

No, No Weekend – July 10-13

And Our Favorite Camping Spot Is...

It appears that Belknap Hot Springs is everybody's favorite as we had our best turnout of the year – 14 rigs, 30 members w/5 kids and 8 guests for a total of 43 in attendance. The RAT Pack arrived right on time; Terry & Judy D, Bill & Juanita L, Larry & Anita N, Larry & Erica O, Joe & Judie R, Dennis & Jan S, Eric & Carmen S, John & Elaine S with granddaughters Hannah & Amanda, Larry & Paula S with daughters Shauna & Sherry & granddaughters Kyle & Madison, and Chuck & Carolyn T arrived early to enjoy the sun and lounge by the pool. Thursday night dinner was enjoyed in camp for a change. Many of the early birds took the hike to Blue Pool and the 60-foot dry Tamolitch Falls behind it on Friday – even 2-year old Ezra O made the trip. According to all reports, it was well worth the hike.

Friday saw Dale & Pauline A arrive with granddaughters Rachel & Megan, Al & Rose G, Jerry & Michele K, & David & Chris S with Maggie the Pug. It was quickly discovered that the coolest spot in camp was behind Dale & Pauline A's and Jerry & Michele K's rigs as the cool air wafted up from the McKenzie river just over the cliff along with the occasional breeze. For Friday night dinner, many of the group found their way 10 miles down the road to the Takoda Restaurant in Blue River.

On Saturday, John & Bonnie T drove into camp to enjoy the day with the club. Sure was great to have them drive all the way from Portland to join us!

More Waterfalls Along The McKenzie

Saturday morning found a few hardy souls drive about 12 miles up the road to view Sahalie & Koosah Falls. These falls are on an easy hike along Highway 126 and were well worth the trip. The McKenzie River is flowing extra full this year because of the heavy snow melt.



The waterfall hikers ready to take on the trail between Sahalie and Koosah Falls Saturday morning.

No - No Weekend Indeed!

True to the billing for the campout, there wasn't a lot of activity in the campground besides



Fast friends forever, the "granddaughters" enjoyed the weekend together and were already plotting when they could be together again.

trying to find some cool shade and a comfortable chair where the cool breezes flowed. A few people were caught taking the opportunity to catch up on some Z's. Some of the grandparents took the No -No weekend too literally and let their grandkids stay up too late, much to the parents regret when the tired kids came home grumpy and exhausted on Sunday.

The kids in the group were much more active as they spent a lot of time riding their bikes & scooters around the campground circle.

Did You Find The Secret Garden?

One of the highlights of Belknap is the beautiful flowers and landscaping. What became known as the secret garden on the north side of the river was worth the short hike. Sunday morning, this was also the scene for a beautiful wedding.

Of course we can't forget the traditional Saturday night potluck and Sunday morning sayonara brunch. This is one of the few campgrounds where we can enjoy an old-fashioned campfire. Friday and Saturday night found us gathered in a large circle around the campfire complete with roasted marshmallows and somemores. Michele K tried her best to start a campfire sing-along to no avail.

And we can't forget the swimming. Unfortunately, 103-degree hot tubs aren't too enjoyable when the temperature is pushing 95 to 100. Each evening found the whole gang descend on the pool for a refreshing dip as the sun went down and the air cooled off.



The pool party started late and didn't last too long because of the 103-degree water.

Next Outing

**Classic RV Club's "Sweet 16" Birthday
Rest-A-While RV Park
27001 N US Hwy 101, Hoodport, WA
August 21 - 24**

- Classic RV Club "Sweet 16" Birthday Celebration
- Gift card exchange – birthday cards provided by hosts
- Bring a photo of yourself around the age of 16 – copies only
- Barbeque oyster feed – details to be announced
- Saturday potluck – cake & ice cream provided for dessert
- Sunday brunch – bring your favorite breakfast dish

NOTE: You must pay by cash or check to receive discount; payment by credit card will be 5% higher.

Classic RV Club Business Meeting – July

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Joe R followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe R reported that we had 14 rigs, 30 members plus 5 kids, and 8 guests in attendance. Guests were Jerry & Paula S's daughters Shauna & Sherry & Sherry's daughters Kyle & Madison; John & Elaine S's granddaughters Hannah & Amanda; Dale & Pauline A's granddaughters Rachel & Megan.

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

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

Joe R announced the July birthdays: Bill L Jul 3rd, Elaine S Jul 5th, Andrew O Jul 7th, Carolyn T Jul 13th, Dianne G Jul 20th, Gail W Jul 25th.

Joe R reported that Gail W had hand surgery July 7th; full recovery will take several months.

Judie R reported that the current club clothing order was received and distributed. New catalogs are available with some new items; some catalogs even have prices.

Dale A reported that there was strong interest in receiving the newsletter via email starting after the annual meeting.

Jan S reported that she has set up a full schedule of activities for 2009; for the first time, she has full host signup in advance. The 2009 schedule will be available at the August meeting.

Dennis S, who filled in as Nominating Committee chairman, brought the Nominating Committee report for 2009 officers. Jerry K has accepted the nomination for Vice President and John S has agreed to consider a second term as Treasurer. Opportunity was offered for nominations from the membership. Absentee proxy ballot will be distributed with this newsletter.

The Board presented the second reading of proposed changes to the club ByLaws. Each proposed change was read and discussed. A final list of proposed changes to the ByLaws will be distributed with this newsletter along with an absentee proxy ballot. Importance of returning proxy ballots by members that will not be at the next campout was discussed; a majority of club membership must be represented in person or by proxy in order to vote on ByLaws changes.

Jerry K reported on the next campout to be held at Rest-A-While RV Park in Hoodspport, WA August 21-24. This will be the Classic RV Club's 16th birthday; details are given elsewhere in this newsletter and a promo sheet will be distributed with this newsletter. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Dale A, Club Secretary



Some scenes from around the campfire: Left, Roasting marshmallows is one way to play with fire and not get your parents mad at you! Center, Rachel prepares a marshmallow for somemores. Right, Is that smoke from the campfire or are Eric S and Larry O having a "hot" conversation?

Email Newsletter Anyone?

Have you cast your unofficial vote regarding receiving the club newsletter and phone tree by email? So far most members are ready to move into the electronic age and have signed up for email distribution of the newsletter. This has several advantages: 1) Gets the news to you sooner, 2) Allows you to receive the newsletter wherever you are when on vacation, 3) Reduces club costs for printing and mailing to make our dues go farther. Contact Dale A if you haven't already made your choice known.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$755.12
Receipts	
Belknap RV Park Deposits	<u>\$425.42</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$425.42</u>
Total Available	\$1,180.54
Expenditures	
Deposit to Belknap RV Park	<u>(\$480.00)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>(480.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$700.54

Submitted by John S, Club Treasurer

And Our Thanks Go Out To...

We extend our thanks to Larry & Anita N and Terry & Judy D for planning a great No-No Weekend where we could do our own thing and just relax around the pool and campfire, or just doze in the shade!

2008 Activity Preview

Classic RV Club activities scheduled for upcoming months

Date	Location	Hosts	Deposit
Aug 21-24	Rest-A-While RV Park Hoodspport, WA	Jerry/Michele Joe/Judie	\$29.81
Oct 2-5	Seven Feathers RV Park Canyonville, OR	Open	\$27.00
Dec 7 (Sun)	Portlander Grill Exit 307 off I-5 at Jantzen Beach	Jan	tbd

2009 – Full details coming soon

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 webpage: www.classicRVclub.org.