



TRAILER TRACKS

ROSEBURG FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BUS TRIP IS NEXT CHAPTER 9 DAY TRIP

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MONTHLY MEETING

Chapter 9 members meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m., during breakfast, at Abby's Legendary Pizza, 1011 W. Central Avenue in Sutherlin, Oregon.

A signup sheet is located in the Timber Valley SKP clubhouse, as we need to know by Tuesday how many are planning to be there.

**All Escapees
are welcome!**

Other Chapter 9 events will be announced in Trailer Tracks or on the Chapter 9 page of our website, www.timbervalleyskp.com

All Escapees are invited to help our Chapter 9 (Oregon Trails Chapter of Escapees) support our local Sutherlin Resource Center this month, as we go – as a group – on its annual bus ride to the Roseburg Festival of Lights. The Resource Center is providing the bus and professional driver, as well as the admission fee (which is usually \$10 per vehicle), and all we are asked to do is to sign up in advance and then be sure to attend the event. You do not need to be a Chapter 9 member to attend and all residents of the Sutherlin area are eligible to participate.

The bus will load in the rear parking lot of the Sutherlin Senior Center (northeast corner of Umpqua and Everett Streets) – where there is ample parking and a lighted parking lot – for a departure at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 14. The bus will return to the Senior Center by 8:00 p.m.

Any Timber Valley resident who needs transportation to and from the Senior Center can share a ride with a Chapter 9 member, leaving the Timber Valley club house (lower parking area) at 5:15 p.m. Further information about the bus trip and the Festival of Lights itself will be on our sign-up sheet, which will be available in the club

house as of December 5. Please do sign up and provide the information requested on the sign-up sheet, so that we may accurately predict the number of people attending.

More details about this event will also be available at our monthly breakfast at Abby's in Sutherlin on Wednesday morning, December 13. All Escapees are invited to attend it, as well. Given the timing for the Festival of Lights bus trip, no group restaurant meal is being planned in connection with it.

This will be Chapter 9's sixth consecutive monthly Day Trip. Our November day trip was fun for those who attended Oakland's Sip'n Stroll and the 14 of us, including our guests, who enjoyed another excellent meal at Coco's Café, in historic Oakland. We plan to continue our Day Trips after the first of the year and we solicit your suggestions and assistance in that regard. We do all love to eat, and enjoy doing so as a group of past and present RV'ers, so please watch your emails and mail boxes for news about future events.

Last, but not least of all, we wish all of our snow bird members good health and safe travels. And we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, New Year. Until we meet again!

HISTORY of CHAPTER 9

By Jackie Deal

Let's recap a bit about that first organizational meeting. We might call it "The Birth of Chapter Nine".

Trailer Tracks Vol 1, No. 2, June-July 1985, reports:

"There were 125 attendees at the first rally. All were greeted as "Huggers or Huggees". The Park was packed: back-to-back and side-to-side. "Ladies of the evening" circulated and tried to befriend husbands. The Sheriff and Marshall rounded them up, fined them and threw them into "the Jug". On the second night "madam and hookers of questionable gender seducingly paraded around "innocent husbands". All were jailed and judged, and bail collected. Night 3 Kangaroo Kourt was held and "never before have there been so many law-breaking people in one place". Even the Sherriff was jailed. "The male hookers earned more than the gals."

The first slate of officers was accepted (reported last month), rallies were suggested, and things were off and rolling.

Rally #2 July 25-26, 1985 Lincoln City, Wapiti park, featured a white elephant sale and an evening accordionist. 19 rigs attended. (Remember there were 50-60 rigs at the first rally.)

Rally #3, Sept. 9-11, 1985 McMinnville Elks Park. Slate of officers for next year:

President: Don and Alice Bean, Vice.Pres.: Dick and Eleanor Dixon, Secretary: Fran and Jim Patton, Treasurer: Francis and Trent Barns, editor: Alice and Stan Koslowski.

Trailer Tracks vol. 1, no. 3, Aug-Sept, 1985. The newsletter expanded to three pages and summarized previous rallies, other chapter news and news of SKPs traveling.

Trailer Tracks vol. 1 no. 4, Dec-Jan, 1986

President Cleo Binkerd, Vice Pres. Dan Wood, Recording Secretary: Jaie Le Blanc, Corresponding Secretary and Editor: Wally Brooks, Treasurer Pat Kuykendall. Business included extending rallies to

three days and developing a Rally Host outline. Cleo and Marshall Binkerd celebrated their 50th anniversary at the rally.

Rallies were fun, but it wasn't long before the members of Chapter Nine wanted a park where they could stop and eventually retire. Thus, was born the desire and the search for property to build what became Timber Valley R.V. Park

According to "Trailer Tracks". March 1995 "Members at the **1986** Bend, Oregon rally meeting voted to sponsor and seek approval from National for the formation of an Oregon SKP Co-Op."

RVers are by necessity independent and strongly determined individuals. Companionship might be desirable but compromise? Hardly. And while rallies were jolly good fun, selecting a site for a permanent park was fraught with hassle.

Trailer Tracks vol. 1, no. 5, Feb-Mar, 1986 "Interest in a co-op in Oregon" was noted. Grace and Barney Olson were doing "the leg work on this venture... This action is completely separate from the club."

Trailer Tracks vol 1, no. 6 Apr-May, 1986 The Olsons "have found we can set up a park on the Oregon Coast and are ready to start the 'lot list'".

Rally June 17-19, 1986 Bend, OR Discussion of Oregon club to officially register with IRS as Oregon Trail-ers, Escapees Chapter 9. 70 rigs at rally.

Trailer Tracks vol. 2, no. 1 Jun-Jul, 1986 New officers: President Alice and Don Bean, Vice Pres.: Dick and Eleanor Dixon, Treasurer: Vera and Max Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary: Ace and Helen Duran, Corresponding Sec. and Editor: Alice and Stan Koslowski.

The officers and the rest of the club then plunged into one of the most traumatic periods in Chapter Nine's history.