



TRAILER TRACKS

OCTOBER, 2023

Chapter 9 Officers

President: Jackie Deal

503-507-3600

Vice President: Denis Perkins, 678-206-3669

Treasurer: Larry Heath, 951-818-6627

Secretary: Jane Perkins, 541-621-6950

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 11, the second Wed. of October 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.

We will be considering a new meeting venue.

*

Unbelievable! Summer is now almost over and soon our snowbirds will be flying south to warmer climes. And those who have had their wings clipped will be settling down for a wet winter's night.

Chapter 9 is co-operating with Jack's and Jill's for a Snowbird Send-off Party. A full meal prepared by our Chef Denis and **no charge** (Jacks and Jills are footing the bill). Also some entertainment and a few games and favors. Do come and, once again, please sign up so we can have the right amount of food! Oct. 5, 3-5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER COAST RALLY

A most enjoyable rally with, unfortunately only 11 attendees.

We enjoyed the three Fs: food friendship and fellowship. We got to know each other better and gee, we're pretty neat people! Those who missed it missed a really great time.

Bud and Anita Covington made all the arrangements and were in charge of the rally. Our thanks to them.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

The poor attendance at the Coast Rally made us question: do we still want to do rallies? Those of us who are anchored really don't want to pay the exorbitant motel rates. And returning snowbirds maybe want to settle down for a nice summer's rest and not travel.

What about an in-park rally? (Yes, we used to do this). Should this replace our coast rally? Think about it! That brings us to point #2.

Voting for new officers and other business at a rally with only 11 attendees hardly seems fair.

We DID combine votes from the September meeting with votes at the rally to get a fairer representation. What to do?

Next point: meetings at Abby's are a real pain! Period! We love Abby's and they're very good to us but it's hard to hold a good meeting there.

Let's consider meeting in our clubhouse with our own Chef Denis preparing a meal or whatever for us. Date and time negotiable. Stay tuned!

FALL HAS FELL, WINTER'S,
welllll

Where to start? “Let’s start at the very beginning.” In order to make some needed changes:

WE MUST REVISE OUR BY-LAWS.

Our by-laws specify that elections must be held at the last rally of the season which has always been our coast rally. They also say that a “quorum shall consist of TWO people”. Wow! Does that mean that two of us could abscond with the funds? Our by-laws are woefully outdated. We need a committee to revise them. Volunteers, please.

ELECTIONS AT THE LAST RALLY: definitely needs to be changed to give a fairer representation. At the last rally we discussed having elections in June or July when most members are in the park. Plan to discuss this at our October meeting and if possible make a decision

CHANGE ANNUAL YEAR TO JUNE OR JULY: our dues are due in either June or July. Why not have elections and our “fiscal” year run from then?

BREAKFAST MEETINGS AT ABBY’S: Most Chapters do have either a breakfast or lunch so they can host traveling SKPs. Remember many Chapters don’t have a home park. We do and if we want to meet in our clubhouse we can invite traveling SKPs to join us there. Our goal is not to cut-out travelers but to welcome them to our home. Meetings at Abby’s are fraught with unavoidable interruptions. Business is fragmented and frustrating.(And yes, we love Abby’s.)

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2024 by combining votes from two meetings we elected new officers. New and most welcome is Vice-President Denis Perkins. Denis and his wife Robin are on the Active Waiting List and eagerly await their Permanent Home. (Remember Chapter Members do not have to be in the park, as SKPS they can be members of Chapter 9.) Denis’s only claim to fame is not just as a chef for 18 years on a submarine, but he has a lot more to offer. Get acquainted, you’ll be glad you did.

New Treasurer is Larry Heath. Larry and Marie are “old” and treasured members of Chapter 9. They’ve often volunteered in the past and Larry graciously offered to be Treasurer when Ed Spearse had to resign due to health reasons. We thank Ed; he did a wonderful job and we wish Ed and Sandy the best. Don’t be strangers now; you’re valuable members.

Jane Perkins (no relation to Denis) agreed to continue as Secretary. I could not do my job without her. She is invaluable. Thanks, Jane, for continuing. And yes, you’re stuck with me for another year. Remember: I delegate and co-ordinate: I do NOT do everything for you!!!