

**ORVW at Silverton, Oregon
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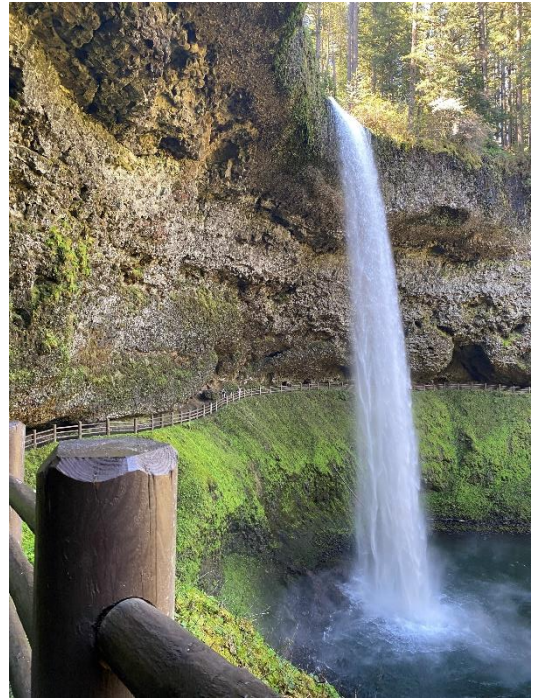
Twenty-two campers and four daytime visitors enjoyed the nice weather and long weekend at Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton. The staff at the park were very welcoming and friendly which made our weekend all the more pleasant. There is no clubhouse, but we had a three-sided, plastic-walled, enclosed patio with a huge propane fire ring for our comfort during group activities.



This rally was host-less so many hands chipped in to make it a success. The chapter has some activities that are pretty much set from rally to rally: potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday, dinner out on Sunday, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, games in the evening. Paulette Beliveau provided the continental breakfast, Tammy Gardner took on the task of organizing activities at the park, Sandy Brown, as a local resident, provided lots of “things to do around Silverton” information.

At the beginning of the rally Tammy set up a Free Swap Meet Table and many items were given and taken by members. There were still lots of useful things left over and the park manager said to just leave them and the giveaways would be open to residents. Anything left after that would be donated to a charity.

The weather cooperated enough that some members struck out to find Silver Creek Falls. From the North parking lot, the falls are a good hike along a well-groomed path but from the South parking lot the falls are mere feet from the cars. From either direction the falls are spectacular.



Silverton also boasts multiple beautiful murals along a walking (or driving) tour of the town. It has a rich history with many neighborhoods still maintaining craftsman style homes with welcoming front porches.



Tammy also organized a Scavenger Hunt, giving participants a list of items and a shopping bag. We went out in singles and pairs looking for items like pinecones, a red pen, compass, screwdriver, and ... a condom! Jade and Karen won the giggles award when they came up with this elusive item by cutting the middle finger off a disposable glove and rolling it into a “mini” version.

After pot luck dinner Saturday, we drew raffle winners. Crystal Risch, who is a resident at the park and a new ORVW member, won the quilt. Tammy had provided many prizes so everyone who bought a ticket won a prize!

The ORVW tradition is to name new member and new-to-you rigs on Sunday after breakfast. Four rigs were included in this little ceremony where we wish the owner and the rig “Safe Travels and may your wheels always hug the ground.” Patricia Rozee showed off her new “Pele” van that she ordered at the Salem convention and she has just taken possession. New members Suzie Matranga-Watson, Judy Watson and Robin Holm were welcomed with cheers and Karen Rathbun was proud to show us her new Class C.

The weekend festivities ended with dinner at The Home Place restaurant that offered good down-home cooking and excellent pizza.



