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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: Meeting the Challenges of 2019

By Rick De Young

So far, 2019 has been a very challenging year for our Chapter. The snows of February were the most severe since Chapter 9 members built Timber Valley in 1988 and we learned that our emergency communications were woefully inadequate. Chapter 9 led in developing the Timber Valley Emergency Communications Team network. All team captains, and most co-captains, are Chapter 9 members. They answered the challenge.

We have our own channel (9, of course) on the FRS frequency used by our walkie-talkie radios. **Here's a new challenge:** If are coming to the Osprey Point Rally, remember to bring your FRS radio. If you don't have one, we'll sell you one, or two. They will improve your rally experience.

Our Osprey Point Rally (June 3-7) is presenting new challenges. The RV Park is under new ownership and both the RV park and Pub are under new management. We haven't done a rally there in years and we are all going to have to be flexible in order to make it a success. As RV'ers, we know that some of our best experiences are impromptu. Boat availability and weather are just two of the present uncertainties.

Here's another challenge: We need a slate of nominees to be next year's Chapter 9 officers. Due to the winter storms, we are behind the schedule to do nominations, and we need those willing to serve to say so at our business meeting, and to be nominated, at the Osprey Point Rally. The election of officers isn't scheduled until September, at our Coast rally.

Here's another challenge: Chapter 9 needs to build a new photograph display of our Chapter members and activities. Gwen Prohaska assembled one for the 2019 Escapade, but it got wet and must be replaced. Bring your prints to the rally, or next breakfast meeting if you're not attending the rally. If you only have digital photos, send them to beckyllholm@gmail.com and she'll get them printed (and use them in future Trailer Tracks issues).



A Brief History of the Formation of Chapter 9

August 22 - 23, 1985

We are the ninth Escapees Chapter in the United States: Oregon Trails, Chapter 9, founded in Casa Grande, AZ. August 22 - 23, 1985.

Don and Pat Kuykendall hosted the first Oregon rally at their Port Orford RV Park on the coast. Rallies were the original purpose but early on, Chapter 9 wanted a home of its own: a retirees RV Park. And while rallies were jolly good fun, selecting a site for a permanent park was fraught with hassle. Companionship might be desirable but compromise? Hardly!

1986

In 1986 a land search had begun: Mr. and Mrs. Olson, Secretary, wanted a 20 acre parcel in Bandon. Others found sites from Astoria and south on the coast and even into the valley. Some were quite passionate about their choices.

During one meeting after an "angry discussion," Mrs. Olson resigned and refused to turn over "secretarial records" and the names of those who had paid a \$20 registration fee placing them on the list of potential lot owners. Escapees Inc. magazine asked those who'd paid to notify them because as they said, "We fear some records may be lost".) Distraught and disgusted folks pulled out and membership dropped from 358 to 175 families.

It is interesting that Oakland had been considered for the park, Oakland, however, wasn't sure they wanted the park: Betty Hyndman remembers Oakland feared "those old men might rape our young girls". In Oakland's defense it was in 1981 that the Rajneeshees were deported after committing criminal offences in Eastern Oregon. Oakland (and also Sutherlin) feared that the Escapees might be just another dangerous sect.

In 1986 at a rally in Bend, OR the purchase of the Sutherlin, OR property was announced.

"The place is SUTHERLIN. 90 acres. Land costs work out to \$544 per lot for 150 lots. A great price in a town that wants us!"

"The property which sold for \$300,000 several years ago, will cost us \$81,600. This works out to \$544 per lot for 150 lots. Oct. 15, 1988, The final news was "The 90.19 acres will cost \$80,000" plus additional costs "for a total of \$90,031. Chapter 9 knew a bargain when they saw one!

June Day Trip to Idleyld Lodge – Shhh! It's a mystery

It's no secret, it isn't a mystery that on Thursday, June 20, Chapter 9 is going to the Idleyld Lodge, just beyond Glide (Hwy 138) to have lunch and enjoy a murder mystery! Who Dun It??

We dood it! Or at least we will! Lunch will be at noon and is only \$27 (that includes dessert and the interactive play). Adult beverages are available for purchase.

A map with nearby waterfalls will be available and information on nearby River Vista Vacation Homes.

Becky's CoR.NeR

Howdy there! I hope your days have been fabulous! How was your Memorial Day weekend? What did you DO???



I made Jacked Up Ribz!! Meatless BBQ ribz. They were so delicious and easy to make. Even my family and friends

who were eating steak thought they were yummy! If you are interested, I'll give you the recipe.

Another part of our dinner was baked beans! Also incredibly delicious!! Super duper easy. Sauté an onion, then open three cans of beans (black, pinto, kidney, etc), add BBQ sauce and liquid smoke. NO FAT, very healthy and TOTALLY enjoyable!

Time for dinner ☺