



October Newsletter

Happy October everyone and of course Happy Halloween. I'd like to welcome some new members who joined this year. I encourage all of you to send a short bio to Roslyn Ginnis who will forward the information to me and I'll add the bios to the newsletter so we can use this platform to introduce you to all our current members. I will also encourage current members to do the same so that we can stay in touch with one another. You will find Roslyn's email address in the member list on our home page.

Again welcome to all our new members.

To all our current members, as President, I'm going to make it official and let all of you know that we will roll over 2020 membership dues into 2021. We really didn't utilize our dues for any of our regular programs this year. As it stands I don't see an end to the pandemic in the near future (this year), so it doesn't seem right to charge our current members for 2021 when we already have the funds to cover next year.

I know some of our members are still camping and I've included a summary of a recent trip up to Oregon and back.

I've also included some information from our webmaster, Ron Nelson regarding accessing birthday and anniversary information on our website in the membership section.

Birthdays and Anniversaries reports for a select month:

You get to them by following these steps:

- Click on the Members Only button in the heading.
- If you haven't already done so Sign In using the common password
- The Directory menu item will now appear in the heading. Click it and...
- Select either the Birthday List or the Anniversary List.
- Select the month you'd like to see and Click Okay.

That's it.

If you'd rather just see a list of all of the birthdays and/or anniversaries use these steps:

- Click on the Members Only button in the heading.
- If you haven't already done so Sign In using the common password
- Now click on Members Only and Birthdays or Anniversaries.

That's it...again.

MEET YOUR FELLOW RV WHEELERS

Since we can't yet meet together in person, we're continuing to highlight our awesome members! Some you know, and some you don't! If you enjoy these stories, consider sending me yours for future issues! They will become a link on our website directory.

Roslyn Ginnis, Membership VP rlynnie69@gmail.com



NEW MEMBERS



We are Susan and Wanda, new to Laguna Woods last year. We had time to attend a meeting or two while we worked on remodeling our home, but by the time we moved in permanently in April, activities had begun to shut down. What a great idea to ask us to introduce ourselves in the newsletter!

We moved up from a pop-up trailer to a towable about two years ago. Our trailer is a 23' Winnebago Micro-Minnie, a sort of new product in the Winnebago line.

Purchasing a home in the Village last summer kept us too busy to camp, and this summer has been crazy, so we look forward to some adventures soon.

We like to camp in areas where we can wander in nature (Wanda likes to fly-fish), so we often camp where there are no hook-ups. Some of our favorite locations for camping are Dorst Creek in Sequoia NP (we

like to see the resident bears...socially distanced, of course ☺), Virginia Lakes in the Eastern Sierra, Lost Dutchman in Apache Junction, AZ, June Lake, Mammoth and Big Bear. We love the trees and like to hike. We have taken many birding classes, so that's always a draw for us.

We were able to participate in a field trip to Plumas County, CA this summer as a culmination of our class, but our plan to take the trailer was upset when the campground was closed to travelers in May. We rented a house for this trip, but we would love to camp in that beautiful area of Northern CA not far from Reno, NV.

We hope to meet fellow campers from our club out on the road.





Hi Everyone–

We're Mike & Dionne Wilson and we're very happy to be new members of The Wheelers. We joined the club even before we had purchased our new (new to us) 2005 Monaco Diplomat. We had been thinking about RV-ing for a while because a good friend has a Monaco Knight that he and his wife live in fulltime and they would often tell us how much they enjoyed it. We had been looking at a Class-C motorhome when our friend suggested that we begin at the top, so to speak, and skip the expenses of trading up. He recommended the year and model we should be looking for and right when Covid-19 hit we were ready to pull the trigger. We found our "Mobile Mansion" in Temecula and bought it from the second owner, who insisted (and I didn't argue) that we take a few lessons before he would give us the keys. As everyone knows, there is a lot to learn.



We took our first trip to Flying Flags RV Park in Buellton and then to Eugene, Oregon. While in Eugene we toured the Cummins factory and then went to look at the Allison transmission facility that is literally right next door. We were also fortunate to meet one of the Monaco mechanics/builders who might have had his hands on our coach at some point. He had a lot of interesting stories to tell. We then crossed over to the coast and to Coos Bay for some excellent seafood and then took the 101 back home. One of the things that we are most impressed with is how friendly everyone is in the RV community. We've gotten excellent advice and helpful suggestions from so many wonderful people. We are grateful to be living in Laguna Woods (8 years now) and to be members of the Wheelers.



LOVE OUR "SEASONED" WHEELERS



Dee Wennerstrom

I have been a member of the RV Club (when it was called the Leisure Wheelers) since I moved here in late 1999. I have served in every role on the Board, except Secretary and Treasurer. I served as President for three straight years (2016-17-18). It is my feeling that you get so much more out of an organization if you actively participate.

What a great group of people we have in our club.

My father lived here in Leisure World for 14 years which is why I decided to move here. I was still working when I moved here, but in 2000 I retired after 25 years as Administrative and Human Resources Manager for an Orange County water district. Within a month of retiring I piled my 93-year old father and 13-year old grandson into my 30-foot Southwind Class A motor home and we headed off for Alaska where my youngest daughter lived. That was a great three-month round trip. I have done several solo, cross country trips since then.

I have four lovely daughters, living in California, Tennessee and Alaska, and a son who lives in Oklahoma so I have lots of reasons to travel. Unfortunately I sold my

motor home a few years ago, so I am reduced to flying. I still get to go RV'ing occasionally however, because of a group of single ladies in the RV Wheelers forming what we call the "WOW Ladies" (Wonderful, Outrageous Women). We have been on a number of RV trips and also meet up for happy hours, dinners, or a day at the beach. See WOW article on a subsequent page.



Peggy Jefferson

I have been a part time resident here for years and have belonged to the Wheelers for quite a few years and attended most of the meetings when here. I have a 28 foot Allegro Open Road and it is in lot A. Have joined an Allegro group and an FMCA group but obviously have not been camping for some time. Hopefully, in October!!

I'm now a full time resident of Laguna Woods.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

August 2020---Itchy Wheels
Adventure.....

Our RV Wheels were Itchy!

With physical social distancing in our minds and bring along masks, we decided to take our VACATION up the California coast and into Oregon. Yes, we skipped town for a few weeks of RV traveling. Heading north for cooler weather, and to visit with friends along the way.

Our first stop was at Santa Barbara Elks RV camping area at the lodge. Once we landed and felt the lay of the land, and decided to venture over to one of our favorite local Santa Barbara's restaurants and patio dining, Los Agave restaurant. Excellent Mexican food. Then we rested up for the next day's RV journey to Atascadero Elks' Lodge, Atascadero, CA.

We reach Atascadero #2733, Elks Lodge RV area, where we would meet up with other friends from the Woods. Full hook ups, at a reasonable price. We stayed a couple of days. Hot weather ensued, but beautiful cool evenings. Outside sitting, snacking and catch up on the gas prices were discussed as well many other Fun topics.

Onward we traveled up to Salinas Elks Lodge #614, a large open RV parking area with partial hook ups. Nice and a

friendly Camp Host and fairly easy area for gas fill up.

We left Salinas for our travel to the next stop, Petaluma Elks #901 RV area, again very friendly camp host and nice clean RV parking. Great sandwich shop in the front of the lodge area, we visited with fellow RV Woods travelers on the grassy area, with cool nights enjoyed by all.

All of the Elks Lodges were closed due to Covid 19, so we were unable to go inside and visit. All of the Woods traveling gang were Elks members and RV Wheelers.

Our next stop was up the coast here we stayed on the beach in Crescent City, California at Shoreline RV Park. We have stayed here before and enjoy listening to sound of ocean waves crashing right outside our RV. We often try the Chinese restaurant (Wing Wah) in town, which has great food but this time they were closed. Only take out and smaller menu, was available, so the decision to try the outside dining (roast beef sandwiches, yummy) at the local Casino, which also included a little social distancing and slots machines play inside. How much did you win Jim???

Onward HO, up to Oregon, Jim and I, traveling through the beautiful Giant red wood trees, we stayed at Giant

Redwood RV Park. Nice tucked away park, quiet, clean with great smells of Giant Redwood trees in the air.

On to the coast of Oregon, we stopped at Irelands RV Park at Golds Beach. The RV Park needed some repair, but the location was great right on the sandy beach. And the park was full. They have a light house right in the RV Park. A wonderful picture taking spot, and we all took Pictures, Pictures. We all enjoyed a splashy ride on Jerry's Jet Boats and the tour of the Old Water Mail Route on the Rogue River. Half way down the beautiful Rogue we stopped to have lunch, at Cougar Lane Lodge. Yummy again. This is where we had the pleasure of watching the Hydro/Turbo River Boat races, what a thrill to see. This is something the locals do every year in the summer.

That evening back at our rigs, with Woods gang of friends, we got together and enjoyed an Italian Dinner at the Furlan's rig, and yummy desert brought by friends and fellow RV Wheelers Mike and Donna Langgle who were staying in Brookings, Oregon.

Onward some of us went off to Coos Bay and Mills Casino RV Park. Jim and I traveled to Brookings, Oregon. (Keeping our travel time in check for Jim's work schedule). We stayed at Beachside RV Park on the ocean, at the port harbor in Brookings, Oregon. The weather was cool and clear, high of 68 degrees.



There we met friends who are staying there for a month. We enjoyed visiting and going to dinner at Brookings, Elks Lodge #1934. Steamers, and fish and chips on the menu, yummy.

We left there to travel to the Rogue River RV Park in Shady Cove, Oregon, where we were parked right on the Rogue River. We watched the Eagles fly over the river and the salmon jumping up stream. We saw deer drinking from the river's edge and geese swimming in the Rogue. This is one of our favorite spots. We've e stayed there many times.

We have soothed the itchy RV wheels for a little time, with the wonderful memories we will have of our summer RV travel 2020. As we headed home we promised to return next year up the Coast to Beautiful Oregon.

Carol & Jim Lapierre.....



WOW – Wonderful Outrageous Women

Rather than write a book about the “5 best guns to have when traveling alone”, living the RV dream on the open road seemed a much better alternative when I retired 20+ years ago. After owning RVs for more than 25 years, I wondered what to do as a single lady who loves to travel once I sold my last rig? How about “5 best friends to have when traveling”?

Single RV ladies who finally decide to take the step of RV’ing alone, learn the basics of their RV, listen to their “gut” about stopping in certain spots and learn to overcome their inner fears. Many will often make friends and end up travelling (at least part of the time) with folks they meet on the road. Some will take extra precautions such as staying within sight of other RV’ers, putting two pairs of boots outside their doors, or travelling with pets, but others just fly free and take it in stride. The important point is that being solo doesn’t stop them from RV’ing, or sometimes even boondocking.

Early in 2015, I recognized that the RV Wheelers had several single women with RVs – some rarely going on rallies with the club. One was even full-timing it for months at a time with a singles RV club. So Nadine World and I took the first step to get these ladies together to find out if they were interested in maybe helping each other out with RV-related issues and maybe doing some trips together. We hosted a little “get together” with wine and appetizers and talked about what might interest us as a group.

Then we planned our first trip – a nearby, 3-day trip to San Mateo Campground, across from the beach in San Clemente. No hookups there, so that presented some issues new to some of us. Boy, did we have a great time! There were five of us. We all were responsible for bringing and cooking our own meals. Since I had sold my RV after 25 years of RV’ing, one of the ladies shared her rig with me and one of us had a

very nice dog. We all cooked on one BBQ for dinner, then ate our meals together; we went on walks and had long talks around the camp fire in the evening. While we didn't solve the problems of the world, we had a great time! We've had happy hours, dinners out, beach picnics, more happy hours, afternoons with table games, and more camping trips.

We started five years ago with five women; and we have since had other single ladies join our group - so now we are 11! We all seem to get along well together and have

given each other lots of help and advice. We are open to any ladies who are members of the RV Wheelers club who want to join us for our get-togethers. Doesn't matter if you are single or married, but this group is for women only.

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