

OLYMPIC SNOWBIRDS NEWSLETTER

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**On the Inside: Presidents Note, Natitonal Directors Report,
May Rally□**

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MARK YOUR CALENARS

2010

May 14–16	Lacey, WA
June	Garibaldi, OR
July 16–19	Hoodsport, WA
August 11-14	Redmond, OR
September 26-28	Silver Creek, WA
October 15-17	Woodland, WA

2010 OFFICERS

President	Dave (Lynda) Steinman
1 st V.P.	Duane (Karen) Roberts
2 nd V.P.	Jo (Harlan) Fluen
Secretary	Carolyn (Robyn) Moore
Treasurer	Bob (Terri) Lolcama
Nat'l Director	Kent (Karen) Pratt
Alt. Nat'l Director	Gary (Mary Lou) Smith
Newsletter	Ned (Betty) Williams
Membership	Karen (Duane) Roberts
Historian	Betty (Ned) Williams
Sunshine	Barb (Joe) Dwyer
Sheriff	Appoint by Rally Comm.

Nominating Committee	Hugh (Marie) Neideffer
	Betty)Ned) Williams
	Barb (Joe) Dwyer
	Don (Sue) Gilbert
Webmaster	Jim (Karen) McKenzie

N.W. Area V.P.	Andy Balogh
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Keppler as President of the Northwest Area. Both Karen and I were elected to positions on the Board of the Northwest Area. I was elected as one of the Vice Presidents along with Neil Radford, and Karen was elected to the position of Treasurer. The new Board consists of Andy Balogh, President; Arvin Spofford, First Vice President; Bud Fouts, Kent Pratt, and Neil Radford, Vice Presidents; Kathie Balogh, Secretary; and Karen Pratt, Treasurer. Judy Keppler, Immediate Past President. Nominating Committee: Beth Harrington, Barbara Harkness, Bill Leahy, Bobbi Radford, and Frank Ward.

On Tuesday, the Board went to the Puyallup Fairgrounds to check it out for the 2011 Northwest Area Rally. There was much discussion on the pros and cons of the Puyallup location. Andy also brought forward an offer from Albany which he received when stopping off there on his way to the meeting. They were disappointed that we were not planning to come back to Albany and they made the offer of reimbursing us for the deposit that we had to pay to Puyallup from their price if we would come back there. They reduced the amount that we would have to pay at Albany and it was an all inclusive offer, including one planning meeting. After considerable discussion, there was a motion for Andy to negotiate with Albany and if that was not successful, to continue negotiations with Puyallup. Andy is now in Cincinnati, but is continuing to

negotiate.

Arvin Spofford, the Volunteer Coordinator for Redmond, announced that we still need volunteers for Redmond. At the present, the Olympic Snowbirds are volunteering to drive handicap golf carts and there are still positions open, so if you are planning to go to Redmond and haven't volunteered as yet, just let Karen Pratt know (karenkprtt@aol.com) that you would like to volunteer and she will get your name on the list. There are other areas that need volunteers also, so if you don't want to drive handicap golf carts, just let her know. The Volunteer Parking at Redmond will be on the grass inside the grounds, approx. where we were parked at the first Redmond Rally.

We discussed the need to recruit new members. FMCA has the Dozen Does It Program. If our chapter gets 12 new members we will get one of the gift packages from FMCA. They are much larger and nicer than the previous packages we received. Each chapter received 5 free memberships to FMCA and our chapter has recruited the most new members to date.

Andy announced that the MEDEX Program will expire December 31, 2010, but will be replaced by a new program. This will be voted on at Redmond by the Governing Board.

Rally Master for the 2011 Rally will be tabled until we determine where the rally will be held. We are looking into sites for the Northwest Area Rallies. At the present, we are looking at Linn

County, Pendleton, Walla Walla, Cowlitz County, and Moses Lake.

The next planning meeting will be held September 27-30, 2010 in Lacey, WA at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor. The spring planning meeting will be April 4-8, 2011 at a location to be announced.

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Rally Report

Rally was held at Lacey May 14-16, 2010

Another "What a fun rally!"

There were several coaches in for the early arrival on Thursday. Attendees were doing what they do best, sitting around outside the coaches, in big circles having brilliant conversations about (?). That evening several people went to the Red Wind Casino for dinner and gambling. John Nielson came back a winner.

There were 29 coaches for the beginning of the rally Friday evening. Had dinner of Heavy hors d'oeuvres. (What a selection). New members were recognized including: Burt and Starr Brouhard, Ralph and Carol Lowery and Jim and McKena McConachie. Brian and Patti Illston and Ralph and Carol Lowrey were recognized for doing an outstanding job on their motor home name placques.

Then the real fun came! True Confessions or Tips and Goofs while traveling in your RV.

- 1) Talked about animals getting behind the pinch points while moving slides in and out. Had to wait 2 hours for cat to get out!

- 2) Someone loaded heavy items, including breakable container of cleaner in top cupboards. They fell out on turn and broke and spilled all over. They did the same thing in the bathroom but when it fell this time it broke the china toilet.
- 3) Couple heading south for winter met up with the same Snowbird group heading south three nights in a row. Now they're Snowbirds.
- 4) While traveling back east, do not drive on anything marked or called a "parkway". (like in Atlanta). Four narrow lanes, two right lanes have low clearance to go under bridges and you may have to block traffic to move over, and then you need a liquor store to settle your nerves.
- 5) At night, after pilot has gone to bed, be careful of which switch turns the lights off and on and which switch moves the electric steps in! At morning time, the pilot thought he was going to step down out of coach but the steps weren't there. Lucky there was a nurse in the group! Co-pilot says she told him she was going to collect on all that insurance he has!
- 6) Don't forget to turn your car off before towing. Especially if you have brake system installed in car. When you use the coach brakes very hard you will see the smoke come off the tires of the toad.

- 7) HINTS: Use flags to mark things you need to remember such as antenna up. Purchase "polarity" check plug to protect electronics. On newer space heaters always turn off and unplug before disconnecting power (it screws up the electronics) Use bay leaves in cupboards to keep critters out. 'Soft Scub' around tires and power cord and hose will keep ants from invading. Here's one! Make sure you have 10 days worth of underwear in your closet so you don't have to pack them in and out of the home each trip. (I had 8 of these little gems written on a list. Aren't you glad I lost it!)

Saturday started with coffee at 7 AM and breakfast Burritos were served at 9 followed by the business meeting at 10 (see meeting minutes). The Sheriff reported good earnings (cost of living increase). Caught one with a low tire, one without a display plaque, some guy with long blonde hair coming from under a ball cap and running clear down his back and several others were pegged through breakfast. After the meeting people were free for the afternoon. Several people went to the mushroom farm for a tour of how they are grown. Some went to the Farmers Market on the waterfront in Olympia and others went shopping (mall or Cabelos) or gambling.

Happy Hour Saturday evening was chips and salsa and great

margaritas (all you could handle) furnished by group one. Dinner was a large taco salad with all the trimmings followed by ice cream treats.

In the evening every ones name was drawn and a useful prize was given out. Then we played card bingo. The winner of the big pot was Ralph Karns (\$52). After that there was a group that played "Texas Hold'em" but didn't hear who one. As a final note we need to thank Ralph Lowery for fixing a refrigerator and crawling under our coach to confirm that we had a leaky airbag. What friends we have!

Respectfully Submitted

Kay Niessner



Registration Form for June Rally is attached to newsletter. Note short registration period!



New Sunshine Representative

Barb Dwyer has assumed the duties of Sunshine. If anyone in the club knows of a person needing a card contact Barb at 206-715-4485 or barbdwyr@comcast.net.

We would like to thank Jerri Mole´ for handling these duties the last couple of years. Good job Jerri!!!



THIS IS A NOTICE OF THE SHORT TURNAROUND BETWEEN THE TIME YOU RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER AND WHEN THE RALLY REGISTRATION FORM IS DUE FOR THE NEXT 2 RALLIES!!

Registration forms are always available on the Snowbird web site (olympicsnowbirds.org)

June registration form is attached!
The July rally will be at Rest- A –While (360-877-9474 Shirely) resort on Hood Canal just north of Hoodspert. Cost is (with 10% discount for cash) 29.81 and on the waterside 34.78. Early arrival is potluck, theme is International and Saturday breakfast is poluck. Registration form will come in next months newsletter. (Sorry, Ive got to get this newsletter out.)

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.June Birthdays

- 5 Frank Niessner
- 12 Carol Sissons
- 17 Jackie Martin
- 17 Sue Borgeson
- 18 Ron Stainbrook
- 20 Richard Newburn
- 23 Helen Tennet
- 25 Enid Kalberg
- 30 Linda deBord

- 18 Fred & Carol Royce
- 22 Jim & Ella Aprill
- 25 Frank & Kay Niessner (60)
- 25 Bud & Carol Smith (50)
- 25 Gary & Mary Lou Smith (50)
- 27 Allen & Joyce Feris

June Anniversaries

- 3 John & Linda Haley
- 5 Brian & Patti Illston
- 7 Stan & Enid Kalberg
- 10 Richard & Gwen Baker
- 12 Richard & Dorothy Newburn
- 13 Gordon & Sue Borgeson
- 13 Karen & Duane Roberts
- 15 Duane & Esther Brelsford (55)

THE OLD MILL RV PARK & MARINA

210 S. 3RD STREET

GARIBALDI, OREGON 97118

503-322-0322 WWW.OLDMILL.US

June ,10,11,12, 2010

Host: Group 2: Frisbie, Schwartz, Rice, Winslow, Stainbrook, Mundy and Neideffer

Driving directions: From the North or SO. Take I-5 to Portland area, take Hwy 26 west about 20 miles take Hwy 6 to Tillamook about 50 miles , in Tillamook take Hwy101 North bound to Garibaldi about 10 miles, turn left in to RV Park.

Registration dead line is May 24, 2010.

RV space reservation deadline is May 17, 2010. Call the park to **make your own reservations 503-322-**

0322, cost is \$25.00 per night, full hookups. Let them know you are with Olympic Snowbirds.

EVENTS: Meal and Event times will be posted at the Rally.

Rally fee includes meals provided by the committee

Bring your own eating utensils

Thursday June 10

5:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00PM POT LUCK

Friday June 11

5:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00PM Pizza (A thru L Bring salad)

Saturday June 12

9:00 AM Potluck Breakfast

After breakfast Business meeting, then rally team meetings

5:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Chicken (M thru Z Bring salad)

Sunday June 13

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast rolls, fruit and juice

Have a safe trip home

Things to do in the area

STEAM TRAIN RIDES www.ocsr.net, DEEPSEA FISHING CHARTERS

MYRTLE WOOD FACTORY CRABBING & CLAMMING

TILLAMOOK CHEESE FACTORY TILLAMOOK AIR MUSEUM

BLUE HERON (wine and cheese tasting) GOLFING

YOU CAN BUY FRESH SEAFOOD AT THE DOCKS

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JUNE RALLY 10,11,12 Garibaldi, Or.

NAME _____

Rally Fee for 2 people _____ \$32.00= \$ _____

Rally Fee for 1 person _____ \$16.00= \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED =\$ _____

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