



2011 Oregon/Washington Joint State Rally

With a hint of smoke in the air from a nearby forest fire, 53 Ramblers began rolling into Mt Hood Village and RV Park on Friday. The weekend was spent with new and old acquaintances, enjoying the surroundings, and the local restaurants. The planners of the Rally: Jim and Marcy Carleton, Oregon State Manager; and Jim and Patty Wood, Washington Assistant State Manager; assisted by Ed and Betty

Schallhorn, Washington State Manager, worked while everyone played.

On Monday, a caravan left for Portland's Chinese and Japanese Gardens while others checked out the many ski resorts, mountain roads, trout farm, etc. A seminar was conducted in the afternoon by Mary Moppins, the Cleaning Systems lady. After socializing, everybody did their own thing, dinner in/out, games, TV.

Tuesday, the Opening Ceremonies for the Rally were conducted by MC Carol Menor. The colors were posted by Chapter 421's Frank Menor, Stan Hughes and Jerry Rose. Region VIII Director Wanda Smith and Jerry were introduced and welcomed the attendees. Dan Girdner was recognized for third place in the amateur class in the 2011 Newsletter contest. A caravan then departed for the Timberline Ski Resort Lodge, one of a series built by the WPA in the National Parks in 1937. Dave and LJ's RV Interior Design gave a review of the replacements that they can make to revitalize an RV – Flexsteel furniture, floors, TV cabinets. The Fire Marshal from the Hoodland department discussed types/usage of extinguishers. After the social hour and a Mexican dinner sponsored by Dave and LJ's Interiors, the Bingo players gathered. Caller Jim Wood and his committee of Marcy Carleton, Sue Day and Patty Wood, did a great job.

June Isaak's 23 blankets tied 76 warm and fuzzies for donation to the Annie Ross Shelter for homeless families. Attendees brought their wares to Show and Sell. After lunch, Carol Vincent taught a class in wire-wrapped bracelets. Outdoor Games chairmen Rick and Del-Sa Vilhauer and Bill Hepperle organized a rollicking game of baseball. After the Social Hour, dinner was followed by the well-known Pierre Garau, pianist, and Ellen Whyte, guitarist, providing vocals and instrumentals.

Thursday was meeting time for Region and State Councils. A maintenance seminar was led by J & S RV Service. The Government Camp caravan and stay-at-homes enjoyed the Farm and City Insurance's Ice Cream Social. After the Social Hour, an excellent catered dinner was sponsored by Paul Evert's of Portland's Lambert Ross. The colors were retired shortly afterward. The drawings ended the proceedings.

A big thanks to the Schallhorns, the Woods and Laurance Obie for the delicious breakfasts and dinners; and, to all the others who contributed time and effort to the success of this Rally.

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