



TRAILER TRACKS

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COMING EVENTS

August 9, the second Wednesday of August, at 9 a.m. will be our breakfast at Abby's. Come and invite a friend. If you can possibly sign up ahead of time it helps Abby's prepare for us. Their breakfast menu is complete and great. It doesn't hurt to come a little early so they can start cooking our breakfasts before 30 or so arrive all at once.

Ah, yes, we've all lived through another Annual Meeting. Chapter Nine presented plaques, designed and made by Karen Hofferber, to "original members" attending: Norman and Barbara Sherman, Norman Fitch, and Russ and Jeannie Bartholomew.

ALBANY CAROUSEL MUSEUM

About 25 of us had a great time seeing where and how the carousel animals were made and painted and then taking a ride on the carousel. (The horses were too high, I could only get up onto a rooster so that's what I rode.)

Ron Pennington made the arrangements and all we had to do was have the fun.

SEPTEMBER COAST RALLY

Whoopi! The Covingtons are making arrangements for a rally **SEPT. 15- 18** (coming home the morning of the 18th) at the Mill Casino RV park. The Mill says, an extra-long fifth wheel or a compact tent, trailer, we've got just the space for you." "Full hook-ups, 30/50 amps, cable TV, Wi-Fi, laundry, showers casino shuttle."

"Special space rate" of \$60.00 and you must call them by **August 20th** and arrange for your space. Phone number is **541-756-8800** or **800-953-4500**. Tell them you're with the Escapees RV Rally from Sutherlin.

We also have their yurt! We've used it before and it worked just fine for our group meetings. And that's not all:

Coos Bay is having their "Bay Area Fun Festival, The last great party of the summer". Sept 16, 17. Live music, 500 vintage cars, parade, arts and crafts, and **FOOD!** Events all over town. You can go- go- go or just sit back and relax or, well, maybe, win some money at the casino.

If you're not familiar with The Mill Casino it's an old lumber mill made over into a beautiful, rustic casino with plenty of gaming, food (again) and lots of good people-watching. It's located on the river and that makes for interesting viewing.

The Mill Casino is only 86 miles from Sutherlin, an enjoyable drive into a refreshing but invigorating venue for our Annual Meeting with elections for Chapter Nine.

Thinks back. Remember when you were full-time RVing? About 90% of us did that, then we went to Snow birding and maybe, now, we're year round residents of Timber Valley Park. But many of you still have a traveling RV in addition to what you're living in. When did you last use it? How about brushing down the cobwebs and joining a fun group of friends over on the coast for a couple nights? The old RV blood might get flowing again and you'd feel young again (well, younger).

The Mill Casino is saving 17 sites for us at a special rate: full hook-ups, pull-throughs, what more could you ask for. I should say and "all for the little price of only....." But I remember the days of \$10 a night so with a gulp I'll say that \$60 a night is a bargain in the summer on the coast.

You don't have to go into the casino if you don't wish to; you certainly don't have to gamble. But you **MUST** make your reservation: call the Mill Casino RV Park and tell them you are with the Escapees Rally from Sutherlin. Repeating: phone numbers are **541-756-8800 or 800-953-4500**. You **MUST** do this by **Aug. 20th**. Sign up in the Club house too so we know how many sites we're needing. (Very important.)

This won't be a rally with a jam-packed schedule, you'll have time to explore and enjoy the "End of Summer Festivities" in Coos Bay. Do, please, please, plan to attend our annual meeting held there in the yurt (just a cute name for a glorified, wooden tent). Full schedule is with the sign-up sheet in Clubhouse.

Let's use those 17 spots; as I write this we have only 10 signed up. **PLUS** those who want to have a fun time at Coos Bay and stay in a motel. Make those arrangements soon; it's summer on the coast!

If you've been house-bound during Covid and then for the winter it's hard to shake free and get out. But it will do you good and your friends will be happy to see you. Join us.

A NEW DAY VISIT PLANNED: GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT SUTHERLIN

This "trip" planned for August 31 sounds especially interesting. How many of you have been to the new Tractor Supply; it's a lot more than just tractors. And how about The Farmers' Market? Rhonda and Scotty have planned a trip starting with lunch at Dakota Pizza at 11:30 and then just across the parking lot to the Tractor Supply and finishing at the Farmer's Market which it now held in their parking lot.

All this in one convenient location, how about that? I can't tell you how astonished I was when I first went into The Tractor Supply; what a misleading name! I didn't see any tractors inside. Sign up in the Club house for this so Rhonda can let Dakota Pizza know how many are coming. The pizza is good and the fellowship is great!