

LABOR DAY

ROGUE VALLEY WINGS NEWS LETTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2009



Ken and I would like to take this time to Thank You all for helping make this years rally a successful one. We took 2 first place trophies and with out you it would not have been possible. We are a great group because of you.

Thanks again, Ken and Betty

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S:

Janet Farrington -- Sept. 3
Gariann Bowling -- Sept. 8
Don Duryea -- Sept. 8
Marty Warren -- Sept. 30



ANNIVERSARY:

Steve and Vickie Eames -- Sept. 17



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Region A camp out --Sept. 4-7
Salem KOA
Chapter A Camp out -- Sept. 4-7
Doe Point -- Fish Lake
Business Meeting -- Sept. 13
3 PM-Starkes club house
Rogue Valley Wings Meeting -- Sept. 19
Meet, Greet & Eat -- Sept. 23 & 30
Burger King - 1835 NE 7th St, G.P.

CHECK CALENDAR FOR UPDATES

Rogue Valley Wings General Meeting August 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ken at 9:00 a.m. There are 29 members and 3 guests in attendance. Ken introduced the guests. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Ken talked about some of the past rides we have taken. He also mentioned some of the fun trips some of our members have taken this summer. Bud and Gariann are still out traveling on their trike.

Today we go to Sutherlin for the Blackberry Festival. Bonnie and Larry are going to the Irish (Celtic) Festival in Winston. Tomorrow there is a logging show in Prospect or a ride to Crater Lake.

State Rally is next weekend. It starts on Friday and should be a blast. Those who aren't camping will need a day pass.

Fish Lake is our Labor Day campout this year. There are no hook ups there so plan to bring propane. There is water available and an actual flushing toilet. Showers are available down the road. It does get cold at night so plan accordingly. Bug spray is also a good idea.

Meet at Sonic in Medford at 6:30 Thursday for an informal dinner or snack. This is a way to meet some more people. All bikes welcome.

Don Coons wants to take a helmet safety tour in Sacramento. He will make reservations. See him if you are interested in going along.

Carmen suggested we put out a bucket every month to collect donations for the Grants Pass food bank as times are tough. All agreed.

We are doing a meet and greet and eat on Wednesday nights at 6:30 the 2nd and 4th Wed. of every month.

The September meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. as the days are getting shorter already. Come earlier to eat ahead of time.

Scott talked about safety. When you're in a parking lot be careful about where you park watching for gravel, oil, pine needles etc. If the bike goes down, just let it go and don't hurt your back.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Randy Kilpatrick for \$47.50. Very cool! Then he donated it to the food bank fund. Thank you, Randy

Meeting adjourned.

Carmen Warren
Secretary



**MR. RANDY MONEY
WINNER & DONNA**

After the meeting Ken & Betty, Carmen & Marty, Randy & Karen, Scott & Sharon, Don & Rose, Clarence & Vickie, Dave and Cindy and Jerry took off for Sutherlin for the Blackberry festival. This began with a beautiful cool morning. We stopped in Canyonville at Burger King for a break. From there we went straight to Sutherlin.

There was a wonderful exhibit of fabulous old cars to view. They were restored to the original or restored and tricked out. They had beautiful paint jobs and were simply fun to see.

The booths were selling all kinds of wares. Some were an array of very "used" things and some were new unique things. There were hand-crafted items and some booths were selling new items bought to be sold during the summer. Of course there were plenty of food vendors.

We all split up and walked our own routes and seemed to meet up again at the food. Go figure. During our lunch break we noticed these very cute crocheted hats close to our table. Well, five of us bought a new hat. Please note, they are all different, quite colorful and lovely.

I must say the blackberry cobbler was wonderful and we had a wonderful day.

Carmen Warren (hot naughty debutante 1)



I am combining 3 weekends into this story as one led to the other.

August 2, Trees of Mystery

Starkes, Krois' and Randy met at Ken's shop at 9 AM and took off for Cave Junction to meet up with the Thomas'. After breakfast there we took off for Klamath, CA. To the Trees of Mystery. We first went through the museum. Then on to the main part of the trees. What an incredible breath taking experience. We took the sky cam ride to the top of the mountain, which is fantastic. We rode up with the Starkes' and Ken and Scotty scared the beejeebies out of me. Talking about the cable and it not holding up the car. We did make it to the top and it was so worth it. Standing there and looking out at what God has created for us leaves your mind and heart in awe of his magnificence. Going back down we rode with Randy and here we go again freaking me out... As we finished walking the rest of the way it made you thankful to have built such a wonderful memory for us all. Time for home and just as we got to our driveway it started to rain. We put the bike away and then came the hail. All in all it was still a beautiful day.

August 9 - We met at 9 AM on a cool crisp morning to head back to the coast and finish up our ride from last weekend. The Hancocks', Starkes', Wagys, Krois', and Randy all went and we met Bonnie over there while we were having pizza. After lunch it was on to Sea World where you got to touch and see the animals of the sea. Quite fascinating, especially Don and the mermaid. Bonnie held a starfish and one lady put her tongue into the center of it and it numbs your mouth. It was fascinating and we made sure we gave the guide a bad time. I petted two sharks one soft, the other like sandpaper. The seals and their tricks were really cool to see. We left to go to the lighthouse but the tide was in so we headed to the beach and thanks to Rose and

Don we had bubbles to play with. It is so neat to see how far out they go into the ocean. We saw a bird swoop down and catch a fish, and a helicopter. We stopped at Burger King for a drink and then came home to Cave Junction for dinner and dessert. It was a great day filled with laughter and love, one you hate to see end. But there is Crater Lake next weekend so the saga goes on...

Aug. 16 - Clarence and his granddaughter, Randy and Karin, Scotty and Sharon, Marty and Carmen, Dave and Cindy, Bill and Sue, Dick and Joyce, Larry and Bonnie and Ken and I all rode to Crater Lake. But first we had to stop and eat. We went to Sky's Restaurant in Shady Cove. The food and service was great only it took 1½ hours to get our food. Talk about starving. The waitress came in and banged a spoon against a cup to shut us up and said I am so sorry but the stove is broke. The look on Marty's face was PRICELESS!!!!!!! Then she said just kidding. Laugh - it seems we sure do a lot of that. Crater Lake was spectacular colors so pure and sharp. Company great and the weather perfect. Another fantastic weekend for our hearts memory book.....

Submitted by: Betty Krois

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE PICTURES ON THE WEB SITE AS THEY ARE FANTASTIC, THANK YOU SCOTTY FOR YOUR EXPERTISE, ALSO JUDY PUTS ALOT OF TIME INTO PUTTING THEM UP SO A BIG THANK YOU FOR HER TOO.



Larry and I just celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary yesterday, Aug 18th. We couldn't believe we have been together that long. Time sure does fly! We met thru a mutual friend, Jeanette. She was my co-worker and we were both single back in 1982 when we liked to go out and listen to music and dance. One evening when we were at Larry LaCasita's (now known as Herbs LaCasita) Jeanette saw Larry and said "I know that guy...he used to work with my ex". After a couple of dances, he asked me for my phone number, and I gave it to him as we both liked to dance.

We dated for over a year and got married in 1983 here in Grants Pass. I worked at that time for a physician/surgeon and when he retired, I had been there 23 years. Larry was working in the Josephine Co Sheriff's Office in the Corrections Department. He left in 1986 after a change in administration. He had been with the department for 8 yrs. We then bought an "18 wheeler" and Larry went Long Haul Driving....the worst mistake, he said, he has ever made. But I did learn to drive it too, and got to see a lot of this beautiful world I had never seen since I have always been a west-coast girl. He drove it for a couple of years, and then he had had enough. He went back to working in the lumber mills, which he had done prior to joining the JCSO.

We have three children between us. I have 2, a son, now 47 years and a daughter, now 43. Larry has a son now 46. Between us we have 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. I retired from the medical field 2 years ago and Larry retired just this year.

When we met, Larry was riding a 1978 Kawasaki KZ650. He has ridden most of his life since he was 15 years old. He has owned a Harley, Triumph, BSA, Yamaha, and now Hondas. He grew up in southern California and could ride all year

long. After moving to Alaska, he couldn't ride but 2 months out of the year....what a change! I had not ridden much (maybe twice on a scooter!) but I took to it fast as he was a very careful driver. As we moved up to a 1987 Aspencade, and now to our 1997 Aspencade, we are considering a trike sometime in the future. You know how it is with the old joints. Since we are both retired now, we hope to get to travel the states some, as well into Canada and Mexico. We love to ride and meet all the great GWTA people out there.



LARRY AND BONNIE BALLOY



SCHOOL BUSES ARE BACK ON THE ROADS
PLEASE TAKE CARE AND WATCH FOR THE
LITTLE ONES.

