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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.timbervalleyskp.com

The Riverfork Park Festival of Lights

By Terry Hilty

The evening began with the gathering of children and folks of all ages at the Sutherlin Community Resource Center where all were greeted warmly by the Resource Director Zada Wright. There were at least 15 Timber Valley Chapter 9 Escapees amongst the group. Before boarding the bus provided by the Resource Center to Roseburg, everyone was treated to sandwiches, cake and hot beverages provided by the Timber Valley Chapter 9 Escapees, hosted by Event Coordinators Terry Hilty and Chuck Williams.

With windows down on the bus to enjoy all the displays, the 26th Annual Festival of Lights event was dazzling and spectacular. There were 90 different light displays and the World's Largest Nutcracker. After driving through the displays, the bus stopped at the Holiday Village and we enjoyed some hot chocolate, a model train set, holiday goodies and more, before returning to the Resource Center.

Timber Town Trucker's Light Parade

By Terry Hilty

It has been 25 years since the first Timber Town Trucker's Light Parade and, according to organizers, they are still rolling along.

This year, the Sutherlin Resource Center guided by Director Zada Wright, opened its doors for the community with approximately 10-15 Timber Valley Chapter 9 Escapees joining the festivities, to have a warm place to gather on a chilly December night in anticipation of the parade that always amazes and delights. Sandwiches, cake and hot beverages were provided by Timber Valley Chapter 9 Escapees, hosted by Event Coordinators Terry Hilty and Chuck Williams.

The first parade was held in John Day in 1993. It was the brainchild of Donald R. "D.R." Johnson, who operated several lumber mills in the area. He wanted a way to support the timber industry, its employees and their families, and their contributions to Oregon, while celebrating the Christmas holiday season.



People lined the Central Avenue of Sutherlin three deep, cheering on drivers who threw candy into the crowds. On average, 45 participants are in the parade each year, some sporting between 40,000 to 50,000 string lights on one truck.

To reward drivers for their involvement and dedication to the event, there are cash prizes in six categories, including a \$500 top prize for "best of show." Total prizes exceed \$3,500 annually. A lot of our prize winners, instead of taking the money, donate it.

January Day Trip!

By Rick De Young

By popular demand, we will be returning to Douglas County's best Italian restaurant, Pedotti's, right here in Sutherlin for our January day trip, **Saturday, Jan 26**. Those who went to Pedotti's last year were impressed by the great food and fast service even though we all ordered separately off the extensive menu. Dave Pedotti assures us his staff welcomes Chapter 9's return and will be equally well prepared for this year's visit.

We will be meeting for supper at the restaurant, at 1332 W. Central Avenue (across from the log cabin Visitor Center), at 5 p.m. Tables will be arranged to provide for group seating, so a sign-up sheet will be circulated at next Wednesday's breakfast and then posted in the Timber Valley Club House.

Chapter 9 Monthly History 2005

By Jackie Deal

February 15, 2005 YouTube was launched; how did people communicate before that? On a more somber note, it marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp and also the end of WWII with VE and VJ Days. Prince Charles (finally) married Camilla Parker Bowles and in the US Hurricane Katrina resulted in 1,833 fatalities and 125 billion in damages.

Meanwhile "back at the ranch", the May 7th meeting found Chapter Nine planning rallies at Timber Valley, Charleston and Twin Rivers Park, Roseburg. May 13th minutes displayed CARE patches and thank yous for "\$2000 donations." It was voted that a new two-sided banner for Chapter Nine be purchased for \$300.

A new decal with a design featuring a mountain range and fir tree on one half, and a sunny desert with desert vegetation on the other half was approved (look closely at our present decal).

It was noted that "Washington has passed a law to raise the price of fuel 1 1/2 cents per pound in license fee for RVs". Whatever happened to that law?`

"The next issue of the Escapees magazine will be a collector's item as Livingston will no longer publish the magazine. It will be published by an outside firm for less money."

The members were reminded that Chapter Nine "built Timber Valley" and they needed to educate new lease

holders about Chapter Nine. Some things never change, do they?

July 1 – September 30 Escapees Inc. was offering Lifetime Membership for \$799.

September 8 minutes are enjoyable reading including someone "made a motion but I could not hear it." (Aw, the woes of a secretary)

Much concern was expressed because the treasury had gone below \$1,000. (Remember the vote to pay 10 for each dinner Sept 2004?) The minutes reported, "We need to build up the treasury and make sure things are approved before people and hosts go out and spend money without knowing what is in the treasury or getting approval."

Sept 8 at the Charleston Rally found a treasury balance of \$590. And "we need to do something to build up the treasury. Our treasury is just about exhausted."

Discussion was held of buying a tape recorder, prices ranging from \$59.95 to \$500. Vote was passed to buy one for \$150.00.

Thus ends 2005: will we be able to raise needed funds? Will Chapter Nine continue? (Sounds like a soap opera on radio.) Stay tuned.

Thank You!!!

Rick De Young and Janice Evans would like to thank everyone for all that was done to keep Chapter 9 running smoothly while we were each recovering from heart surgery. We are on the mend and hoping to see you at our next Chapter event.



Becky's CORNER

Hello, my friends. Some of you met two of my brothers that I brought around at Saturday coffee. Ron was the first brother to attend, and Bob was the second. Bob lives in Georgia and was INCREDIBLY interested in how the SKP's worked and specifically Timber Valley. He's even interested in building a park! He loves the idea of the workshop being added.

As many of you know, my dad passed away peacefully at the age of 94. I'll get around to grieving... right now I'm busy ☺ (Rick I promise!)

I have miss my Saturday coffee date, and will be there this coming Saturday..... until thenHAPPY NEW YEAR!!!