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♦ All dates are subject to change.

(Please note the date correction for [CASEY'S ON THE RIVER RALLY](#))

### 2021 Calendar

#### **\*\*Cancelled!\*\***

September 22-27, 2021

Prosser Balloon Festival

Host: Fred Dent

November 24-28, 2021

Thanksgiving Rally

Hosts: TBA

### 2022 Calendar

March 10-13, 2022

Odd-Fellows RV Park,  
Florence, Oregon

Hosts: Frank & Dana  
Suttell



## President's Corner

We hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits. With over half of the year gone things were starting to look good, but now it seems to have turned and is going the other way. So, to our CC family, stay safe!

A few of us will be heading to Casey's-on-the-River (Gathering of Friends) August 30-September 2 for a few days to just "kick back." However, the proposed Balloon Festival Rally scheduled for September 22-27 at Wine Country RV, Prosser, WA, and hosted by Fred Dent, has been cancelled due to the lack of balloons and an increase of cases of the new Delta Variant. The good news is that it has been rebooked for a later time.

The last rally of 2021 is scheduled to take place at Hee Hee Ilahee RV Park in Salem, Oregon, November 24-28. It's our annual Thanksgiving celebration, but we still need someone to organize and coordinate meals, so please let someone know if you are willing to host and/or co-host. If there are no volunteers, we may have to cancel.

To all our NWCC members and friends, we wish you good health and safe travels wherever your journey may take you.

Joyce

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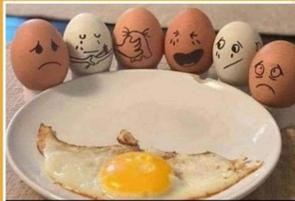
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# Chuckles



He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.

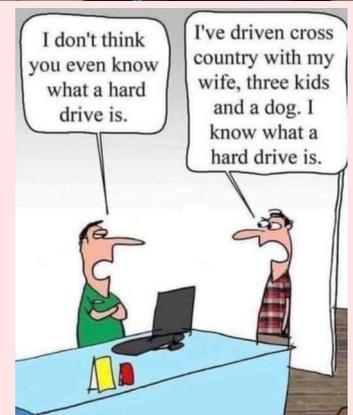
shared by silversurfers.com



**It's important to lock your car doors especially now. Your friends and neighbors and even strangers will put free Zucchini in your car.**



"He's a Chihuahua/Great Dane mix."



### Online Membership Photo Directory

Our Member's Directory is a convenient way to put faces with names of our membership. The Directory is available in the Members Only section of our website at: <https://www.nwccers.org/members-only>. Your password is your FMCA number including all capital letters (no spaces) and is case sensitive. You may also download a hard copy from the same area, or if you would like a color, hard copy mailed to you, use the Contact Us form on the web site to request a copy. Include your FMCA number in your request. (Our Directory is available only to current NWCC members.)

### NWCC Website and Facebook

**Website:** NWCC maintains a website at [nwccers.org](https://www.nwccers.org) with current chapter information, copies of the newsletters, rally information and registration as well as a Members Only section with club governing documents, a membership directory and other information. The webmaster contact is: [nwccwebmaster@nwccers.org](mailto:nwccwebmaster@nwccers.org)

**Facebook:** The FaceBook page for Northwest Country Coachers search is: **NorthWest Country Coachers Motor Coach Club**. Many of our members are already friends on this social media site. If you would like to be a part of our Facebook community, please "Like" or "Follow" us.



**2021 Prosser  
Balloon Festival  
Rally**

**Cancelled**



*Regretfully we have decided to cancel the Balloon Festival Rally for this year. The Balloon Festival is still on the calendar; however, the promoters may still cancel due to COVID concerns and won't know for sure for a "few more weeks." Additionally, Washington and Oregon Governors expressed concern that they may have to re-impose some COVID restrictions in the coming weeks. Wine Country RV Park asked all groups who have been holding reservations for the Balloon Festival weekend to make a decision by August first and to reconfirm their reservations. Given the uncertainties of the situation and the understandable reluctance of our members to make long term plans considering the waning COVID pandemic, the chapter felt it would be unlikely to register 15 coaches for a successful rally.*

*We are on the calendar for the 2023 Balloon Festival, but they are already fully booked for 2022 (Wine Country RV Park books the Balloon Festival weekend two years in advance).*

*So, we hope to see you at the Balloon Festival in 2023! Hopefully the COVID pandemic will be a distant memory by then spawning campfire stories of days gone by.*

*Fred Dent, Host*

*Five pairs of CCers, including first-timers, Jeff and Susan Payne, recently gathered informally to enjoy the scenery and one another's company at Casey's-on-the-River near Westfir, Oregon. The weather was cooperative (not too hot or too cold) and the smoke from nearby fires was negligible most of the time. We strolled the park, walked the dogs, sat around the tables hoping to solve all the problems of the world (to no avail...they're still all there), and for \$1, sampled ice cream from the "help-yourself" machine. On our last evening at the park, we had an impromptu potluck and the next morning, Vern Serex baked a batch of cinnamon rolls and delivered portions to each of the party before we said our farewells.*



Vern Serex and Floyd Hensley



Richard Gorton joins Floyd and Vern



Joyce Hensley, Jean and Richard Gorton



Taffy Payne



# MEMBERS' CORNER

## A FEW "LINKS" FOR YOU

<https://www.What Is The Best Portable AC For RVs? | Do It Yourself RV>

Here's one that's about some places fairly close to "home" for many of our NorthWest CCErs.

<https://camperreport.com/rving-in-utah-parks/>

Here's one that will intrigue all of engineers/DIYs/mechanics in the group. There's even a Class C in the offing.

<https://How EV Trucks Will Affect the RV World - Camper Smarts>

Here's some good information for those traveling or planning to travel to areas subject to hurricanes and/or tornadoes. [https://RV Hurricane and Storm Safety \(mobilerving.com\)](https://RV Hurricane and Storm Safety (mobilerving.com))

Some of our members are sure to be heading south for the wet and windy season here in the Northwest, so here are some ideas for sites in New Mexico.

[https://5 Things To Do While RV Camping Near Albuquerque, New Mexico \(doityourselfrv.com\)](https://5 Things To Do While RV Camping Near Albuquerque, New Mexico (doityourselfrv.com))

Suttells, Robbins and some car friends had a wonderful trip to Leavenworth. Fun shopping, touring the river and The Sound of Music at the Ski Hill amphitheater made our week. We had a guest while visiting one morning. We were sitting in front of the coaches as this bear meandered behind. He startled a lot of rvers as he grabbed garbage on his way through the park. *I should have added we enjoyed a great fruit stand and they had pickle juice! That's where the rooster was.*



Some members have suggested that we all have "stuff" that's new or nearly new that we no longer need or have a place for but would be happy to share with others. So, watch for a new column called "Gots and Wants" (Thanks to Richard Gorton for the title) where we can post things for which we no longer have a need, but someone else might like to have, or someone might have a need for something that another CCEr might like to have *out* of his/her storage space. If you've "got" something, or "want" something, please send the information and your contact to me, [glendaserex@gmail.com](mailto:glendaserex@gmail.com) and I'll post it in the column.

# FMCA DIRECTOR'S NEWS

National Director's Report

Governing Board Meeting

July 7, 2021

Gillette, Wy

As you probably know by now, the Governing Board passed a budget that included \$50 dues.

Hopefully the reduction in the dues rate will encourage more people to join FMCA. This new budget does retain FMCAssist thru the end of fiscal year 2022.

Newly elected officers are: National President – Rett Porter

National Senior Vice President – Gary Milner

National Secretary – Kathie Balogh

National Treasurer – Barbara Smith

There were changes to some Policy & Procedures. (1)The dues were decreased for commercial members bringing them in line with Full Family membership rates. (2) Guidelines were established for investments. (3) New chapters will no longer have to pay a \$35 formation fee.

A change was made to Bylaws Article VIII that would allow a Governing Board meeting to be held by electronic means such as internet or telephone under certain conditions when uncontrollable events prevent in person meetings.

Those were the highlights. More P&P's were amended but they don't affect the chapters or members. All Bylaws and P&Ps are available on the FMCA website.

The meeting began at 9am and ended at 5:15pm. Before the meeting begins members of the NW Area pick a time that they expect the meeting to end and put in \$1. Our own Barbara Holmes won \$14. She didn't share!

Barbara Schleuse

# Out and About with NorthWest Country Coachers



*Many of our members will be heading south for the winter. Here is some vital information for anyone traveling the roads in California as part of their itinerary.*

On Fri, Aug 6, 2021, 11:03 AM Larry Dodge <[larry.dodge@comcast.net](mailto:larry.dodge@comcast.net)> wrote:  
Lee,

We want to share the information in the following email from the folks at CALTRANS. We think it might be useful for NWCCers planning trips south for the winter.

The email has a links to websites with maps for the entire state of California indicating where there are load restrictions and, more importantly, roads where busses and motorhomes over 45 feet in length are prohibited.

Darren at CALTRANS explained that the motorhome length restriction is for the length of the motorhome ONLY. It IS NOT the combined length of the motorhome and tow vehicle. All roads not shown should be suitable for motorhomes up to and including 40 feet in length.

Safe Travels,  
Larry and Mary Dodge

----- Original Message -----

Good morning and thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

**For size and weight limitations**, please visit the Caltrans Legal Truck Access page: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/legal-truck-access>.

Please visit the following webpage where the **45' Bus & Motorhome Maps** could be found: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/45-buses-motorhomes/bus-map>.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks, California Department of Transportation

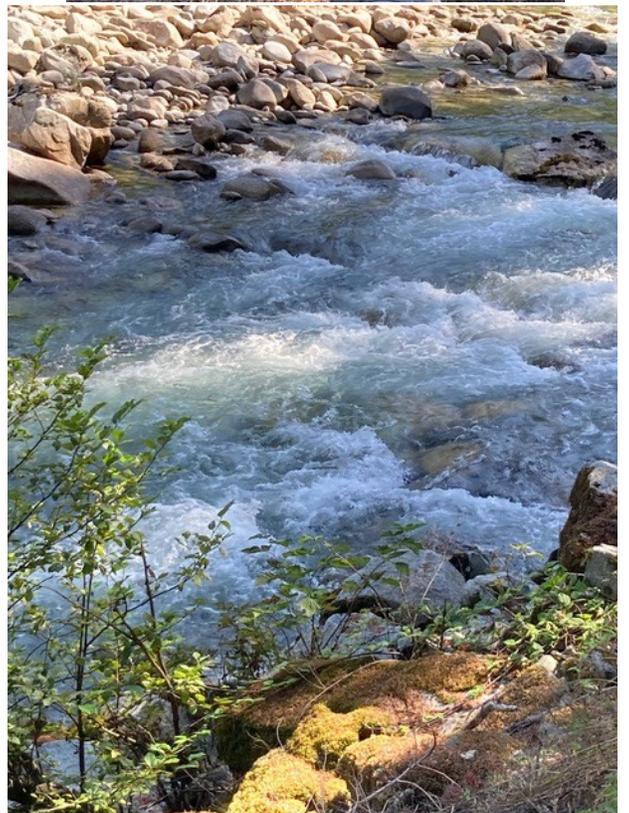
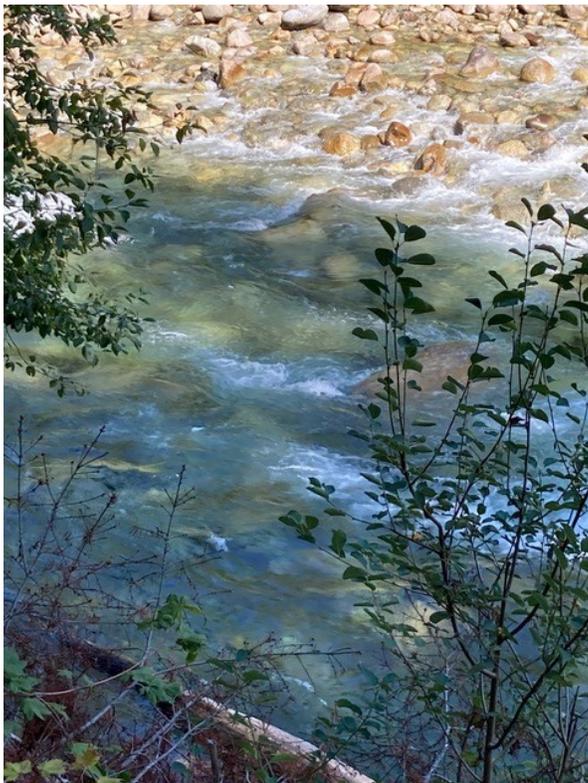
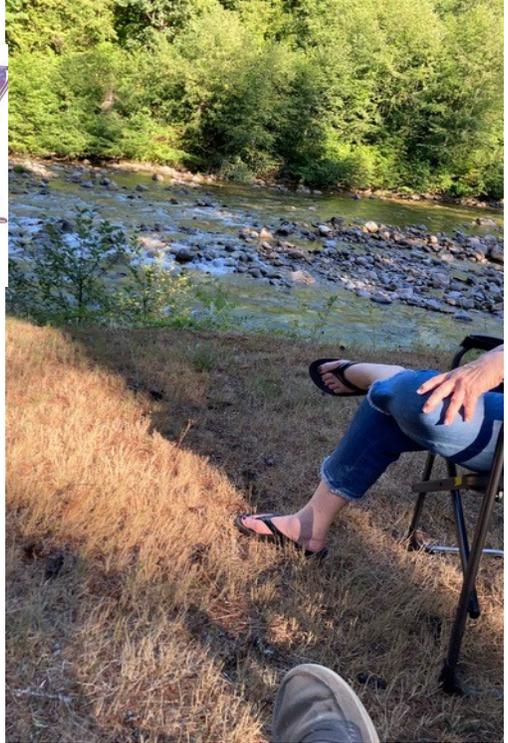
HQ Traffic Operations/Commercial Vehicle Operations/Legal Truck Access Branch (916) 654-5741



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## Out and About with NorthWest Country Coachers

Spending the week at a friend's rustic cabin up in the Cascades near Skykomish, WA. The cabin is right on the Tye River in a very scenic spot. The river is still running high but you can see Brook trout in the pools. Fishing is reported to be good here in the Fall when the river slows. The weather is a little warm this week, but nice in the shade with a cool one. Cheers, Herb



# A BLAST FROM THE PAST



In August 2010, a pre-rally was held in La Pine, Oregon, as a precursor to the FMCA Rally to be held in Redmond, Oregon, that year. Hosted by Ken and Millie Blodget, we spent our days exploring, caching, and eating wonderful catered meals on-site and at places along the way as we explored the geology of the Paulina Lake area with its Obsidian Flow and with its seemingly endless paths and trails.



# *NorthWest Country Coachers*

An FMCA Chapter, Chartered September 29, 2007 As a Local Northwest area Country Coach Owner's Club.

## **Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Name \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

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

Phones: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Driver Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Residence Address, if different than mailing:**

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

**More Information:**

FMCA # (Enter 'Applied' if applying concurrently) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Country Coach Information:**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach # \_\_\_\_\_

## NWCC 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

Company	Contact	Service
<b>Amazing Creations</b>  <a href="https://www.amazingcreationsrv.com">https://www.amazingcreationsrv.com</a>	Scott Adams  1220 Ivy Street  Junction City, OR  541-998-1126	Custom cabinets, flooring and general remodeling/upgrades   Amazingcreations1@yahoo.com
<b>Bend RV Repair</b>  <a href="https://bendrvrepair.com/">https://bendrvrepair.com/</a>	Jeff Spear  62980 Boyd Acres Rd. Unit A-2 Bend, Oregon 97701, 541-388-5448	Complete RV Repair  Referred: Lee Casebeer & Tom Lowery
<b>Brazel's Performance</b>  <a href="https://brazelsrv.com">https://brazelsrv.com</a>	Alan Sanders  3912 Harrison Avenue, Centralia, WA 98531  877-786-1576  Referred by Russell Warren	Alignment, suspension, maintenance, dynamometer, electrical & mechanical repairs shop—50-amp sites and dump
<b>Carrier &amp; Son's RV Service Center</b>  Facebook: @Carrier RV Service	Tom & Teresa Carrier  29525 Airport Rd., Eugene, OR 97402  Off: 541-461-1673; Fax 541-461-1674  Referred by: Terry and Les Apple	Skilled service craftsmen are able to handle most of your RV service needs from the smallest job to a major structural rebuild job.
<b>Coach Masters of Bend</b>	Blake  20472 Brandis Ct., Bend, OR 97701  541-330-6863  Coachmasters@bendcable.com	Parts, Service, Repair  coachmasters@bendcable.com
<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 & Fly-in Anywhere USA
<b>Dave Root RV Glass Repair</b>  <a href="http://www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/">www.daverootrvglassrepair.com/</a>	Dave Root, Bend, OR  541-280-3612	Reseals, Thermo-Pane windows, all RV side windows
<b>Davis Cabinets</b>  <a href="http://www.daviscabinets.com">www.daviscabinets.com</a>	150 E 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Junction City, OR 97448  541-998-8778, Shaun Davis	Interior upgrades, cabinetry, window shades
<b>Guaranty RV Center **</b>  <a href="http://www.guarantyrv.com">www.guarantyrv.com</a>	So Hwy 99, Junction City, OR  877-463-0067  NWCC exclusive sales dealer  NWCC \$25 discount on retail service	Service, Parts, Body Shop and RV Sales
<b>Kaiser Brake and Alignment</b>  <a href="http://kaiserbrakealignment.com">kaiserbrakealignment.com</a>	265 Taylor St., Eugene, OR 97402  541-344-5887	Alignment, brakes, tires
<b>K&amp;M Mobile R.V. Repair LLC</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/kmmobilervrepair">https://www.facebook.com/kmmobilervrepair</a>	Kevin Waite (Former Country Coach Service Tech. & Owner)  95430 Noraton Rd., Junction City, OR 97448 541-953-6162 (Cell)	Mobile Repairs, Technical Support  Country Coach Parts  kvn.wt.7629@gmail.com
<b>Kustom Coach Works</b>	Bobby Vodden	Custom audio/video installations

Company	Contact	Service
Olstrom Custom Coach LLC  NEW	Eric @ 1-520-485-3750  Www.olstromcc.com	Based out of Tucson is mobile to anywhere for repairs
<b>Oregon Motorcoach Center **</b>	29417 Airport Rd, Eugene, OR 97402 541-762-1505  Effective 01/03/2012: Current NWCC Badge gets 10% discount on Parts.*  Bob Lee, Founder of OMC and NWCC Honorary Lifetime Member	*Present your NWCC badge for discount. You will need verification that your club dues are current.  Interior restoration, modifications, remodel, service and parts  Fax: 541-762-1509  www.oregonmotorcoachcenter.com
<b>Premier RV Services</b>	Gary - 541-554-3997  Office: 541-998-2640	Sales - Service - Storage  premierrvstorage@gmail.com
<b>RV Glass Solutions</b>	Eugene, OR 888-777-6778  Doug Rutherford - former CC Service Manager  www.RVGlassExperts.com	Windshield replacement, glass and windows. Many CC windshields in stock.  Call for a referral in your area.
<b>RV Service Pro</b>  In the Puget Sound area	Mobile RV Service from Seattle to Olympia. Certified RV service and repair professionals for all your RV service and repairs	They do good work at fair prices. They overhauled my Aquahot for me.  Recommended by Fred Dent
<b>Hitch Pro &amp; Tow</b>	4701 West 11th Avenue  Eugene, OR 97402  (541) 434-2403  Ken Banyard, Sales Manager	Complete service for towed vehicles: base plate installation, wiring, tow bars, braking systems and advice.  Recommended by Denny Huffman
<b>Silverleaf Electronics</b>	2472 SW Ferry St., Albany, OR 97322.  888-741-0259, 541-220-5494	Total Coach Monitoring System, Vehicle Monitoring System
<b>Specialty Crate, Inc</b>  <b>Logistics Division</b>	41 North Danebo Ave.  Eugene, OR 97402  Randy Stout 541-689-8840	Country Coach parts - chassis, body and house.
<b>Splendide (Westland Sales)</b>	15650 SE 102 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., Clackamas, OR 97015  503-655-2563	Washing machine repairs
<b>Specialty Marine and RV</b>  503-678-6501	Tom Dinsmore  20781 Olmstead Road NE  Aurora, OR 97002	Diesel-powered coaches only  Custom Accessories, Installations, Repairs and Services
<b>Washington Auto Carriage</b>	Terry Fout, General Manager  5301 E. Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA 99211	24 Hour Emergency Mobile Service:  (509) 534-9358