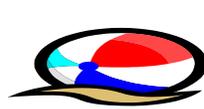




NorthWest Country Coachers

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EVENT CALENDAR

*All events sponsored by NWCCers unless noted otherwise **

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 2

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. Jack and Therese Gordon gordondupl@aol.com 206-241-6988, 206-949-1965 (cell), 206-295-0203 (cell)

***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



We saw another successful rally in Hoodspport in May. Frank and Dana Suttell did a great job as Wagon Masters making everyone feel welcome and right at home. Coming up next in June is Newport, OR hosted by our club mascot, Cindy Hix. Then in July we're off to Blackwell Island on beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho. Southwest Country Coachers will be joining us so we anticipate filling all thirty of our reserved sites. You will find additional information and a registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. We also have two club members caravanning together to Alaska and back this summer! Look for news from them in this newsletter also.

Your Board has been looking at ways to 'get the word out' about our club and make information accessible to both our members and the larger FMCA community. Last month the Board approved opening a club web site on our own domain. We now own the domain 'nwccers.org' and have posted the beginnings of our club web site. Many of you have also asked if we can take credit cards for registration deposits and dues renewals. We have opened a new PayPal account which will allow us to accept credit cards in the near future. The PayPal system will allow us to accept all major credit cards as well as payments from existing PayPal accounts. We chose PayPal so we don't incur a recurring monthly fee from the credit card processors. We'll send out more information on this as get the system implemented.

If you have not already done so, please register for the FMCA International Convention if you are planning to volunteer with the chapter. NWCCers will be parked together in the volunteer area based on the type of parking facilities you request (electric, generator, etc) so we will likely be parked in two or three groups in the volunteer area but still relatively close to one another and the convention center.

As you can see our club is busy! So if you haven't made it to a club rally yet this year then pick one now and come join the fun!

Fred Dent, President



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 _____

**Please mail registration
and check by July 1st**

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

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.

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 Caldera 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 collecting \$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.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho — July 13 -18

The plans for Coeur d'Alene are coming together nicely! Blackwell Island RV Resort is on the mouth of the Spokane River where it empties into Lake Coeur d'Alene just a few minutes from downtown Coeur d'Alene. The area offers lots of summer time activities including boating, fishing, jet skiing, hiking, water skiing, shopping, golf and nearby Silverwood Theme Park. We are planning the week with a Summer Family Picnic theme including games on the lawn by the beach, summer BBQ with hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and all the fixin's of a family picnic. We also have planned a wine tasting event, game nights (bring your cribbage boards, Mexican railroad sets and any other games you'd like to play), coffee in the mornings with a continental style breakfast and our famous pot lucks! Two optional group events are also planned. We'll be taking a Lake Cruise one afternoon and then on one evening we will dine together at the famous Cedar's Floating Restaurant! You must make your reservations for these events in advance with your registration for the weekend (details are on the registration form page 8)

This rally will also be an opportunity to meet our friends in the Southwest Country Coachers FMCA club! They will be attending our rally with about 10 coaches! Make your plans now for what promises to be a great rally and send in your registration! We have a waiting list of people who have already requested sites but we still have plenty of room. So y'all come for a Summer Family Picnic week at Blackwell Island with your NWCCers family and your SWCCers cousins!

Resort information – you MUST register for this event through NWCCers. Please do not contact Blackwell Island directly. <http://www.idahorvpark.com/index.html>

Fred Dent, Wagon Master



Above: Warrens, Gabels, Fred Dent and Dana Suttell Geo Caching. Below: Fred helping our host Barbecue fresh Oysters.

Hoodsport was a wonderful adventure this year. Frank and I arrived to find the Gabel's at Rest A While all settled in. We were hearing the reports of high winds and rain, but so far so good. We all walked over to a tiny restaurant near the park with incredible old fashioned food for a nice relaxed dinner. Just as our food arrived the power went out, but we had our dinner so life was good. That night we both enjoyed some coach rocking winds but all faired well. Thursday was VERY wet but it was a relaxed day as three more coaches arrived. Friday we woke to fairly nice skies. Typical Washington with a downpour then sunshine, but off we went with the Gabel's to introduce them to Geo Caching. Friday night we had all arrived and shared a potluck dinner and were introduced to Annette Gray & Logan Largent, Vern & Sharon Kondra, and John and Glenda Drebbick. We also welcomed back the Warrens, Schleuse's, Gordon's, Down's and Fred Dent. Saturday morning we enjoyed sunshine so what did several of us do....got out our crafts of course and enjoyed a relaxed morning. Frank spent some time with the Down's to get them set up to geo cache, then later in the day we teamed with eight of us out to hunt for more caches. It was great fun to bring newbies caching and have them locate a first one. Saturday night the park hosted an oyster BBQ for us and we finished it off with a potluck for the whole group. Frank and I had to leave early on Sunday but as we said goodbye we left everyone enjoying a group breakfast. Once again we all enjoyed good friends, learned a bit and relaxed. Watch the calendar for the date for 2011 in Hoodsport.

Fred and Dana Suttell

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

**Only a few spaces still available. Call 541-550-9660 right
away to reserve your spot!**

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.

Guests may arrive any day between Friday, July 2, and Thursday, July 8, and will be parked in sequence on a first come basis. However, due to limited room to maneuver the coaches once parked you are there for the weekend and everyone will need to depart on Monday, July 12, 2010 in reverse order of their arrival. There is plenty of room to park your towed vehicle and have it accessible for the weekend.

We had a great time at the Roberts' home last year. They have great facilities to host our group and are gracious hosts. With the famous Sisters Quilt Show on the same weekend it should be another memorable weekend even if you aren't a quilter! The Roberts' property is just a few minutes from Sisters Quilt Show and you can't beat the camping fee at this privately hosted event.

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.

OCTOBERFEST IN LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON – 10/8 to 10/10/10



Join the party for OCTOBERFEST and OD on German sausages, German polka, the chicken polka and shopping in Leavenworth and just good fellowship with other NWCCers. We have 20 spots and the pavilion reserved at Pine Valley KOA, ¼ mile from Leavenworth. It is an easy walk or they do have a free shuttle. They celebrate Oktoberfest the first three weekends in October and we have scheduled our event for the second of these three weekends. We have done Oktoberfest in Leavenworth in the past and it is definitely a fun activity with the parade and dancing in the Leavenworth square. There will be more to follow as we get closer to requiring reservations.

Jack and Therese Gordon
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206-241-6988,
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206-295-0203 (cell)

For Sale

04 Country Coach 42' Intrigue Ovation: 17K miles; Upgrade Cat C-13 dual turbocharged 525 hp engine; 3 slides; Upgrades in original manufacturing: King bed; Safe; In-motion Sat; Heated Massage Seats; 2 pull thru slide trays. Recent upgrades include: cabinet pullouts; computer desk/w/printer drawer; cupboards above sofa; bedrm ceiling fan; full tile entry w/corion steps w/storage in lower. It was the last '04' built. No smkg/animals; professionally waxed 2X yr; Like new. \$218,900/obo. Consider 5th wheel w/partial trade.
Gstorey826@aol.com – 503-949-1157

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*Check out our
new website:*

**http://
www.nwccers.org**



Rally at PROSSER, WA 2010 Balloon Festival

September 24, 25, 26, 2010

Wine Country RV Park is located in the lower Yakima Valley. The Valley is heavily steeped in agriculture. Many of the events occurring in the Valley celebrate the seasons and crops. Grapes and wine making have become a dominant part of our scene as new wineries sprout up every month.

So, what can you do in Prosser? How about:

- Wine tasting (Herb Harris is trying to set up some wine tasting tours)
- Shopping downtown at antique and craft stores
- Relaxing in the sun
- Shopping at the Saturday Farmer's market

Check out www.prosserchamber.org for more information.

Bicycling

A five mile bike trail along Wine Country Road from Prosser to Grandview.



Golfing

Black Rock Creek Golf Course

Museums http://www.prosserchamber.org/images/stories/parks/dscn0042_large.jpg

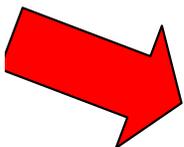
Benton County Historical Museum

Exhibits feature antique clothing, firearms, Pomo basketry, a Christmas toy exhibit and more.

Prosser's Vintners Village Wineries

Vintners Village just off Wine Country RV Park makes for an excellent winery walking tour. The Vintners Winery Village is home to **13 wineries** and the Winemaker's Loft, which is a winery incubator that houses a half-dozen wineries and tasting rooms.

www.gotastewine.com/prosser-vintners-village.php



IF you want to join us at the Prosser rally fill out the Site Request Form. We have reserved 8 spots at Wine Country RV Park. We will assign the spots on a first come first serve basis. We can start a waiting list and if there is enough interest Richard and Sibylle Beck will try to secure a campsite for dry camping only. This place is about 7 miles out of Prosser at Airfield winery. However, we will only contact Airfield winery if there is enough interest!

Site Request Form
Rally at PROSSER, WA 2010 Balloon Festival



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Check out www.prosserballoonrally.org for more information and event descriptions.

Wine Country RV Park

330 Merlot Drive, Prosser, WA 99350
800-726-4969
www.winecountryrvpark.com

ONLY 8 SITES WITH FULL HOOK-UPS AVAILABLE AT THE RV PARK !!!

5 sites @ 70'	for \$105.00	(3 nights)	Pull-through
2 sites @ 55'	for \$ 88.00	(3 nights)	Pull-through
1 site @ 35'	for \$ 84.00	(3 nights)	Back-in

There are only 8 sites at this RV Park set aside for our rally. Since we have 3 different prices at this park we ask you to fill out the **site request form** first and mail it to Sibylle Beck, 4485 River Road S, Salem, OR 97302 or email it to sib@nu-teksupply.com Once we receive the site request forms we can coordinate the sites with the RV Park and send you the site assignment with the correct dollar amount for your reservation and instruction where to mail the check and registration to.

This event draws a lot of people and the sites are in high demand. We can start a waiting list and also try to secure a campsite for dry camping only. The dry camping site is about 7 miles outside of Prosser at Airfield Winery. The Millers were going to let us park our coaches at their farm last year so we could ask them again if there is interest for dry camping. Indicate your choice on this form. Rally Questions? Call Sibylle Beck at 503-302-4639 or email at sib@nu-teksupply.com

Name: _____ Co-Pilot: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

First choice for RV spot: _____ Coach Length: _____
Second choice: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Optional Dry camp-
ing (free): ___Yes ___ No Member of NWCCer?: ___Yes ___ No

Yukon's Watson Lake Signpost Forest

One of the most famous of the landmarks along the Alaska Highway was started by a homesick GI in 1942, and is now one of the attractions which make Watson Lake, at Mile 613, a must-stop. And you can even add your own sign to the almost 68,000 already there! Various points along the tote road being built was damaged by a bulldozer. Private Carl K. Lindley, serving with the 341st Engineers, was ordered to repair the sign, and decided to personalize the job by adding a sign pointing to his home town, Danville, Illinois. Several other people added directions to their home towns, and the idea has been snowballing ever since.

The Signpost Forest covers a couple of acres, with huge new panels being constantly added, snaking through the trees. There are street signs, there are "Welcome To..." signs, there are signatures on dinner plates, there are license plates from around the world - the variety is as broad as people's imagination. Reading the signs and messages can take you on a textual tour of the world for as long as you care to keep reading and walking.



The size of some of the signs is amazing - how on earth do people get a 6x10-foot sign from the German autobahn to Watson Lake?? While many of the signs, including some wonderful examples of folk art, have obviously been created especially for the Forest, others are apparently on "long-term loan" to the Yukon!



To say that posting signs has become popular with travelers is an understatement - in July 1990, sign number 10,000 was nailed up in a special ceremony by Olen and Anita Walker, of Bryan, Ohio. The official count of signs conducted by the staff at the Visitor Centre in September 2003 showed 51,842 signs and by September 2009 it had reached 67,983 signs! Each year, between 2,500 and 4,000 new signs are being added to the collection.

To Kris & Lee Casebeer's amazement they found one of their Marks-A Lot, hand written signs generated during their June 2006 visit. In May 2010, NWCCers Dave & Mary Lou Thun and Kris & Lee Casebeer continued the tradition & left several hand written signs on back side, blank spaces of existing signs for other NWCCers to discover in the future. Here is wishing you Good Luck at that discovery...

Lee Casebeer compiled from a Murray Lundberg article

A little about the Alaska Highway (aka Alcan).

It was started during wartime in 1942 as a measure designed to provide a land route for war material and equipment to Alaska from the Canadian provinces and America states. The highway was punched through 1,500 miles of mountains, muskeg and mosquitoes. It began in the small town of Dawson Creek, B.C. (pop. 600) and after the troops started to arrive the town boomed to over 10,000. The Alaska Highway ends at Delta Junction, AK, south of Fairbanks.

More than 11,000 American troops, 16,000 civilian workmen and 7,000 pieces of equipment were thrown into the herculean task of penetrating a vast untamed wilderness. The cost of \$140,000,000 included 1,523 miles, 133 major bridges and more than 8,000 culverts. Less than nine months after construction began, 250 shivering soldiers, civilians and Royal Canadian Mounted Policemen watched as officials from the USA and Canada cut the ribbon to officially open the major road link. In 1964 the reconstruction and upgrading was turned over to the Canadian Army and later maintained by the Dept. of Public Works, Ottawa.

Approximately 97% of the Alaska Highway is now paved. Once an emergency wartime road, it is now a vital link between the industrial giants of USA and Canada and the natural resources of the Yukon and Alaska. Truly an amazing efforts in horrible conditions with WW2 vintage equipment.



Dave and Mary Lou Thun. May 14, 2010

Northwest Country Coachers
Blackwell Island RV Park, Coeur d'Alene, ID
<http://idahorvpark.com/>
 July 13 – 18, 2010

Reservations

You must make your reservation through Northwest Country Coachers for this rally. Please do not contact the park directly. You will receive the same club discount for your camping fees for nights before and after our event.

This rally will fill fast so send in your registration now while you are thinking about it. Your registration includes a Wine Tasting event, a Summer BBQ, Summer Games on the lawn, refreshments, game nights and loads of fun and fellowship. We are also planning an optional group dinner at Cedars Floating Restaurant and an afternoon boat excursion. Please sign up for the optional events with your registration. NWCCers needs to confirm these reservations well in advance of the rally so we may not be able to accommodate last minute additions.

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), please be aware that Blackwell Island has pet restrictions and bans 'aggressive, attack breeds like Pit Bulls and German Shepherds.' If in doubt please contact Blackwell Island RV before your arrival:

Member of NWCCers? __ Yes __ No FMCA Number _____

Basic Registration (includes two adults and kids) NWCCers member		\$50.00
Guest Registration (not a member of NWCCers)	\$10/coach	_____
Additional Adult(s)	No of add'l adults _____ x \$15.00 =	_____
Boat Excursion on the Lake (No discount for children)	No of Tickets _____ x \$16.00 =	_____
Dinner at Cedars Restaurant	No of adult tickets _____ x \$40.00 =	_____
	Children under 12 _____ x \$20.00 =	_____
	Total	_____

Make check payable to 'Northwest Country Coachers' and mail to:

Dana Suttell, 3163 SE Tucci Pl, Port Orchard, WA 98367 (360/876-1197)

All sites are full hookup (20/30/50 Amp) with cable. Coaches registered through NWCCers will receive a preferred club discount off of the Blackwell Island regular rates. Camping fees (approximately \$45 per night preferred rate plus taxes) are payable upon arrival at Blackwell Island. The preferred club rate will apply for your early arrival and late departure nights as well.

NWCCers Refund Policy: We will refund your registration fee and optional event deposits if we receive your cancellation in writing (eMail is fine) on or before June 29, 2010. After that date we will only be able to refund your Basic registration (and guest fee).

Wagon Master – Fred Dent, President
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