

## EVENT CALENDAR

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

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### 2012 Calendar

**May 17-20 Hoodspport, WA. Frank and Dana Suttell have 15 sites saved, p.10.**

**June 16–20 NWCCers Pre-Rally ~ Oceanside RV Park, Charleston, OR, Barbara and Don Schleuse, pp.11-12.**

**\*June 21-24 NW Area FMCA ~ Mill Casino RV Park, North Bend, OR, pp.13-16.**

**\*July 24-28 Country Coach Friends International (CCFI) "Second Annual Friendship Rally" ~ Riverbend RV Resort, Harrisburg, OR**

**August—third week—International Kite Festival ~ Planning Stage.**

**Aug 31-Sept 3 Labor Day on the Ocean ~ Long Beach, WA, Fred Dent, p.2.**

**Sept 19-22 Casey's Riverfront RV Park, Westfir, OR ~ Wayne and Sarah Gabel.**

**Oktoberfest ~ need Wagonmaster and location.**

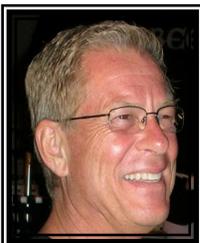
**Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving with NWCCers ~ Portland Fairview RV Park, Fairview, OR, Fred Dent, p.2.**

### 2013 Calendar

**Feb 7-10, Mardi GrasNorth, Woodburn RV Park, Next to Woodburn Company Stores, Woodburn, OR, Les and Terry Apple.**



## President's Corner



Spring ahead to daylight savings time! Spring cleaning! Spring Quarter! Spring planting! Spring fashions! Spring sales! My goodness, I am exhausted with all the springing!

As I write, I'm wondering if it will ever warm up. Two weeks ago, it was sunny and dry, so I set up the barbecue and grilled dinner a couple evenings. Now, after a week of heavy rain and wind, Easter is just a week away, but I'm afraid the bunny might be back in hibernation. Yesterday, my reverse cycle heat pump froze up in the overnight cold. Stevens Pass was closed due to

heavy snow and avalanche danger on Friday. We had ice on the ground this morning while I was walking the dogs; yet, the cherry trees are beginning to blossom and the crocuses are up. Perhaps this is Mother Nature's way of saying "April Fools"!

Your Board of Directors met Sunday, March 25, via teleconference to firm up plans for 2012 and take care of mid-year chapter business with all of your Board members, Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairperson in attendance. We finalized initial planning for two more events in 2012. We have been trying to move Long Beach to August this year for some warm weather. We have been on Andersen's waitlist since last fall to get the second or third weekend during the annual Long Beach International Kite Festival, but they were booked far in advance. They offered us Labor Day weekend, which will be a first for us. We hope that the three-day weekend will make the event even more attractive to those who might have to drive a bit to get there.

We have had a few members ask why we don't plan an event over Thanksgiving weekend. It seems that Thanksgiving is a popular RV weekend to get away one last time before winter. So, the Board has decided to try an NWCCers Thanksgiving at Portland Fairview RV Park where we celebrated Mardi Gras North in February. This location is fairly central to our membership and, for our Black Friday Shoppers, is reasonably accessible to shopping in the Portland area (Lloyd's Center is just 16 miles away). NWCCers will provide the turkey (and a ham if we have enough folks attending). We reserve the clubhouse, which seats 40 people for dinner. There are plenty of RV sites for guests and friends. We will ask that walk-in and drive-in guests register for the dinner due to space limitations.

Your Board approved a project proposed by Frank and Dana Suttell to create and sell member banners for \$35 each. They displayed the banners at Long Beach last fall and at Mardi Gras North in February. Details and an order form are in this Newsletter and at [www.nwccers.org/banners](http://www.nwccers.org/banners). Please order right away as they are only making 12! For club use, the Board purchased a similar banner that matches the one Frank and Dana made for themselves.

The Board is proposing a bylaws change regarding Associate Members. Currently, an Associate member is someone who met our membership requirements and was a regular member (member of FMCA and owned a Country Coach), but now owns a coach made by another manufacturer. The proposed change would relax that requirement. The proposal that will be presented to the membership is that an Associate Member will be a former regular member (met the requirements to join the club) who no longer owns a Country Coach, but remains in good standing with FMCA (they will not be required to own a coach). Voting privileges will not change.

Welcome home returning snowbirds.

Don't forget Hoodspport. It is coming up quicker than you think! Then on to Coos Bay for the FMCA NW Area rally in June.

Fred Dent, President

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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](mailto:Lcasebeer@gmail.com).

Checkout our  
website :  
[http://www.  
nwccers.org](http://www.nwccers.org)

**Food for Thought** I was reminded of  
our absorption refrigerator fire when I read this. s/Editor

As seen on the Country Coach Owners Yahoo group: "I'm trying to test the emergency fire window in the dining area. There is a red handle 1/2 way up one side with a trigger-latch. I hear the latch click as [I] pull on it and pull the handle away from the frame and down about 3/4 of an inch. However, I cannot get the window and its frame to move out away from the coach. I've pushed and banged with my hand some but haven't dealt it a serious blow. Any suggestions to get it to work?" Lee Zaboroski  
Response: "That is exactly why you are supposed to check it before you have an emergency. You might try a plastic putty knife to loosen the seal while you push a bit more than gentle." Bob Wexler

### **RETRACTION:**

**DUE TO SLOPPY NOTE-TAKING, I SUGGESTED IN THE MARDI GRAS "BLURB" THAT FRED HAD ARRIVED ON SATURDAY, WHEN HE HAD, IN FACT, COME IN ON FRIDAY, GIVING US A CHANCE TO ENJOY HIS COMPANY FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND.**

**GLEND A SEREX**

### **Additional Future Event Information**

**Labor Day on the Ocean** August 31 - September 3  
Andersens on the Ocean, Long Beach, WA  
Open rally - all RV friends are welcome  
Plenty of room for Walk-ins and Drive-ins  
Fred Dent, Wagon Master

**Thanksgiving with NWCCers** November 21-25  
Portland Fairview RV Park, Fairview, OR  
This is an open rally, so all RV friends are welcome to register. Drive-in and walk-in guests are welcome, but space might be limited for guests at dinner. Please register guests with NWCCers in advance. Fred Dent, Wagon Master

### **New FMCA Member Incentive** **Free first-year dues & no application fee!**

We have a few free first-year memberships for new FMCA members available. The certificate waives the application fee and first-year dues for a value of \$50. We'll keep the number available posted and up to date on our home page at [www.nwccers.org](http://www.nwccers.org). To claim one for a new member, let me know at [President@nwccedrs.org](mailto:President@nwccedrs.org) and I will set one aside. Then, send their filled-out FMCA application to me and I will attach the coupon .



# NorthWest Country Coachers Member Banner

Frank and Dana Suttell



**Frank and Dana's  
Original Banner**

**Member Banners \$35**

Dana and I have made a banner displaying the club name and CC logo for our personal use. The banner was displayed at Long Beach and Mardi Gras North in Fairview OR. Members in attendance asked about getting one made for them as well. We have modified the design slightly to make it possible to produce banners for individual members at a reasonable cost. The member design has been approved by NWCCers Board of Directors for sale to the members of NWCCers. The NWCCers Board also purchased a duplicate of our original design for club use with silk-screened logos instead of the sewn appliques used in our original design.

The member banner will be hand made by Dana and me. The color panel arrangement will be the same on all banners, but the red, blue and green colors will be in different positions on each banner with the CC logo and NWCCers logo silk-screened onto the white panels in a weather-resistant process similar to those shown in the pictures above right (the color order is random, you will not have a choice of color order). The banner will be 8' by 2' hand delivered with a two-part banner pole (PVC pipe) and stake (1/2 inch rebar) so it can be displayed, all in its own storage bag. Setup takes just a minute or two to drive the stake into the ground with a hammer. Total storage length is about 5'. We cannot ship the banners with a pole, however. If you cannot pick up your banner at a chapter rally and want it mailed to you, the price will remain the same, but it will not come with a pole or stake. The price will remain the same to cover shipping and handling and will come with very simple instruction on how to make a pole to display your banner. Commercial poles are also available from a variety of sources.

This will be a limited run of 12 banners. Once these are gone, Dana and I will assess whether we want to offer more in the future. We will hand deliver banners, poles and stakes at the Hoodspport Rally and the rest at the FMCA NW Area Pre-Rally event in June. The banners are priced at \$35 each, which covers the material costs and includes a PVC pole and stake. Banners shipped to you will not include a pole or stake.

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### Order Form (one banner per order form)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for order confirmation): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my banner at Hoodspport

I will pick up my banner at NW Area Pre Rally

I cannot attend either rally. Please mail my banner to me at the above shipping address. I understand that this option is the same price and does not include a display pole or stake. Banners will be sent via US Mail.

Send your \$35 check or money order made out to **NorthWest Country Coachers** with this order form to:

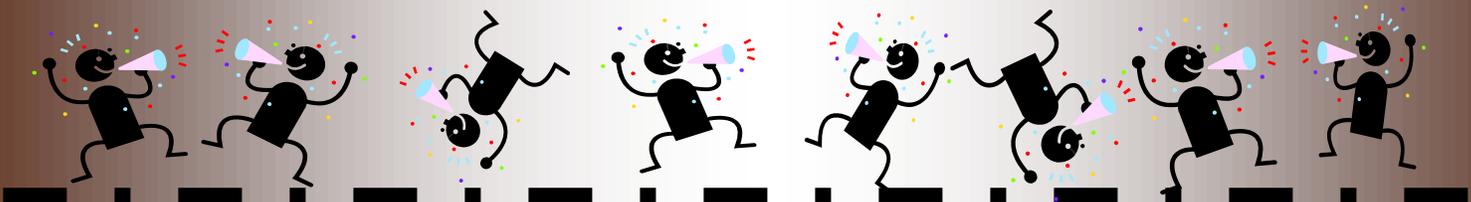
Dana Suttell, NWCC Treasurer  
1894 SE Sedgwick Rd, STE 104, PMB 32  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Or, you may order online with your credit card at <http://nwccers.org/banner>

# NorthWest Country Coachers

Dana, has provided a list of club members who have already renewed their 2012 membership. Thank you all for quickly paying your annual dues.

**Les & Terry Apple**, Woodburn, OR; **Richard & Sibylle Beck**, Salem, OR; **Lee & Kris Casebeer**, Bend, OR; **Mike & Laurie Claggett**, Federal Way, WA; **Dave Clarke**, Anacortes, WA; **Harry & Sandy Day**, Salem, OR; **Fred Dent**, Seattle, WA; **Pat & Candayce Detloff**, Oregon City, OR; **Joseph & Tamera Florio**, Bend, OR; **Wayne & Sarah Gabel**, Damascus, OR; **Jim Gregory & Angela Carmen**, Vancouver, WA; **Ken & Linda Harrison**, Alameda, CA; **Herb & Bernace Korthuis**, Lynden, WA; **Tom & Barb Lowery**, Sunriver, OR; **Ray & Doris Reeves**, Pahrump, NV; **Rod & Teresa Robbins**, Burien, WA; **Don & Barbara Schleuse**, Sioux Falls, SD; **Frank & Dana Suttell**, Port Orchard, WA; **Russell & Maxine Warren**, Bremerton, WA; **Barb & Bill Holmes**, El Cajon, CA; **Sue & Jerry Turnshek**, Sonora, CA; **Pat & Herb Harris**, Kalama, WA; **Carol & Dick Eckhart**, Corvallis, OR; **Alan & Cheryl Burr**, Beaver Creek, OR; **Phyllis & Tony Anusich**, Sunriver, OR; **Scotty & Louise Bliss**, McMinnville, OR; **Bev & Mile Carrick**, Turner, OR; **Kay & Brain Case**, Bend, OR; **Glenda & John Drebeck**, Olympia, WA; **Ruth & Charles Freeman**, Green Cove Springs, FL; **Terre & Mario Gagnon**, Hayden Lake, ID; **Therese & Jack Gordon**, Burien, WA; **Annetta Gray & Logan Largent**, Box Elder, SD; **Connie & Dave Jones**, Boise, ID; **Leah & Phil Kimball**, Sioux Falls, ID; **Jean & Dennis McCarthy**, Port Ludlow, WA; **Gina & Richard Murphy**, Fox Island, WA; **Joyce & Jim Nichols**, Stanwood, WA; **Dave Miner & Sherry Ius**, Tigard, OR; **Luana & Don Perry**, Medford, OR; **Karen & David Roberts**, Sisters, OR; **Teresa & Steve Serex**, Issaquah, WA; **Glenda & Vern Serex**, Salem, OR; **Marilyn & Bob Townsend**, Rancho Santa Fe, CA.



# FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS

I would like to thank those that responded to Andy's letter. I have forwarded your comments to him.

Some of the comments alluded to the fact that allowing towables would make FMCA just like the Good Sam Club. The difference here is that FMCA is member owned. The Good Sam Club is currently owned by the Affinity Group, Inc., which also owns Trailer Life Publications, Motor Home Publications, Camping World, Woodall's RV park directory and Camp Coast to Coast. As a member, you get a vote in the operation of FMCA through the National Director, which includes election of national officers, approving the operating budget and amendments to the governing documents. Being a member of Good Sam gives you no rights to vote on the operation of the organization.

Allowing towables to join FMCA would require changing the language of the FMCA Constitution, which isn't that easy to do. (The last amendment to the Constitution was done in 2003) To amend the Constitution, any 20 voting memberships, the Governing Board, the Executive Board, or the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, may propose an amendment. Proposed amendments, with rationale, shall be clearly presented in writing. These proposals shall be sent to the FMCA Secretary and the President.

The text of the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for its review and recommendation. The Committee shall present the proposed amendment to the Executive Board for review, discussion and comment. From there, the proposal, along with any recommendations, shall be forwarded to the Governing Board.

If the Governing Board has accepted the proposed change, the text of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the membership of FMCA by publication of the text in the FMCA magazine along with an appropriate ballot.

Ninety days from the magazine's mailing date, the ballots returned shall be validated, counted and the results announced.

It requires an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the votes returned by the membership to adopt a change to the Constitution.

This has been a lengthy explanation of the process to allow towables so you may see that it is not something that should be taken lightly.

At every Governing Board meeting that I have attended, the issue of towables has been brought up by someone coming to the floor and making a motion to allow towables to join FMCA. In every instance, the Governing Board has voted the proposal down. I do not see towables being allowed to join FMCA in the near future.

I will be attending the final planning meeting commencing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at the Mill Casino in Coos Bay and will have updates in next month's newsletter.

Barbara and I drove over today to check the routing from our pre-rally site. It will take about 20 minutes' drive time, not because of the distance, but because of the speed limits. Parking will be on level hard top, so there won't be a problem with mud this year.

Travel Safe,  
Don Schleuse, National Director



*Sidetracks from  
Herb Harris*

**Everyone is going to want one of these Sewie Pig hose connectors!  
This product has been in development for four years? Herb**

## **RVers go hog wild over SewiePig**

**By Greg Gerber @ 1:54 AM, March 22, 2012**

**DRUMS, Penn. -- E49 Enterprises' SewiePig product has RV owners going hog wild!**



**SewiePig** is a new RV part in the form of a plastic container shaped like a pig, with an underneath garage area that fits securely over any RV discharge hose. The "pig" has a removable cap on the tail to allow the tank to be filled with water for weight, once filled with water, place over your RV hose where it meets the campground connection and SewiePig secures the hose to ensure there are no waste disposal "accidents."

This product is simple, convenient, and compact as it tucks right into the underneath compartment of your RV. It adds a cosmetic flair to a "not-so-attractive" part of your campsite, the company noted in a website.

The developers of this product have more than 25 years of RV experience and SewiePig has been in the making for more than four years. The product is made in the USA.

**SewiePig** can be purchased through NTP Distribution, at a local RV dealership or online at [www.sewiepig.com](http://www.sewiepig.com).

SOURCE: E49 Enterprises press release

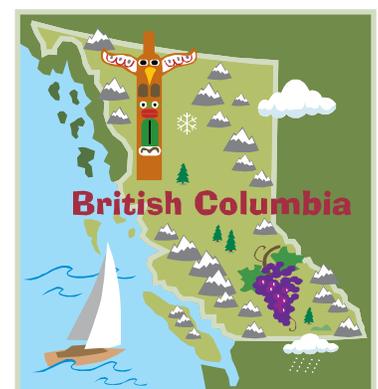
***Service Recommendation:*** We would like to see Premier RV Services added to the list of service providers. We've had them do work for us twice and both times we drove away very satisfied with the work. Gary Obermire is the Service Manager/Co-Owner. We've found him to be very honest and straight forward in our communications. Gary was a CC engineer and lastly he was over operations. Their techs are all former CC service techs with good, well-rounded depth of experience. We will return again - like the relationship we've established. Brian & Kay Case, Bend, OR

# MEMBER PROFILE

We'd like to introduce you to **Joan and Richard Whitman** of Burnaby, BC, Canada. Joan and Richard have been **NorthWest Country Coachers** since August 2008. They travel six months each year to the lower 48 states with Duke, their 11-year-old dog. Their 37' CC Allure is their third RV. They have been retired for six years. As avid outdoor people, they enjoy water volleyball, pickle ball and bicycle riding. Richard has successfully completed four Ironman Triathlons in the Okanogan Valley since he turned 50. The Whitmans have one married daughter and two grandsons (ages 3 and 6 years). They just

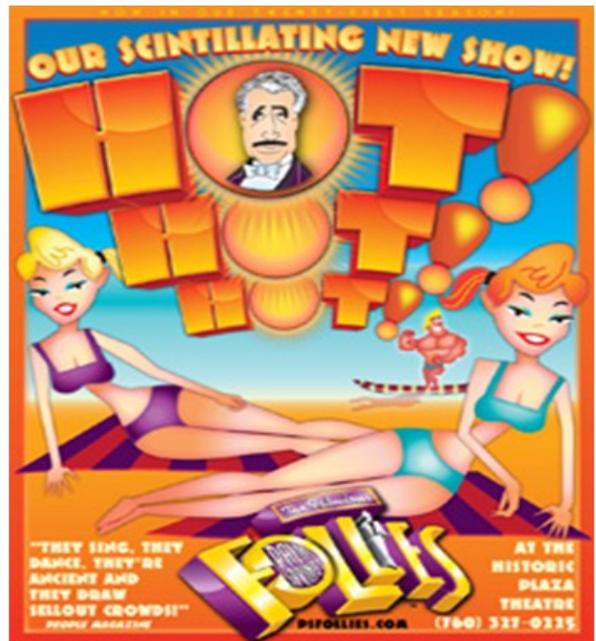


found out a third grandchild is on the way. One special event this past fall was going to Disneyland with the entire family. Before retiring, Richard was an Engineering Technician and Joan was a Bank Manager. If you attend a summer rally, you will find the Whitmans there. They plan on attending this June's pre-rally at Charleston, Oregon, and the **FMCA-NW** rally at the Old Mill Casino. Do plan on getting acquainted with the Whitmans at one of our rallies, like we have. *By Kris and Lee Casebeer*



# Members' Corner

**The Palm Springs Follies:** If you've spent time in the Palm Springs area in the winter, most likely you have heard of and even attended the *Palm Springs Follies*. Kris and I went to a Saturday matinee performance with our *NWccer* friends, Joan and Richard Whitman from Burnaby, BC, Canada. It had been seven years since we were there. Once again, it was a Fabulous Show. The Follies are in their 21st season and all cast members must have song and dance experience in their past. The minimum age is 55 with most in the mid- to late 60's and 70's. You would not know their ages by the performance they present for the 2-3/4 hours. It is a very highly recommended event when you are in Palm Springs in the winter. For more information see their web site, [www.psfollies.com](http://www.psfollies.com). *Lee Casebeer*



**BRAZEL'S RV PERFORMANCE:** Heading north from Portland or south from Seattle on I-5, the midway point is close to Centralia, WA. Should you need service on your coach, you will find what you need at BRAZEL'S RV PERFORMANCE just west of town at 3912 Harrison Ave (phone 877-786-1576).

They have a nice campground next to their shop with 50-amp power. The shop has service pits, so no hoists are required. They are set up to do four-wheel alignment and they have a chassis dynamometer. With my 1995 coach, I try to take extra precautions to prevent roadside breakdowns. During a recent visit to Brazel's, I had the underside greased and inspected. This resulted in new belts, a few new hoses and discovery of a leak from the exhaust manifold.

Because of my schedule, I had to come back a few months later for the manifold work. This work required them to obtain access to the top of the engine through the bed box. They put down paper *everywhere* and, when done after more than 10 hours, there was no sign that they had been there.

I was fortunate that, although two bolts required much effort to remove, the manifold only required resurfacing, which saved \$500. However, they then discovered a pinhole leak in a turbo lube line. They called several CUMMINS shops and eventually located a replacement line in Portland.



We were camped in their shop and hooked up to 50 amps. The next morning we were given the option of waiting for shipment or driving to Portland to retrieve the part. We chose to drive, got the part and had the repair completed. Centralia is well known for its outlet mall, but there is much more, including a great museum, waterslides, a casino and restaurants,  
RUSSELL WARREN

# NORTHWEST COUNTRY COACHERS KITCHEN

By Fred Dent

It occurred to me that cooking in our motorhomes presents challenges that we don't face at home in our conventional kitchens and that some of you may not feel comfortable preparing meals in your coach. I thought it might be helpful to start a **NorthWest Country Coachers Kitchen** section in our Newsletter and on our web site where our members can share their cooking successes using their Country Coach facilities without resorting to grilling every night. It can also be a place where members can share tips to make cooking in the motorhome easier—things that you can easily do without a blender, food processor or stand mixer, but with a Braun Hand mixer that stores in a fraction of the space, for most of your motorhome cooking chores (I still need a blender for frozen strawberry daiquiris though! But, I don't need to store it in the kitchen for the few times a year I use it).

Members have mentioned that they miss their conventional RV gas ovens. In particular, some Country Coach chefs have said that they are not familiar with cooking in their GE Advantium oven and tend to use it as just a microwave. It is much more! It is a microwave and a convection oven and it also has a Speedcook feature that uses light to cook! The Speedcook feature uses microwave, convection and light to cook more quickly and remarkably well in a cool oven.

I'm inviting members to share their recipes and cooking tips that they use in their Country Coaches. What cooking appliances do you use that are different than at home? Send your recipes and tips to [Newsletter@nwccers.org](mailto:Newsletter@nwccers.org). Once they are published we will post them on our web site as well.

Fred Dent, President

## Country Coach Meat Loaf

From the Fred Dent recipe file

This recipe uses the GE Advantium Oven Speedcook feature. I'm not sure if it will work as well in a conventional, microwave or convection oven. I use a completely different recipe in my oven at home. If you enjoy meatloaf, you will love this recipe. Fast, firm, moist and delicious.

### Ingredients:

¾ lb 93/7 lean ground beef (no leaner as it will make the loaf too dry—the fat will come out during cooking)  
¾ lb ground lean pork  
¾ cup non-fat milk  
1 egg, beaten  
1-½ cup soft bread crumbs (two slices of fresh whole wheat bread food processed\* to crumbs)

½ cup finely diced onion  
½ cup finely diced green pepper  
½ teaspoon fresh ground pepper  
¼ to ⅓ cup Lea and Perrins  
Worcestershire Sauce  
¾ cup prepared barbecue sauce  
(I prefer honey hickory)



Use a food processor\* or the chopper attachment for your blender to prepare the bread crumbs, finely diced onions and the finely diced green peppers. Combine all of the above ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix well using your hands to squeeze through the mixture. Spoon the mixture into a 5 x 9 glass loaf pan. Place dish on the metal tray. Set your Advantium Oven Speedcook to U=MED, L=Lo for 34 to 37 minutes or until done. Remove from oven and place the loaf on a platter. Spread the barbecue sauce over the top and let stand for 10 minutes. Slice and serve. This meatloaf makes great sandwiches cold and also reheats well in the microwave—Use your Advantium Oven, Microwave, Reheat Automatic function.

♦ I use a Braun 200-watt Multiquick Hand Blender on its chopping cup. The entire unit and accessories store easily in a drawer. <http://www.braun.com/global/household/food-preparation/multiquick-hand-blenders/multiquick-3.html>

More GE Advantium recipes online at (choose "120 Volt Over the Range" model for proper settings):

<http://genet.geappliances.com/AdvantiumRecipes/Dispatcher?REQUEST=HOME>



Spring has finally made it to the Northwest. Along with the spring flowers, come a new energy and anticipation for all of the great things on the horizon for 2012. Here are some of the exciting things that are happening at Country Coach Corporation in Junction City!

Service appointments and parts calls are on the rise as folks are making travel plans for rallies and vacations. We appreciate all of the loyal Country Coach owners out there that helped us through the winter months by bringing in their coaches for parts and service. Your loyalty made all of the difference in our success. In building on our success, we are adding to our service crew in order to gear up. Not to worry, however, we are never too busy to help Country Coach owners. One of Ron Lee's three goals is to maintain a home for CC owners to come to and we plan to always be here!

We are continuously updating and adding to our website, [www.countrycoach.com](http://www.countrycoach.com). Our latest project has been videotaping the consignment sales coaches and adding those videos to our website. We invite you to take video tours of our coaches that are currently available for purchase.

Email blasts have been a great tool for us to get the word out about Country Coach and what we

are doing. They are very successful at getting people to our website. Currently, there are about 9,000 to 10,000 visits to our website every month.

We also are currently working on publishing our fourth online quarterly magazine, Country Coach Destinations®, which will be emailed in April as well as posted on our website. The NWCCers will be featured in the "Club Spotlight" section of the spring edition. If you are not on the email list for this publication, please email us at

<http://destinations.countrycoach.com> to add your name to our distribution list.

Another exciting piece of news – Country Coach, working with Transport Canada, worked out a procedure that enables Canadian compliance for Country Coach motorhomes built after 2004, which allows them to be imported by Canada's Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV). This procedure requires that the coach is inspected by Country Coach Corporation and cleared of all past safety recalls and warranty bulletins for Canadian compliance. For more information or questions regarding this procedure, please call or email Doug Beaudry at [doughb@countrycoach.com](mailto:doughb@countrycoach.com).

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2012 rallies, including the FMCA Northwest Area Rally at the Mill Casino in North Bend, OR, June 21 to 24 where NWCCers will be rallying. We will be displaying several of our Factory Approved consignment coaches and visiting with owners. Please come by and say hello!





## Come join us at Hoodsport, WA May 18th- 20th

It's time again for our relaxed weekend in Hoodsport Washington at the Rest A While RV Resort on the Hood Canal. We have reserved 15 sites on the waterfront and the private (cozy) club house for our use. Once again, the park is hosting the grilled oyster hour if we have enough coaches attending.

This area is wonderful to visit. On a nice day, you can enjoy the beaches, lakes and National Park in

the area. Port Townsend and Port Angeles are also a nice drive. There is a lot of fun Geo Caching in the area and the small town of Hoodsport has fun shops to see. We always seem to relax and have a fun time at this one.

This park does not require us to pre pay for our sites. We will need the \$10.00 rally fee, but you will pay for your site when you check into the park. They are normally available for extra days—just let me know when you want to come in and leave and I will let the park know.

They have changed the pricing policy this year based on the number of reservations for the chapter. The maximum rate is \$38.00 plus tax minus Good Sam discount. They accept credit cards, but offer a discount for Cash or Check. If we have enough coaches registered for a discount, I will let you know what to expect before you arrive. All sites are Full Hook up with 30-amp service. A few 50-amp sites are available on a first-come basis. There are motel rooms available not far from this park if some of our non-camping members are interested.

We normally have a Friday and Saturday food fest in our club house as well as a breakfast on Sunday before we leave. I will finalize plans closer to the weekend.

The rally fee and deposit to hold your reservation is \$10 (refundable for cancellation made 14 days prior to reserved arrival date). NWCCers will book your reservation for you and make any changes for you if your plans change. Please do not make reservations directly with the RV Park. You will pay your camping fees to Rest-a-While at check in.

Names \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Date In \_\_\_\_\_ Date Out \_\_\_\_\_

Make your \$10.00 Rally Fee/Deposit check payable to **NorthWest Country Coachers** and mail it with this form to:

Dana Suttell, Treasurer  
Northwest Country Coachers  
1894 SE Sedgewick RD  
Suite 104 PMB #32  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

You may also register online with your credit card at <http://nwccers.org/rallies.htm>

## Calling all Wagon Master Wannabees

Got an idea for a club gathering in July or October?

A weekend club event is easier to plan than you think. To be a Wagon Master, all you need to do is find an RV park, make a club reservation and coordinate member reservations with the park. NWCCers will handle the finances and help you plan the event. The weekend activities can be as simple as you want them to be. The members are usually happy

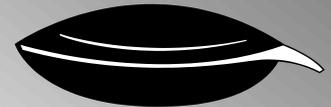
with a Meet and Greet on arrival day and a pot luck dinner one night. The rest will take care of itself. NWCCers will pay for your RV campsite to thank you for your efforts.

We don't have a Wagon Master or event for July and no one has stepped up for October. Got an idea? Let me know right away so we can help you get it set up and advertised.

Fred Dent, President  
President@nwccers.org



## Northwest Area FMCA Pre-Rally Oceanside RV Park Charleston (Coos Bay), OR



### Sidebar Notes:

We are here at the park checking everything out for our June rally. We have large sites with grass, picnic table and a fire pit. Some sites are pull-thrus and some back-ins. We haven't been to the beach yet, but we will go before we leave. The park is pet friendly so don't leave Fido at home.

For dinner today, we went to the Fisherman's Grotto and enjoyed their clam chowder.

Don had the deep fried oysters and I had the fish (2 pieces). They both were tempura battered and not greasy at all. The menu is eclectic with seafood, pasta, burgers and sandwiches. The office staff here at the RV park said their burgers are good.

We have the Yurt for our party headquarters with a 60" television, mini kitchen and lots of tables and chairs. Since this is a seafood area, one happy hour I think we will grill some local oysters (purchased from the nearby oyster farm) and steam some clams. We can buy them too if nobody wants to dig.



If you have never had Wahdingers you're in for a treat. We'll have them the last night before we move to the Mill Casino. The Casebeers had them in Mexico and enjoyed them so much they now are the proud owners of two Wahdinger sticks!

Be sure and send in your reservation to Dana Suttell or do it online a.s.a.p. so the planning can begin. There is no requirement to go to the FMCA rally to attend this campout. If you would like to come, please do. Also, if you just want to join the caravan to FMCA without attending the pre-rally, there is a Super WalMart on the way where members can wait until we pass by.

See you in Charleston  
Barbara Schleuse

# Northwest Area FMCA Pre-rally

## Oceanside RV Park

<http://www.oceansidervpark.net>

90281 Cape Arago Hwy

Charleston, OR 97420

541-888-2598

**June 16- 20, 2012**

Hosts: Don & Barbara Schleuse

Co-Hosts: Lee & Kris Casebeer

Charleston, Oregon, is just south of Coos Bay and our park sits right on the beach. They provide crab traps and a crab cleaning area. At low tide, clamming is available. All that is needed to participate in these activities is an Oregon shellfish license. We will use the games Fred bought on Sunday afternoon if the weather cooperates, so come prepared to laugh. Sunday dinner we plan to dine at Fisherman's Grotto, known for its excellent clam chowder. WIFI is available throughout the park. Please join us as we enjoy the beautiful Pacific shores of Oregon.

**Reservations:** The cost per night is \$35. Please complete the registration form below and submit it to our treasurer Dana Suttell. Registration is also available on our website NWCCers.org. Click on Rally information, then choose FMCA Pre-Rally. If you want to arrive early, contact the park directly and tell them you are with NWCC. We have only 20 sites, so make your reservation early.

**Cancellation Policy:** Must call Don at 949-230-0390 by 6/9/12 for full refund.



### Reservation for FMCA PreRally in Charleston, OR

Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ CoPilot \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending restaurant dinner (approx. \$25pp) \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit: \$45** (\$35 first night site fee + \$10 rally fee)

Make check payable to NorthWest Country Coachers. Send form and check to: Dana Suttell, 1894 SE Sedgwick Road, Ste 104, PMB 32, Port Orchard, WA 98366.

Andy Balogh, National VP FMCA, Northwest Area Invites ALL RV Friends and Families

# CRUISE TO COOS BAY

## JUNE 21 TO 24, 2012, ON COOS BAY

THE MILL HOTEL & CASINO • 3201 TREMONT AVENUE • NORTH BEND, OREGON 97459

5 Nights Camping • Seminars • Exhibits • Display Coaches • Coffee & Donuts • 2 Catered Meals  
Ice Cream Social • Movie Night • Bingo • Shore Excursions • Entertainment • Poker Walk  
Hot Dog Bash • Door Prizes • Slot Tournament • Four \$75.00 Door Prizes • Swap Meet • 50/50

### DON'T MISS OUR SHORE EXCURSIONS

Check out [www.fmcanw.org](http://www.fmcanw.org) for more information and sign-up details.

Shore Acres State Park & South Slough Reserve & Estuary (\$6/person) • Museum Tour (\$4/person)  
Coos Bay Harbor Tour (\$30 each) • Oregon Dunes Adventure Tour (Cost TBD) • Bandon Crossing Golf Club (\$75/person)

**PARKING BEGINS AT 8:00 A. M. JUNE 19, 2012 • NO EARLY ARRIVALS**

### Northwest Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

FMCA Number:	Coach Make:	Length of RV:	Coach License:
Last Name:	Captain's First Name:	First Male's Name:	
Address:		City:	State/Province:
Zip/Postal Code:	Telephone:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a Northwest Area Rally <input type="radio"/> Hold Registration at Will Call	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	

Registration deadline postmark	By 5/31	After 5/31	Qty	Total	Payment Information
RV & 2 People – Dry Camping	\$ 155	\$ 180		\$	<b>Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.</b> Please Charge: Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature _____
RV & 1 Person – Dry Camping	\$ 125	\$ 150		\$	
Handicap Full Hook-up (+\$100 fee collected at RV park) <sup>1&amp;2</sup>	\$ 155 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 180 <sup>2</sup>		\$	
Handicap Dry Camping <sup>1</sup>	\$ 155	\$ 180		\$	
Family Full Hook-up (+\$100 fee collected at RV park) <sup>2</sup>	\$ 155 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 180 <sup>2</sup>		\$	
Each Guest/Member Rally Pass	\$ 65	\$ 65		\$	
Children 12 & Under	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Children 12 & Under – Attending Saturday Dinner	\$ 10	\$ 10		\$	

Saturday Meal Seating Time	<input type="radio"/> Early Meal – 4 to 6 p.m. <input type="radio"/> Late Meal – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> \$	Confirmation credentials will be mailed if registration received by June 7, 2012. After that they will be held at the registration desk. Cancellation refunds, minus \$20.00, if written notice with credentials returned on or before June 8, 2012. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS.</b>
Saturday Meal Options		Rally Master: Andy Balogh	
<input type="radio"/> Salmon Meal – Qty: _____ <input type="radio"/> Chicken Meal – Qty: _____		503-530-0166 • <a href="mailto:abalogh@fmca.com">abalogh@fmca.com</a>	
<b>FOOTNOTES</b> <sup>1</sup> To qualify for Handicap Parking a copy of a state-issued certificate must be submitted with your registration. Limited full hook-up spaces. Spaces not sold by 2/28/12 will be sold as Family Full Hook-up Spaces. <sup>2</sup> Limited Family Full Hook-up Spaces, first registered, first served. The \$100.00 RV park fee will be collected on your arrival. Cash or check only. RV sites not claimed by 2:00 p.m. 6/20/12 will be sold to those on the wait list.		Assistant Rally Master: Kent Pratt	
		Info/Registration: Neil Radford	Return Completed Form & Payment To
		206-718-0091 • <a href="mailto:nrad4d@yahoo.com">nrad4d@yahoo.com</a>	Northwest Area Rally • c/o FMCA 8291 Clough Pike Cincinnati, OH 45244
		Exhibits: Ed Anderson/Dan Murphy	Place your credit card registration
		360-903-3421 • <a href="mailto:edward112950@yahoo.com">edward112950@yahoo.com</a>	Online • By Phone or By Fax

[www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) | Phone (513) 474-3622 • (800) 543-3622 | Fax (513) 474-2332 • (800) 543-4717

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# "CRUISE TO COOS BAY" SHORE EXCURSIONS

## Nature Tour

Cost: \$6.00 per person

### Excursion #1

Tuesday 19 June 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 20 June 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**South Slough Reserve:** Established in 1974, it was the first reserve in the United States. The 4,800-acre reserve encompasses a mixture of open water channels, tidal and freshwater wetlands, riparian areas, and forested uplands. Visitors are welcome to explore the estuary through the interpretive center, trails, waterways, programs and online resources.

**Shore Acres State Park:** Perched on rugged sandstone cliffs high above the ocean, Shore Acres State Park is an exciting and unexpected combination of beautiful, natural and constructed features. Once the grand estate of pioneer timber baron Louis Simpson, Shore Acres features lushly planted gardens with plants and flowers from all over the world. Something is in bloom almost every day of the year.

### Bus Schedule

Leave from the Mill Casino Hotel Lobby at 12:00 pm  
Arrive at South Slough Reserve at 12:45 pm  
Leave South Slough at 2:15 pm  
Arrive Shore Acres State Park at 2:45 pm  
Leave Shore Acre State Park at 3:30 pm  
Arrive back at Mill Casino Hotel Lobby at 4:00 pm

**If you are interested in this tour,** please sign up early at [kabalogh@telus.net](mailto:kabalogh@telus.net), let us know your name, how many attending and on what day so we can book transportation.

Note: \*\* There is a minimum of 30 attendees required per tour

Payment for this excursion will be on arrival at the information/registration desk in the Hotel Lobby.

## Museum Tour

### Excursion #2

Tuesday June 19, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday June 20, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Coos Historical Maritime Museum:** Cost: \$2.00 per person

Learn about our area and the important impact that the ocean, bays, rivers and sloughs have had on the people who have lived on the south coast. There are more than 50,000 objects and more than 250,000 images that illuminate the cultural history of the Coos region and south coastal Oregon. The Museum's collections include artifacts, images, and archival material relevant to Coos' regional history, dating from pre-history through the 1970s. Stop by the North Bend Visitor center next door for more visitor information.

**Coos Art Museum:** Cost: \$2.00 per person

The Coos Art Museum has been the cultural hub of Oregon's scenic South Coast since 1950. Oregon's 3rd oldest Art Museum is housed in the historic art deco former US Post Office in downtown Coos Bay. Take a tour of the 530 permanent Collections of Contemporary Art.

**Excursion #2 continued** next page.....

# Museum Tour Continued

## Excursion #2 (continued)

Tuesday June 19, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday June 20, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Shuttle Schedule

Leave Mill Casino Hotel Lobby Entrance starting at 10:00 am  
1st stop Coos Historical Maritime Museum (North Bend Visitor Center)  
2nd stop Coos Art Museum  
3rd stop Coos Bay Visitor Center (downtown shops/restaurants)  
4th stop Oregon Connection-House of Myrtle Wood  
5th stop Oregon Coast Historical Rail Museum

This shuttle service will run hourly from the Hotel Lobby Entrance beginning at 10:00 am with the last shuttle leaving at 5:00 pm.

## Harbor/Bay Tour Cost: \$30.00 per person

Excursion #3 Wednesday June 20, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (morning)  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm (afternoon)

Captain Bill and Captain Kathi are ready to give you a memorable, fun trip on the Betty Kay and The Shamrock. You will see our Harbor, Cape Arago Light House and our beautiful bay and coastline.

### Bus Schedule

First group from the Mill Casino Hotel Lobby Entrance at 8:00 am  
Arrive in Charleston at 8:30 am

Bus returns to Mill Hotel Lobby to pick up second group of guests at 12:00 pm  
Return to Charleston, drop off second load of guests, pick up first load of guests  
Bus returns to the Mill Hotel Lobby to drop off guests at 1:00 pm  
Returns to Charleston at 4:00 pm to pick up second load of guests  
Second load of guests to return to the Mill Hotel Lobby at 5:00 pm

If you are interested in this tour, please sign up early at [kabalogh@telus.net](mailto:kabalogh@telus.net), let us know your name, how many attending and whether you wish the morning or afternoon tour so we can book transportation.

Note \*\* There is a minimum of 25 attendees required per tour.

Payment for this excursion will be on arrival at the information/registration desk in the Hotel Lobby.

## ADVENTURE TOUR

### Excursion #4

Thursday June 21, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Spinreel Dune Buggy & ATV:** Get the full experience of the beautiful Oregon Dunes and build memories that last a lifetime! Your adventure begins at Spinreel Dune Buggy and ATV Rental where you can rent Quads (ATV's), 2-Seat, or 4-Seat Vehicles and drive them yourself; or take a Tour and have one of our experienced guides drive you. You will experience the awesome windswept dunes, drive on scenic sand trails or ride along the breathtaking Pacific Ocean beach on Oregon's largest and best dune riding area.

#### Shuttle Schedule

Leave from The Mill Hotel Lobby Entrance at 11:00 a.m.,  
Arrive at Spinreel at 11:20 a.m.,  
Leave Spinreel at 1:30 p.m.,  
Arrive Back at The Mill Hotel Lobby at 2:00 p.m.

Cost of Ride: 4 wheelers for \$50-60 an hour, and on side by sides for \$85-130 per hour. You can check out the cost of individual two- and four-seat vehicles and get more information by contacting:

**Spinreel** at 541-759-3313 or check out [www.RideTheOregonDunes.com](http://www.RideTheOregonDunes.com)

If you are interested in this excursion, please contact us at [kabalogh@telus.net](mailto:kabalogh@telus.net). Shuttle service will be dependent upon how many guests participate. You may also sign up for this excursion on your own if you prefer different dates and times, just contact the provider, so please go and have FUN!

## GOLFING PACKAGE

### Excursion #5

**Bandon Crossings Golf Course**

Take time out with friends and play 18 holes at this most exclusive and well laid out golf course. You choose the time and day to have some fun. Your fee includes 18 holes with a cart and range balls.

**Cost: \$75.00 per guest**

If you are interested in this excursion, please check out the Golf course website at [www.bandoncrossings.com](http://www.bandoncrossings.com). Golf must be purchased at The Mill Casino Gift Shop, Ko-Kwel Gifts.

## NWCCers Directory for CC Service and Parts

The following 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. **\*\* Offers NWCCer Discount**

Company	Contact/NWCCers Relationship	Services
<b>** Country Coach Corporation (2011)</b> 135 East First Street Junction City, Oregon 97448 541-234-2167	Jim Cooley, Service Manager  Ask about service discounts for NWCCers	Service Center <a href="http://www.countrycoach.com/coach-service-center/">www.countrycoach.com/coach-service-center/</a> CC Apparel: <a href="http://countrycoachwearables.promoshop.com/">http://countrycoachwearables.promoshop.com/</a>
<b>** Guaranty RV Center</b> So Hwy 99, Junction City, OR 877/463-0067	NWCCers exclusive sales dealer NWCCer \$25 discount on retail service	Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales <a href="http://www.guarantyrv.com">www.guarantyrv.com</a>
<b>Silverleaf Electronics</b> 2472 SW Ferry St., Albany, OR 97322. 888/741-0259, 541/220-5494		Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System <a href="http://www.silverleafelectronics.com">www.silverleafelectronics.com</a>
<b>Coach Solutions</b> 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
<b>** Oregon Motorcoach Center</b> 29417 Airport Rd Eugene, OR 97402 541/762-1505  Effective 01/03/2012: <b>Current NWCCers Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.*</b>	Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCCer Honorary Lifetime Member *Present your NWCCer badge for discount. You will need verification that your club dues are current.	Interior restoration, modifications, remodel, service and parts Fax: 541/762-1509  <a href="http://www.oregonmotorcoachcenter.com">www.oregonmotorcoachcenter.com</a>
<b>Ollie's Fiberglass</b> Lynnwood, WA 425/776-6040		Fiberglass repairs
<b>Country Boys RV Mobile Service</b> Eugene/Albany, OR area	Doug 541/935-0848 Andy 541/255-2169	General Motorhome repairs - mobile service <a href="http://www.cbrvservices.com/">www.cbrvservices.com/</a>
<b>RV Glass Solutions</b> Eugene, OR 888/777-6778	Doug Rutherford – former CC Service Manager	Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock. Call for a referral in your area. <a href="http://www.RVGlassExperts.com">www.RVGlassExperts.com</a>
<b>Specialty Crate, Inc Logistics Division</b> 41 North Danebo Ave Eugene, OR 97402 541/689-8840	Randy Stout	Country Coach parts – chassis, body and house.
<b>Splendide (Westland Sales)</b> 15650 SE 102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Clackamas, OR 97015		Washing machine repairs
<b>Salem Brake and Wheel Inc.</b> 1235 12th Street SE Salem, OR 97302 503-581-3214	Kevin Smith	Alignment, Wheel Balance, Chassis Repair, Complete Brake Service, Complete Service, Gas/Diesel Repair, and More

<b>Specialty Marine and RV</b> 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
<b>Davis Cabinets</b> 150 E 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave Junction City, OR 97448 (541)998-8778	Shaun Davis	Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades  www.daviscabinets.com
<b>Amazing Creations</b> 93150 B Prairie Rd Junction City, OR 541-556-0501	Scott Adams	Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades  Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com
<b>Kustom Coach Works</b> PO Box 395 Halsey, OR 97348 541-501-3371	Bobby Vodden	Custom audio/video installations  KustomCoachWorks@yahoo.com
<b>Coach Masters of Bend</b> 29525 Brandis Ct Bend, OR 97701 541-330-6863	Blake	Parts, Service, Repair  Coachmasters@bendcable.com
<b>Dave Root RV Glass Repair</b> Bend, Or 541-280-3612	Dave Root	Reseals ,Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/
<b>Kevin Waite</b> K&M Mobile R.V. Repair LLC 95430 Noraton Rd. Junction City, OR 97448 <u>541-953-6162</u> (Cell)	Kevin Waite (Former Country Coach Service Tech. & Owner)	Mobile Repairs Technical Support Country Coach Parts <u>kvn.wt.7629@gmail.com</u>
<b>Kaiser Brake and Alignment</b> 265 Taylor St Eugene, OR 97402 541-344-5887		Alignment, brakes, tires
<b>JDRV Inc</b> LaPine, OR 541-306-6473	John Davis	Service and Repairs
<b>Three Rivers Mobile Detailing</b> Salem, 503-580-9261	Kael Beebe, Owner (Referred by Herbert Harris)	Pressure wash and hand wax coaches, cars and boats, Eugene OR to Longview WA. <u>3riversmobiledetailing.com</u>
<b>Premier RV Services</b> Sales - Service - Storage 325 E First Ave, Junction City, OR 97448 Office: <u>541-998-2640</u>	Gary 541-554-3997 (Referred by: Brian & Kay Case Bend, OR)	<u>premierrvstorage@gmail.com</u>

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](mailto:newsletter@nwccers.org) *Rev. 04/03/2012*

