

## OREGON CHAPTER

### BEND, OREGON

After concern about the fires in Bend the previous week our outing held June 20-22 at Thousand Trails (TT) Bend/Sunriver began with clear air and agreeable weather. Having the rally at Thousand Trails presented several challenges. Although the campground had a first come first serve policy, the TT group coordinator managed to assign members to a section so participants could be parked reasonably close together and also managed to provide a very large pavilion for our exclusive use. There were 22 rigs, 1 yurt, 1 cabin and several guests in attendance. Some arrived as early as Thursday and left as late as Wednesday. A total of 39 women were in attendance.

Friday evening began with our normal finger food/heavy hor d'oeuvres. Introductions were made and there was a short discussion of weekend events. Gina and Tully led a remembrance of the passing of long-time member Marilyn Nichols. We then caravanned a short distance to Donna Wilkerson's beautiful home in Sunriver for dessert of ice cream and several choices of cake. Her home is located on the Deschutes River with a beautiful mountain setting. It was a restful, serene evening enjoyed by all.



Deer sculpture at the High Desert Museum



Taking an ice cream break out from sight seeing

At Saturday morning breakfast, the hostesses Shirley, Gina, MarJo and Jeanette discussed the day's events and things to do and see in the area. Several members decided to go sightseeing while others enjoyed the beautiful weather. The weather was wonderful with cool mornings and warm afternoons. A few joined in water aerobics provided by TT. The Saturday evening potluck began with Masanee leading us in summer Solstice directions. This potluck was one of our best with a wonderful variety of salads, entrees, and desserts. After dinner the temperature became too cool, so we had to take the game playing indoors. Others went to the TT lodge to listen to 50's/60's music provided by an entertainer. MarJo and "Mom" (our oldest member at 92) did some serious chair dancing. I think "Mom" knew every word to every song.

Sunday morning breakfast found several members discussing a trip to the High Desert Museum. Others continued sightseeing at the Lava Beds. A few remained to play lawn games and just relax. Others said

good bye and see you down the road. Sunday evening we decided to do something outside the norm by having a BBQ in the pavilion. About 23 people attended. Volunteer chefs Danna and Pam grilled the entrees provided by each participant. The grill was large, old and did not work well, but they overcame all obstacles and cooked a variety of items. After all, they are RVwomen! Dinner was truly enjoyed by all.



This outing was a challenge beginning with the previous week's large fires that burned in an area too close for comfort, sites located some distance from the pavilion, and a multitude of things to do. The hostesses thanked all participants for their cooperation in providing transportation when needed. Everyone had an enjoyable weekend and even the long walks from the sites to the pavilion became enjoyable.

