00. Please give us a call with any questions or suggestions and we can all work together to try and find a solution. Doug @541-935-0848 or Andy @ 541-255-2169 Located in the Albany/Eugene, OR area

FMCA RALLY INFORMATION—

Don Schleuse, National Director

“For the “Redmond Rocks” convention, approximately 80 Seminar Volunteers are needed. Presently, we have 28 from our club that have signed up to volunteer. If you wish to sign up, there is still time. There will be two volunteers for each seminar room. One volunteer will be a monitor and may be required to introduce the seminar speaker, make sure the chairs are set up properly, and that the microphone is in good working order. The other volunteer will be a reporter. There are special forms that this volunteer will be asked to fill out and return in the seminar envelope which will give FMCA feedback on the seminar. The seminar areas will have a radio on hand in case there are problems with microphones or set-up. We will have to remain flexible in our duties, as schedules can change due to unforeseen circumstances. By mid June, the Seminar Captain will receive “tour of duty” assignment sheets and will, wherever possible assign us to areas where we might have some expertise or knowledge of the subject matter. How he is going to know our areas of expertise, I have no idea! As soon as we find out, we will let you know.

Maureen Mullarkey, FMCA's Volunteer Coordinator, is responsible for mailing packets to volunteers approximately six weeks prior to the start of the convention (on or about June 28, 2010). These packets will include volunteer instructions, special window parking credentials that will allow volunteers early admittance to the grounds and volunteer parking area, and the volunteer's assigned shift

information. Volunteer confirmation packets will not be sent with your convention registration packets, they will come under separate cover. If you have contacted me, I have turned your names in so you have nothing else to do. On the convention registration, there isn't a place to check to be a volunteer, so if anyone else is interested let me know ASAP.

We will arrive at the grounds on Sunday, August 8, 2010, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. I think the seminar group, as a whole, will be given an arrival time so that all of us will be parked in close proximity in the volunteer parking area. Since we want to park together as a club, we will have to arrive together. For those of you that will not be at the LaPine rally, Mille Blodgett has arranged for us to gather in the Redmond Vets parking lot on Veterans Way in Redmond and proceed to the fair grounds. Volunteers who have paid the additional fee for electric will be parked in the volunteer electric lot. Electric in the volunteer lot will be turned on at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 9. **Since this preferred parking area is reserved for volunteers, only those people assigned a tour of duty will be furnished with the appropriate credentials allowing them to be parked in this area. Volunteer parking spaces will not be held in the volunteer lot after 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10.** Anyone who chooses to park in the Handicap with electric lot will have their electric turned on at 9:00 a.m. on Tue., August 10.

On Tuesday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a meeting for all Seminar Volunteers in the High Desert Activity Center, Seminar 6. Volunteers should bring their completed locator cards and their volunteer packets to the volunteer meeting. Immediately following

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Rest A While RV Park Hoodspport, Washington — May 21-23rd, 2010

Join us for a weekend of fun on the Hood Canal in Western Washington. Our sites are on the canal and depending on the tides we will have the beach open to harvest oysters. Depending on our final count of coaches we may again have the oyster Bar B Q which we all enjoyed last year. We are not dealing with a bridge closure this year so Poulsbo, Bremerton & Port Gamble, as well as great sites on the Olympic Peninsula are available to us. We hope you will join us for a fun relaxed weekend. As is our custom we will share great food and fun.

Rest A While requests that when you check in you pay your bill. I will be collecting a one night deposit of \$34.78 to reserve your site. Your deposit will be refunded at the event. Last minute cancellations will result in your deposit going to the club to cover costs.

Rest A While welcomes members staying before and after our event, although I have been told there are groups booked around us, so let me know as soon as possible if you want additional days.

Name: _____ Co-Pilot: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Dates you wish to reserve: _____

Check _____ Money Order _____ \$34.78

We will have full hook up's with water, power, sewer, cable TV and WI FI. Contact Dana and/or Frank Suttell, 3163 S. E. Tucci Pl., Port Orchard, WA 98367 or fdstutt@wavecable.com or 360-876-1107

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the meeting, volunteers will be able to turn in their locator cards and pick up their volunteer ribbons, hats, pins and convention program if they have not already received one.

On Tuesday, August 10, at 5:30 p.m., in Middle Sister, there will be a casual volunteer get-together and appreciation ceremony with a buffet dinner provided by FMCA for all convention volunteers. A formal invitation will be sent in the volunteer confirmation packets.

One very important item -- all volunteers must pre-register for the convention in order to receive their credentials. If you are leaving the mailing address where the confirmation packet will be sent to before the volunteer packets are mailed on June 28, please call Maureen Mullarkey at 1-800-543-3622, ext. 208, or mmullarkey@fmca.com to ask that your volunteer credentials be held for you or sent to a different address.

The names of all volunteers will be included in a master list of volunteers that will be furnished to the parking crew at Redmond. Therefore, any volunteers arriving at the grounds without credentials will still be able to park in the reserved volunteer parking area. Credentials will be furnished to these volunteers in the volunteer parking area or at the volunteer meeting.”

Please Join the NWCCers Yahoo Group

The Yahoo Group is a great way to share information in a quick manner. There is considerable conversation about parts, repairs and general items of interest. This site is even more popular as we all search for answers about our Country Coach. It's fun, informative and free. Contact Lee Casebeer at Lcasebeer@gmail.com

NWCC PRE-RALLY

(prior to FMCA International Convention)
Rally Masters Millie and Ken Blodgett

The NWCCers Pre-rally to the FMCA Convention to be held in Redmond, Oregon is scheduled for Cascade Meadows RV Resort August 5-8, 2010. Cascade Meadows is located 22 miles south of Bend, OR on Hwy 97 between mile marker 161 and 162, at the junction to East and Paulina Lakes, Newberry Calders to the East and Quail Run Golf Course to the West. Thursday night will be potluck at the park to meet and greet friends and new folks. We have several options of things to do in the area for both Friday and Saturday. One catered dinner and hopefully one dinner at the Lodge on BEAUTIFUL Paulina Lake. Sunday morning we will caravan to Redmond and the FMCA Rally at the Expo Center.

We are excited for this pre Rally! Central Oregon is so beautiful at this time of year. We do have warm days and cool nights. A jacket is needed as soon as the sun goes down!

Please consider joining us for this fun event. We can be e-mailed at rvredmill@web4mix.com. We will be collection \$25 to reserve your first nights RV space. A limited number of 50 and 30 amp spaces are available, all with water and sewer, so contact us early to guarantee your choice.

You'll find an entry form on page 5.

NWCCers Rally Date August 5 - 8, 2010 Cascade Meadows RV Resort, LaPine, OR.

Name(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

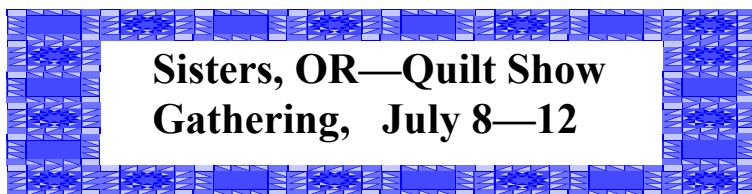
Caravan to FMCA Redmond: Yes _____ No _____



Deposit for 1st night \$25.00 please send with registration to: Millie Blodgett, 11374 NW Jordan Ave., Prineville, OR 97754

We have 40 sites reserved at this time. The park asks for final confirmation by July 1, 2010, at that time I must release those sites not confirmed. All sites will be either 50 or 30 AMP with water and sewer. I will assign the 50 amp sites first as I receive the registration and deposits. When you arrive please check in at the office, they will collect for nights 2 and 3 and give you your site number.

Thursday night we will have a Potluck. Breakfasts on our own around the campfire. There will be additional costs for Friday and Saturday night Dinner.



Sisters, OR—Quilt Show Gathering, July 8—12

The World famous Sisters Quilt Show is held on the second weekend in July each year in the City of Sisters, Oregon. This event is extremely popular with 'Quilters' many of whom travel great distances to attend.

Various related activities take place in the preceding week, culminating in a huge display of World-Class quilts hanging from the front of down town businesses.

David & Karen Roberts invite you to bring your motor home to Sisters and park on their property for a few days while you enjoy the show and surrounding attractions.

Parking will be on gravel. Some 50 Amp circuits are available, plus a number of 20 Amp outlets, and water is available but unfortunately no sewer so best to arrive with empty tanks. (A public sewer dump is available in town approximately two miles away).

There will be two full bathrooms available for visitors so waste water tank capacity problems can be mitigated.

No formal events are planned. The hosts anticipate that once members arrive they will take advantage of the surroundings to go explore by themselves or team up with other visitors.

Potluck evening meals can take place on the grass and evening social events can take place outside or indoors in the entertainment area.

Dog owners are welcome to walk their dogs on the property but not run free.

Space is limited (seven spaces left) and there are some conditions concerning arrival and departure. Guests may arrive any day between Friday July 2 through Thursday July 8, but must depart Monday July 12, 2010. (This means no coaches can leave Friday, Saturday or Sunday).

This private no charge event is open only to NWCC members and their SOB mascot. Please contact the hosts directly at (541) 550 - 9660 or dakatsrv@gmail.com to be added to the list.

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NEW NWCC NAME BADGES

Lee and Kris Casebeer report that all new NWCC name badges have been mailed to those wanting them mailed. Returns will go back to Dana Suttell, because the Casebeers will be pounding the roads and taking in the lovely sights of Canada and Alaska for the next couple of months with Dave and Mary Lou Thun.

Dana and/or Fred will have all the "Hold" status badges to be picked up at an upcoming Club function.

REPAIR TESTIMONIAL AND TRAVEL TIP

From Lou and Polly Polaski, Bend, OR

We started our trip in "Good Old" Junction City to have a small repair done on coach. We had picked up the name of the former CC tech from the forum and we would recommend him to others.

His name is Kevin Waite, ph# 541 998-8132 (H) or 541 953-6162 (C). He recommended a very nice campground for us to stay at in Harrisburg, Riverbend RV. He then came to our coach and did the repair work. It was very easy, his rates are good and he was available at our schedule. He also has a good supply of parts.

Our other find was a beautiful State Park at Brookings, OR Loop A has fairly large sites, cable TV and WiFi for a small additional cost. Our daily rate was \$17/day plus \$4 for Wi Fi. "Filtered "ocean views are available.

We played golf at Salmon Run which is a very hilly Course and definitely a challenge.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Dana Suttell

As of April 28, 2010

Rally Expense	\$ 30.81
Renewals	185.00
Rally Registration	820.00
Current Balance	\$6317.27

Editor's Note: The Service and Repair listing will be updated and e-mailed on a quarterly basis with the NWCC newsletter. If you have quality service names to include, please e-mail them to me and I'll add them to the list.

The June and July newsletters will be compiled and sent from somewhere in Alaska. Hopefully there will be an accompanying article and photos of abundant wildlife and scenery.

marylouthun@aol.com

WHAT A STORY!

Reporters — Angela Carmen and Jim Gregory



Actually, it was a grey and stormy day, but I've wanted to use that phrase ever since my Journalism 101 Prof threatened an F for its use.

Ang and I left warm Yuma Monday and traveled to Meteor Crater RV Park (about 35 to 40 miles east of Flagstaff). Major storm on Wednesday. I-40 shut down for 5 hours. We saw a Prevost with big trailer backing up on the freeway while listening to the truckers on the CB lamenting they didn't have backup cameras (or, as one trucker put, "he jus' sits there watchin' TV and knows where he's goin").

But it seems there is a national reporter aboard. . .and it ain't me.

Ang insisted we drive up to the overpass to take pictures for CNN's iReport — her first. The next day a CNN producer called to interview her and post her photos/story on the CNN web site. She's had over 42,000 views, and many others have either e-mailed it to others or put it on their Facebook. CNN reports it was the 12th most read iReport last week.

Ang has been given an I (eye) Star by CNN. Pretty good for a "cub reporter".

Damn, I once followed three firefighters into a burning factory and received just one phone call about the story — from the fire chief screaming, "what the hell were you doing?"

<http://www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-435212>

P.S. While you are checking this out, think about becoming an iReporter for CNN (or, similar for your network of choice). I love that everyone has the opportunity to post their photos and comments for everyone to see.

P.S.S. Another "Lois A. Lane" story. <http://www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-436120>

P.S.S.S. More from Ang: I think that all of us "road warriors" should be iReporters for either CNN or The Weather Channel since we are all out their seeing and doing so much! This is how you can find me on CNN: URL: www.ireport.com Search IAMCNUSA (my screen name and not case sensitive)

You will see web results on the right hand side and any stories I have posted. Currently, there are two. . .I am hoping to get two more done soon. My very first story earned a CNN iReport star! As of today over 59,000 have looked at it. Wow, I am blown away! Just think..whenever any of us get stuck in a traffic jam, all we have to do is take photos, tell a story and load it to CNN and people will love it.