



EVENT CALENDAR

All events sponsored by NWCCers unless noted otherwise by *

2011 Calendar

March 8, Tues.—Yuma, AZ, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras Social, 1:00—? Angela Carmen & Jim Gregory Hosts. Page 4

March 17 — Thursday. St. Patrick’s Day Potluck Luncheon at Outdoor Resorts, Cathedral City, CA . Page 2

Mary Ann Storey— reservations, mastorey726@yahoo.com

May 13-15. Hoodspout (early arrivals social on May 12) - Frank and Dana Suttell Rally Masters. Page 3



***June 2-5** FMCA Northwest Area at Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, Oregon. Page 6

July 20-24 Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, OR, Bev and Mike Carrick Rally Masters (503)508-0456. Page 2

August 10-14—NWCC Homecoming in Harrisburg, OR

September & October—open

November ? 11-13 or 24-27, Long Beach. Best clamming is on Thanksgiving weekend—what’s your choice?

For additional Country Coach Rally information around the country, visit the Country Coach International website www.countrycoachclub.com/

President’s Corner

March is NWCCers Dues Awareness Month



First and foremost I want to thank Terry Apple for stepping up to be our Newsletter Editor. Send her a hello or information for the next Newsletter at Newsletter@nwccers.org.

This is “NWCCers Dues Awareness Month!” That means we begin our final push to collect your 2011 dues. So far we have not direct mailed any renewals.

We are just starting to send directed eMails to people who have not renewed. Our next step will be to snail mail renewal notices to the remaining few who have not renewed. Eventually, the NWCCers’ collections department will be contacting you!! As much as we’d love to talk to you on the phone, please return your renewals today. You will find a renewal form in this Newsletter and on our web site. You can renew using a credit card by either using the web site or requesting a PayPal invoice on your renewal form and we will send you an electronic invoice. You can even call or eMail our Treasurer, Dana, and request a PayPal invoice. Don’t let another day go by without renewing your NWCCers’ dues for 2011.

We are already off to a great rally season in 2011 with two, yes TWO, Mardi Gras rallies in early March. One in Yuma, AZ, and one near Portland, OR. I am saddened to report that I am chained to my desk until the end of March and won’t be able to attend either rally, but hope they are both successful.

A new Country Coach is open and operational offering full-service repairs and maintenance from house to chassis, body work to paint shop. You will find an introductory advertisement from them elsewhere in this Newsletter. We understand that they will begin limited production of new coaches in the very near future. This is all good news for existing owners, especially if you need repair parts or technical information about your coach. They have all the records of production from the previous Country Coach organization.

You will find an updated Service Directory in this Newsletter and also posted on our club website at www.nwccers.org. If you have had a good experience with service from a company in our club area please let us know and we will add them to our Directory. Companies listed in our Directory have all been

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recommended by club members, which should give you confidence in using their services. Companies cannot request to be added to, nor are they charged a fee to be in, our Directory. This is purely a member-to-member service.

We have lost some of our members this past year who, for a variety of reasons, have sold their motorhomes. We wish all of them the best as they begin to live life without a Country Coach and hope they stay in touch with us. This only goes to remind us that we can expect attrition to take some of our members every year. We need to continually bring in new members to remain an active, vibrant club. We cannot count on new Country Coach sales to help fill our membership rolls for several more years. Keep your eyes and ears open for Country Coaches as you travel the Northwest. Stop by their campsites, offer a warm NWCCers' style welcome and ask them if they have heard about our chapter. You will be surprised how easy it is to strike up a conversation with a Country Coach owner and invite them into our chapter. Show them an FMCA magazine and give them a copy of our membership application. If you want a few extra copies of the FMCA application, just ask your President or National Director.

Whether you will be celebrating Lent, the Spring Equinox, St. Patrick's Day, National Pig Day, Peanut Butter Lover's Day, Panic Day, Ear Muff Day, I am in Control Day, Hug a G.I. Day or will just be wary of the Ides of March have a great month! (Courtesy of "March, 2011, Bizarre and Unique Holidays," www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/march.htm.)

Fred Dent, President

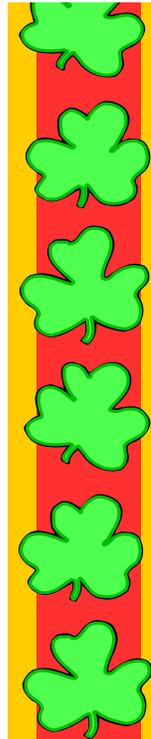


NWCC ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK—Reminder

Join the group for a delicious potluck at Outdoor Resorts in Cathedral City, CA, on March 17th (St. Patrick's day) at 11:30—3:00ish. Everyone who is in the valley please come. There are no RV spots available unless you are already in the resort or make a reservation through the ORPS office.

Bring your favorite potluck dish to feed 10. We currently have 14 planning to attend.

For further information, contact Mary Ann Storey at mastorey726@yahoo.com or call 503-949-1147. Looking forward to seeing everyone again this season. Mary Ann



NWCCers' SOUTHERN OREGON RALLY July 20-24, 2011

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled four days in Southern Oregon in July. We have reserved a limited number of 50-amp, full-hookup sites along Bear Creek at the Holiday RV Park in Phoenix (just south of Medford).

The featured event of the rally will be the **ASHLAND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**.

You will have the opportunity to attend a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's **PIRATES OF PENZANCE** in the outdoor Elizabethan Theatre on Thursday evening, July 21. On Saturday morning, you may want to attend the special **Back Stage Tour of the Shakespeare Festival** and learn about the inner workings of this premier theater company.

We have secured group tickets for these two events, but you can certainly book other plays on your own. Check out the OSF website: www.osfashland.org to find out about all the plays this season.

Besides the usual "meet and greet" and potluck gatherings we will have for the club, there are many things to see and do on your own in the Southern Oregon area. A few ideas are rafting on the Rogue River, Jacksonville's Britt Festival, segway tours of historic Jacksonville, Crater Lake, golfing at numerous courses, hiking, volksmarching, fishing, art galleries and shopping in Ashland, wine tasting, fabulous restaurants.

Plan now to attend our rally. Look for the registration form in a future newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Rally Masters Mike and Bev Carrick (503) 364-3221 or by email bev@bev carrick.com

IT'S TIME FOR HOODSPORT!

▪ Please join us at Rest A While RV Resort in beautiful Hoodspport, Washington, on May 13th-15th. This is a very relaxed event, but if you are the pack-it-in type of weekender, there is a lot to do in the area--Day trips to Poulsbo, Sequim, Port Angeles and Port Townsend. Lake Cushman Rec. area and Hurricane Ridge are available. Local casino's and wineries are close. For those enjoying Geo Caching, we found the area full of caches for all skill levels.

▪ The park is saving sites for the weekend for us, but I reserved our area so anyone wishing to come in on Thursday can extend with no problem. In the past, the park has been most welcoming for those desiring additional days on either end of your stay. All reservations need to come through us (even extra days). The park has us check in individually and we receive our discount rate of \$31.50 +tax if you pay with cash or check. This is a family owned park and use of a credit card is available, but you will pay a small service charge.

▪ The park will be hosting a fresh-oyster BBQ on one of our nights. Friday night, we will have a meet-and-greet potluck; Saturday, our full club social potluck and BBQ. If there is interest, we will have a Sunday morning breakfast. I will be in contact with everyone to finalize meal plans.

▪ We have had a mixed bag of weather for Hoodspport, so be prepared for rain or sun, warm or cool; it is Washington! Weather permitting, we can enjoy some of the club games. If interested, the club house is at our disposal for the entire event for crafts, cards, etc.

▪ Be aware that most of the sites are 30-amp, and plan accordingly. We have 15 sites reserved, but may add more; however, we will be returning sites to the park in April if we don't fill them all, so please check your calendars and promptly send your forms to me.



Names: _____
 Arriving _____ Departing _____ Number in Party _____ Pets _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Model & Length of Coach: _____

Complimentary Advertisement



**COUNTRY COACH
CORPORATION**

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 Junction City, OR 97448
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Ron Lee, President/CEO of the newly launched Country Coach Corporation, has a core team of employees with over 300 years of Country Coach history, experience and tribal knowledge. These best-of-the-best employees stand ready to help maintain and improve the investment in your Country Coach Motorhome with:

Full Coach Service Center: The very best service for a Country Coach Motorhome will be provided by Factory-trained employees. We offer complete coach service, from oil changes to extensive remodels, full body paint and paint repairs, collision repair and glass replacement. Our Dyno center is capable of complete chassis mechanical services, which include 4-wheel laser alignment, brake testing and adjustment and engine and power train analysis.

Parts Manufacturing and Sales: We have purchased all of the Intellectual property, including all of the Country Coach production molds and tooling. We will now be able to fabricate new, original equipment parts, such as fiberglass bay doors, front & rear fiberglass caps, roof caps, interior dash parts, etc. We have engineering drawings to fabricate any parts, such as slide-out rooms and cabinets, in their original-equipment configuration. We can reproduce all original equipment parts, such as, fiberglass, cabinets, metal fabrications and electrical, electronic and vacuum-formed parts.

Consignment Sales: If you are looking to buy or sell, look to Country Coach! Our consignment coaches go through a multi-level inspection to ensure they meet our high standard and are kept in our indoor climate-controlled showroom. Please allow our friendly and knowledgeable sales staff to assist you.

We are dedicated to helping you with your Country Coach needs. Please give us a chance to prove it!

By using our services, you are guaranteeing our future. By guaranteeing our future, you are improving the value of your investment!

*****Limited time offer*** 10% discount on parts to all Country Coach owners!**

Who dat comin' to Yuma?

By Jim Gregory and Angela Carmen

Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

You are invited to the Third Annual Mardi Gras Social in Yuma at the winter home of Jim Gregory and Angela Carmen. The party tent has been reserved, the main course planned and the music instruments (aka iPod and Bose system) tuned up.

Normally a February celebration, this year Mardi Gras is March 8. Mardi Gras is always the day before Lent, a 40 day period of prayer, penitence and self-denial that precedes Easter. As we all know, back in 325 AD the Council of Nicaea decided Easter would fall on the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is . . .oh, never mind. Just remember Tuesday, March 8. The festivities will begin around 1 pm.

Revelers are asked to bring a Mardi Gras theme based side dish and BYOB and BYOC (bring your own chairs). Plates, cups, forks, knives, etc. will be provided. In the next newsletter Ang will reveal the main course and provide suggestions for accompanying potluck dishes. Jim and Ang will also provide masks and beads, but if you have your own please bring.

An important festival tradition is the crowning of King Rex. Since 1872 Rex has been the *King of Carnival* in New Orleans and now, in Yuma since 2008. The first Yuma Rex was Jim, who usurped the crown while Ang was busy whipping up her famous Red Beans and Rice.

By tradition the Rex for the following year is determined by finding “The Baby” in a cake or pudding. Jean McCarthy found the baby and claimed the Rex Crown from Jim. In the days of old, kings justified keeping the crown in the family by “divine right”. Maybe there is something to that because last year King Rex Jean’s consort, Dennis McCarthy, found the “the Baby” and claimed the crown and the right to rule.

All Hail King Rex Dennis!
Who will wear the crown next? Dennis & Jean . . .
you won’t be bringing any family with you, will you?



3rd Annual Mardi Gras Social in Yuma

Tuesday, March 8 – 1 pm

13685 S Ave 14 ½ E (directions will be provided by email)

Please RSVP by February 25

Jimgregory3@gmail.com or 360.600.8621

More information of directions and places to park on page 5

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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

Mardi Gras Gathering— continued from page 4

Coach Parking

This is a walk-in social; there is no coach parking. However, 11 miles north of the social is free BLM camping. This dry camping area is located next to the Yuma VFW Post off highway 95. The GPS coordinates are N32.43.38 W114.25.17 or use address 16540 US Highway 95, Yuma, which will get you within visual distance. **IMPORANT NOTE:** Drive behind the VFW post to enter the BLM camping area. If you use the BLM entry gate in front of the VFW post your coach will hate you forever. . .as will all the break-ables in your coach.



The nearest RV parks are 4 miles or more from the Mardi Gras Social. Three examples are:
Fortuna De Oro RV Resort – 13650 N. Frontage Road, 928.343.5051
Foothills Village RV Park – 12705 S. Frontage Road, 928.342.1030
Sundance RV Park – 13502 N. Frontage Road, 928.342.9333

Many other parks are located near the Frontage Road areas. Last year several revelers stayed at Cocopah Bend RV and Golf Resort (800.537.7901), a beautiful RV park about 25 miles west of the Mardi Gras. The history and traditions of Mardi Gras can be found at www.mardigrasneworleans.com



*Laissez les bons temps rouler (lay-say lay bawn tawn rul-lay) – “Let the good times roll!”

Photo of Lee Casebeer flanked by Millie and Ken Blodgett.

FMCA News

January 1, 2011 brought us FMC Assist™, the MEDEX replacement. You can find info in the December issue of the FMC magazine on pages 36-39. If you would like more info, you can contact the FMCA Member Services Department at 800- 543-3622. I urge you to cut out the card, put your FMCA# on it and keep it handy just in case. Hopefully none of us will ever need the service. There is also a program available for purchase that will replace your Medicare while you are out of the country.

The Northwest Area Rally will be held June 2-5, 2011 at the Lynn County Fairgrounds in Albany, OR. We, as a club have volunteered to work security in past years and have had a good time. At the Redmond convention, the club volunteered as seminar monitors and we have been asked to do the same for the Albany rally. Another captain has asked if the club would be interested in helping him with the registration and information booths. If you think you might be interested in becoming a volunteer, let me know. I will have more info following the final planning meeting in April. We will be going in as a group and will be able to get parked early.

As you know, Charlie Schrenkel has resigned as National President. He had cataract surgery shortly before the Redmond convention and complications set in. After tests, he was diagnosed with an incurable blood disease so he felt it was in the best interest of FMCA to resign and deal with his health issues. After numerous tests, it was determined that the medicine he was taking caused all his problems. Hopefully Charlie will run for National President in the near future.

My name was submitted as a candidate to serve on the National Nominating Committee and I am delighted to report that I was elected. I will be serving on the committee for the 2011-2013 term.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at a future function and until that time, travel safe.

Don Schleuse, FMCA Director

Greetings Fellow NWCCer Club Members,
For those of you who are not on the NW-CC-ers Yahoo Message Forum, Don Scheluse asked that I forward his message below to you.

Thanks
LeeCasebeer
Membership

Time to start thinking about the June 2-5, 2011 Northwest Area Rally to be held in Albany, OR, and if you would like to be a volunteer. In past years, NWCC has volunteered to work security and we had a good time doing it. It isn't hard and the hours of work are minimal. At the Redmond Convention, NWCC monitored the seminars and those that did said they would like to do the same at the Albany rally.

During a planning meeting, I volunteered the club for seminars and Barbara and I also volunteered to be assistant captains. The club has also been asked if we would be willing to help with the registration and information booths. Once again, these jobs are not hard and you will get to meet a lot of people.

We can enter the facility as a group and park together, probably a day or two earlier than the rally start date. I will know more after the April 5-8 planning meeting. If you are interested or have any questions, you can call me at 949-230-0390 or email me at dons2346@yahoo.com.

Attention Rally Masters!!

Just a reminder for those of us volunteering to be a Rally Master. Any expenses over \$25.00 not covered by a rally fee need to be approved by the board prior to submission to the Treasurer. The bylaws cover the camping fee for the Rally master, but any other large expenses must be reviewed. This is not required when your event fee will cover the expense (catered meals, etc.); beyond that, please contact a board member to get approval.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Peter and Donna Swagers

The Swagers live on Camano Island, Washington. They have a 2006 Country Coach Inspire DaVinci model that they purchased last Fall. "It's a beauty and we feel so fortunate to have found it with low mileage and in perfect condition!"

Peter and Donna have had time to take only short, local trips due to their working schedules. Their favorite spot so far has been the Northern Lights Casino in Anacortes. With their H3 Hummer in tow, they were able to "spin and win" at the Casino and spend time in the charming town of Anacortes!

They are looking forward to adventures this summer across the U.S. to visit some special friends in Kansas, etc.

Donna is currently working in an alternative high school in Everett as a Principal/ Transition Specialist. Peter was offered the opportunity to work with the RV business where they bought their rig.

Donna and Peter recently returned from Poland where she worked as an Elementary Principal at the American School of Warsaw and Peter worked as Head of Security after his first retirement from the Royal Dutch Forces in Holland.

They plan to work no more than one more year (if that!) and are looking forward to a "real" retirement in their Country Coach this time!

MARCH IS DUES AWARENESS MONTH IN NWCCers

This is a not so subtle reminder that your annual dues for 2011 are payable now. You will find a renewal form attached to this Newsletter or you can call our Treasurer or visit the club web site at www.nwccers.org to take care of it today.

Remember too that for each new member you bring in during 2011 you will receive credit on next year 's dues up to one year 's free dues:

Bring one new member and your dues for 2012 will be \$15.00

Bring two new members and your dues for 2012 will be \$5

Bring three new members and your dues for 2012 are free!

*AND you 'll get a great big Atta Boy from NWCCers!
What a deal!!*



NWCCers Directory for CC Service and Parts

The below-listed companies have been submitted to this directory by our club members. They have been found to be knowledgeable and helpful about Country Coaches. Most of these companies offer services locally (unless noted otherwise), but, in many cases, have provided technical assistance over the phone. If you need service or technical assistance, call one of these companies to get started.

Company	Contact/NWCCers Relationship	Services
Country Coach Corporation (2011) 135 East First Street Junction City, Oregon 97448 541-234-2167	Jim Cooley, Service Manager	Service Center Full service department including maintenance and collision repairs http://www.countrycoach.com/coach-service-center/
Guaranty RV Center So Hwy 99, Junction City, OR 877/463-0067 www.guarantyrv.com	Damon Rapozo, NWCCer Commercial Member NWCCers exclusive sales dealer	Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales
Silverleaf Electronics Junction City, OR 541/220-5494 www.silverleafelectronics.com		Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System
Coach Solutions 3451 Kendra St Eugene, OR 97404 541/514-9000	Brian Van de Walker	House and Chassis Electrical; Audio/Video including RTI Remotes Local service and Fly-in Anywhere USA
Oregon Motorcoach Center 29417 Airport Rd Eugene, OR 97402 541/762-1505 www.oregonmotorcoach.com	Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCCer Honorary Lifetime Member	Interior restoration, modifications, remodel, service and parts
Ollie's Fiberglass Lynnwood, WA 425/776-6040		Fiberglass repairs
Country Boys RV Mobile Service www.cbrvservices.com/ Eugene/Albany, OR area	Doug 541/935-0848 Andy 541/255-2169	General Motorhome repairs - mobile service
RV Glass Solutions Eugene, OR 888/777-6778 RVGlassExperts.com	Doug Rutherford – former CC Service Manager	Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock. Call for a referral in your area.
Specialty Crate, Inc Logistics Division 41 North Danebo Ave Eugene, OR 97402 541/689-8840	Randy Stout	Country Coach parts – chassis, body and house.
Splendide (Westland Sales) 15650 SE 102 nd Ave Clackamas, OR 97015		Washing machine repairs

Specialty Marine and RV 20781 Olmstead Road NE Aurora, OR 97002 503/678-6595 503/678-6501	Tom Dinsmore	Diesel powered coaches only Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services
Davis Cabinets 150 E 10 th Ave Junction City, OR 97448 (541)998-8778 www.daviscabinets.com	Shaun Davis	Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades
Amazing creations 93150 B Prairie Rd Junction City, OR 541-556-0501 Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com	Scott Adams	Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades
Kustom Coach Works PO Box 395 Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371 KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com	Bobby Vodden	Custom audio/video installations
Coach Masters of Bend 29525 Brandis Ct Bend, OR 97701 541-330-6863 Coachmasters@bendcable.com	Blake	Parts, Service, Repair
Dave Root RV Glass Repair Bend, Or 541-280-3612 www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/	Dave Root	Reseals ,Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows
Kevin Waite Junction City, OR 541-998-8132 (home) 541-953-6162 (CELL)		General coach repairs
Kaiser Brake and Alignment 265 Taylor St Eugene, OR 97402 541-344-5887		Alignment, brakes, tires
JDRV Inc LaPine, OR 541-306-6473	John Davis	Service and Repairs

Do you have experience with anyone else who offers CC expertise and assistance that has helped you in a pinch? Send us their information and we'll add them to our list. newsletter@nwccers.org

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Hi Everyone! This was a busy fall for your Treasurer. Between vacation and Christmas, I moved our banking accounts to Wells Fargo due to some changes with Bank of America that did not work for our club accounts. We are now up and running with the new account and ready to have us all complete our 2011 Renewals.

Fred has worked hard to add PayPal to our club for those that would like to handle payments without sending in a check. We have worked out the details, so if you would like to use that option, simply send in your completed form and check the box for me to send an invoice through PayPal (via email). Otherwise the tried-and-true check will be welcome. Note our new address. Thank you for your patience and your prompt attention to your dues.

Dana Suttell, Treasurer

NorthWest Country Coachers

**Invoice for
Membership Dues**

For: January 1 through December 31, 2011

Amount Due: \$25.00

Please send your payment to:

Dana Suttell
NorthWest Country Coachers
1894 S.E. Sedgwick Rd. #104 PMB 32
Port Orchard, WA 98366

The board would like you to review your personal information so that the club may update our records.

Name: _____

Co Pilot: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____

Cell(1) _____ **Cell (2)** _____

Alternate Address: _____

Email(s): _____

Our club now has the ability to accept your dues payment through PayPal. Please send us a check, or request a PayPal Invoice to be sent to you by email to complete the transaction.

