



TRAILER TRACKS

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COMING EVENTS,

8-6 noon, Membership Meeting , Snoopy's

8-10, breakfast at Abbys 8:30 a.m.

8-16, Taco Tues. at the "Office" Sutherlin.

8-27, 12 noon, Blueberry Brunch, \$5, all welcome

SEPT 8-11, Coast Crab Rally, Florence

Here we are another month and I am feeling somewhat Inspired that we can revive Chapter 9 after a long hiatus. We had an Officers meeting and mapped out the next two (2) months of activities, now it's up to members to make it a success.

You need to show up! Let's get back doing Fun & socializing. Please take care of yourselves and stay safe- See you all soon. **BETTY BUSH**

AUGUST EVENTS

Aug. 6th, 12 noon FREE Subway sandwiches, Ch. 9 MEMBERSHIP meeting, at Snoopy's Meadow. We need members input, advice, ideas etc. so please join us.

Aug. 10, Chapter 9 breakfast at Abbys, 8:30 a.m. Everyone, come join friends.

Aug.16, Taco Tues. at "The Office", on Central, Sutherlin 11:p.m.30 or 1 p.m., join friends. Everyone welcome.

August 27, 12 noon, our rescheduled Blueberry Brunch, \$5 each. Terry Hilty and crew are planning a special blueberry extravaganza. Everyone welcome.

OH, NO, NOT AGAIN

Last few months, we've had to cancel some Chapter 9 events. Covid shut us down for a while and now it's flexing its muscles again. We will continue to schedule events with the hope that we can hold them. If we have to cancel, please understand, we don't WANT to cancel! But if the park, the county, state, national etc. call for restrictions, we will comply. We care about the health and wellbeing of each and every one of you.

NOTE! NOTE! Our Florence Sept. Rally: if we have over 30 RVs it will cost only \$30.00 a night. A real bargain nowadays! Sign up soon in clubhouse.

Chapter Nine Begins Building The Park

Recapping the history from previous "Tracks": "The property (90.19 acres) which sold for \$300,000 several years ago, now on Oct. 15, 1988,..... costs "a total of \$90,031". (A Bargain, right?) and so the volunteers rolled up their sleeves!

Elton Lee and Roy Adams did the work assignments: "Okay, you operated a farm tractor, you're our back hoe operator." Bill Moss said, "The hill had springs in the lower lots. Lots numbers 6-11,12,19,20,30-we sank equipment in them that had to be pulled out. We had to channel the water from Hilltop to the creek. It took about 10 yards of gravel for each lot." By Oct. 15, 1988, "Sub-excavation with over 50,000 cubic yards of dirt moved to lower and raise road grades and level lots." And you thought the terraces just happened by themselves?!

The winter of 1988-89, Sutherlin had its biggest snow in 20 years. Six R.V.s stayed in the park. They used a building in town to work on the storage sheds. It seems when the men were cutting boards it didn't matter if they were a little off. Betty Hyndman was running the saw and one of the men brought a board back to her and said, "This board is ¼ inch short." Betty said, "Give it to me." She ran it through the saw and said, "Now you've got two boards that are ¼ inch short." There were no more complaints! That spring, the women did the lay-out work. They roughed out the lots and started putting shale in them. The creek was totally moved to fit into the greenway. Several "pioneers" recounted how holes, sewers etc. could be checked for proper depth, if Norm Sherman could stand up in them and barely be seen, the hole was deep enough! Let's leave Norm in the ditch and next month we'll continue with more construction problems.

JUST THE FACTS MA'AM OR SIR

FACT #1: Chapter 9 is NOT Timber Valley RV Park.

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FACT#3: Chapter 9 was founded in 1985 as the ninth Escapees Inc. chapter in the United States.

FACT # 4: Chapter members paid, \$1,000 each, for the land, bought or leased the equipment and supplied the muscle power to BUILD Timber Valley RV Park. They paid \$90,031 for the 90 acres that became Timber Valley RV Park.

FACT #5: July 16, 1989 was "lot drawing day "for all original leaseholders.

FACT #6: Sept 1990 the 4 founding Chapter 9 board members turned over ownership of the park to the 9 member board of Timber Valley RV Park, which included the 4 Chapter 9 board members.

FACT #7: October 1991 Timber Valley RV Park members voted 110 to 67 to become a "seniors only "RV Park.

FACT #8: Chapter 9 did NOT disband, it continues to exist with a goal as stated in its constitution:" providing a framework for members of the Escapees Club to make new friends through organized rallies and other announced social activities."

FACT #9: Chapter 9 hopes through rallies and monthly events to help all Timber Valley members and guests recapture the spirit of RVing, of sharing and caring in the Escapee tradition.

IF IT FLOATS

We're desperate for crabbing boats for our Sept. 8-11 rally at Florence. For years it's been the crab rally and we've had ALL the crab we wanted. But most of our boat owners have moved out of the park and we're land locked! If you have a boat and can go crabbing in the bay (not the ocean) , Betty promises to pay your rally spot fee. Call her 503-705-9872. If no crab boats, we'll have fresh coastal sea food and still have a fun rally. See you-all there. **Everybody** welcome.

