

ORVW August 2024 Rally  
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Our August rally was held at Rogue River RV Park in Shady Cove, Oregon. It's a beautiful park right on the Rogue River. We had a free show of hundreds of rafters and kayakers floating down the river throughout the days.



The weather put on quite a show for us as well, on Saturday, with a thunder and lightning storm with LOTS of rain and wind. We all managed to come out of that unscathed! There was a gorgeous rainbow at the end of the show to wrap things up.

Friday morning some of the ladies headed out to Jacksonville Oregon to check it out – a quaint historical town with unique restaurants and shops. They also stopped and toured a historic grist mill that has been restored and is now a gift shop and ice cream shop as well. Friday daytime found some of us in the pavilion painting rocks – such fun and we discovered some very talented artists in our group! The rocks were later sprayed with a preserver so they could be placed in the garden at home.



Friday night potluck and games were a big success! We had a small wading pool full of plastic ducks with magnets on their bottom – there were fishing poles with magnets that were used to try and snag a duck. Anyone “catching” a duck won a prize, it was not easy, and all manner of “cheating” was deployed – it was fun and enjoyed by all with many happy prize winners. The usual Square 9 card game was enjoyed that evening by our “card players”

in the club. The rest of us gathered at one of the campsites for visiting and “adult beverages”.

Saturday morning found us at a breakfast complete with a pancake bar with all the toppings. We had some issues with the electric set-up in the pavilion, but it was figured out

and the pancakes were enjoyed by all. The quilt for this month's raffle was brought in by Paulette for viewing and ticket purchases, with the drawing for the winner to be held at dinner that night. The quilt was a beautiful collection of owls, it was simply gorgeous! Quilts are donated for raffle at each rally and the ticket sales go towards offsetting some of the expenses incurred by the club. The quilts are hand-made by both Joan Lease and Paulette Beliveau. They are both expert quilters and we always look forward to viewing, and hopefully winning, the latest masterpiece.

The storm rolled in about 11 am so most of us stayed close to camp and either holed up in our campers, or braved the storm and went sight-seeing, or sat outside and watched it. We had a reprieve from the storm for a few hours in the early afternoon and more rock painting was enjoyed as well as a trip for ice cream for some of us!

Saturday night the storm (and the wind that came with it) found us freezing in the open-air pavilion having our usual potluck. All worked out well and the only damage was to the table decorations that wouldn't stay put. We always have a good variety of food at our potlucks, and nobody goes away hungry!



The raffle winner was drawn, and June Willoughby was the happy new owner of the quilt. She enjoyed having it to wrap up in as it was cooler that night in the pavilion!

After potluck, some of the ladies went up to another campground about 45 minutes away that is owned by one of our members. They had hotdogs, smores and a sing along around the campfire. Unfortunately, the storm had knocked out the electricity there, but it did not dampen the spirit of the event.

Those that did not go gathered together for visits and laughter and storm watching.

We woke up Sunday morning to a beautiful day and all gathered in the pavilion for breakfast once again. This time we had biscuits and gravy and NO electrical issues to deal with. After breakfast we had our "Christening of new or new to you rigs".



This month we had two rigs – new members Becky Jordan from Culver, Oregon and Claudia Rosenthal and Cathy Varying from Redmond, Oregon.



Campers went their own way on Sunday during the day to see the sights of the area. Some headed East to beautiful Crater Lake – a sight to see if you have never seen it before. Some of us stayed in camp or took a ride upriver and then headed out to the local hamburger and ice cream shop in town – Phils Frosty, YUM!

Sunday night, 17 of us gathered at the Diner next door to the camp for dinner. I think we over-whelmed them a little bit, but



in the end, we were all fed and much chatter and laughter and “getting to know you” happened while we waited for our dinner. Afterwards the card players gathered, and the others gathered for more visiting and laughter.

We all headed home Monday morning with well wishes and “drive safe” orders. Everyone agreed that despite the storms and electrical issues the rally was a SUCCESS and we all can’t wait to meet again next month in Lakeside Oregon.





