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## Chapter 9 Members Flock to Florence

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### MONTHLY MEETING

Chapter 9 members meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am, 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.timbervalleyksp.com](http://www.timbervalleyksp.com)*

Our third rally of 2018 is one of the largest in recent memory. 38 RV and 2 tent sites have been reserved at the Jesse T. Jones Oddfellows Park, with a total of 66 Chapter 9 members set to enjoy however much crab can be caught by the 4 boatloads of fishermen who will go after them. Vice President Kimm Cady was successful in negotiating a significantly reduced rate for the sites and will again be leading the boaters in the search for Friday night's crab supper.

The co-hosts for this Coast Rally are Don and Betty Bush & Jerry and Cindy Christensen. They have generated lots of enthusiasm for the rally and recruited a number of volunteers to help with the food, including Timber Valley Cooking Group's Terry and Mike Hilty, who are new members this year and did a great job with food at our Elkton rally. Hilty. They did a great job with the food at our Elkton rally, as well.

Our August breakfast meeting – featured in last month's Trailer Tracks – was a big success, by several standards. You may recall that we moved our August meeting place from Abby's Legendary Pizza's dining room (which can only accommodate 38 of us) to Coco's Café in historic Oakland (3 miles away) because we had been having low sign-ups, but large turnouts at Abby's. They were happy to have us leave for a month, since the Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce wanted to use the meeting room that Wednesday morning. The one month move worked out well, in several respects.

First, we had 52 members show up for the buffet breakfast at Coco's Café. We filled up half the room and needed their sound

system. Even better news was that we had 52 members sign-up for the breakfast, so all 51 who wanted to eat got a hot breakfast. Coco's was very happy!

Second, members who had questions about our Coast rally were able to ask those questions and I know for a fact this led to several additional members deciding to attend that rally.

Third, we were able to announce a full slate of volunteers to be officers for 2018-2019, including myself. We also passed out a ballot/proxy form listing the offices and volunteer nominees, seeking additional nominees, for voting at our annual meeting at the Coast rally on Saturday morning, September 8, immediately following breakfast.

The ballot/proxy form also solicited votes and comments on the question of whether Chapter 9 should continue or discontinue the Day Trips which we began in 2017. It also asked members to list rally locations they'd prefer and places for future Day Trips (if they continue). These forms will be at the rally and I will be taking all the forms given to Janice Edwards or me to the annual meeting. If you won't be there, feel free to ask for and give me your own Proxy form.

Because of my wife Nusha's health concerns, including tests and doctors' appointments on September 4, we will be unable to attend this year's Coast rally. I will definitely be at the annual meeting, so feel free to contact me between now and September 7 for forms or to help in any way I can. I'd be happy to share a ride on September 8.

# Chapter 9 Monthly History

## 1998-2001

*By Jackie Deal*

To summarize previous months, at the July 2, 1998 rally "There were no candidates to take over the offices of the chapter for next year....membership has dwindled, as has attendance at rallies. So it was the consensus that we should dissolve the chapter. A meeting ...on April 1st will make the final decision."

April 1, 1999, 28 people were in attendance. The decision was unanimous to CONTINUE the Chapter. Discussion occurred of how to revitalize the Chapter. It was noted that only 22 Park members belonged to the Chapter.

Some quick thinking allowed the Chapter to reserve the clubhouse for a rally on May 18, 19, 20. There were four board members present at the chapter meeting and a fifth one was called to make a quorum, they approved the clubhouse use.

Wonder of wonders: At the May rally at Timber Valley Park there were 75 people registered! Would this miracle continue? Stay tuned.

Results from the election of officers at the September rally were: Gary Pearman, President; Fran Dean, Vice President; Marian Occhuito, Treasurer; Claude Coffman Editor; and Inez Klingman, Secretary. No attendance figures were noted.

May 24 2000 rally at Rickreall, Oregon: It was attended by 22 people in 11 rigs. The June Trailer Tracks announced that the Chapter 9 luncheon would be held at the Oak Hills Golf Course. The Tracks also contained a joke that would be considered too risqué today, best not to repeat it!

Sept 2000: The minutes show 29 registered and 29 attending. (Do you suppose that is a mistake?) At that rally it was reported that the VCR (representatives from

Escapes Inc.) said that "all Chapter 9 did was eat and play games". That didn't sit too well with the Chapter President, and so "the chapter is picking up the tab for a dinner."

Elections had been held in September, but because more people were attending the meeting at Timber Valley, the elections would be held there and those elected would still take office in September.

May 2001 the rally held at Timber Valley had 74 attending! After dinner they were "entertained by a 5 piece Western Band." The secretary noted "took in \$447.25. Spent \$754.41. In hole \$307.16." (They paid the band \$75.)

It was noted that many who originally joined Chapter 9 did so because they wanted a co-op and thus early membership numbers were inflated. Once again obtaining more members was discussed. The new millennium has started and Chapter 9 continues on, plagued by some problems that still exist 17 years later!

## Becky's CORNER

Good morning, afternoon, evening, my friends. My life is calming down... well, for me!

I'm in space 62, finally... at Dawn Rey Mobile park and am very content there. The only thing missing is the comradery and friends. I have introduced myself to a few people that surround me there, but ... well, they aren't you all. Thank you for welcoming me into your park, and coffee circle .... And other times and places.

My job with Sunrise is going great. As I compose this "corner" I'm in a motel room in Medford in training. It's smoky here... if I smoked I could save money by going out and breathing. You know, like what we had last year. As a person who usually needs lots of sunscreen, I was able to sit outside and not get burned!

I suggest we schedule a rain dance.... Everyone – this Saturday at 9:15??

**Chapter 9 annual dues of only \$5 per person - \$10 per couple.... Fur babies are no charge, but also get no vote.**

**Please pay our treasurer, Betty Bush.**