

Annual Christmas Brunch – December 7, 2008

2008 In Review



We met December 7, 2008 at The Portlander Inn for our Annual Christmas Brunch. Wagonmaster Jan S presented the following annual "State of the Classic RV Club" report on 2008 activities. Looking back, we sure had fun this year didn't we!!

2007 ... We ended 2007 at the Oak Tree Restaurant in Woodland, WA for our Annual Christmas Brunch with 28 members in attendance. Our club has come here since 2001 for wonderful food, fun, and fellowship; this location made it easier for our Washington members to join us "mile wise."



Pauline A samples the buffet at the 2007 Christmas Brunch at the Oak Tree Restaurant

January ... We started 2008 at the Village Inn restaurant across from Bridgeport Shopping Mall in Tigard. There were 23 members in attendance (the uneven number was because Anita N was under the weather). Dale A read a very funny parody on the Twelve Days of Christmas. We visited and then were off our different ways until February; some members headed South for some sun as soon as lunch was over.



John S, Rose G, Juanita L, Bill L, Shirley G, Bob G, Larry N, Elaine S visit at the 2008 Annual Lunch

February ... We arrived at the Premier RV Resort in Salem at different times for our first outing of the year. We were a very small group at this outing with only five rigs and 12 members in attendance; Bill & Juanita L drove down to join us for our lunch cruise on Saturday. Two of our members even came all the way from Arizona to be with us; that would be Larry & Anita N on their way home from enjoying time in the sun.

We had a great weekend planned by Dale & Pauline A and Terry & Judy D. On Friday, we visited the Jensen Arctic Museum in Monmouth and the Polk County Museum in Rickreall where we saw a seven-foot



This 7-foot log truck model was made by Pauline A's Dad in 1985.

log truck model that Pauline A's Dad made way back in 1985; her family donated it to the museum in memory of their father. We learned that Dallas, Pauline's home town about five miles West, was originally named Cynthia Ann and was home to a lot of famous people like Johnny Ray the singer of long ago and Mark O. Hatfield, one of Oregon's Governors and later a Senator as well as Maureen Neuberger, also an Oregon Senator.

We dodged the rain drops on Saturday as we went on a luncheon cruise down the Willamette River on the Willamette Queen stern-wheeler. The lunch and trip were enjoyable. We finished the day with a chili feed and playing Bingo with "white elephant" gifts for the winners; everyone was a winner!



The Sternwheeler Willamette Queen waiting for us to board

This outing set a record for the least members to attend a campout as there were only five rigs present; therefore, we didn't have a business meeting but talked about a lot of things (including the members who weren't there!) and discussed a lot of interesting ideas for the club.

April ... We traveled down the coast to Cannon Beach RV Park; it's always nice to be there even when it rains. Frank & Dianne G and John & Bonnie T put on quite a weekend for us. Some of the attendees even drove through snow to get here, depending on when they came to the beach, but 22 members and 9 guests persevered and had fun.

On Saturday, we had a non-alcoholic margarita party at Dale & Pauline A's beach house, complete with a salsa-making demo by Dianne G & Bonnie T. We also learned how to play Lotto (Mexican bingo); Frank & Dianne G taught us how to play Pegs & Jokers which is similar to cribbage. And of course, Mexican food abounded at the Saturday potluck.

We gained two new member families at this outing to keep our club young and vibrant; Eric & Carmen S, and their darling children Brendan & Justin (there's a relationship here and a little grandmotherly pride showing!). Also Larry & Erica O and their children Andrew, Cameron, & Ezra plus their dog Oscar decided to join our club. Glad to have them in our club!



Our hosts John & Bonnie T, Dianne & Frank G treated us to margaritas and fresh salsa

May ... We tried out a new RV park this month; Mallard Creek RV Park near Lebanon, OR. We found it was a very clean park, lovely golf links, with a great grill/restaurant. Twenty four members and six kids enjoyed the weekend. The weather couldn't have been any better; it was warm, balmy, and great for golfing and eating outside. We made ladder golf games to take home with us and play with our family and friends as well as to cherish forever.

We also had our first Classic RV Club Open where Dale & Pauline A and John & Elaine S planned four different "stations" related to golfing games. Paula S was the adult winner of the Classic RV Club Open and Andrew O won the kid's division. Yahoo!!



Paula S tries her hand at the Ball Fling in the Classic RV Club Open; she had the low score for adults

July ... We really came out and supported Terry & Judy D and Larry & Anita N at Belknap Hot Springs RV Park. We had 14 rigs with a total of 43 in attendance counting kids and grandkids. The pool was a big hit for almost everyone with wet bodies all over the place. We couldn't stay in too long as the hot springs were true to their name at 103 degrees! We all went back to our rigs wrinkled but really relaxed.

Some went hiking and splashed in the Blue Pool. Others ventured down to the Secret Garden or hiked the falls. It was billed as a "No-No Weekend" so everyone pretty much did whatever they wanted to including napping, reading, visiting, etc.



The pool party started after dark but didn't last too long because of the 103-degree water

August ... Our annual birthday outing is always special; to make it even better this year we gained two new members – Dan & Sue H from Oregon City with resident dog Dixie. Welcome!

We played a game with pictures – our own pictures – that were very old.

Since this was the club's 16th birthday, our hosts

Jerry & Michele K and Al & Rose G asked us to bring a snapshot from when we were 16 – well some people changed so much, it was hard to recognize their faces right up to the last minute. This was a hoot, let me tell you! We also played a memory game where teams had to remember 16 items on a tray – not too easy when some of us can hardly remember our names!

We enjoyed the weekend and ate several meals in a nearby restaurant; they ALMOST got themselves a volunteer dishwasher from our club. It seems that a certain club secretary left all his money back at the rig and had to leave his poor wife as collateral (What a cruel thing to do on their anniversary, no less!)

The rains came as we were ready to leave so some of us got a little wet while we were putting things back in the proper place in our rigs.

October ... Our last outing of the year, and one of our best, was at Seven Feathers RV Resort in Canyonville, OR with 9 rigs, 18 members, and 2 guests in attendance. And quite a resort it was! We must have brought part of the Hood Canal rain down with us as we got a little rain on our parade! On Thursday night, we had a very delicious meal at the Casino restaurant before some of us donated to the local Native American economy.



Look careful now, you have to remember all 16 items on the tray!

We toured some local covered bridges on Friday before we traveled down the freeway to Heaven On Earth for a delicious dinner complete with a door prize drawing. Jerry K was the lucky winner of the giant cinnamon roll which he shared with us at Sunday brunch.



We enjoyed the green grass at Seven Feathers RV Park and the towering foothills in the background



Jerry K shows off the Grand Prize cinnamon roll from Heaven On Earth

On Saturday we vacillated whether to drive to Wildlife Safari because of the rain, but as soon as we got over the hill, BINGO no rain; I for one am glad we went! It was phenomenal! I remembered it back in the 70s when our kids were young, but it's a little different now and we got a new perspective on who some of these animals really are.



Zebras were just one of the many beautiful animals seen at Wildlife Safari

Then, we came back and finished the day with a taco dinner that was downright delicious. We played bingo in a different way that was fun and everyone got prizes to boot! We had our usual brunch on Sunday and then got ready to leave knowing that a lot of our rigs would be winterized and put in dry dock until our next club outing next April... Six long months to wait!

December ... The final outing of the year when we all saw each other again was the 2008 Annual Christmas Brunch at The Portlander Inn. And here we are!



Spirited visiting and card exchange preceded our brunch

Thirty two members and four guests were in attendance. Following a great brunch, much visiting around the ta-

bles, and this report from our Wagonmaster, we had a prize drawing. Everyone got a prize (it's rumored that this was a "benefit" to help Jan S clean out her closets!).

Oh and by the way, I almost forgot to mention our latest members who want to be part of our club – that would be George & Candy A from Beaverton who are friends of Bob & Shirley G, Dale & Pauline A, and John & Elaine S – they were guests at our October outing and decided to join us for the coming year. Good to have you!

What a year! ...

It's been a year of transition as far as the club goes because we now have revised ByLaws to bring us up-to-date. And for the first time, our club has a budget so we can more carefully plan and track our expenditures.



Judie R checks out the prizes to see which one she wants to take a chance on



New members George & Candy A



The Classic RV Club gang at the 2008 Christmas Brunch. Seated left to right: Paula S, Jan S, Abby (guest), Judy D, Carolyn T (on floor), Anita N, Anna A, Michele K, Bonnie T. Standing: Joe R, Judie R, Jerry S, George A, Candy A, Dennis S, Al G, Rose G, Dale A, Pauline A, Elaine S, Duane A, Larry N, John S, Dan H, Jerry K, Sue H, Terry D, Chuck T, Chris S, David S, Juanita L, Bill L, John T

Classic RV Club Information Meeting – December 2008

An information meeting was held at the Annual Christmas Brunch to update members on current club activities. We had 32 members and 4 guests present; guests were Mary C and Abby H (Rose G's sister & granddaughter) and Jeff & Connie S (friends of Terry & Judy D).

November/December birthdays: Sue H Nov 4, Eric S Nov 8, David S Nov 10, Joe R Nov 13, Paulette P Nov 23, Richard S Dec 5, Terry D Dec 6, Rose G Dec 13, Bonnie T Dec 19, Justin S Dec 20.

Medical updates: Anna A is doing well and was able to join us for the brunch. Dennis S will be having a checkup in the next few weeks to determine the next steps. Joe R will be starting chemo treatment again. Sue H has recovered well from gastric bypass. Mike P is undergoing chemo for lung cancer. Paula S has had the

cast removed from her leg and was able to join us in a wheelchair. Richard S is recovering from a shoulder problem. Both Doug & Gayle W are recovering.

Business: Joe R announced that we collected 400 pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank which will be delivered next week (week of December 8th). Also, we collected 5 1/2 pounds of pop-can tabs which will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. Elaine S brought the most tabs at 2 1/2 pounds followed by Jan S at 2 pounds.

Next outing: Jan S discussed the next outing – the Annual Club Lunch at the Village Inn in Tigard. See further information in this newsletter.

Submitted by Dale A, Club Secretary

We also have a couple of new officers that joined our ranks; one that agreed to come back and “re-up” and the other was re-elected for a second term. Our board consists of Joe R who continues to serve as our dynamite president; one who cares, plans, and takes the club to heart. Jerry K is serving in a new capacity this time around as Vice President; it will be interesting to see how he does, but so far it's been great to have him on the board. Dale A, who is a great publisher and secretary for us, is definitely into detail and keeps the board on their toes. And then there's John S who takes care of our money very well and always has a great up-to-date report on where we stand and where our money is being spent.

The behind-the-scenes people that also deserve our thanks are Chuck T who takes pictures of our events as well as new members and then puts together those terrific pictorial membership books; Carolyn T keeps our club history correct and also helps take pictures to record our activities, even when we're not quite ready with a smile.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Of course we're all very grateful to Jan S for her untiring work as our Wagonmaster; checking out RV parks, booking us in over a year in advance, last-minute negotiations, and coordinating our outings at great locations throughout Oregon and Washington. Many of us would never get to some of these RV parks and see new areas of this beautiful Northwest if she didn't do all of this work for us!]

Well, another year of downright fun is in the books for us to ponder over. We end the year with 23 member units, an all-time high.

It's been a great year for your Wagonmaster. For the first time, I got all the hosts for the coming year at the same outing... Yeah!! Give

yourselves a round of applause. I didn't have to do any begging this time and it was almost painless.

We have a great lineup of RV parks for the coming year including three old favorite parks we've been to several times (Silver Spur, Andersen's, and Columbia River), an old park with new owners (Premier in Lincoln City, formerly Oceanview), and one brand new RV park (Blue Ox in Albany) and that should be a real treat. Besides our regular outings during the non-camping months, we're adding a breakfast at Davidson's in Tigard in February. It looks like another exciting year!

Thank you for letting me serve you as your Wagonmaster for the past 16 years.

Submitted by Jan S, Club Wagonmaster

2009 Activity Preview

Classic RV Club activities scheduled for upcoming months

Date	Location	Hosts	Deposit
Jan 3 (Sat) 1pm	Village Inn Tigard, OR	Jan	na
Feb 16 (Mon) 9am	Davidson's Tigard, OR	Jan	na
Apr 2-5	Silver Spur RV Park Silverton, OR	Chuck/Carolyn John/Bonnie David/Chris	\$26.00
May 28-31	Premier RV Resort Lincoln City, OR	Al/Rose Larry/Anita	\$34.20
Jul 9-12	Columbia Riverfront RV Woodland, WA	Terry/Judy Jerry/Paula	\$35.00
Aug 13-16	Andersen's-On-The-Beach Long Beach, WA	Larry/Erica Eric/Carmen	\$35.00
Oct 1-4	Blue Ox RV Park Albany, OR	Jerry/Michele Joe/Judie	\$26.00
Dec 6 (Sun) 9am	TBA	Jan	na

1. Prices subject to change; final prices posted on signup sheet.
 2. Deposit is due at the preceding campout; if you cannot attend preceding campout, get your deposit to the host in advance.
 3. If you decide to attend campout after registrations are sent in, you must call the RV park directly; also let the host know you plan to attend.
- For additional information on activities listed above or for additional scheduled activities, check the Activity page on the Classic RV Club website: www.classicRVclub.org/Activities.html.

NOTE: Limited space prevents us from showing all the pictures for 2008 activities; check out the Photo Gallery on the club website for additional pictures – www.classicRVclub.org/Gallery.html.

Next Outing

**Annual Club Lunch
Village Inn
17070 SW 72nd Ave, Tigard, OR 97224
Saturday January 3, 1pm**

- Come and catch up on the latest news and find out what other club members did over the holidays
- Get updates from our “Snowbirds” enjoying the sun down South
- Order individually from the menu
- **IMPORTANT! RSVP to Jan by December 29**

For information, contact Jan @ 503-638-8080