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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

Chapter 9 Offers Fun In 2019

By Rick De Young

Our first Day Trip for 2019, the January 26 Saturday night dinner at Pedotti's Italian Restaurant was a lot of fun for the 35 Timber Valley residents who were able to attend it, thanks to the efforts of event coordinators Terry Hilty and Chuck Williams. Host David Pedotti enthusiastically welcomed our group back and now understands the relationship between Escapees and the SKP Park of Oregon.

Saturday, February 16, 2019 is our next DayTrip. We will be enjoying dinner and a play at the Grand Victorian Dinner Theater in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. Seating begins at 5 p.m. and dinner is served between acts of the play "What a Circus" or "Get Your Big Hands Off My Bigfoot." Terry and Chuck felt very fortunate to get 24 reservations (3 tables of 8) for this very popular venue, and signups (in the Timber Valley Clubhouse) are going fast. The \$45 per person price includes the play as well as dinner with a choice of 3 entrees (prime rib, mozzarella chicken or a vegan dish), salad (including their famous grape salad) and a wonderful dessert. Carpools are encouraged and will be available.

March 17-22 are the dates of the Escapees 59th annual Escapade in Tucson, Arizona. Dale and Gwen Prohaska are representing Timber Valley at the rally. Chapter 9 is paying to ship promotional materials, including Dennis Hellawell's Timber Valley DVD, brochures from the Timber Valley Marketing Committee and tourist brochures from the Sutherlin Visitor Center. Several Chapter 9 members plan to attend the Escapade and offer help to Dale and Gwen promote the Park and Chapter 9.

June 3-7 are the dates for Chapter 9's first 2019 rally, at Osprey Point RV Park in Lakeside, Oregon. Under new ownership, Osprey Point is eager to have Chapter 9 return and is offering a 10% discount off the regular camping fee (also honors Passport America) and is making its social hall available for our rally. Osprey Point has on site a store, a good pub-restaurant and boat rentals. Lakeside has a nice hotel with its own restaurant, a local market and a County Park and boat ramp within walking distance of Osprey Point.

July 1-5 are the dates for Chapter 9's second 2019 rally, at Timber Valley SKP Park in Sutherlin. As we did last year, we will coordinate and augment all Jacks & Jills activities scheduled for the week, including the monthly potluck supper, game nights, the 4th of July golf cart parade and picnic at Snoopy's Meadow. We will also have trips to local venues of interest and put on a dinner for all who choose to attend, and offer boat trips at Cooper Creek Reservoir.

September 4-7 are the dates for our third 201 rally and annual meeting, again at the Odd Fellows RV Park on the Dunes at Florence. Having missed this rally the past two years (due to my wife's illness), I am personally looking forward to going crabbing, helping plan and participate in all the other activities and also to conducting the annual meeting, with election of new officers for 2019-2020!

Beach Bunnies, Jack Rabbits and Balloons

By Jackie Deal

Beach Bunny (Cheryl), last seen on Waikiki Beach, has departed for parts unknown on the East Coast. Jack Rabbit (?) has partnered with "Idon't'tlikethedesert Bunny" (Lynn Tucker) in Quartzsite Arizona to go to the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Lake Havasu, Arizona (Whew!)

If you're still with me, come aboard IDLTD Bunny's 26-foot Class C: two adults and two dogs. Now the dogs are particularly noteworthy: the girl dog is blind. And the boy dog is neurologically challenged. The blind dog is frequently underfoot and the neurologically challenged dog is terrified of every bump and loud rattle. Both dogs require elaborate gourmet meals, individually prepared, and numerous pills to keep all systems mobile and happy. If you're an animal- owner-lover, you understand. If you're a jack rabbit, well, you're less understanding.

The 80-mile trip through some of the most beautiful (according to Jack Rabbit) desert country elicits comments like "Ugh", and "Eueuey" from Desert Bunny. There's no accounting for taste, is there? Do we have reservations for the night? Of course not. Will we find a place to park? Jack is positive we won't and Bunny is unconcerned, "Of course, we will. Any old spot will do."

We arrive, after an unnecessary detour to buy propane gas at a 2 cents savings, in Lake Havasu in time for the Evening Glow. If attending such a festival, this is an event not to miss. The massive balloons are filled with enough hot air to get them air borne, but tethered, and in the dark they glow. They glow in a multitude of colors as the propane burners huff and puff, hiss and bellow, lighting them from within.

Standing near them, and you're allowed right up beside them, is like having your propane burner flash back at you. It's exciting but perfectly safe. There are balloons of every color and some "special shape balloons": a pink elephant, a green frog, a zebra (black and white stripped of course), and a cute brown dog with his pink tongue hanging out.

Once the balloons were put to bed it was time to find a place to put the Class C and its occupants to bed. Bunny drove round and round in circles (like dogs do when preparing a bed) and finally jumped a curb and parked behind a bingo hall. Surprisingly, no police knocking on the door, no tow truck, not even a parking ticket disturbed the night's sleep.

The next morning, we escaped from the illegal parking lot and found another convenient spot to park for the day. We



wandered the large vendor's lot, the same stuff found in almost every such spot, and bought nothing. There was a K9 demonstration and a magic show followed by what was called a music show. It seemed to be mainly booming drums and guitars screeching in misery: we left.

We watched the Evening Glow from across the river and were intrigued when two of the balloons came down apparently onto the water and conversed with the many boats gathered to observe them. Not sure if they got their feet wet or not but it was an incredible job of piloting.

We decided we'd seen everything there was to see and so bundled into the Class C and headed home. Conclusion: IDLTD Bunny is a very good driver, the dogs are both lovable and Bunny and Rabbit had a good time.

Becky's CORNER



Good morning, afternoon, day... my friends. These days have been challenges!

I'm encouraged by the counsel to "feel your feelings," but don't let temporary feelings cause you to make permanent decisions.

I've been having lots of success at my job, creating and maintaining relationships with businesses in order to craft job opportunities for people who experience disabilities. If you are a part of a business that could use a part-time worker, please let me know. All of us know how important it is to have purpose in our lives... it's the same with people with disabilities.

For interest... here are my little companions! Punkin and Nutmeg!