

ORVW Rally at North Lake RV Resort
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33 women in 21 rigs gathered at one of our favorite rally sites at North Lake in Lakeside, OR. Most gals arrived on Thursday with a few more on Friday. The official rally began Friday night with our customary potluck dinner. During announcements, we also received instructions on bringing in donations for the penny raffle on Saturday, as well as buying chances for this month's quilt which had a music theme. The penny raffle is always fun with 10 free tickets and other bundles of 10 for a dollar. Items up for the raffle included ORVW shirts and sweatshirts, some beautiful quilted placemats, mug rugs and bowl cozies, camping themed coffee mugs and some plant starts of dolphin



Kathy, Deb, Kathy and Rose

and goldfish plants and amaryllis, a croquet set, a handmade large teddy bear, books, food storage containers, among many other treasures. There was a major competition for others. You just never know, but a good time was had by all.

Friday afternoon a foursome of gals headed over to the Reedsport Golf Course for a golf scramble.

The evening concluded with our usual Square 9 card game. There was also a jigsaw puzzle

started over by one of the windows.

Saturday morning brought our usual continental breakfast followed by our Annual Meeting where current officers Paulette Beliveau and Joan Lease were unanimously reelected to their positions of President and Treasurer, respectively. Congratulations ladies! We also had a report from Mo Swerdluk, our Site Committee chair, about next year's rally parks and a plea for ladies to consider joining the committee and/or taking some of the new forms to make suggestions on parks.



Mo did get one gal to volunteer for the committee and



more took preprinted rally questionnaires, hopefully we'll get some new suggestions for rally park sites.



Marjo's winning toss



This was followed

by sign-up and practice for our annual Ladder Ball and Corn Hole Tournament. The competition commenced in the afternoon and was finished before dinner. Congratulations to the victors! For Ladder Ball the winning team was Susan Bookout and Deandra Wallace. The cornhole tournament was won by Jeanette Haller and Marjo Sankey. The winners won mini trash bins filled with candy.



Marjo, Jeanette, Susan and Deandra with their winnings.

Dinner was our regular potluck, filled with a variety of pasta-based dishes, salads, shepherds' pie, meatballs and loads of good desserts. No one could have gone away hungry. As dinner was concluding, Paulette and a couple of helpers drew the names for the Penny Raffle and delivered the goods to the winners. The winner for the quilt was also drawn. It was

Jeanette Haller who then graciously gave it to Rose Mulgrav. The quilt had a music theme and Rose loves to get together with ladies for sing-a-longs. She was thrilled to receive it. Money from all the raffles go to the chapter to defray the costs of clubhouse rentals throughout the year.

After cleanup and pet walking another night of Square 9 commenced with two tables of play.

Sunday morning began with making your own “omelet in a bag”. Hosts Paulette and June set up boiling pots of water outside on camp stoves. All the fixings for an omelet were put out and each camper prepared her own to individual tastes. These were accompanied by more bagels and English muffins from Saturday as well as a few hard-boiled eggs and yogurts. Some gals hadn’t done this before and thought it quite fun.

After breakfast we christened three new member rigs with our usual champagne toast – a little on the tires and a little you know where.



Then in the afternoon it was time for a sing-a-long. Rose and her partner, Kathy, projected lyrics and chords for a variety of songs on a blank wall and about 15 gals participated in the singing with 3 ukuleles, a banjolele and a bass uke. It was a fun afternoon and we hope to do it again soon.

Throughout the weekend ladies took opportunities to explore the area, visit with each other making new friends and relaxing. We dodged a few sprinkles of

rain but luckily nothing substantial.



Sunday evening 19 ladies headed for Lakeside Lodge where we enjoyed gourmet meals of encrusted halibut, chicken cordon bleu or cobb salad. Everything was very well prepared and enjoyed by all. Then back to the park for our evening entertainment – more Square 9 for some and lots of visiting for others.

Monday morning was a bit overcast with some early fog – but that didn’t dampen anyone’s spirits from the wonderful weekend we just all experienced. See you next month in Brookings! Safe Travels.

