

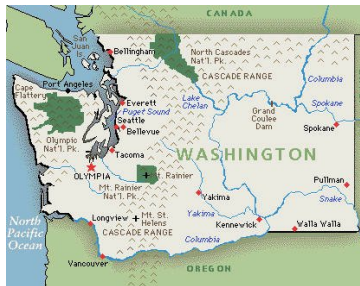
Rainier Ramblers RV Club



A Washington State Chapter of Winnebago Itasca Travelers

~ August Newsletter ~

September 17-20 Washington State Rally



Whatcom County Fairgrounds Lynden, Washington

September is vastly approaching which means the Washington State Rally. The theme for this year's rally is 'Forever in Blue Jeans'. Be sure to send in your reservation prior to September 1. Fees paid after September 1 increase \$20 per unit. A reservation form can be found in your WIT magazine or the club web site.

A number of us will be leaving on Tuesday September 15 and dry camping at the Tulalip Casino north of Marysville. For those going up on Wednesday, please meet at the rest stop on I-5 just north of Smokey Point (approximately 6 miles north of Marysville) at 10:00 am. This is a large rest stop with ample parking in the truck area, as well as in the area of the dump station. If you plan to attend, please contact Joe Coorough at jcoo@comcast.net. We will travel as a group to the fairgrounds. Set your CB's to channel 32; we can monitor that channel for arrivals, etc. See membership roster for cell phone number for Donna or the complete newsletter.

The club assignment is the State raffle. It will be our responsibility to provide raffle items, set up raffle area, provide people to sell raffle tickets throughout the rally, and handle the drawing for the raffle items Saturday evening. We hope to have a good turn out to help sell the raffle tickets. The raffle items haven been purchased, including a money hat.

Rally Itinerary

Registration

- Early bird registration Wednesday afternoon

Golf

- The annual 9-hole golf tournament will be held Thursday afternoon

Rally fees

- One unit/two people \$100; one unit/one person \$75; extra person \$25
- Fees paid after September 1 increase \$20 per unit
- Extra nights are \$20 per night
- Rally fee includes 3 nights camping, breakfast, catered dinners Friday & Saturday. Lunch provided Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
- A \$30 per unit cancellation fee charged for all cancellations
- No gift certificates can be transferred to another unit. Gift certificates are for one coach, two people, extra guests \$25 each

Parking

- Handicapped parking needs MUST be requested on your registration form (which can be found in your WIT Magazine or on the Wash-I-Bago web site. Upon arrival, please display your handicap placard in the windshield to assist parkers

Charity Project

- Thursday evening the Peninsula Wits will have their charity project hamburger fry

Craft Show

- Check the Wash-I-Bago website for further details

Mail checks payable to Wash-I-Bagos and mail with registration to
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Your electrical extensions, water splitters, and cookies for the hospitality table!

Directions: From I-5 heading north, exit 256A – Meridian (Hwy 539) north of Bellingham. Turn right on Meridian. Continue to Lynden. At the intersection, turn right onto Front Street. Fairgrounds are located on the right. Signs will be on the highway and reader board.

*July 30-August 2
Silver Cove RV Park
Silver Lake, Washington*

Well, wagon masters Joe & Donna Coorough came through on their promise of a fun outing, in spite of horrendously high temperatures. Joining the Coorough's for one heck of a good time, Warren Anderson & Joyce Norquist, John & Florence Cook, Greg & Lynn Dickey, Ken & Jeanne Foster, Jerry & Robyn Gleim, Jeff & Carole Grindstaff, Dennis, Carletta, and Meghan Klarich, David & Kathie Ritter, Shelley Van Sickle, and guests, Joe & Carol Robel. Joining us on Saturday, Dave & Karen Garinger, Bob & Sevie Isbell.

Beginning Thursday afternoon, 2:00 pm *sharp*, everyone gathered to begin playing 'Survivor Fuki-Dorma.' Headbands were given out for all to wear, and clues for the hidden immunity idol. Next, the sought-after immunity necklace and all its glory revealed. Giuseppe the Magnificent increased the excitement and enthusiasm by revealing the history of the infamous Fuki-Dorma tribe with instructions to pay attention to details.

Shortly thereafter, the first immunity challenge began – the golf ball on a rope toss. Several tribe members went on to the second round which was eventually won by Jerry Gleim. The immunity necklace was his until the next day's challenge.

In the meantime, everyone scattered to search for the immunity idol. It was not to be found this day.

After a great BBQ in the pavilion, it was time for tribal council, complete with a fire pit and immunity torches. Well, not exactly torches, but colorful candles in place of torches. You get the picture. Five members were voted off and became the first members of the jury.

Early Friday morning, as everyone began to congregate around the 'office', a women's red, flimsy nighttime attire was spotted hanging from the Coorough coach. Hum, where did this come from?

Shortly thereafter, Jeanne Foster joined the group surrounding the Coorough coach in search of the immunity idol, and *accidentally* leaned up against the opening of the hood cover. Wa-la, there it was to their dismay of Florence, Carole, and Carletta! Jeanne's first words were, "It's mine!"

Later in the afternoon, again, at 2:00 pm *sharp*, the second Survivor challenge took place. This time it was a golf chipping contest. After an unsuccessful first round with no winner, we proceeded to round two where Florence Cook won the coveted immunity necklace, and she wore it proudly.

Dinner was once again in the pavilion, this time with a variety of appetizers brought by tribal members. As usual, everything was superb.

Ditto for night number two and tribal council, where another five members would be voted off and become members of the jury. The fire pit hummed along but we gave up on the immunity candles, since they would not stay lit!

Jeanne decided not to play the immunity idol that evening. After the voting took place, we ended up with a three-way tie (Jeanne, Robyn, Carletta). One of the three persons was to be voted off, along with four others. To break the tie, Giuseppe asked a question about the history of the Fuki-Dorma (he told you to pay attention!). Jeanne won the playoff and still had the idol, which worked to her advantage. She would automatically become one of the two finalists.

Saturday afternoon was the final immunity challenge held in the pavilion - 'pitching pennies.' Several made it to the second round, but Carletta ultimately won and would become the second finalist.

Both Jeanne and Carletta spend the remainder of the afternoon preparing their speeches as to why the members of the jury should vote for them. Both did a great job and presented their reasons at final tribal council/happy hour. After a close vote, Jeanne emerged the winner of Survivor Fuki-Dorma. Much to Carletta's surprise, as runner-up, she received the red, flimsy nighttime attire. Thrilled she was!

After a dinner of BBQ beef kabobs and teriyaki chicken, along with some great dishes to go along with the entrée, and much laughter, we spent a pleasant evening enjoying the sunset and a comfortable temperature.

Sunday morning - Joe was up and about early, ready to flip pancakes in his 'Grill Instructor' apron; Donna choose a 'John Deer' creation from the Martha Stewart collection while tending to the sausages and ham. Everyone brought fresh fruit for the fruit bowl.

Additional activities throughout the 'tribal experience' kept us busy as well; boating excursions through the lilly pads by Captain Dennis, golfing, shopping, the water balloon fight (courtesy of Carletta & Meghan). Oh yes, who could forget the table decorations on Sunday morning (thanks to Greg & Lynn Dickey) – looked like there was a make-believe game of strip poker in the pavilion the previous night, and it was obvious the women lost, big time! There were empty miniature bottles of liquor all over the table, alongside a great poker hand. Wonder who got lucky?

Then there was the budding romance in full-swing.....

Thank you all for being such good sports, Greg & Lynn for the selective attire on the Coorough coach, and the Sunday morning table decorations!

Updates

Welcome to new members Joe & Carol Robel from Olympia, who recently joined our chapter. We look forward to seeing you at future outings!



Get well wishes go out to Karen Garinger who had foot surgery last month. Those wishes also go out to Jeanne Foster who also had arm surgery this past month. We hope you both are on your way to recovery!



Best wishes to those celebrating August birthdays and anniversaries!

Birthdays

13th Joyce Norquist
14th Robyn Gleim
16th Yoshie Roberts
26th David Ritter
27th Carole Grindstaff
27th Richard Lamb

Anniversaries

6th Greg & Lynn Dickey
19th Ken & Jeanne Foster
24th Dennis & Janet Wachter
25th Ron & Edna Wines
30th John & Florence Cook

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