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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 sign-up 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

Moss & Snow Return To Timber Valley

By Rick De Young



First, Chapter 9 pioneer Bill Moss returned to Timber Valley, thanks to efforts by Sharon Elliott, who invited and brought Bill to a couple of our Saturday morning Coffee & Donuts gatherings in February. He still resides in Sutherlin and Sharon met him at the Sutherlin Senior Center. Bill was recognized instantly by Norm Sherman, another Timber Valley pioneer, shown talking with Bill and Sharon Elliott in the photo.

Bill Moss was the local Realtor who helped Chapter 9 acquire the property on which Timber Valley was built and rescind the prior purchase of property on Stearns Lane in Oakland. He remained active throughout the construction and resided (on Lot 121) in Timber Valley for years, until his health forced him to move. Bill now suffers from hearing loss and macular degeneration but remains mentally alert and is a joy to talk with. On Saturday, March 2, he showed us a 35-year membership pin he 'd just received from Escapees.

Bill also gave us some perspective, as did Roseburg native Becky Holm, on the heavy snow fall and power failure which we experienced beginning on Sunday evening, February 24. For the record, our electrical

power was out from Sunday night until Thursday night, at about 10:45 p.m. The photo of my trailer, van and car gives you an idea of the amount of snow which we received. Bill reminisced about the horrific storm of 1969 where there was, in the Roseburg area alone, 43.7 inches of snow fell over an 8-day period and Becky told us that the snow storm of 1996 wasn't quite as bad as Snowmageddon 2019 but the power was out for several days and many roads were impassable. April was a pain because of the melt and the flooding.



Many of our members in Timber Valley were not as lucky as I was. The heavy snows caused massive damage to many of our trees and caused failure of quite a few awnings, even some of the aluminum awnings. I was fortunate to have my Class B motorhome to live in while the power was out and to have my road access cleared enough to be able to drive to a propane supplier when it ran out of propane. It will take us all a while to recover, but we can and do count on each other to get things fixed and make them better in the future.

Grand Victorian Dinner Theater Was Great!

By Rick De Young



Due to the weather events, at the end of February, our March Day Trip destination has not yet been determined in time for this publication. We are hoping to be able to announce the March outing at our monthly breakfast at Abby's, March 13. Information about it will be included in a sign-up sheet to be posted in the Timber Valley club house after the breakfast meeting.

Our February 2019 Day Trip to Myrtle Creek proved to be an

excellent investment in our time, as well as money (even at \$45 per person). The new owners of the Grand Victorian Dinner Theater turned out to be good actors, as well as good hosts, and the prime rib or chicken suppers also received rave reviews. The accompanying photo shows one of the owners as the villain of the play, Colonel Dingling (aka Dingaling), of the Dingling Brothers Circus. But the star of the show was an 8 foot (at least) Big Foot, whose identity remains a haunting mystery. The owners and the melodrama play came from the Coquille Sawdust Theater and the menu – including their famous grape salad – came courtesy of prior owner Pamela Shepherd. Chapter 9 members being able to sit together – we had three tables with eight seats – also turned out to be

advantageous when the servers brought out the prime rib, as we could trade plates to match our preference for how well the prime rib was done.

Another good aspect of this Day Trip was that we did more ride sharing than on our prior Day Trips. At our ages, several of our members expressed reservations about night driving and weather for the trip to Myrtle Creek proved to be marginal.

As the weather improves, Assistant VP Terry Hilty, who is planning our exciting day trips, anticipates that we will be able to share more of Oregon's favorite destinations. Terry also invites your suggestions, and assistance, on future day trips as she and Mike hope to be traveling soon.

Becky's CORNER

Good days to you! The lessons learned from this storm were discussed Saturday morning at coffee and donuts. Boy, do I mean discussed! High on the list of must dos, for the next time there's an emergency, was to make sure that there's gas and propane to last the duration of the storm.

Another focus of concern is isolation. Stories of staying warm by staying in bed. Warming up and charging phones by sitting in cars, until the gas was gone, was also someone's experience. The Community Center in Sutherlin had set up a warming center that included food, cots, blankets and heat, however, many people didn't know about it. Discussion will continue on how to get information to those who are isolated.



For me, since 1974 trailers aren't known for insulation, I walked the half mile (or so) to my daughter's house (stick built – with insulation). She had camping equipment, a propane stove (to include coffee), a fire pit and oil lamps. We didn't have heat inside, but with extra blankets and firing up the lantern, we took the chill off.

I had the time to read a book, sit and think and be grateful for everything I have and everyone special in my life.