



TRAILER TRACKS

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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

Holy Moley, Mabel, It's March Already!

By Rick DeYoung

Wow, it took me all day Thursday to realize that March has arrived! I have lots of excuses for not realizing its March already, and that I need to get this article written for our Chapter 9 newsletter; but reciting them just demonstrates how incredible it is that I didn't catch on more quickly. I've been so busy all day doing things related to Chapter 9 that I didn't even think about Trailer Tracks!

First thing Thursday morning I checked my cell phone and had a message from Susan in Albany, Oregon, saying that she and Jim are new Escapees and want to join Chapter 9, as well as get on the waiting list for Timber Valley. After a nice long phone conversation with her, I sat down and wrote her a letter, attached the February Trailer Tracks and decided to take it to the Post Office to be sure it went out, because she said they might attend our March 3 Day Trip! I even misdated her letter February 28!

I told my wife Nusha all about it when I returned and cooked her breakfast (she is just recovering from successful cancer treatments) and she reminded me that I'd missed our Park's Communications Committee meeting; the March meeting! But, still no bell rang. Then I prepared our Chapter 9 report for the Escapees magazine, writing in that we have decided to have a July 3-6 rally in Timber Valley, and had that report faxed in. I was proud of myself for getting it in early (it's due March 10). Still no bell rang in my brain!

I then wrote another Chapter 9 letter and wondered why my computer wanted to

date it March 1. Then ... finally ... My old brain realized it was March 1st. It also remembered that our Chapter 9 Bylaws require us to form a Nominating Committee in March, to recruit new officers for 2018-2019 (the election will be held at our September rally). I have enjoyed being our Chapter's President for the past two years, but my 80-year-old brain says it is time for someone else to assume the reins! So, please think about that and we will form a new election committee and seek nominees at our March 14 breakfast get-together. Please do let me know if you'd be willing to serve a year; it really is pretty easy and there's lots of good help available. I'll certainly be willing to tell anyone what I can (remember) and to help out.

Speaking of helping out, we owe a special thanks to Jerry and Robbie Sypkens for answering the call to be Rally Hosts for our Timber Valley rally, which will be from Tuesday to Friday, July 3 through July 6. I have a list of folks who have assured me they will pitch in to help them, and also a list of folks who promise to take part in the rally's activities. We still need someone to be the hosts for the June 18-21 Elkton rally; again, we have a list of folks who've promised to help them with that.

We will also have to discuss our next Day Trip at breakfast on March 14, as well, because my brain is still struggling with February ending so soon! We'll have a good one, now that the weather is improving. Thanks for your understanding and support!

HISTORY of CHAPTER 9

By Jackie Deal

Trailer Tracks Feb-March 1987. This is the first mention of a Co-op meeting. "A meeting of the Co-op will follow at the end of the Chapter meeting." There were then "more than 150 families signed up for our Co-op. Val Boge is working up a set of By-Laws for us to vote on and we should be a non-profit Oregon corporation soon. Five additional members are to be elected to the Board. There are many excellent locations available, including a 22 ½ acre site in Cottage Grove." 9 (Note: we now live on a 90+ acre site!)

Trailer Tracks April-May 1987 Chapter 9 business meeting adjourned early so that the Oregon co-op could convene. Questionnaires had been sent out in late Feb. "Only .16 % (sic) of the returns were in with three areas preferred: So Coast, So Oregon, and Willamette Valley."

The previous newsletter was corrected: they would continue with 4 board members (not 5) until the co-op was completed. They hoped to break ground "before the rains stop us."

Joe Tenpenny (Escapees Inc. representative) announced that "Co-op funds were beginning to run low." Apparently there was discussion of "loaning" money to the co-op because "a motion was made and seconded to table a vote on a loan-if needed- until the Lincoln City rally." "A motion was made, seconded and rousingly passed" not to worry about having too much money at this time. (Treasurer's report indicated a bank balance of \$1,585.97 and petty cash of \$15.)

Minutes of Chapter 9 Meeting 7-29-87 held at Lincoln City. 87 attendees (There was no mention in the minutes of a loan to the co-op.)

Trailer Tracks August- Sept. 1987 Report of Oregon Co-op meeting, July 16, 1987 by Virginia Adams. This was "not an official meeting but one for discussion only." Roy and Virginia Adams were introduced as heads of the Land-Search Committee. "It is recommended that we keep the 'close family concept' by limiting the number of lots to 150 or less." For legal purposes the co-op was called Oregon SKP Co-Op but we can name ourselves anything we want. "Overlanders" and "The Corral" have been suggested. (Aren't you glad those names weren't chosen!)

Under "Oregon Co-op news" Vel Boge reported that the "board is firmly committed to completing our co-op at a cost of between \$2500 to \$3500 per member."

Trailer Tracks Oct.- Nov. 1987 President: Bill and Doris Field, Vice Pres- vacant, Treasurer Miriam Wolcott, Recording Secretary Kathi Sprague, Editor and Cor. Sec. Alice Koslowski.

Oregon Co-op news declared: "The co-op belongs to its members. The Board is there to lead the organization, but it cannot simply dictate to the membership; doing so would lead to disruption and possibly to "killing the co-op". Instead the Board tries to find out what the members think and then choose the course of action that will give the most satisfaction to the greatest number of members with proper regard to the co-ops legal, financial and other responsibilities."

March 1988, a dispatch from the committee : "The Land Search Committee found wonderful piece of property for our park. By unanimous vote the board has approved buying the site." (pg.1) On page 3, "The property which sold for \$300,000 several years ago, will cost us \$81,600. This works out to \$544 per lot for 150 lots."

When permits and other costs were figured in, the news was "The 90.19 acres will cost \$80,000" plus additional costs "for a total of \$90,031.

Bandon, Cottage Grove, Oakland: all considered. How did we end up in Sutherlin?

Becky's CORNER

Howdy folks! I'm having good days! I hope you are too.

Saturday is our Monthly Outing to the Mongrill Mongolian Grill and Douglas County Museum. It's also Rick's 80th birthday. There are a few other March birthdays that we'll be celebrating as well.

Saturday MORNINGS are coffee and donuts at the clubhouse. FURTHERMORE, I am able to attend. Come and let me learn your name. (I am challenging myself to learn everyone's name.) oh, and the donuts are good, too... And only like a buck!!