

## April 10 – 12, 2015 at Guaranty in Junction City



Well, this rally was one of our most unusual. Guaranty hosted us in their beautiful facilities along Highway 99. They must own half of Junction City! Their facilities go on and on and on... We were able to park by their showroom and have electric but had to carry our own water. We could also use their dump station when we left, or dump elsewhere. What we didn't know, was their hookups were 50 amp! That left some of us scrambling

for converters or buying them there. Some of our members camped over at Armitage County Park so they could have water and dumping sites. We had about 44 ladies in attendance, but at this point I can't tell you how many rigs and where they were – I've lost track!

Friday evening we all gathered for our traditional finger food potluck at the Motorized Showcase. Guaranty had it beautifully set up with large, round tables with blue tablecloths and fresh flowers on each. They also had two cakes for us – a chocolate one in the shape of an RV and one sheet cake that was white cake and raspberry filling.



Following dinner we had our usual round of Square 9. There were two tables – one for the veteran gamblers and one, led by Barb Pace, teaching the new members and guests our favorite game.

Saturday started early with a breakfast of bagels and cream cheese plus beverage at 7:00 a.m. The seminars started at 8:00 a.m. over in the Travel Center. First was Accessories led by Dave and Dan. Anything and everything was up for grabs with these two very knowledgeable gentlemen. At the break there were all kinds of goodies: cookies, pastries, fresh fruit, coffee, water and soft drinks. No one went away hungry.

The next seminar was RV 101 which covered topics of more general interest to new RVers but even some of our more seasoned travelers came away with new tips and tricks. A free hot dog lunch was available after this seminar though some of us wandered a bit before we found where it was located.

The final seminar of the day covered electrical. Information overlapped between one seminar and another, but it was all great. Batteries, inverters, converters, 12 volt, 110, how many amps you're drawing off with those little box heaters many of us have and more... (30 amp can only use 1 heater and then you can't use much else in your rig at the same time.) By the end of the day we were all exhausted from receiving so much information and Dan and Dave were also exhausted from teaching a full day.

Saturday evening Guaranty hosted a lovely buffet for us with barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes, beans, salad and rolls. They also had a cake, but so did Tully who was surprising



Linda for her birthday. We all stood up and sang Happy Birthday as Linda returned from the restroom. She was quite surprised. We also took some time to introduce ourselves and share a little of what we learned. We had quite a few new members and guests at this rally which was great!

Sunday morning breakfast was at a more reasonable hour of 9:00 a.m. followed by the first of two sessions of a driving school. Cones were set up in a back field and the 6 or so gals who signed up to drive made their

way out there and onto a fairly big class A. I don't know if there were other rigs that were driven that day as the A was the only one I saw. Other members brought chairs out to watch what was going on and offer support.



Later Sunday afternoon a lot of the gals who were staying at Guaranty decided to head for home. Janet and I had gone into Eugene to see the ballet of the rock opera "Tommy" (which was outstanding!!) and by the time we got back, the parking area was almost empty. We didn't know what happened!

The next morning we found out some of the gals went over to visit with the folks at Armitage and they went out, but anyone who showed up at the Rodeo, where we had made reservations, was told they had been cancelled. Oops.

So, this was a rather unusual rally in many respects, but the folks at Guaranty were outstanding, the information was great and the overall weekend went very well. Next year they plan on opening an RV park (where the driving school was held) so in a few more years we'll probably be back here for another outstanding weekend.

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