

August 2023 ORVW Rally at Olde Stone Village RV Park in McMinnville

The August 2023 ORVW Rally was held at the Olde Stone Village RV Park in McMinnville and was hosted by Mo Swerdlik and Diane Card. Getting there was rather tricky for several driving big rigs; using the GPS was not so helpful. The clubhouse was perfect for our group with a comfortable living room, a fully equipped kitchen, and a dining room where we ate our breakfasts and potlucks. Just outside the dining room door was a lovely patio with tables, chairs and umbrellas. At least one of us, Pam Byrne, took advantage of the beautiful pool next to the clubhouse. Many of us enjoyed exploring downtown McMinnville. It is a great town to walk around and has lots of interesting eateries and storefronts for wine tasting.



Roughly 28 women in 21 RVs attended the August rally. Several guests and new members joined us for the first time and we look forward to getting to know them better. We kicked the weekend off with our favorite card game, Square 9, Thursday evening. As usual, some of us played Square 9 each night with Mo Swerdlik, Sharon DeHart, and Michelle Pelkey winning over the weekend. Several of us also played Rummy Kub in the afternoons and were delighted to use the special racks handmade by Sharon Moores.



Friday, Mo Swerdlik, Theresa Baurer, Sharon Dehart, Emogene Hanvey and Paulette Belliveau went to the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museums next to the Olde Stone Village RV Park. We had a great docent give us a tour of the Spruce Goose and a talk about the museum's history. Did you know the Spruce Goose is made of birch (some from Oregon), not spruce? The airplanes, helicopters, and spaceships were amazing to see and the history placards were fascinating. Sharon wanted one of the one-person standing helicopters for herself.

We love to visit while we eat! The continental breakfasts provided hard boiled eggs, a variety of yogurts, mini-croissants and bread, peanut butter and jams, and were rich with all kinds of fruit, including fresh plums from Paulette's tree. Friday evening's potluck was good and Saturday's even better! Hosts had only one "problem": Mo was taking the very full garbage bag out of the can to take to the trash compactor when it snagged on something in the can and ripped the bottom out of the bag. Trash went all over the floor. Luckily, staff called maintenance and they willingly, and with great humor, cleaned up the mess.



After dinner on Saturday night, we had the drawing for the beautiful quilt made by Joan Lease and Paulette Belliveau. Susan Bookout won the quilt and gave it to Becky Lynch, who really, really wanted it and appreciated its green and yellow color scheme. We also raffled off several quilted table runners and a wall hanging. That evening, B. Gail Hillyer, on guitar,

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and Paulette Belliveau, on ukelele, led a sing-along in the living room. Tamra Swerdlik, DD Detering, Jade Carter and Kathie Carmer joined in.

Even with the hot weather, Paulette offered an introduction to Pickle Ball for anyone who was interested. She converted a driveway into a pickle ball court for demonstration purposes. What a trooper!

The temperature outside got so hot that many left Sunday morning after breakfast. We had no new or new-to-you RVs to christen. Sunday afternoon, Lisa

Brenner, Kathy Johnson, Becky Lynch and Michelle Pelkey watched football in the living room and were disappointed that the wrong team won (per Kathy). In the dining room, Sharon Moores, Charlotte Frye, Michelle Pelkey, Karen Rathbun and Jade Carter played Rummy Kub while Joan Lease read a book and went back and forth between the two groups. It was fun to listen to the energized comments coming from the living room. That evening seven of us went to Two Dogs Taphouse for good food, great beer and other beverages. It may have been too hot outside, but was nice and cool inside!



Extra photos: "In Honor of Barbie"

Kathy Johnson and Willow reflected in hub cap