



## The 9 Places You Absolutely Must Visit In Washington This Spring

After a seemingly endless winter, it feels wonderful to welcome spring in Washington. As our state begins to defrost, bloom, and warm up ever so slightly, it's a great time to plan a few local getaways to celebrate the new season. Sneak away to a few of these spots before summer if you can—they're especially beautiful this time of year.

### 1. Leavenworth

Our Alpine village hosts events and festivals in every season, and spring is no exception. Taste Leavenworth is April 1-2, The 5th annual Leavenworth Film Festival begins April 7, and Village Art in the Park, the outdoor art display,



### 2. The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Every April, the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival takes over the Mount Vernon and LaConner areas. While the festival gets crowded on the weekends, it's well worth going to see the beautiful tulips in bloom.



### 3. The Yakima Valley

Wine lovers should definitely head towards the Yakima Valley from April 28-30, when the annual Spring Barrel tasting event offers the chance to sample all the new releases. Even if you're not a wine drinker, spring is a beautiful time to visit the area since the cherry trees are in bloom and the outdoor Farmers Markets start to appear.



### 4. Walla Walla

We've previously mentioned that Walla Walla is a perfect [fall getaway](#) destination. Unsurprisingly, it's also stunning in the spring. The local wineries have their Spring Release weekend May 5-7, but there's really never a bad time to visit this picturesque place.



### 5. The San Juans

The San Juan Islands are one of the most scenic places you can visit here in Washington.



This breathtaking group of isles can be found in between the northwestern corner of our state and Vancouver, B.C. There's so much to see and do around this secluded paradise, and it's only a short ferry ride away from the mainland.

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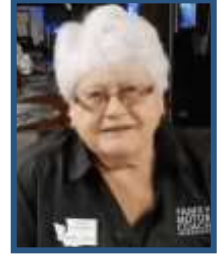
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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

# PUGET SOUNDERS

## Ramblin's From Roxanne

We left Arizona on April 9<sup>th</sup> and headed up the Western side of Nevada, sunny but wind at 15-20 mph with gusts up to thirty mph. Of course, they had to be crosswinds, could not be at my back. This lasted all the way to Reno where they decided to close the highway 5 miles short of our destination. There were no barriers, so I decided to continue. Made it with no problem. Of course, then it decided to snow.



The next morning, the 12<sup>th</sup> was clear, sunny, roads were dry, so we headed off to Oregon. I did manage to get myself on a road that the GPS did not like. About every few seconds it kept telling me that RVs were not allowed. It was narrow but with little traffic. Wind had died down, so we continued to our planned stop in Chiloquin, Oregon. It was snowing by the time we arrived. In fact, it snowed all night and we had about 6" on the ground the next morning. We were able to spend an extra night here. It was nice having an extra day, but it kept us from reaching North Whidbey RV for the rally on time. We were a day late.

Five coaches were in attendance: Older, Platz, Barker, us and a new couple, Jerry, and Jan Weider. Hopefully, they will join the club. Even with just five coaches there was plenty of food for Friday night. Saturday morning brought sunshine and pancakes, fruit, and ham for breakfast. After breakfast all but the Older's headed into Oak Harbor to visit the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. We watched a movie on the building of the base, toured the exhibit and then were led across the street to view a restored PBV aircraft. These seaplanes were here during WWII to secure the West Coast from attack and to rescue downed aircraft.

Saturday night dinner was ham, scalloped potatoes, salads, rolls, and plenty of desserts. With very full tummies we just sat around and talked. We had muffins, and fruit for breakfast on Sunday. Everyone but us was staying an extra day but we had to leave as I needed to be at the Mill Casino in North Bend, Oregon for a planning meeting for the upcoming rally in June.

Our May rally is being held in Goldendale, WA at the Stargazer RV Park. There are plans to attend the Observatory, Maryhill Museum and winery and explore Stonehenge. With all there is to do in the area most of us will be going in on Thursday and leaving on Monday. Make plans to join us for a great weekend.

*Roxanne*

*Don't make me hit my witch switch*



# PUGET SOUNDERS

*A PPS FOR RVers*

## Trip Planning

RV Trip Wizard      \$\$  
Roadside America  
Google Trips  
Co-Pilot              \$\$  
RoadTrippers  
Good Sam Trip Planner  
Meet Me Halfway  
iExit  
Visitor Tips  
Dyrtpro (Dry Camping)  
InRoute Route Planner

## Weather

Radar Now  
Windy  
The Weather Channel  
Red Cross Hurricane or Tornado  
Severe Weather  
Quake Alert (CA Only)  
Rain Alarm  
Hurricane Pro  
Lightening Pro

## Medical

EmNet (find an ER)  
First Aid American Red Cross  
First Aid E-Steps  
Pet First Aid-Red Cross  
Poison Control  
Pill Identifier & Drug Guide

## Parking/Staying

Where Am I (by Ejelta LLC)  
Park Finder  
RV Park Discounts  
- Good Sam  
- Passport America  
- Coast to Coast  
KOA  
Good Sam  
RV Parky  
Camp USA  
RVontheGO  
Overnight Parking Finder  
Truck Stop Locator  
Park4Night  
USA Rest Stop Locator  
Ultimate US Military Fam Camps  
Moose/Elks/VFW by state  
- Need to be a member  
at most locations  
Big Truck Stops by Allstays  
Bring Fido  
Allstays                      \$\$  
Reserve America  
Recreation.gov  
- Federal Campgrounds

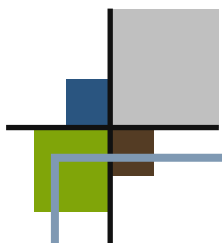
## Other Apps

Key Ring  
Around Me  
History Here  
History Around Me  
ClioHistory  
Gas Buddy  
RV Dump Sites  
Rover  
Offline Survival Manual  
Google Voice  
Google Lens  
Lonely Planet  
All Trails  
Bubble Level  
RV Checklist

## MISC

Do Not Disturb  
- (by The Wireless Guy)  
Our Groceries  
Foursquare  
Army Knife (Android)  
Translate  
SaniDump  
CarFind  
NoseID  
Compass Galazy (Android)  
Compass (IOS)





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## Puget Sounders

Stargazer RV Resort

Goldendale WA

May 20-22, 2022

Hosts: Ken & Laurie Cameron

## May Rally

Thursday, 19th Early arrivals – Dinner on your own or eat out

Friday, 20th Maybe a trip to the Observatory or the Winery?  
6:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres. Bring a dish to share.

Saturday, 21st 9:00 am Breakfast – breakfast casserole, fruit, muffins and juice. Bring your own coffee!

12:30 pm Trip to the Stonehenge WWI Memorial & Maryhill Art Museum

5:30 pm Cocktail hour

6:00pm Dinner: Rack of Pork. Bring a dish to share. BYOB

Sunday, 22nd 8:30am Egg Muffins, fruit, croissants and juice.

For those leaving on Sunday, have a safe trip home.

For those staying an extra night, let's do a potluck or have dinner out.



Goldendale Observatory State Park



Stonehenge WWI Memorial



Maryhill Art Museum



Winery Tours



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**Upcoming Rally  
Olde Stone RV Village  
McMinnville, OR  
June 17-19**

Tree-lined streets and soft grassy knolls are just part of the appeal of Olde Stone Village, McMinnville Oregon's premier recreational vehicle park and community. Tucked into the rolling landscape of Yamhill County, the park offers easy access to highways, as well as McMinnville's shops, restaurants, scenic vineyards, historic attractions and roadside produce stands stocked with your seasonal favorites.

Olde Stone Village is immediately adjacent to the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, home of the world famous "Spruce Goose" and Evergreen's aviation-themed IMAX Theater. The Wings & Waves Water Park opened recently to rave reviews. Wings & Waves combines entertainment and education in one adrenaline-inducing fun family park. Designed with every age in mind, the Wings & Waves Water Park includes a variety of aquatic features, from play fountains for the little ones to a scream-inducing 62-foot slide of out the belly of a 747! Because children often learn best with hands-on displays the Water Park focuses on interactive exhibits designed to inspire a young interest in air and space. Not only can you have a fun day at the Water Park, but you can also have plenty to talk about afterwards. Go to [evergreenmuseum.org](http://evergreenmuseum.org) for updates.

The park is perfectly located within easy distance of golf courses, Spirit Mountain Casino, wineries and tasting rooms, Mt. Hood, the Columbia Gorge, The Oregon Garden and the spectacular Oregon Coast.

**Important: Set any navigational devices to avoid ferries**

**NW Area Rally  
The Mill Hotel & Casino  
Coos Bay, OR**

**Wednesday, June 22—Sunday, June 26, 2022**

Come join us for the FMCA Northwest Area Rally in North Bend, OR. There's still time to sign up. If you need help getting into the park, give Roxanne Parrish a call at 360-770-5848.

The Puget Sounders are responsible for Registration & Information. If you would like to volunteer to assist, let Roxanne know.

There will be plenty of vendors who would be happy to provide you with all those things that you may think you need.

The Coos Bay area provides many fun opportunities for entertainment and sightseeing.

<https://www.fmca.com/index.php/fmca-event-registration.html>



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## 6. Second Beach

Second Beach is one of a series of small beaches in Olympic National Park. If you go at the right time (meaning, well, now), you can avoid the summer crowds and enjoy the refreshing 4 mile hike to the ocean in peace.



## 7. Carson Hot Springs Resort, 372 St Martin's Springs Rd, Carson, WA

How does soaking off the last of the winter's chill in a hot jetted mineral spring sound? We thought so.



## 8. Whidbey Island

When was the last time you visited Whidbey? From the charming small town amenities of Langley to Deception Pass State Park, there's plenty to discover.



## 9. Cle Elum

Located in the beautiful mountains of Central Washington, Cle Elum makes a perfect spring getaway, especially if you explore the vintage mining town of Roslyn. Take the family to Suncadia Resort (at 3600 Suncadia Trail) on Easter weekend and enjoy a delicious Sunday brunch buffet at Portals Restaurant (with plenty of options for the whole family), Easter basket-making classes, and four egg hunts. If you'd rather go during a quieter time, you'll still find plenty of onsite activities to enjoy.



This list of nine perfect spring destinations should keep Washingtonians busy until summer.

## RALLY NOTES:

**Remember: Call/text/email your wagon master when you make or cancel reservations.**

Brad Older: 360-359-6712 or [bradolder@fairpoint.net](mailto:bradolder@fairpoint.net)

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

Keep in mind when making your reservations that most attendees arrive at the parks on Thursday and stay till Monday, if they have the availability.

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 select rally sites.**

**More info to follow on which dates cabins are available.**

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

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## Recipe Corner

### Luscious Lemon Jello Cake

1 box Lemon Cake Mix  
4 eggs  
¾ cups water  
¾ cups vegetable oil  
3 ounces box lemon Jello (not pudding)

2 cups powdered sugar  
⅓ cups fresh lemon juice

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325. Grease and flour glass 9x13" baking dish
2. Mix together first 5 ingredients. Pour into glass dish. Bake 40 minutes.
3. While cake is baking, mix together 2 cups powdered sugar with 1/3 cup lemon juice.
4. Immediately upon taking cake out of oven, poke holes with a 2 tine fork (the more holes the better). Spread the lemon mixture over the warm cake. When cool, dust with powdered sugar or top with Cool Whip.



Recipe courtesy of Holly Platz



#### Secretary/Treasurer Reminder

Dues for the 2022 Rally season are \$20.00.

Please send your 2022 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

#### Hosts Needed:

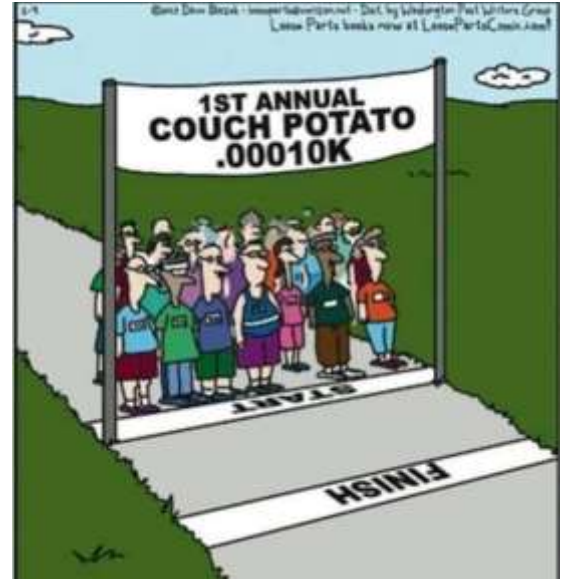
Hi all, if you look at the Rally Schedule on the back page, you'll notice that we have very few Hosts signed up for the 2022 rallies. Please consider throwing your hat into the ring for one of these dates. Also, get those reservations in for the upcoming rallies. We'd love to see more of you!

Laurie  
Newsletter Editor



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On the Lighter Side



## Exercise for People Over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, when you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



*"This door also comes with the latest technology. We installed a facial recognition device. Or, some call it a peephole."*





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## 2022 Rally Schedule

### **North Whidbey RV Park**

Friday, April 15 — Sunday, April 17  
565 Cornet Bay Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
360-675-9597  
northwhidbeyrvpark.com  
Hosts: Parrish

### **Stargazer**

Friday, May 20 — Sunday, May 22  
800 E Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620  
509-773-7827  
Stargazersrvresort.com  
Hosts: Cameron

### **Olde Stone Village**

Friday, June 17 — Sunday, June 19  
4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR 97128  
503-472-4315  
Oldestonevillage.com  
Hosts: TBD

### **NW Regional Rally**

Tuesday, June 21 — Friday, June 25  
Coos Bay, OR  
**Registration still open**

### **Howard Miller Steelhead Park—Tentative**

Friday, July 22 — Sunday, July 24  
52804 Rockport Park Rd., Rockport, WA 98283  
360-853-8808  
Hosts: TBD

### **Icicle River RV Park**

Friday, August 19 — Sunday, August 21  
7305 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth, WA 98826  
509-548-5420  
https://icicleriverrv.com/  
Host: TBD

### **Columbia Riverfront RV Park**

Friday, September 16 — Sunday, September 18  
1881 Dike Rd, Woodland, WA 98674  
360-225-2227  
Host: TBD

### **Toutle River RV Resort—Tentative**

Friday, October 21 — Sunday, October 23  
150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock WA 98611  
360-274-8373  
www.greatrvresort.com/  
Host: TBD

### **Midway RV**

Friday, November 11 — Sunday, November 13  
3200 Galvin Rd., Centralia, WA 98531  
360-736-3200  
Midwayrvparkwa.com

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## Important Message from your Wagon Master

Hello All, it's time to be making reservations with the upcoming parks for the 2022 Rally season.

Please text me at 360-359-6712, or email me at [bradolder@fairpoint.net](mailto:bradolder@fairpoint.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.

Brad Older