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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

LET'S BE SUMMER TOURISTS IN SUTHERLIN

By Rick DeYoung

We sometimes forget how beautiful Douglas County is and how lucky we are to be able to enjoy all that makes Sutherlin a great place to live, especially in the summer. Thirty years ago, our original Chapter 9 members selected Sutherlin as the ideal place to be in the summer. Our Chapter name - Oregon Trails – has evolved over the years to show how much we enjoy being in Oregon. The Sutherlin community does appreciate all that our members have contributed to the Sutherlin area over the years and 2018 is a great year to enjoy Sutherlin, as a tourist would.

Our Chapter 9 Day Trip for June will be two weeks from now, on **Saturday, June 16**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be going to Sutherlin's Central Park to participate in the annual **Woofstock** "festival for dogs and people." Started originally by Emily and Clyde Blakely, this event has grown each year and this year promises to be the best ever. We will be posting a Chapter 9 sign-up sheet, with the entire schedule of Woofstock events. Our Day Trip will end with a "SKP Special" lunch at the new **Nellie's Deli**, in Sutherlin. You, your dogs and any Escapees with a June birthday are welcome to attend. Details will be posted on a sign-up sheet, in the Timber Valley Club House by Monday, June 5. We will also talk about it at our monthly breakfast on Wednesday, June 13.

Our first Chapter 9 Rally of the year begins on **Monday, June 18**, at Elkton RV Park on the beautiful Umpqua River.

Sign-ups are already underway and it looks like a good turnout. We will be revisiting Rivers Edge Winery on June 19th and there are many other opportunities for us to enjoy in the Elkton area, as tourists. I still need, and would welcome, help for hosting this event. Our daughter Betsy will be here during the rally, so Nusha and I would like to also visit the Oregon coast so she can see the Dunes and all that Reedsport offers. Let's do it together, as tourists, if possible.

Our second rally of 2018 will at **Timber Valley SKP Park, July 2 – 6**. Former Chapter 9 President Jerry Sypkens and his wife Robbie will be acting as primary hosts. We'll be supporting and participating in all the usual Jacks & Jills activities, as well as having some special activities and meals put on by Chapter 9. Our daughter Debbie, from Washington, D.C., will be here for that one, so we want to be sure she has a chance to enjoy Sutherlin as a tourist would, including boating (in the boat Jack built) on Cooper Creek Reservoir. We want her to see all that the Sutherlin area offers, since she's on the Timber Valley Active Waiting List! I hope you'll join us in that endeavor, as well.

This is the summer to enjoy Sutherlin as a Tourist, which we also be doing in July. Some help is needed to make all events fun for your fellow Chapter 9 members, so be sure to share the ride when you can and encourage your friends and guests to participate.

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

I'm growing up. For the last two years, I have lived with my (newly-wed) daughter and son-in-law. This past Monday, I bought a single wide trailer. It's in the Dawn Rey Mobile Home Park. We'll see how I do 😊

I have other changes coming up in my life ... those will be shared NEXT month!

Don't forget to come for coffee... you never know WHAT's gonna happen! Last week was the best attended EVER! It was awesome! And I heard that on Fridays some were going to be getting together for a social hour. BYOC – bring your own cocktail! 😊

And for those among us that are facing challenges, hugs and support! The best part of this group is the love and care that's shown <3