



# TRAILER TRACKS

## Eating Our Way To Success

*By Rick DeYoung*

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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](http://www.timbervalleyskp.com)*

Our Chapter has continued to grow over the past year in large part because those of us residing in Timber Valley have enjoyed getting together with other Chapter 9 members to enjoy some special meals and events together. We've been having a lot of fun and we have found it is very rewarding to continue the Chapter 9 tradition of leading the way in supporting any Timber Valley activity involving enjoying meals together. Each of our April Day Trips – the buffet lunch at Seven Feathers' Gathering Place and the lunch at Munchie's Original Café in Glide – was well attended and much enjoyed. I understand many of our members also enjoyed April's omelet in a bag breakfast and the Welcome Back Snowbirds Dinner in the Timber Valley clubhouse, as well as last month's breakfast.

There are two different opportunities to participate in this month:

Next Saturday, May 3: Chapter 9-member Linda Zink will be leading her group in putting on another Kentucky Derby Party in the Timber Valley Club House from 2 p.m. until after the running of the Kentucky Derby (to be shown on the club house big screen TV). She has enlisted Terry and Mike Hilti and the Timber Valley Cooking Group to prepared a delicious meal (featuring tri-tip), to go along with mint juleps and other traditional Kentucky snacks. There will be betting (with 100% pay out to the winners) and awards for the best dressed participants. The cost is only \$3 for the food (plus the optional mint julep fees). This was a really fun event last

year and this year should be even more fun. Linda will welcome any volunteer helpers.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 is Mother's Day and a special invitation has been issued for Timber Valley's ladies (and men) to attend the Sutherlin Lions Club's Annual Mother's Day Breakfast, which will be honoring the women volunteers at the Sutherlin Senior Center. Our Timber Valley women were honored at last year's breakfast. Our park, and our Chapter 9, has several Lions Club members, all of whom will be working to put on a successful breakfast. Breakfast costs only \$6.00 for adults who are not moms, and \$3 per child. All mothers who attend the breakfast eat free. The meal will include old fashioned pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham and coffee, tea or milk. Food will be served continuously between 8 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sutherlin Community Center, at 150 S. Willamette Street (Central Park).

E-MAIL JUST RECEIVED FROM ESCAPEES NATIONAL DIRECTOR: "I wanted to let you know that I had lunch with the Spearse's today and then they came out to my house for a visit. What a fantastic visit it was and I loved getting to meet them in person. We are going to have a great time at Escapade and you've got two perfect people representing Chapter 9 and the park. SKP Hugs. Lockie Sailer, Chapter/BOF Director, Escapee's RV Club 4/30/18.

# HISTORY of CHAPTER 9

*By Jackie Deal*

Trailer Tracks June-July 1991. This is the first mention of what is a recurring problem! "The situation regarding a nominating committee and people willing to serve as officers is at a desperate stage. This chapter has about 300 members. Surely among that number there must be a few good souls willing to help keep the chapter operating ... You may notice the same names appearing again and again. It's not because there is some clique running things but because most people are waiting for the other guy to do what needs to be done. We all enjoy rallies, but they don't just happen." [Apparently, the warning fell on deaf ears; read on!]

Aug 12-14, 1991. Rally at Florence, OR. Featured sand dunes rides and a Scavenger Hunt.

Trailer Tracks Aug-Sept 1991. Officers: Pres. Roy & Jo Anderson; Vice-Pres. Vel and Norma Boge; Rec. Sec'y. Vivian Craker, Ed. & Corr Sec. Harold & Jackie McLaughlin.

Vera Fitzgerald warned: "If the Chapter goes defunct, all the money goes to Rainbow's End. The by-laws article 11 states, "If a chapter is dissolved all the money goes to the National Escapees Club."

Trailer Tracks June 1992. The editors have been traveling extensively in Canada and the southern U.S.

Trailer Tracks July 1992. 36 rigs and 86 people at rally in Florence, OR. Bea Crump replaced Vivian Craker as Secretary (There is no mention of what caused the revival in club participation!)

Trailer Tracks Aug-Sep 1992. President Larry & Dorothy Thompson; V-P open; Treasurer Merlin & Beulah Farnsworth; Rec. Sec. Don & Jo Southwick; Ed. & Corr. Sec. Harold & Jackie McLaughlin.

Trailer Tracks March-April 1993. New V-Ps: Cheryl and Virginia Affleck/Lind.

Trailer Tracks May 1993. A survey (20% returned) by Escapees Inc. showed 82.4% of men and 79.8% of women were retired. 86.1% of males and 74.1% of females were 60 and over. 17.2% were single.

Trailer Tracks June 1993. Los Banos (CA) Escapade. It was reported that National's new standard Bylaws

were so similar to ours that we chose to retain our own.

July 2-5, 1993 Rally. Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell OR. Featured tours of The Dalles, the Dam and the old court house.

Trailer Tracks July 1993. Chapter name was officially changed from Oregon Trail-ers to Oregon Trails.

Trailer Tracks Oct 1993. Pres. Cheryl Lind; V-P William & Evelyn Compton, Treasurer Beulah Farnsworth, Ed & Cores. Sec. Harold & Jackie McLaughlin. Sec. Jo Southwick.

Trailer Tracks March 1994. New VP (due to ill health): Virginia Affleck

Trailer Tracks June 1994: National requests our chapter adopt their proposed bylaws.

Trailer Tracks July 1994. Adopting National bylaws will be voted on again at the next meeting.

## Becky's CORNER

Howdy folks! Hey, wouldn't you know it, we've been doing this newsletter for a YEAR now... it's issue 12! WOWzzA!!

Good month everyone. I've been a busy traveler. Last week (April 18-22) I travelled with a friend to Bellingham, WA.

The cruise around the San Juan Islands were phenomenal. I saw a humpback whale, a small pod of transient orca whales, seals, sea lions and bald eagles.

Then, when I had some free time, I went up to Canada at the Lynden crossing. Just so that you know, when coming back into the USA, and they ask why you were in Canada, evidently, "because I could" is NOT an appropriate response. Also, just because Tylenol with codeine is legal to purchase in Canada and comes in bottles of 200 count, that doesn't mean you should 1) tell the boarder agent that you bought some and/or 2) bring in more than the authorized 50!

I had to do the "perp walk of shame" from the US Customs building to the Canadian building to throw away the extra 349 pills. (One fell on the ground.) The ONLY upside of this whole adventure (the Canadian part) is that it will make a fantastic Toastmaster speech. Oh, and I am NOT a Narcotics Smuggler!