

OR-LoW Good Time

Hood River County Fairgrounds
August 16-20, 2015

OR-LoW members arriving at the August camp-out at the Hood River County Fairgrounds on Sunday were greeted by *Glen A.* (as well as *Katy* and *Kitty!*) who had been there since Thursday! By Monday evening, ten additional members and two guests had arrived. Members present were *Glen A., Kathy B., Cecil K., Gloria L., Dorothy L., Laverne M., Karen M., Lori N., Birdie N., Geri O., and Celeste V.* We were pleased to welcome as guests full-timer *Judy Pirtle* from Texas, and prospective member, *Gail Foster*, from Portland.

We were pleased with the open, level camping area and spacious restrooms and showers provided at the Fairgrounds, which are located near Odell in a beautiful valley filled with apple and pear orchards west of Hood River. Although temperatures were in the 90's and smoke from forest fires in eastern Oregon and Washington was unpleasant at times, we managed to have a great time. We were thankful we could use our air conditioners!

The area outside Cecil's motorhome was the gathering place for coffee and conversation each morning and for all group gatherings. At Social Hour on Monday – the first “official” event - we introduced and told a little about ourselves. Cecil provided corn on the cob and the makings for sandwiches for the evening meal. Many thanks for preparing and providing this great meal, Cecil!

On Tuesday, various excursions were made into Hood River to shop at the local Wal-Mart and Safeway for items for tonight's potluck.



Upcoming Events

September 20

Fisherman's Point, Fall Creek, OR
Campout. Check out 9/24

October 12

Old Mill RV Park, Garibaldi, OR
Campout. Check out 10/16

November 17

Winter Luncheon 1P.M. Elmer's
Restaurant, 3550 Market St. Salem

Important Announcement

Winter Luncheons will only be held
the 3rd Tuesday of November and
April due to low turnout

President Cecil called the monthly business meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Kathy gave the treasurer's report, which was accepted. Cecil presented the camping schedule for 2016. He noted that although campground rates are increasing, some of the cost will be off-set by the decreased gas expense required to travel to closer locations.

Lori stated that due to the number of members who are “snowbirds” in the winter, the attendance at the winter luncheons had dropped significantly, except during November and April. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that winter luncheons be held during the months of November and April only. Lori was thanked for her work as Winter Luncheon Coordinator.

A slate of candidates for OR-LoW officers for 2015-2016 was presented. As there were no other nominations, it was moved, seconded and passed that a unanimous ballot be cast for the following:

Celeste Vaughters: President

Cecil King: Vice-President/Wagon master

Nan Oliver: Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Kathy Bates: Treasurer

Lori Nevill has agreed to serve as Publicity Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned by the newly-elected President.



Our regular potluck was held Tuesday evening. Good food, great company as usual!

After morning coffee on Wednesday, most of the group visited the Western Antique Automobile and Aeroplane Museum near the Hood River Airport. This very interesting collection of old cars and planes is always expanding and is now housed in four large rooms. The nearby Garden Cafe was recommended for lunch by museum volunteers. We enjoyed great sandwiches, soups, and desserts at this combination cafe and gardening center. For some of the group, a “winery tour” following lunch turned out to be a visit to the Wy'East Vineyards to sample and purchase some of their very fine products. A giant THANK YOU and round of applause to Cecil for driving his pick-up and to Judy for hauling six of us in her beautiful, new Class B+ motorhome to today's destinations.

Dinner tonight was potluck left-overs, always as good as the first time around.

Thursday morning brought fairly windy conditions and smoky skies as we said our good-byes and went our separate ways until our September 20-23 gathering at Fisherman's Point at Fall Creek southeast of Eugene.

Notes submitted by
Celeste in Nan's absence



More Important News

2016 Campout Schedule will be included in the
September Newsletter.

