



TRAILER TRACKS

Planning Ahead For Oregon Trails Events In 2018

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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

As we discussed at our February 1st Day Trip to Pedotti's Italian Restaurant, as RV'ers we have all learned – sometimes, the hard way – the value of planning ahead. It makes our journeys more enjoyable and also helps avoid various kinds of disasters. At our advanced ages, we have all observed how little time we often have to pursue doing what we love to do. Time is often our scarcest treasure.

For those of us spending the winter in Timber Valley, we have continued to enjoy the camaraderie of our neighbors, thanks to those folks who plan parties and cook our community meals. Coordinating our events with Jacks & Jills benefits all of us and we are looking forward enjoying their Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 3, a potluck supper on Monday, February 5, a Valentine's party on Wednesday evening, February 14 and a Ham, Beans and Corn Bread dinner on February 21. By the same token, we invite all Escapees to our monthly Chapter 9 breakfast at Abby's in Sutherlin, on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Be there by 9:00 a.m.!

Our next Day Trip is planned for Saturday, March 3, 2018. We are planning to visit the Douglas County Museum of History, followed by a group dinner at the new Mongolian grill in Roseburg. All Escapees are invited, particularly those with March birthdays, and more information and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Timber Valley club house

Vice President Kimm (and Marti) Cady called the other day, from their snowbird roost in the Yuma area, to remind us that our first planned Rally for 2018 will be at the beautiful, nearby Elkton RV Park, June 18-20, leaving June 21. Elkton was the site of our first 2017 rally, as well, and all who attended it voted unanimously to return in 2018! The owners treated us very well and they have offered us a nice discount from their 2018 campsite fees. By the same token, those who attended last September's Coast Rally at the Odd Fellows RV Park campground in Florence voted to return there this September and Kimm was able to lock in the same reduced rate as last year, even though they increased prices for others. That rally will be held September 5-8, leaving September 9th. So, please note those dates.

We have also been attending our Timber Valley Coffee and Donut gatherings on Saturday mornings and several Chapter 9 members at it have expressed interest in having a 2018 Timber Valley rally. We missed that opportunity in 2017 due to lack of experience on my part, by not having Rally Hosts lined up for it. We do have several well-experienced members who, along with Kimm and Marti Cady, are willing to train and help future rally hosts. If you are interested and willing to give it a try, please let me know and we'll get a Timber Valley Rally lined up! Any other Rally suggestions?

HISTORY of CHAPTER 9

By Jackie Deal

Trailer Tracks Oct. Nov. 1986. This issue reminded that chapter and co-op were "Separate entities each with its own officers". Chapter things were to go to Chapter Treasurer, Vera Fitzgerald and Co-op matters to Co-op Treasurer Penny Scheiner in Port Angeles, WA.

Also noted: "it costs about \$.49 to print and mail each issue of Trailer Tracks. With six copies a year, that leaves \$.06 of each \$4 membership fee to print the roster, rules and reg's plus buy supplies and equipment for the club.... Therefore, it has been decided to skip the December issue of Trailer Tracks."

The club then had 83 members who had Oregon addresses, 29 from California, 11, Washington; 8, Arizona; 2 Nevada; 4 Texas, and 1 each Idaho, Colorado, Kentucky, Ohio and Utah.

The co-op report in this issue is of particular interest if you can read between the lines. "The last three months have been confusing, upsetting time with all the letters, the return of your checks and the action of the Escapee Club. We hope all the upheaval has settled. Let's regroup. As SKPs we can do that. Let the past go...Your space will be reserved on the original list until March 1, 1987 if you send the \$7.00 which was returned to you."

The Editor also assures "The Board will be directed by the majority and will let you know what you think, not what we think."

Those who dearly wanted the coast (and probably some who were appalled at the squabble) had pulled out and membership dropped from 358 to 175 families.

It is interesting that nearby Oakland had been considered for the park. Oakland, however, wasn't sure they wanted the park: Betty Hyndman remembers Oakland feared "those old men might rape our young girls". In Oakland's defense it was in 1981 that the Rajneeshes were deported after committing criminal offences in Eastern Oregon. Oakland (and also Sutherlin) feared that the Escapees might be another dangerous sect.

The following information comes from old reports given by our Chapter 9 reporters in the Escapees newsletters of the 1980s.

Early 1986 Vel Boge had introduced the idea of a co-op designed to "utilize the beautiful Oregon land and trees

to create an "Oregon Park concept". This was after members rejected the coast sites and before they had seen our beautiful hillside site.

Who was Vel Boge? He was Vice President; Pres. was Verne Hansen, Feasibility Chair. was Ed Strieger, Membership Survey Chair, Doris Field, and By-Laws Chair, Bill Field. Before May of 1988 the Land Search Committee (Roy and Virginia Adams, Bill and Jean Moss) were looking in the Willamette Valley. Members surveyed (by Doris Field) wanted "near a small town" with city sewer, 50 amp, phones and cable.

Imagine yourself one of the remaining 175 families; almost half of your friends (maybe enemies too!) are gone and you're being prodded to soldier on!

Becky's CORNER

By the way, our Bylaws require that we have a nominating committee meet in March of each year to develop nominations for next year's officers. We would welcome your volunteering to be on that committee. To do so, e-mail or phone Rick, please!

So, I wanna tell you all how much *I* miss y'all! I don't get to live at the park (not even as a renter now) because I am no longer working from home. I have to actually get up, EVERY DAY and get DRESSED! E.V.E.R.Y D.A.Y!!! I have to do my hair... did I mention that I have to get dressed!?!

Luckily, I do enjoy my job (mostly...ish). It is just getting in the way of my LIFE! One moment, please while I dial 1-800-Poor-Mee!

How many of you are writers or storytellers? Or would like to be? Would like to improve? Let me extend an invitation to Toastmasters. Toastmasters will help you find your "voice" AND more than that... we have more fun that what's authorized. Call or text me at 541-817-3472 or you can send me an email at beckyllholm@gmail.com.

February is the month of LOVE! Send a picture of you and your Valentine or a special memory. We would love to post it on our Facebook page and/or our website.

We hope to see you at Pedotti's and the upcoming "February" activity. Have a wonderful month AND hopefully I WILL SEE you at Saturday morning coffee and donuts, 9am at the clubhouse.