



## Harvest Hosts and Boondockers Welcome

### Join Forces

By Chuck Woodbury

**Boondockers Welcome**, a nine-year-old membership program with 2,900 hosts who open their driveways and other property for up to five days to stays in RVs, is joining forces with Harvest Hosts.

**Harvest Hosts** is a network of more than 2,400 farms, wineries, breweries, museums and golf courses that welcome free RV stays of a day or two by its members on their properties. The service has experienced a rapid expansion in the last few years under the leadership of CEO Joel Holland.

“We want to assure all our members that our baby will be in good hands with Joel,” said Marianne Edwards of Boondockers Welcome. “We will continue as a dedicated community, alongside but separate from Harvest Hosts.”

Both organizations have experienced growth spurts in recent times due to increasingly crowded RV parks and campgrounds, where campsites may not even be available without reservations months in advance. RVtravel.com has been a long-time fan and supporter of both programs.

Details about the deal will be forthcoming.



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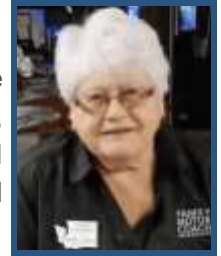
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## Ramblin's from Roxanne

Well, another month is gone, and another campout completed. We had 7 coaches at Icicle River RV Resort in Leavenworth. The weather was perfect, and we all had a great time, visiting and sightseeing. I cannot say a lot about the food, because I was the host and that would not be right. We did have the pavilion, so we did not have to set up tables and chairs each time.



Now, I will have to get on my soapbox. In looking at the rest of the year I see the same 3-4 couples at each outing. We have 7 more outings and 2 of them do not have a host. June is in Twisp at Riverbend RV with 5 couples, 4 of whom will be continuing to the FMCA National Convention in Gillette, WY. July is North Whidbey with only 3 couples signed up, August is a new park Columbia Sun RV in Kennewick with again only 3 couples. September is American Sunset, Westport with again 3 couples. Oct. is Elwha Dan RV in Port Angeles with 4 couples and Nov. is at Silver Cove RV, in Silverlake with 4 couples.

Now for the hard sale, we need more people to sign up for outings. The list is elsewhere in this newsletter with all pertinent details. Please find 1 or 2 or maybe even 3 of those you could attend and call and make your reservation. Most of us seem to have received our vaccinations and you can wear a mask if you would like. Most of our state is open and the weather should be good for most if not all outings.

One other note, we have 5 couples who will be at the convention in Gillette this year: Fite's, Older's, Cameron's, Kenny's, and Parish's. Several of these will be representing both our chapter and others for the important votes during the Executive Meeting. We will also be represented at the Chapter Fair and talking about our chapter and hopefully signing up a few new members.

As a last note, we miss seeing you.

Roxanne

*"Don't make me flip my witch switch."*

### Message from your Wagon Master

Hello All, it's time to be making reservations **with the upcoming parks for the 2021 Rally season. See the back page of this newsletter for all of the rally information.**

**Also I recommend that you text me at 360-402-0820, or email me at bob.fite@comcast.net when you make a reservation so I can provide the hosts with an accurate headcount so they can plan the appropriate amount of food.**

**Bob Fite**



### Secretary/Treasurer Reminder:

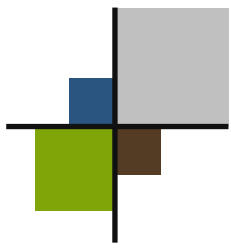
Dues for the 2021 Rally season are due.  
Dues = \$20.00/year

Do you need a new dangle for your name-tag? Please let me know ASAP.

Please send your 2021 dues with a check made out to:  
Puget Sounders  
4931 Scott Rd. NW  
Olympia, WA 98502

If you have any questions, please call me at 360-402-7956

Thank you,  
Elsie Fite



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## Rally Recap: Icicle River RV Resort (Leavenworth) May 2021

A raging river, sunshine, great food, and 14 happy campers. What more can you ask for? Leavenworth came through with a great weekend. There were hikes taken, Leavenworth shopping done, a Puget Sounders Business Meeting completed and, of course, lots of great conversations throughout the weekend. Also, a big thank you to Roxanne & Mike for hosting the event. Great job!



### Puget Sounder News

**Note for June 2022:** The FMCA NW Area rally will be held in Coos Bay, OR. Dates to be determined.

**FMCA has lowered their yearly dues to \$50 per year. If you take advantage of this limited time offer, you can pay your dues for up to three years at this lowered rate.**

#### \*\*\*Group survey\*\*\*

(Name your favorites in the following categories)

- ⇒ RV park in WA
- ⇒ Long term RV Park in AZ, CA and/or NV
- ⇒ Best RV repair shop in WA state

Email your responses to Laurie at [lauriecmrn@aol.com](mailto:lauriecmrn@aol.com). The results of the survey will be included in the next newsletter.

### RALLY NOTES:

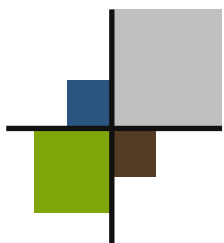
Remember: Call/text/email your wagon master when you make or cancel reservations  
Bob Fite: 360-402-0820 or [bob.fite@comcast.net](mailto:bob.fite@comcast.net)

All parks require you to call individually, to make a reservation with your credit card.

Generally sites will not be held past 30 days prior to the rally. We recommend that you make reservations early.

For members no longer traveling with an RV there are cabins available at the June, July, September, October, and November rallies.

Expect rallies to be open air (without clubhouse) weather permitting.



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June 18-20 Rally  
Riverbend RV Park,  
Twisp, WA

## Things to do in Twisp

### Shafer Historical Museum

- A re-created settlement of the 1920's

### Methow Valley Farmer's Market

- Everything from honey, fruits, veggies to artistic jewelry



### Horseback Riding

- The Methow Valley has a long history of horse riding and horsemanship. A diversity of options for visitors wishing to spend some time in the saddle.
- For visitors just wanting to get a taste of horseback riding, local outfitters offer half-day trail-rides, chuckwagon breakfast outings, or even multi-day pack trips into remote wilderness settings. There are peaceful, easy to access valley-bottom rides, or more rugged and striking terrain at the higher elevations. The [Methow Backcountry Horseman's Association](#) riding guide is a good resource for newcomers looking for the perfect outing with their own horse.
- Sun Mountain Stables—another option for booking a ride.



### Lookout Mountain Hike

- Elevation Gain: 1100 ft. / Length: 3 miles roundtrip
- Lookout Mountain Trail #402 combines a modest warm-up hike up a narrow access road with a long cross-country climb. This scenic hike can be done in under two hours.



### North Cascade Smokejumper Base

- Informal tours by smoke jumpers who are on site and on standby waiting to jump at a fire.

### Morning Glory Balloon Tours

- Hot air balloon rides over the river, farmer's field with mountain views all around. Mimosas and scones served after landing.



### Method River Raft and Kayak

- Whitewater rafting, scenic raft tours, river kayak tours, river tube rentals in Winthrop, WA



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## *RV Tips & Tricks - Part 3*

- Protect your head from hitting the metal awning strut, by slitting foam swimming noodles and slipping them over the struts.



- Although many campgrounds provide wireless Internet, the signal is not always strong. Improve the Wi-Fi reception in your RV with a booster.

- Don't dirty up a bowl. Scramble the eggs in a salad shaker or empty water bottle.



- Keep flies away by wiping down awnings, tables, and counters with a 50/50 solution of Pine-Sol and water.

- Eliminate mice with a bar of Irish Spring soap. They hate the smell. Bounce fabric sheets are reputed to do this as well.



- Propane attracts wasps. Place cut up flea collars in compartments to avoid wasp infestations.



- Use a ½-cup of Calgon Water Softener and a cup of Borax detergent to make your own cleaner for the waste tank.



- If you don't like to sew, use this method to re-upholster your RV cushions. If you can wrap a present, you can reupholster your furniture.



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On the Lighter Side



**We all know  
mirrors don't lie...**

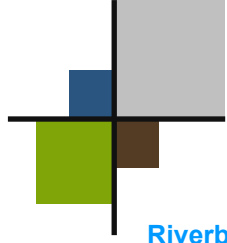
**I'm just grateful  
that they don't  
laugh.**

**MY TOLERANCE FOR IDIOTS  
IS EXTREMELY LOW TODAY.  
I USED TO HAVE SOME  
IMMUNITY BUILT UP,  
BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE  
IS A NEW STRAIN OUT  
THERE.**



We should train all Amazon delivery drivers to give the vaccine. The whole population would be immunised by Saturday. Thursday if you've got Prime.





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## 2021 Rally Schedule

### **Riverbend RV Park**

Friday, June 18 — Sunday, June 220  
19961 Hwy 20, Twisp, WA 98856  
800-686-4498, 509-997-3500  
Host: Ben & Donna Barker  
Co-Host: Volunteer needed

### **FMCA's 103rd International Convention**

Wednesday, July 7—Saturday, July 10  
CAM-PLEX Multi Event Facilities  
1635 Reata Drive, Gillette, WY 82718

### **North Whidbey RV Park**

Friday, July 23 — Sunday, July 125  
565 Cornet Bay Rd, Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
360-675-9597  
Host: Mike & Roxanne Parish  
Co-Host: Volunteer needed

### **Columbia Sun RV Resort**

Friday, August 20—Sunday August 22  
103907 Wiser Pkwy, Kennewick, WA 99338  
509-420-4880  
Host: Volunteer needed  
Co-Host: Volunteer needed

### **American Sunset RV & Tent Resort**

Friday, September 17 — Sunday, September 19  
1209 N Montesano St, Westport, WA 98595-1878  
800-569-2267. 360-268-0207  
Host: Ken & Laurie Cameron  
Co-Host: Volunteer needed

### **Elwha Dam RV Park**

Friday, October 15 — Sunday, October 17  
47 Lower Dam Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98363  
360-452-7054  
Host: Brad & Sandra Older  
Co-Host: Volunteer needed

### **Silver Cove RV Resort**

Friday, November 12 — Sunday, November 14  
351 Hall Rd, Silverlake, WA 98645  
877-380-7278, 360-967-2057  
Host: Bob & Elsie fite  
Co-Host: Volunteer needed

### **FMCA NW Area Rally 2021**

Cancelled

## 2021 Officers and Staff

**President: Roxanne Parish**  
**Vice President: Bob Fite**  
**Secretary/Treasurer: Elsie Fite**  
**National Director: Mike Parish**  
**Alt. National Director: Sandra Older**  
**Wagon Master: Bob Fite**  
**Asst. Wagon Master: TBD**  
**Sheriff: Sandra Older**  
**Sunshine Person: Sandi Hersh**  
**Newsletter/Historian: Laurie Cameron**  
**Merchandise: Elsie Fite**  
**Webmaster: Gene Kenney**



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[www.pugetsoundersrv.net](http://www.pugetsoundersrv.net)

### Hosts & Co-hosts Needed:

Hi all, If you look at the Rally Schedule to the left, you'll notice that we have very few co-hosts signed up for the upcoming rallies. Please consider throwing your hat into the ring for one of these dates. Also, get those reservations in for the upcoming rallies. Our numbers have been low. We'd love to see more of you!

Laurie  
Newsletter Editor

