

ORVW Rally, Bandon, Oregon
April 19-21

When RVing Women get together you can be assured it will always be an event. Such was the April ORVW rally held at Bandon-by-the-Sea RV Park in Bandon, Oregon. There were 27 rigs and 38 women. The well planned weekend was hosted by Deb, Patti, Jeanette and Marjo.

Friday was our traditional Meet-Greet & Eat buffet with an array of finger foods from hors d'oeuvres to desserts provided by the attending members. After the food, the hostesses handed out "welcome" reusable shopping bags from Trader Joe's. Inside was a folder with the agenda, pamphlets to local attractions, menus to a few restaurants, and - a custom home stitched pillow made by Deb! Needless to say everyone was in awe. The time and the effort she put into making these pillows left us speechless.



Saturday morning was a bit cold and cloudy so a planned outdoor activity was postponed. By afternoon the sun came out, based on the white board, some women needed rides, some provided rides and many headed out to different local attractions. In the Bandon downtown area a few found the Washed Ashore Project workshop where trash



picked up on the beaches is turned into works of art, some went sightseeing and found Face Rock and the Coquille River Lighthouse, the West Coast Game Park and Misty Meadows Oregon Coast Jams. Everyone met back at the clubhouse for Saturday pot luck where the hosts provided delicious enchiladas and members brought side dishes and desserts. Patti led the prize patrol after dinner and members who drove the furthest, had the oldest rig, the smallest rig, the largest rig, the oldest member, the

youngest member (and other categories) won prizes.

Sunday was bright and clear and the postponed Doggie Contest and Parade took place. Paula and Donna graciously accepted the role of judges and did their best to recognize the quality traits of our canine family members. Many prizes were handed out and afterwards the dogs strutted their humans in a parade around the grounds.



Later in the day some members left the park to go sightseeing but most stayed close and relaxed. Some worked on the puzzle in the clubhouse, others met for games.

And unfortunately a few had to leave for home. For dinner, those remaining went to Bandon Bill's Grill. We had ocean view tables and booths, the service was great, food adequate, camaraderie excellent.



Saturday and Sunday evening the clubhouse resounded with members playing games and a quartet of guitar and ukulele players making music with others joining in with singing.

Every morning the hosts provided a continental breakfast of coffee, tea, juice, muffins, croissants, fruit, and yogurt for breakfast in the clubhouse.

A perpetual fundraiser was begun this weekend also. Members were asked to bring CD's, Books, Puzzles and DVD's that would be donated to the chapter and put on sale at each rally during the year. Hopefully some of those bought at this rally will be returned to the pot at a subsequent rally and other titles will be donated to keep it interesting and fresh. The monies donated will go towards a yet to be designated purpose at the convention.

Everyone is hoping that Deb, Patti, Jeanette and Marjo join together to host again next year. Thank you ladies for a wonderful, fun filled, well planned rally.

