

## **April 20-22, 2012 at Heceta Beach RV, Florence**

April is another “iffy” month weather-wise in Oregon, but we lucked out this weekend after a rather wet March and first part of April. It was on the cool side, but sunny as 24 RVW members in 16 rigs got together to celebrate Earth Day (among other things).

Friday night was our usual finger food get-together where we welcomed a new member, Lori Haymore, from Eugene. We also got to help Janet Horton-Payne celebrate her birthday with a lovely white cake with lemon filling and frosting. Janet was also surprised to receive 5 pounds of her favorite peanut snack which was secretly smuggled in from Eugene to surprise her. And she was surprised and also pleased as we could tell from the big grin on her face.

After dinner and dog walking, members spent the evening playing games, working on puzzles and doing our usual evening activities.

Saturday morning we had a showing of the film “Iron Jawed Angels”. This was an excellent film about the fight women had to go through in the early 1900’s to obtain the right to vote. This was really timely given the recent assault on Women’s rights in this country. It was a real eye opener for many of us – we had no idea what a fight getting the vote really was. Every woman should see this film. It was made in 2004, stars Hillary Swank and Frances O’Connor and is available on Netflix.

Members spent the afternoon shopping or checking out the action at the local casino. Saturday evening’s dinner featured a baked ham and lots of other delicacies. Right after dinner our hostesses, Dee Hamer and Dottie Allen, had drawings for a variety of prizes they had secured from local merchants. Everyone got a prize and some bartering went on after the drawing to exchange for more desired items. The evening concluded with the usual games and conversation.

Janet Horton-Payne was also our leader for our Earth Day Singout. She had found out that groups of people world-wide were planning on singing “This Land is Your Land” in the key of D and they planned on all doing it at the same time which happened to be noon Pacific Time on Sunday. Many of us agreed we’d like to participate, so on Saturday the instrumentalists rehearsed. We had Janet on acoustic guitar, June Willoughby on bass guitar, Char Norby on ukulele and Jeanette Haller also on ukulele.



We added Martha "Mom" Lindegren on tambourine and we were set. Sunday morning all the singers gathered to rehearse with the group and away we went. Then we had to get ourselves arranged to be videotaped. We wanted to make sure our sign was visible and still get everyone in the shot. Finally, promptly at noon, we were "on". Two and a half minutes later we were part of history. The video has been sent off to the gal coordinating a compilation video with snippets from all the participating groups. We're still waiting to hear back on that. But, our video is posted on You Tube. Type <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqcgMD5vNjE> in your browser to see our official contribution to Earth Day.

Sunday evening many of us gathered at the Bridgewater Restaurant in Old Town Florence for dinner. They provided us with shrimp cocktails to share among every group of 4 and those in addition to our orders left us satiated once more. Back to the RV Park for more games and conversation and soon Sunday night was over.



Monday morning those who were still around gathered once more to bid adieu and wish everyone safe travels until our next RV outing at Foster Lake.