

Merry-Go-Around Adventures – October 1-4, 2009

Campground-Go-Around

Our weekend began for some members as their GPS or mapping software directed them to a non-existent east entrance to the Blue Ox RV Park from Goldfish Farm Rd. Nevertheless, the RAT pack arrived early on Thursday – Bill & Juanita, Dale & Pauline, Dan & Sue, Dennis & Jan, George & Candy, Gordon & Gloria, Jerry & Michele, John & Bonnie. The crew headed out for the Shedd Café for a cruise-in and dinner, but most gave up when the cruise-in was slow to get started and returned to Ping's in Albany for a great Chinese dinner. Others took a wild country ride to find the Country Bakery in Peoria, returned to the Shedd Café later to view about 20 custom cars, and then returned to the campground for dinner that was cooking while they were gone.

The group was complete on Friday when Al and John & Elaine joined us. Dinner Friday Night was at the Cascade Grill – a spacious restaurant that went out of their way to accommodate our group and served good food as well.

Covered Bridges of Linn County and Albany Antiquing

Friday morning our group split – two carloads of men and several ladies went off to tour the countryside and find the Covered Bridges of Linn County. These bridges were different than many we've visited in the past as we could drive across all of them.



The "covered bridge gang" in front of the Hoffman Covered Bridge.

Meanwhile, the ladies set off for old-town Albany to check out the antique and gift stores. Some came back with treasures, but all came back with tales to tell!

The Dentzel Carousel Museum

Highlight of the weekend was a tour of the Dentzel Carousel Museum Saturday morning in old-town Albany. This was more than a museum as Albany-area volunteers have taken on a 10-year project to build a first-class carousel with hand-carved animals and hand-crafted superstructure based on classic Dentzel carousels that were popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The power mechanism is based on refurbished carousel equipment donated to the museum by the Dentzel family.



A carousel horse almost ready for painting.

We spent several hours walking through the workshop marveling at the craftsmen who were carving the animals out of solid blocks of basswood. All of the animals for the carousel are sponsored by donors and are based on original designs – many of them representing special memories of loved ones.



A carousel horse in the early stages of carving.

Elsewhere, master painters were adding the final touches on the animals to make them "come alive" – a process that takes months for the perfect finish.

Long-term plans call for the current warehouse-style building to be torn down and a modern structure erected to house the finished carousel. It will be interesting to come back in a few years to see this carousel come to life – maybe even get a chance to ride one of the animals we saw in-process this weekend!

Pack 'Em Up, Move 'Em Out

After our traditional Sunday brunch, it was time to pack up our rigs and head out for home. For many of us, this meant winterizing our rigs until we get them out in the spring for another great season of Classic RV Club outings!

In the meantime, see you at the Christmas Brunch in December!

Next Outing

Annual Christmas Brunch
The Portlander Inn
10350 N Vancouver Way, Portland, OR
Sunday December 6, 9am
\$17.22ea including gratuity

Annual Classic RV Club Project – Food for Oregon Food Bank

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits (no glass containers)
- Canned meats
- Canned soups & stews
- Can openers

Don't forget to bring your pop can tabs for weigh-in

Look for directions & last minute details in the Outing Preview email in late November

For further information, contact Jan @ 503-638-8080

Classic RV Club Business Meeting – October 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Club Vice President Jerry K (in absence of President Joe) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jerry reported that 10 rigs with 19 members were in attendance. Dale read the minutes of the last meeting; there were no corrections to the minutes as read.

John S gave the treasurer's report – see the detailed report elsewhere in this newsletter. There were no corrections to the report as presented.

New business – Club Christmas Project: Several suggestions were made for the annual Christmas Project. It was overwhelmingly decided that addressing hunger in the community in these tough economic times was the most important need so we will bring donations to the Christmas Brunch for the Oregon Food Bank .

New business – 2010 Membership Renewal: Membership renewal forms were distributed to members present; they will be mailed to the remaining members in the next few weeks. Members are asked to review and update all information on these forms as this is the source for all published Club information. Also, please be sure the club has current emergency contact information. Other information is optional for use on the web to help us get to know each other better.

New business – Brick for Carousel Museum: Michele suggested that the club donate toward a brick for the Carousel Museum. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

October birthdays: Jerry K 8th, Jerry S 10th, Ivy 14th.

November birthdays: Sue 4th, Eric 8th, David 10th, Joe 13th, Paulette 23rd.

Medical updates: Medical updates will be reported as they occur via the "email/phone" tree.

Other info: Dale reminded everyone that the 2010 Activity Schedule that was sent via email is preliminary; final schedule will be distributed early next year.

Next outing: Jan discussed the next outing, our annual Christmas Brunch, to be held at The Portlander Inn Sunday December 6 at 9am; see details on the brunch and Club Christmas Project elsewhere in this newsletter and the email preview in late November.

Jerry thanked our hosts for another great outing: Bill & Juanita, Joe & Judie, Jerry & Michele.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Submitted by Dale A, Club Secretary



A finished carousel horse ready to be mounted.

2009 Activity Preview

Classic RV Club activities scheduled for upcoming months

Date	Location	Hosts	Deposit
Dec 6 (Sun) 9am	The Portlander Inn Portland, OR	Jan	\$17.22 ea (includes gratuity)

2010 Activities (preliminary, subject to change: check final 2010 schedule)

Jan 9 (Sat) 2pm	Village Inn Tualatin, OR	Jan	na
Feb 15 (Mon) 9am	Elmer's Restaurant Tigard, OR	Jan	na
Mar 25-28	Lone Fir RV Park Cougar, WA	Dan/Sue Jerry/Paula Terry/Judy	\$27.00
May 20-23	Mallard Creek RV Park Lebanon, OR	Al/Rose	\$33.30
Jun 24-27	Casey's Riverside RV Park West Fir, OR	Frank/Dianne John/Bonnie	\$35.97
Aug 19-22	Seven Feathers RV Park Canyonville, OR	Bill/Juanita Larry/Anita	\$29.00
Sep 16-19 (dry camping)	Stark's Homestead Ranch Oregon City, OR	Jerry/Michele	\$0.00
Oct 21-24	Devils Lake RV Park Lincoln City, OR	Dale/Pauline George/Candy John/Elaine	\$29.84
Dec 5 (Sun) 9am	The Portlander Inn Portland, OR	Jan	na

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

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$884.81
Receipts	
RV Park Deposit Refund	\$70.00
2010 Dues	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$145.00</u>
Total Available	\$1,029.81
Expenditures	
Supplies - Newsletter Expense	(\$116.80)
Deposit Refund to Members	(\$70.00)
Outing Expense (Annual Meeting)	<u>(\$27.99)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>(\$214.79)</u>
Ending Balance	\$816.02

Submitted by John S, Club Treasurer