



ALPINE COACH
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A View From The Summit

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SALEM PRE RALLY—by Renée Perrault

47 coaches gathered in Salem Oregon for a Pre-Rally filled with events and activities. For 5 days, Carolyn Swan, Rally Master, kept us entertained. Her organizational skills are phenomenal and she got the group together with the sweetness of Mother Teresa and kept us moving with the determination of George Patton. Carolyn marshaled the troops to: Deepwood Estate, an 1894 Queen Anne style home with 5 acres of gardens; Mission Mill House producing wool products from 1869 to 1962; Willamette Valley Pie Factory; the 80 acres of botanical delights at the Oregon Garden; a tour of the Gordon House by Frank Lloyd Wright; and touring the Spruce Goose and other aviation wonders. Whew, we were a busy group and in between touring, there was fabulous food providing us with opportunities to visit and reflect on our day. All of the events were interesting and well executed.

The Gearhead session had a variety of experts sharing information and advice on subjects that are paramount in Alpine owners minds; **Les Schwab Tires**, Brands, Rotation, Siping, Sizing; **Henderson's Line-up** – Steering, Suspension & Shocks; **Cummins Pacific North/West** -'07 Cummins Engines, Updates, Engine Campaigns; **Silverleaf** – What it does & doesn't do; Updates, After Market Add-Ons; **Amazing Creations/Kustom Coach Works** - Entertainment System Fixes – Maintenance Issues; **Guaranty RV** - Extended Service Contracts Explained – What's best? Thanks to these vendors who took the time to attend the Gearhead session.

The final day of the rally, 37 coaches met in Sisters and we formed an impressive caravan stretching over 1 1/2 miles on our way to Redmond. Our police escorts made sure that we were not detained by lights, holding traffic at all intersections. We watched the look of amazement on the faces of pedestrians as we drove through town in our gleaming, detailed Alpine Coaches (have you ever seen an Alpine that wasn't?).

Special thanks to Carolyn and Tris Swan, Jim and Elaine Ellis for all of their hard work to make the Salem Pre Rally successful. It takes a village to raise a child and a few dedicated souls to keep all the elders in the village fed and happy and entertained!

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1st timers Carol Wright and Carolyn Himango



More 1st Timers, Scott and Marcia Hicks



Members enjoying the tours



Carolyn Swan, Jim and Elaine Ellis hosts



FROM OUR PRESIDENT —Paul (Sully) Sullivan



Paul and Dale Sullivan

The end of summer finds Dale and me savoring the memories of our summer spent on the highways, byways and back roads of Canada and Alaska with good friends and fellow ACA Members. One fellow traveler said that GOD was a local call from Valdez, and I bet it isn't more than a nickel call from Muncho Lake in British Columbia.

ACA Members Chris & Sonja Cratch met us in May in Helena where we left to pick up ACA Members Duncan & Shirley Bellinger in Edmonton, Alberta. Along the way we were joined by Ken & Gayle Brumelle, and at other times J.R. & Carmen Guinn also ACA members. But imagine our good fortune when we got to Homer and Paul & Peggy Parson got us water view sites at the Elk's Lodge for the 4th

of July celebration. I don't have the words to describe the beauty or the feeling of having a Bald Eagle standing watch over our coaches on the 4th.

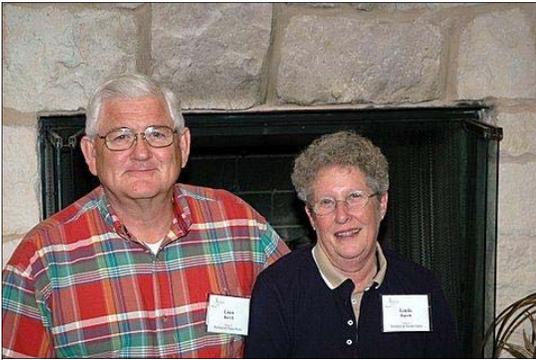
But now fall is approaching and we are getting ready to leave for our Heritage Rally in New Braunfels. Judging from the over 70 coaches already registered, it looks as if we will not only have a great time but a full house. If you haven't sent in your registration, now would be a great time to do so. The deadline is the 15th of September.

Most of you know that I periodically send out emails using my presaca@gmail.com address. If you haven't gotten a message and your email address is up to date with Dale Wilson, the Membership Chairperson, then please check to see that your spam blocker is not sending the message to your spam folder. This is the only way that we have to rapidly bring members up to date on changes.

The last email I sent out had to do with Mark Harrah ending his relationship with ACA. Your Board of Directors and I have worked out a two prong approach to fill this void. The first part utilizes www.IRV2.com. For those of you not familiar with this site, we have our own forum for Alpine Coach owners to discuss problems, ask questions and get information. If you are not registered with IRV2.com, please do so now so that you are able to avail yourself of this great asset. There are over 30,000 threads (comments), and our Alpine section is by far the largest owner's forum, so most answers are already available. When you post a question, it is viewed by a number of Alpine owners with technical experience who will provide you with one or more solutions or possible courses of action. Please remember to search the threads before posting a question. Gail Stacy has written the attached tutorial which will take the mystery out of IRV2 and get you ready for the day when you need an answer. Please be sure to register on IRV2 so that the amount of pop up ads will be reduced. The Tutorial will be available at the ACA web site Linked to the Tech Library.

The second part is a volunteer-staffed Help Phone Line for those without computer access. This will be a committee of *volunteer* owners. These volunteers will take your call and then will search IRV2 for appropriate threads and if none found post your problem/question. The volunteer will then call you back with the answers. Chris Cratch has volunteered to chair this volunteer committee, and is seeking Alpiners to pitch in. So please call him if you are willing to help; his telephone number is 818-359-8915. The HELP LINE phone is 619-886-0166. Remember, this is for those WITHOUT internet access and will get you a volunteer ACA member who will post your question onto IRV2.

We have seen that "volunteerism" is alive and well with ACA Members. Engineer Mike has done a wonderful job with the Tech Library, Louie Burch has coordinated a marvelous group of volunteer Rally Masters who with other volunteers have given us some memorable rallies, Renee Perrault always entertains and informs us with the ACA newsletter and Linda Cain keeps our web site up to date and user friendly. With this background I have no doubt that we will develop a splendid system to keep our Alpines running and working well.



Louis & Linda Burch

LOUIS BURCH—FMCA DIRECTOR

Hello to All,

I am confident that I speak for all who attended the great Pre-rally in Salem when I say thanks so very much for all the hard work to the host Tris and Carolyn Swan and Jim and Elaine Ellis. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. You did a beautiful job of balancing our time to visit with some outstanding sightseeing and attractions. Again, JOB WELL DONE!!!

The next ACA adventure will be just as much fun as well. Dean and Jan Sandmire have pulled together a rally to remember deep in the heart of Texas. Go quickly to the ACA web site and sign up while there are still full hook-ups to be had. After that, you will still get to come but will have water and electric only. A dump station is available for use before you leave.

Jan and Dean have set up a full calendar of activities for us while at the rally. They will provide you with the specifics when you sign up. In addition, they have outlined many more activities that are available in the area, so come early and/or stay late to see much more of the good folks in Texas. The key words here are sign up and COME! The registration forms are on the ACA web site.

The next rally on our schedule is DRRX, Desert Rat Rally Number Ten. That's right; this will be our tenth time to gather in the desert at Quartzsite. Some of you have been to all ten and most of you have been to at least one so I don't need to tell you about all the fun and friendship that goes on there. I will say that Carl and Kathy Nichol森, the rally host, have some special events planned for those who choose to brave the elements and attend. On the element topic, if you were at DRRIX, remember to bring your tee shirt and wear it proudly. Look for additional information and the registration for this rally on the ACA web site soon.

The March 2011 pre-rally will be held at the Fort Benning RV Park. Jim and Linda Fivian will be the rally host there. Here again a full slate of activities are planned along with information about other things to see and do in Georgia and Alabama area. Jim has personal knowledge of Fort Benning having been assigned there for a dozen years during his military service. He gives a great post tour for us, so sign up and come join with us. Additional information will be available soon and will be posted on the ACA web site.

Now I need to ask for your help. The summer FMCA rally will be held in Madison, Wisconsin during mid August. I do not currently have anyone who has stepped forward to host a pre-rally for the event. Do you know the Madison area? Do you live or visit in this area? We need to locate an RV Park and identify some activities that all can enjoy. Please contact me directly at LABSR@AOL.com (214) 534-0399 if you can help. My thanks in advance.

The year 2010 has been a great rally year. Attendance to rallies has slowly increased and the ACA members continue to show what a great bunch we truly are. Thank you for supporting ACA and each other with you attendance. Pray for our nation and its leaders and may God Bless America, you and those you love.

Louis and Linda

ALPINE RALLY CALENDAR 2010 - 2012

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| September 16—19 | East Shore RV Park San Dimas, CA | SoCal | Mary Ann Ratliff & Orville McGee hidija@aol.com Noel & Carol Peck noelpeck@aol.com |
| October 1st — | Summerdale, AL | ACE | Fred & Grace Taylor justme1943@yahoo.com |
| October 26th—Nov 1 | Lazy L & L Campground New Braunfels, TX | National | Dean & Jan Sandmier jhsdds@earthlink.net |
| January 11, 2011 | Riverside County Fairgrounds | SoCal | Gail Stacy gjstacy@cox.net |
| January 20—25 2011 (tentative date) | Desert Rat X Quartzsite | National | Kathy & Carl Nickelson |
| April 15—18 2011 | Wine Country RV Park, Paso Robles, Ca | SoCal NoCal | Anne & Mac Mcdougal mcdanne2@gmail.com John & Barbara Knox jnbknox@oco.net |
| May TBD 2011 | Mammoth Mtn RV Park Mammoth, CA | SoCal | Jim & Vivain Weinheimer jimw@bpdonline.net Bill & Patti Figge figgbp@mac.com |
| May 11- 15, 2011 | Oregon Garden & Annual Meeting Silverton Oregon | NoWaca | Doug & Debbie Hallander Dchdrh@easystreet.net Mike & Charlotte Gamble gamblm@uw.edu |
| August 5—8 2011 | Fidalgo Bay RV Park Anacortes Wa. Hurry, only 8 spots left! | NoWaca | Renee Perrault & Gary Arnold reneegary@msn.com Lynda and Carl Hjort carllynda@gmail.com |
| Sept 7—13 2011 | Zephyr Cove RV Resort Zephyr Cove, NV | SoCal | Jerry & Toni Smith geraldsmith18@hotmail.com Mike & Ann Fleming mike@fleming.cc |
| July 19 –23rd 2012 | Sequim Lavender Festival Sequim Wa | NoWaca | Larry & Barbara Smith typsmith@olympen.com |
| September/October 2012 | Miramar Air Show | ACA | Renee Perrault & Gary Arnold and anyone else crazy enough to volunteer. |

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HOW TO SIGN IN AND SEARCH by Gail Stacy



Since we have discontinued the services of Mark Harrah, it will be more important for all of us to make good use of a valuable tool: **iRV2.com**. Within this website, you will have access to a huge volume of helpful information. You should explore the whole website, as there are many features that you may find of interest...one of my favorites is "Campgrounds". However, this article is intended to help you with Alpine specific information, which you will find within the Alpine Coach Forum.

How Do I Find the Alpine Coach Forum?

1. Go to www.irv2.com/forums.
2. Page down until you find "The Owner's Corner Forums"; the first listed is "Alpine Coach Forum".
3. Click on "Alpine Coach Forum", and there you are. You should bookmark the site or save this site to your favorites.

What Do I Do Now That I'm Here?

1. You can begin to read various threads (topics) immediately to get a sense of what folks discuss here.
2. I would recommend that you register by clicking on the "Register" tab at the top of the page. There is no cost, and you will not be able to post questions or reply to any post without registering.
 - A. It will ask for your birth date.
 - B. Read the rules, click on the box for "I have read..." and then click on the "Register" button.
 - C. You will then create a user name (which can be anything you want) and a password, fill in your email address and follow the direction for "Random Question".
 - D. Page down and complete "Additional Required Information".
 - E. Complete as much "Additional Information" as you wish and click "Complete Registration" button.
 - F. You will receive an email with instructions to activate your account. Please be assured that they do not use your email account indiscriminately. The only emails I ever receive are to let me know that a posting has appeared on a thread that I am following. If you don't wish to receive any emails, after activation and login, go to the "User CP" tab and go to "Edit Options" to uncheck anything email related.
 - G. After you activate your account, log in and go to the "User CP" tab at the top (just to the left of the "Register Tab". You will see a column on the left with a header "Your Control Panel". In this column, you will see a subheading labeled "Settings and Options". Go to "Edit Signature" to create a signature that will automatically be affixed to every post you write. Ideally, your signature should include the year, model and length of your Alpine to help folks that are trying to help you. Take a look at a few that follow postings in the threads to get an idea for what you wish to use.
 - H. Return to the Alpine Coach Forum. (continued on page 7)



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HOW TO SIGN IN AND SEARCH

by Gail Stacy

3. After the headers of various types, you will see the beginning of the "threads". The first few threads have "stickys" to keep them at the top, as they are deemed important.
 - A. The first thread concerns an important issue many of our Alpines have with the steering bracket.
 - B. A second thread is information about our Tech Library.
 - C. A third thread is a discussion of various modifications owners have made to their Alpines.
 - D. Additional stickys usually pertain to upcoming rallies.
4. Below the stickys, threads are shown in order based on the latest posting. You will see a date and time of posting under the column headed "Last Post". To open a thread, simply click on the thread title.
5. To start a new thread (i.e., ask a question or tell your story), click on the "New Thread" button just above the threads. Remember, to use this, you must have registered and activated your account.

How Do I Find A Specific Topic?

1. Just above the threads in the right corner of the header banner, you'll see a blue field that says "Search This Forum". Click on this field.
2. In the dropdown, you'll see a white field where you can type in a topic (e.g. day night shades), and click on "Show Threads" or "Show Posts", then "Go". A list of threads or posts will quickly pop up, and you can begin to read about the topic.
3. There is also an "Advanced Search" option in this same drop down, where you can refine your search by keywords or user names. This screen also allows you to define additional search options, including the ability to search all forums.
4. It is recommended that you do a search before posting a question, in the event it concerns a topic already discussed. If you are unable to find what you need, please do post your question in your own way.

Don't be shy about posting your questions, as none will be deemed too dumb or too trivial. You will be amazed at the responses you will get, and by how helpful this forum will be. I know you will return frequently once you have spent a bit of time here. It's on one of my tabs that show every day when I open my Internet Explorer.

Good luck and good "hunting"!

Editors note: These directions make it so easy to get in and find information on IRV2. Thanks Gail for making it so user friendly!

Debbie Bragg—Treasurer



Jim & Debbie Bragg

Hi everyone. Jim & I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. We certainly have. We left Texas Jun 30 and headed to South Dakota to meet up with the Burch's, Mallet's and Schemanske's. We have toured Mt Rushmore and the Badlands while there.

We then headed to Montana and had a wonderful visit with Ruth & Al Baird and then north to Kalispell and Glacier NP for a week. We have traveled through northeast Washington and then visited with the Kelly's & Hobbs prior to the Salem pre-rally and FMCA in Redmond. Salem was an awesome rally and we really enjoyed our time in Oregon where we have spent the last month.

We are now headed home in a leisurely fashion. We are spending a week in Idaho and then at least 10 days in Yellowstone and the Tetons before deadheading back to Texas. We hope to see everyone in New Braunfels at the Heritage Rally in late October.

THANK YOU FRED ROYCE

Fred has completed his 2 year term as Vice President, the Alpine Coach Association Members thank him for his devotion to detail and getting the ACA Bylaws put to bed! An arduous task that required an eye for detail and dedication. Fred and Carol have been ACA members since 2003 and we look forward to seeing them at future rallies. Thanks Fred!



Fred & Carol Royce

HERITAGE RALLY OCTOBER 2011

We have taken on the job of rally masters for the 2011 Heritage Rally at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Many of you attended Fiesta in 2007 and loved the experience. We are now trying to estimate how many ACA members will be attending in 2011. I will be calling for our reservations on 10/11/10, the first day reservations will be open, and it would be really helpful to have a reasonable guesstimate of how many coaches might be attending. So please call (505-821-2814; cell 505-400-1431) or email (fhalasz@swcp.com) if you think there's a fair chance you'll attend. We're looking for numbers; no one will be held accountable for their response! For those of you who haven't attended already, the Balloon Fiesta should definitely be on everybody's bucket list! Thank you, Franklin & Dessa Halasz

FMCA NEWS by Tris Swan



Tris Swan

The FMCA's 84th International Convention was held at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon, Aug. 11 to 14, 2010. . There were about 2,200 coaches in attendance this year. We had about 33 ACA member coaches parked together for the Rally and we had a great time. The weather was pretty close to perfect this year with temps in the 80s until almost the end of the Rally and the temps went into the high 90s. On Friday night about 45 of us had a "last dinner" together at the Swan's coach – finishing up the "left-overs" from the Salem Pre-Rally the week before!

The Governing Board Meeting on August 11 was one of the shortest Governing Board meetings in recent history! Of great most importance was the announcement of the changes in the Insurance Program offered under FMCA.

MEDEX Plus will continue to be the Evacuation Insurance paid for with your FMCA Membership through the end of 2010. Whether you are traveling for business or pleasure, if you are within the United States, Canada, or Mexico and are more than 100 miles from your primary residence, the MEDEX PLUS program protects you. Any services you use under the program must be approved in advance and coordinated by MEDEX. MEDEX provides members with 24/7, toll-free access to travel assistance services and coordinates and pays the approved costs for the following services: In order to secure this benefit, it is imperative that MEDEX be notified immediately when medical travel assistance is required

Starting in 2011 the Evacuation Insurance will be through Global Underwriters. More information will be coming shortly and it is suppose to be even BETTER than the MEDEX program!

Accidental Death & Dismemberment/Paralysis Benefit included in your FMCA Membership as of May 1, 2010 – a \$10,000 policy up to the age of 80.

"FMCA Years" AD&D and Hospitalization Voluntary Policy is replacing the "old" Policy as of October 1, 2010 and has greatly expanded benefits. The "Voyager Plus" for Family benefits will cost only \$236 annually and has an incredible schedule of benefits. The Hospitalization benefit alone can be worth up to \$430,000. The benefits increase by the number of years you have been FMCA members up to a maximum of 6 years. Application forms can be downloaded from the FMCA website. This plan will be administered by Global Underwriters and underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, a subsidiary of Chartis.

And it continues to get even better! FMCA International Travel Insurance for FMCA Members traveling outside their home country – three levels of coverage at incredibly great prices. Your Domestic Insurance coverage may not cover you outside your home country. For the US Citizens on Medicare – Medicare does not follow you outside the USA – Read your passport. The FMCA plan covers you anywhere in the world (special rates for high risk countries and hazardous activities). You also need an organization familiar with handling International claim payments and translation services. The Plan Administrators negotiate with hospital administrators to pay your bill. When you are sick or injured they take care of the providers so you can concentrate on getting well.

As you can see, these new Insurance Benefits are top notch benefits for being FMCA Members!

Membership Director—Dale Wilson



This summer was spent in Washington State, near the families of our two daughters, sons-in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is a strange feeling, I get so hyped up to see all the kids, and I forget they too have a life. They are working, vacationing, and doing the things we used to do when we had the summer to play, and I find I have to adjust to their schedules. (Anyone else?) Ed is more tolerant than I, so he is my even keel guy, he helps to remind me they have their own lives. Our youngest granddaughter graduated this year from high school, and our great grandson started kindergarten this year...so this is starting another chapter in our and their lives.

We are certainly happy for the friendships we have maintained here in the NW. We have seen so many friends, attended several functions and how many lunches, I cannot even begin to count the calories. (Or want to)

We attended the Salem Rally in August, what a treat that was. There were so many wonderful places to see and learn about. Probably most of all was to visit with our ACA friends. A rally has so many things to see and do, but we really treasure the conversations, laughter and fun we share when we get together. This rally was no exception.

Our next great rally is the annual Heritage Rally, this year in New Braunfels, TX. This is promising to be a great time in the Texas Hill Country. January will bring us the 10th anniversary of the Desert Rat rally in Quartzsite, AZ. There are many surprises waiting for us there. Check out the dates, we hope to see you there! There are other rallies happening at the local level, try to get out and support the ACA Chapters.

When I took over the Membership Program, October 30, 2009 we had 406 members on the roster, right now we have 387 **paid up** ACA members, I have deleted the nonpaid, and many have written and plan on staying with ACA. I have yet to get more mail from Yakima. With members selling their Alpines, they are recommending the new owner join our great organization! We have had many previous owners rejoin us. Please remember to invite any Alpine owner to check us out and join in the fun!

If you have not sent in your dues, I still have plenty of room to list you on the roster. We would love to keep you with us. \$21.00 will take you to 12/11. Use the Yakima address:
Alpine Coach Association 5808A Summitview #337 Yakima WA 98908
See you down the road!

HAVE ANY CHRISTMAS PICTURES OF YOUR COACH? Send them to RENEEPERRAULT@HOTMAIL.COM to be included in the December issue!



Engine and Transmission Cooling By "Engineer Mike" Fleming

Just a quick note on engine & trans cooling, since its that time of year. You may want to save this information with your owner's manuals as it is not included there.

WRV had two radiator fan control schemes over the years w/some minor modifications. The radiator fan for all years is powered by hydraulic oil pressure from the same pump that makes the hydraulic boost pressure for the hydraulic brakes. The pressurized fluid runs through a hydraulic "motor" to spin the fan blade. The fan speed is controlled by the amount of fluid allowed to run through the motor.

Early years used a "thermostatic valve" or "wax valve" to control fluid flow & fan speed. As the engine got hot the wax would warm up and allow more fluid through the fan drive motor. This valve was made by Sauer-Sunstrand which is now Sauer-Danfoss, who does not sell to coach owners directly. One 2001 Alpiner recently had his valve go bad & reported the following part information: *Sauer Sunstrand; pn# 553/1/09857/190; date code 99L-02.*

Later coaches had an electronically controlled valve that would set the fan to high if the chassis air was turned on, and had other control features. Saur also made that controller, and can program a replacement if needed. Each comes programmed from the mfg'r with the parameters specific to the coach application, which varies depending on what the coach maker wanted to allow for fan control (one stage or multiple stage fan increases, full-on for AC, full-on for other accessories, etc.). The electronic portion of the controller is about the size & shape of a pack of cards (playing, not Taro), and is mounted near the fan motor. It will be attached to a valve body; many are on the frame just ahead of the fan motor. If this controller goes bad, you will need the part number which came on a paper tag on the controller. It would be nice to assemble a listing of the part numbers as soon as possible, as these paper tags become unreadable over time. If you have a chance to read yours and write it down, please email it with the last 5 of your VIN to: TechLib@alpinecoach.org. That way if folks near your VIN need a new one & can't read theirs we can give them the right part# to order.

The reseller that supplied WRV was Berendson Fluid Power and the individual rep to WRV was John Lamb. Berendson is still in business, as is Saur. You can google Berendson Fluid and find offices all around the country. In the west, the following phone numbers may be useful: 509-536-5995, 509-535-4281, 206-575-5100, 916-372-0550. Another outfit that supplied the motorcoach industry w/ hydraulic apparatus is Spencer Fluid Power, 2230 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97211, Ph: 503-249-2835, Toll Free: 800-257-1002, Branch Mgr. Brad Garrison. I dont know if Spencer can help us for sure but they supplied Country Coach among others. Stay cool.

**For answers to questions and advice from other Alpine Coach owners visit www.IRV2.com and click Alpine Coach Owners Forum.
To get started, check out the "How To" tutorial by Gail Stacy on page 6 & 7**

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New Members

Alpine Coach Association is happy to welcome our newest members. We hope to see you all at a rally soon!

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| Bob & Connie Bowers | Parker | CO | Mike & Mary Ellen Morris | Plymouth | CA |
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Bellingham/Ferndale NoWACA Rally by Barb Smith

The Bellingham/Ferndale rally was held September 8-12 at the Cedars RV park between Bellingham and the Canadian border. The park has beautiful amenities, and I was most excited about the laundry (pretty sad, eh?).

Our rally hosts Linda Cain, Ron Bailey, Linda and Kurt Schroeder each revealed their special talents and spoiled us! It turns out Linda Cain is quite the wine maker and supplied each coach with a bottle of white and a bottle of red wine. Linda Schroeder has a talent for encouraging people to donate (a.k.a. arm twisting). We were given an assortment of free stuff which included Jamie and Donna's apples, "Save the Earth" reusable bags, PopChips, chocolate bars, and Monster energy drinks just to name a few. Ron Bailey spoiled us with his culinary expertise, preparing baked salmon and BBQ ribs for dinner, and an assortment of homemade jams at breakfast. Kurt Schroeder spoiled us with fabulous customer service, taking care of us all weekend – what a dynamic combination.

We enjoyed some familiar events....Flipper flipped for us and not only made her blueberry compote, but peach, too!!!! Jay Emory organized a best ball golf tournament at Homestead Golf Course in Lynden. We visited Sardis Raptor Center in Ferndale, the largest bird of prey center in the Pacific Northwest and the American Museum of Radio and Electricity, an interactive display of the inventions and innovations that changed the course of human history.

Each day our hosts provided breakfast and a fabulous dinner. We dined on local salmon, barbequed to perfection; ribs, beans and cornbread (it was revealed that the ribs took 4 days to prepare), and burgers and beer. We learned CPR, did water aerobics (well, some of us anyway), and danced the night away at the NoWACA diner.

Our hosts featured local companies when possible, and gave us a great introduction to the Bellingham area. Thank you for all your hard work on NoWACA's behalf. We REALLY appreciate your effort and the opportunity to come together in friendship.

Alpine Owners are Innovative and Stubborn by Renée Perrault

We live on a hill with a steep driveway, technically speaking, it is a 15 degree incline. With the length of the coach, coming down means that without adjustments either the front or the back will hit. My husband, Gary Arnold, modified the airbags so he could raise the coach 3 inches, then a little twist between the driveway and the road added some drama that was solved with a ramp. Recently some ACA friends, Bill and Patti Figge were visiting and documented the descent. We've been doing this 6 years and have it down to a science which thankfully means I no longer have to lay in the street to check and see if anything is scraping. Where there is a will, there is a way!



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