



INVITATION TO JOIN OR REJOIN OREGON TRAILS CHAPTER 9 July, 2017

Escapees Chapter 9 was formed in Casa Grande, Arizona in 1985 by a group of members who were interested in traveling to Oregon in the summer. In 1986 the group had grown and was interested in several Oregon locations as a future CoOp RV Park to call their home. They acquired 90 acres of land in Sutherlin and the members themselves, acting as a co-operative organization, beginning in 1987, built Timber Valley. Thirty years later, only a few of these “pioneers” remain with us, but those who do are still mostly Chapter 9 members and they are regularly honored for their past contributions and foresight.

Of course, the foregoing paragraph cannot adequately tell the history of Chapter 9, or of Timber Valley. So, in April 2017 we began publishing a series of articles written by Chapter 9’s current Secretary, Jackie Deal, who is also Timber Valley’s unofficial historian, as part of Trailer Tracks, Chapter 9’s newsletter. To share and preserve this history, copies of the 2017 Trailer Tracks newsletters are now available as part of Chapter 9’s section of the timbervalleyskp.com website.

As with most organizations that have existed for over 30 years, especially one which caters to senior citizens and travelers, membership numbers wax and wane over time, as do members’ ages and interests. Many Chapter 9 members are still “snow birds,” with Arizona being their predominant winter destination. Nevertheless, winter or summer, Chapter 9 has a good core of members and they enjoy regular monthly breakfast gettogethers at a Sutherlin restaurant (location and time listed on each monthly newsletter), to which all Escapees are invited.

All Escapees are also invited to join or rejoin Chapter 9. The annual membership fee, which runs to June 1 of the following year, is only \$5 per person (\$10 per couple). It includes receiving Trailer Tracks as published and also allows members to buy their own distinctive Chapter 9 Oregon Trails T shirts. More importantly, it signifies to others your belief in our Escapees organization and the need for all members to contribute to and participate in the activities of our RV parks. This is also expressed by the availability of hugs for all members and by help for those who ask.

In addition to your membership, we officers of Chapter 9 sincerely solicit ideas and suggestions for activities that will meet your needs and those of our fellow members. A separate page for you to join or rejoin Chapter 9, and to offer those suggestions, follows this page and may be used to email the current officers of Chapter 9 or to be printed out and mailed to Chapter 9.