

Rainier Ramblers RV Club



A Washington State Chapter of Winnebago Itasca Travelers

~ May 2010 Newsletter ~

June 24-27



*Icicle River RV Park
Leavenworth, Washington*

The time is finally here. In June we are headed to Leavenworth, where the weather should be sunny and warmer. Joyce Norquist and Nancy Flanagan will be wagon masters.

For those of you arriving early, bring a meat to BBQ and a salad to share on Thursday. [Please bring BBQ grills.](#) The wagon masters will provide dessert. (I wonder what those 2 girls are up to??)

On Friday night, the wagon masters ask you to bring finger foods to share.

Saturday we will be having a Taco bar. Some of the items to bring are lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, grated cheese, onions, sour cream, soft taco shells, and avocados. Please co-ordinate with Nancy at flanagan96@yahoo.com.

Also don't forget your fruit for the fruit bowl on Sunday morning.

There are 14 rigs signed up, so you can plan your food accordingly. If you have not made reservations, please do so, only 2 spots remain.

Contact Joyce ASAP at Jnorquist@q.com. Please call the park directly for extended days at 509-548-5420. See you all there!

Area Information

The area offers great dining, hiking, horse back riding, rafting, miniature and regular golf. You may need to take a trip or two into town to sample German/Bavarian sausages, cheese, or pick up those necessary trinkets in the quaint Bavarian village of Leavenworth. Also nearby are several produce markets.

Park Information

- Do not forget your laptop - the park is modem friendly!
- Check in time is anytime after 1:00 pm. Due to the limited size of the "check-in" waiting area, the park has requested we limit the size of our caravans to three coaches at a time, with approximately 20 minutes between groups.
- Any spaces reserved, but not occupied, will be charged to the club. *The park must be notified one week prior to the outing should you need to cancel your reservation.*
- Please note: The park does not have outlets in the Pavilion for making coffee; there are no stoves or refrigerators available for our use; we cannot use electric fry pans or warmers in the Pavilion. Please be prepared to do any cooking in your motor homes.

DIRECTIONS: From the center of Leavenworth, go one mile West on US Highway 2, SW to 7305 Icicle Road. The resort entrance is on the left. (See map on next page).

June 11-13
Show & Tell at Poulsbo RV
Kent, Washington

The Show & Tell has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

July 22-25
[Silver Cove RV Park](#)
Silver Lake, Washington

There is no wagon master for this outing. Please contact Joe at jcoo@comcast.net if you are interested in attending. If no interest is shown, the outing will be cancelled.

August 5- 8



[American Sunset](#) RV Park
Westport, WA

Howdy y'all -- It's time to make your plans for the "Rainier Ramblers WESTPORT ROUNDUP" – August 5 thru 8 at American Sunset RV in Westport, Washington.

Your wagon masters, Greg & Lynn Dickey, Jerry & Robyn Gleim and Rod & Sandie Wilson have lots of cowboy fun planned for the weekend.

Get your reservations made early (at least 30 days prior to the outing). Call American Sunset directly to make your reservations (1-800-569-2267). Sites are \$32.22 per night. Also be sure to e-mail or call one of the wagon masters to let them know you will be there.

YEE-HA!! And YIPPEE-AAY-YAY!! Our scouts tell us the plans look something like this:

Thursday – circle the wagons, then dinner on your own or at the Pizza place across the street – followed by cards in the clubhouse, if there is interest.

Friday – free to roam the plains (or the port!) for the morning & afternoon. Happy hour and appetizers at 4:30 pm in the clubhouse. **Bring what you want to drink and an appetizer to share.** Dinner on your own (if you're still hungry!). Cowboy Poker later in the clubhouse.

Saturday – Activities start around 11:00 (there may be a club meeting earlier). We'll gather at the clubhouse to form teams and get our planned activity underway. Plan on a happy hour, followed by a wild-West BBQ of burgers, beans and corn on the cob. **Bring a salad to share.** After dinner we'll get the campfire going, your wagon masters will provide dessert and we'll share stories around the campfire.

Sunday – Since it is a bit of drive home, breakfast will be Continental style. **Bring fruit for the fruit bowl.**

More details will be provided at the next outing, but this should give you enough info to plan what you want to bring. Also be sure to bring your Western duds (hats, boots, shirts.....remember, your denim Rainier Rambler shirt would work!) to wear as we round 'em up and head 'em out!!

So, mark your calendars for August 5-8 to get your "wagon" loaded up, head west (and south) to WESTport, grab your best Western attire, and bring your appetite for cowboy food to the Rainier Rambler WESTPORT ROUNDUP -- plan on some good ole' sh**-kicking fun!

Dick Brown has coordinated a fishing expedition for those interested on August 6. The fishing captain is Steve Westrick; the boat, the Hula Girl. Dick reserved spaces for 10 people. The boat will leave at 6:30 am. Price is 115.00. Any one interested please let Dick know at [mrbrown1939@charter.net](mailto: mrbrown1939@charter.net) or call him at 509-663-4995. Catch of the day: rockfish and ling cod.

Hope to see you all there ---

*Extended Outing May 14-19
Horn Rapids RV Resort, Richland, Washington*

This extended outing was held a week before NWRR as a joint outing with the Fraser Valley Explorers. Joe & Donna Coorough were hosts. Great turn-out with twenty four coaches, 12 from each club. From the Rainier Ramblers: JD & Kathy Allen, Dick & Sandy Brown, Joseph & Donna Coorough, Greg & Lynn Dickey, Daniel & Nancy Flanagan, Ken & Jeanne Foster, Jerry & Robyn Gleim, Jeff & Carole Grindstaff, Richard & Terry Lamb, first time attendees, Harlan & Mary Jo Stientjes, Rod & Sandra Wilson, and new members Rick & Paula Huls (who joined at NWRR).

The Coorough's put together some activities during the outing that were (hopefully) interesting, fun, rewarding, stimulating, and exciting. Well.....at least fun.

Most arrived on Friday, but for those arriving on Thursday, it was a day to enjoy the warm, sunny weather, and explore on your own, or just hang out with members to catch up prior to the happy hour at the clubhouse.

Friday night for dinner, our hosts prepared dinner for 48 people with our club providing the salads and desserts.

Late Saturday morning, the Coorough's arranged visits to several local wineries for tasting some great wines, while others stayed behind to recuperate from a very busy week.

Sunday morning, the Fraser Valley Explorers, and short order cook Joe, the egg man, provided a hearty breakfast of ham, eggs, and pancakes.

Sunday afternoon activities included a beanbag baseball tournament; Team USA vs. Team Canada - revenge for the Olympic hockey match - do you think? Team Canada won by two points. Rats!

Following a wonderful potluck dinner later that evening, Lynn Dickey prepared her famous Margaritas Jose, prior to the long awaited Karaoke contest. Ode to joy! Everyone was told to bring their sense of humor and be prepared for some good, old fashion fun! Mission accomplished. Greg Dickey won the prize for best singing and guitar playing. Yeah, Margarita-ville!

Monday and Tuesday, many of the Fraser Valley Explorers departed for Moses Lake to prepare for parking duties at the rally, while the rest of us recovered from the Karaoke experience.

*Northwest Regional Rally
May 20-23
Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, Washington*

Wednesday morning, many of us caravanned to Moses Lake where Wash-I-Bago and the Fraser Valley Explorers hosted the NWRR with a 'Wagons West' theme. What a great rally, one of the best we have attended. A plus, all of the Rainier Ramblers were able to secure full hook-ups. Cowboy and cowgirls attending: Joseph & Donna Coorough, Daniel & Nancy Flanagan, Ken & Jeanne Foster, Rick & Paula Huls, Richard & Terry Lamb, Joyce Norquist, Harlan & Mary Jo Stientjes, Margo Wall, and Rod & Sandra Wilson.

So many activities to keep us busy with indoor and outdoor games; bean bag baseball; Bingo, entertainment on Friday night; great dealer and vendor displays; ice cream social; craft competition; golf tournament; many interesting seminars; craft project; and line dancing instructions.

A beautiful memorial service organized by Lois Tressel, was much appreciated, especially by the veterans who received Canadian commemorative pins. We also honored members who passed away during the past year.

Joyce and Margo placed a red rose in a vase to remember Warren and Dar, both who passed away in late 2009.

Our chapter was responsible for indoor games and all went well. We also hosted the Craft Competition Contest Saturday morning. Donna and Sandra Wilson both second place ribbons for their scrapbook and wine glasses respectively.

Saturday night entertainment was a surprise visit from Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, and Pasty Cline, all from the Fraser Valley Explorers. What a hoot!

The Fraser Valley Explorers did an outstanding job of co-hosting the rally with parking duties, preparing lunch on Friday, the ice cream social, dinner on Saturday night, entertainment, decorations, etc. The covered wagons as table decorations received rave reviews; the wanted posters with various WIT and Wash-I-Bago members were very appropriate and lots of fun; the organization, outstanding. Thank you for one of the best rallies ever!

Updates

Welcome to new members Rick & Paula Huls from Renton, Washington. We look forward to seeing you again at one of our upcoming events.

Joe & Donna Coorough and Joyce Norquist and her elves, Nancy Flanagan and Sandra Wilson, will host the Christmas party December 4 at the Tacoma Elks Lodge. Joyce has asked that everyone begin a project for contribution to this year's auction. Suggestions: homemade items that have made our club members famous, (Christmas ornaments, jewelry, needlepoint, craft items, paintings, quilts, sewing items, etc. Last year's auction brought in \$350 for our charity!

Critter update: Joe & Donna introduced the new addition to their family, 8-week old English Springer spaniel puppy named Hannah, Duchess of Temper Tantrums. We are seeking guidance.

General Information

Joyce has club windsocks for sale, \$22 each and flags, \$12 each.

President's Message



We had a wonderful outing at Horn Rapids RV Resort in Richland. We not only had twelve of our club attend but twelve coaches also joined us from our friends of the Frasier Valley explorers. What a great way to start the summer season of outings (now if only the weather got the message that it is summer).

As May comes to a close and we celebrate Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer please take the time to remember those who have put themselves in harms way to provide us the freedoms we enjoy.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our future outings, as always travel safe.

Thanks, Ken



Best wishes to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

May

Birthdays

4th Dave Garinger
10th Edna Wines
17th Dan Johnson

Anniversaries

10th Dennis & Carletta Klarich

June

Birthdays

10th Kathy Allen
15th Carletta Klarich
16th Jeff Grindstaff
27th Paul VanDyke
30th Dianne Cambern

Anniversaries

7th Jerry & Robyn Gleim
18th Richard & Terry Lamb
19th Bob & Sevie Isbell
19th Harlan & Mary Jo Stientjes
27th JD & Kathy Allen



Memorial Day is more than a three-day weekend marking the beginning of summer. To the nation's veterans and our current military personnel, it is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country. However, it is not limited to honor only those Americans from the armed forces. It is not only traditionally a time of celebration and family outings, but also a day for remembrance by families to honor the memories of loved ones who have passed away.

2010 Officers

President	Ken Foster	ktfoster@comcast.net
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The Rainier Ramblers, established in June 1985, is one of the nine chapters of Winnebago Itasca Travelers (WIT) in Washington State. Membership is comprised of people from the greater South Puget Sound area.

As an owner of a Winnebago-Itasca motor home, we know prospective members have a love of the outdoors and open road. Our chapter members enjoy sharing RV experiences; our outings are about good family fun and camaraderie that RV'ers enjoy. Come join the fun!

Be sure to check our Rainier Ramblers' web site on a regular basis for the latest club information www.rainierramblers.org

Rainier Ramblers RV Club
Minutes from May 18, 2010 special meeting

Meeting was called to order at Horn Rapids RV Park, Richland, Washington at 10:00 am by President Ken Foster.

Officers in Attendance: Ken Foster, President, Joe Coorough, Vice President, Donna Coorough, Secretary.

Members present: Joe & Donna Coorough, Greg & Lynn Dickey, Ken & Jeanne Foster, Robyn Gleim, Carole Grindstaff, Dick & Terry Lamb, Harlan Stientjes, and Rod & Sandra Wilson.

Item of discussion: donation to charity in Dar Kinnaman's name. Motion made, seconded, voted upon, and approved to donate \$100 to the American Heart Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am

Respectfully submitted
Donna Coorough, Secretary

Please review the minutes and treasurer's report prior to the next meeting.

Rainier Ramblers RV Club
Minutes from May 21, 2010

Meeting was called to order at NWRR, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, Washington at 4:45 pm by President Ken Foster.

Officers in Attendance: Ken Foster, President, Joe Coorough, Vice President, Donna Coorough, Secretary, Joyce Norquist, Treasurer.

Members present: Joe & Donna Coorough, Dan & Nancy Flanagan, Ken & Jeanne Foster, Rick & Paula Huls, Dick & Terry Lamb, Joyce Norquist, Harlan & Mary Jo Stientjes, Margo Wall, and Rod & Sandra Wilson.

>President's Report

Ken reported on the special meeting held at Horn Rapids RV Park regarding a donation in Dar Kinnaman's name to the American Heart Association. Margo requested the donation be sent to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

>Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was presented by Joyce Norquist. Members approved the report as published in the newsletter and filed for audit.

- Joyce reported the following information:

We now have 29 paid members;

All deposits will be refunded for clubhouse use;

Thank you note received from Beth Rivard, Executive Director of the Prison Pet Partnership Program for the club's donation last Christmas;

Explanation of our charity project explained to new members. At last year's Christmas party, we collected \$350.50 which will go to the Prison Pet Partnership Program this year

>Vice-President's Report

- Joe informed us our club responsibility at the State rally is the ice cream social. He volunteered to help the Fraser Valley Explorers at NWRR and received some great tips.
- Up for discussion at Horn Rapids, and not part of the minutes, was the suggestion to change the proposed outing for November 2011 from the Outback RV Park in Rochester to Midway RV Park, Centralia.

➤ Secretary's Report

- Donna will send Paula Huls information on the club's charity, Prison Pet Partnership Program.
- A belated thank you sent to Jill Orozco, Lia Sophia, for her donation of jewelry at last year's auction.
- Minutes from previous years copied and will be available at club meetings should we need to refer to them.

- Web Master

Let Ken know if there is anything you would like added to the web site. Good feed-back from everyone as being very informative.

- OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

➤ NEW BUSINESS

Welcome to new members Harlan & Mary Jo Stientjes and Rick & Paul Huls.

From the president's meeting and Wash-I-Bago general meeting, Ken relayed the following information:

- Wash-I-Bago installed a new secretary and will be looking for a new president, second vice president (the first vice president resigned but they are looking for a second vice president) at the State rally.
- Inland Empire Explorers, Valley Vagabonds and Apple Rovers will need help at State. San Juanderers will now do parking and set up. Apple Rovers and Valley Vagabonds are working together to do decorations. Inland Empire Explorers will need help with the booth for the raffle.
- With regard to the need for two rallies per year, Ken stated there is a requirement from WIT for a minimum number of meetings per year. NWRR encompasses Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. The State rally includes Washington only; however, any Wash-I-Bago member may attend or hold an office. Consequently, there is a need for 2 separate Board of Directors.
- Contracts have been negotiated at Lynden to extend the State Rally through 2014.

- At the State rally this year, there will be a catered meal on Friday (chicken and steak). The cost is currently being negotiated and will be included in your rally fee.

Good feed back from our new members. There was an explanation of how potential new members are contacted, workings of Wash-I-Bago and how the Chapter of Excellence is achieved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm

Respectfully submitted
Donna Coorough, Secretary