

Classic RV Club – 2007 In Review

We met here (at the Oak Tree Restaurant) last December... all 30 of us for a delicious Christmas brunch. And here we are again in 2007.

Our club lost two of our charter members who sold their rig and moved on to other things –Milt & Alice J. Alice was our first club secretary for several years and then became our hospitality queen who faithfully sent out birthday cards to the membership each month. They will be missed!

As a little non-profit club, we again brought in can tabs for the kidney association – 48 pounds of them; some came all the way from Israel and Jordan via Larry & Anita N. We also opened our pocketbooks and wallets for kids at Doernbecher Hospital again. Joe & Judie R and Dennis & Jan S had an enjoyable time spending over \$400 at Target and then taking the five or six bags of toys to downtown Portland and placing the bags at the foot of the Christmas tree at Doernbecher's offices.

January... We traveled to a new and different restaurant, the Hi Hat on Pacific Hwy in Portland, where we were able to order off the menu and even suggest food that wasn't on the menu; that excited some of the 26 clubbers there.

February... We literally blew down and around to Ocean View RV Park in Lincoln City. There were seven couples in attendance and we

were such a delight that Bob and Shirley G decided to become members of our club. Yeah!!!

Some enjoyed the casino, Wal-Mart, Depoe Bay by the

bridge, and the outlet mall. On Friday night, Dale & Pauline A gathered us together and taught us a new game called Farkle that's still played today. Some of us have even taught it to our grandkids.

Despite the hail storm and the mighty winds, we concocted romantic stories with a pair of potatoes as the main characters. I mean we even dressed the potatoes! I think we need to get a life, but we all enjoyed the venture. We even heard the story of Petey the Snake.



The Potato Family ready to party!



What are we supposed to do with these potatoes?



It doesn't pay to bribe the judges!

April... We had 18 members drive to the Lone Fir RV Park in Cougar, WA. Jerry & Paula S even drove up to be with us for dinner on Saturday night. Chuck & Carolyn T taught us a new game involving furniture and a good memory game called Conquer the Couch. We howled but I think the women had better memories... at least we won. Some visited local parks and walked in the woods, looking, no doubt, for the infamous Cougar or Bigfoot. Carolyn T even had us all enthralled with a folklore story of just how Washington named that little town. It was scary!!

Here's a few axioms we found tucked away in our newsletter:

- You cannot have everything; where would you put it
- Back up my hard drive? How do I get it in reverse?
- Seen it all, done it all, but can't remember most of it!



Just how far will Chuck T go to get a picture?



Forest beauty around Cougar, WA.



Well Duh! What else would you do in a campground?

May... We traveled to Long Beach, WA to Andersen's On The Beach RV Park... all 24 of us. Some toured downtown Long Beach (did you see Jake?) or the lighthouse and interpretive center; the rest of us enjoyed relaxing.

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Annual Lunch

Annual Classic RV Club Lunch

Saturday, January 5, 1pm

The Village Inn

Bridgeport Village – Tigard, OR

(IMPORTANT: Note afternoon time)

RSVP to Jan at 503-638-8080

Saturday was an iffy day that had Larry N running all over the park, knocking on doors to encourage us out in the not-so-good weather; finally we decided we needed to support Larry as he had gone to a lot of work down on the beach. So amongst the blue sky, then black, then rain, then no rain, 14 of the bad-weather survivors walked or drove down on the beach and made sand sculptures that looked like octopuses with fish swimming around and called it "Dinner." Another group made a palm tree with a kiwi bird under the tree and called it "Official Wave Watcher." The third team made a moterhome towing a car and called it a "Classic RV." And the fourth team built a real sand castle with a moat around it and called it "Camelot" guarded by John. This was all sculpted through a rain shower where some stuck through the rain while others ran to the car for cover until it passed – these must have been the not-so-true Oregonians. They all decided they would never be professional sand sculpters.



Ready to start building sand castles.

Then Larry N had us going from the ground to the sky flying kites. I never saw grown men climb on other people's RVs to get their kites out of harms way. I thought Bob G wanted to be a human object mounted on those RVs as he was climbing up and down – hope no one was home in any of these RVs!



Looking good Bob G!



Is it going to stay up there Joe R?

June... We headed south for the tracks... train tracks that is at Train Mountain in Chiloquin, OR. Several of us stayed at Cascade Meadows in LaPine on Thursday so we could go to the Cowboy Dinner Tree Restaurant in Silver Lake, OR. We ate and ate and still went home with bags of food.



Cowboy Dinner Tree.



The Classic RV Gang ready to tackle chicken, steak, and biscuits!



Now that's a steak – 32 oz worth!

Then Friday, we traveled on down Highway 97 to Train Mountain to find Bob & Shirley G who blew right on past us the previous day at LaPine; I guess they forgot about us! Our Train Mountain leader, Terry D, got us all parked in a circle. We learned not to leave flower pots outside our rigs... we have one member who runs over them with a vengeance and bruises their little leaves. Oh well, we all had a great time on the train ride over bridges, through tunnels, and even by little miniature towns. We were honored to have Quinton Breen and his wife share the potluck dinner with us Saturday evening and tell us a little history of how he got started on this 2400 acres where trains abound. It was very interesting. Joe & Judie R had both their present and previous rigs at this outing, driven by two different owners. The former rig wanted to see Joe and Judie and so its new owner complied and brought his family down in it. It could get confusing just which rig Joe & Judie were in that weekend. We all drove home tired but with more knowledge from our time on the tracks.



One of the realistic looking trains.



One of the detailed buildings in towns along the track!



A steam-powered train with exquisite detail.

August... For our annual birthday outing, we had a Hawaiian weekend at Devil's Lake RV Park. There were 20 members and 11 guests in attendance; two of them decided to join our club... David and Chris S, Carolyn T's little brother. We are so glad they are a part of our club. This weekend, we threw Frisbees in a hula hoop, demonstrated hula-hoop twirling too, and ended the festivities with a water-balloon toss to see who could get the wettest, I guess. Jerry & Paula S, who were our hosts, even planned a limbo contest, but with bad backs, bad knees, bad ankles, shingles, more bad knees, bad shoulders, bad feet, and just aching all over, we opted out of that one.



All dressed up in our Hawaiian garb ready to luau.

We were all dressed in our finest Hawaiian garb and ready for the luau potluck that evening in a very nice clubroom, I might add.



Dale A tries to toss the frisbee in the ring.

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After dinner we had our annual birthday gift exchange and I'm here to tell you, gift cards are the way to go! Why you should have seen them almost fighting over them – Starbucks here, Fred Meyer and Home Depot there. This was our 15th year and a good time was had by all. We have five charter members left – Richard & Ivy S, Dennis & Jan S, and, of course, Virginia H. We've had a lot of fun times over the years.

We then had our annual meeting and election of officers. It was a close race, but Joe R got president for another two years and we're training a new guy, Dale A, for secretary; I think he's going to be a great addition to the board! It was a landslide for both of them. Put them together with John S as our treasurer and Duane A for our vice president and we have a pretty good looking board, don't you think?

September... We learned about flowers, covered bridges, and murals at Foster Lake RV Park in Sweet Home, OR. Most of the 22 members stayed until Sunday, but hosts Joe and Judie R couldn't reel in their slide and so stayed another night until a local electrician fixed the problem. They reeled in their slide and they were out of there. We enjoyed the sun and warm weather even though we knew Fall was in the air.



Short covered bridge near Sweet Home, OR.



Old Scout mural in Sweet Home, OR.



Tollgate mural in Sweet Home, OR.

October... Jerry & Michele K asked us if we were “arked up” for their outing – 19 of us came to the Ark at Hoquium River RV Park at Hoquiam, WA. We even had a pleasant surprise when Smitty and Ivy pulled up with the bed of their pickup filled with boxes of Washington apples and pears. We clubbers were all over it carrying away our fruit and leaving Smitty with a little gas money for his effort; we love you Smitty and Ivy! They even had dinner with us that night at a local restaurant and then left to go see relatives nearby before heading back home. Saturday afternoon another surprise when Virginia H and her daughter drove into the park. We hadn't seen Virginia for a very long time.

Saturday night, all the animals came into the Ark (the clubroom) in pairs... yes, we all stepped out of our comfort zone to dress up like a gorilla, several chickens, turtles, cats, rabbits, ladybugs, leopards, and several other animals too.



The Menagerie



Bob and Shirley G– The Slowskys



Mr. and Mrs. Noah welcome all the animals into the Ark.

We found out how many words you can come up with that have “ark” at the beginning, middle, or end. Dianne G and Dale A were our two ark wizards. Mr. and Mrs. Noah (A.K.A. Jerry and Michele K) were great hosts this week-end. We had sunny days without a cloud in the sky... but we knew the rain was coming.

Our little club decided to give money to the Portland Rescue Mission for Holiday Dinners and also Doernbecher Hospital to buy toys for kids again.

Well, despite getting another year older, we thoroughly enjoyed 2007. We went to two new parks and one new restaurant. We also have four new members – Bob and Shirley G and David and Chris S. Welcome!

We have some newer rigs around too. Terry & Judy D, Joe & Judie R, John & Elaine S, and John & Bonnie T all showed up in different rigs during the year.

This wagonmaster is looking forward to a great 2008 and hope for more fun than we can handle. We'll be visiting two new parks this next year as well as going back to some fun ones we know so well.

Thank you for the privilege of being your wagonmaster!

Submitted by Jan S, Club Wagonmaster

Classic RV Club Business Meeting – December 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Joe R. Joe reported that 28 members were in attendance at our annual Christmas brunch, again held at Oak Tree Restaurant in Woodland, WA.

Dale A read the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read; seconded and approved.

John S gave the treasurer's report – see the details elsewhere in this newsletter. Motion was made to accept the report as read; seconded and approved.

Joe R announced the November and December birthdays: Joe R Nov 13th, David S Nov 10th, Bill S Nov 14th, Paulette P Nov 23rd, Dick S Dec 5th, Terry D Dec 6th, Rose G Dec 13th, Bonnie T Dec 19th.

Joe R reported that \$68.40 was sent to Portland Rescue Mission which covered 30 meals). \$400 has come in for Doernbecher Toys for Children with more expected. Joe and Judie R have talked to Target about matching funds but no answer as of the meeting. Joe and Judie will be buying the toys the week of December 9th; call Judie if you would like to join them on the shopping spree or to deliver the toys to Doernbecher.

Joe R provided a medical update on members: Anita N is doing better; they are traveling in CA. No change for Anna A. Good to see Al G back on two feet.

Dale A reminded members to turn in their membership renewal and information form if they haven't done so already, even if their dues are prepaid in order to make sure our membership information and web page is up-to-date and accurate. You can bring the forms to the Annual Dinner next month. Dues are due and payable by February 29 but would appreciate information sooner if possible.

Joe R announced results of the can tab weigh-in: 4 pounds total with the Larry & Anita N having the most with 1.5 pounds. They will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House.

Jan S gave her annual Wagonmaster's report – see main article in this newsletter.

Next outing will be our Annual Dinner at The Village Inn at Bridgeport Village in Tigard on Saturday January 5. See the article in this newsletter for details.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16am.

Submitted by Dale A, Club Secretary



Joe R – Our Fearless Leader!



Pauline A sampling the buffet.



Paula S and Shirley G exchanging cards.

Treasurer's Report – Month

Beginning Balance		\$521.05
Receipts		
Hoquiam River deposit applied to Club Dues	\$200.00	
Hoquiam River deposit applied to 2007 Portland Rescue Mission Project	\$64.00	
Doernbecher Project	<u>\$165.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$429.00</u>
Total Available		\$950.05
Expenditures		
Photo Supplies	(\$64.80)	
Total Expenditures		<u>(\$64.80)</u>
Ending Balance		<u>\$885.25</u>

Submitted by John S, Club Treasurer

Late Breaking News

We just got word that Gayla S's mother, Jewell S, passed away last Wednesday, December 5th. Services will be held December 22 at 11am at Our Redeemer Church, 13401 SW Benish St, Tigard. You can call Gayla at 503-936-2545. Gayla and Jewell were members of the Classic RV Club from 2000 to 2006.

2008 Activity Preview

Classic RV Club activities scheduled for the upcoming year:

Date	Location	Deposit ^{1,2}
Jan 5 (Sat) 1pm	Annual Dinner Village Inn, Tigard	n/a
Feb 28- Mar 2	Premier RV Park Salem, OR	\$31.45
Apr 17-20	Cannon Beach RV Park Cannon Beach, OR	\$21.83
May 29- Jun 1	Mallard Creek RV Park Lebanon, OR	\$30.00
Jul 10-13	Belknap Springs RV Park McKenzie Bridge, OR	\$27.25
Aug 21-24	Rest a While RV Park Hoodport, WA	\$25.20
Oct 2-5	Seven Feathers RV Park Canyonville, OR	\$27.00
Dec 6	Oak Tree Restaurant Woodland, WA	

- 1 Prices subject to change; final prices posted on signup sheet.
- 2 Deposit is due at the preceding campout; if you cannot attend, get your deposit to the host in advance.

For additional information on activities listed above or for additional scheduled activities, check the Activity page on the Classic RV Club webpage: www.classicRVclub.org.