

**Oregon RVing Women at Heceta Beach RV Resort
July 16 – 19, 2021
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Debbie Johnson, Dixie Evers, and MarJo Sankey hosted the ORVW rally at Heceta Beach held over the weekend of July 16-19, 2021.

The weather was wonderful; warm, sunny days to play and explore with cool evenings, perfect for the campfires we were able to have.

Friday night began with Dixie, one of the hosts greeting attendees at the door to the clubhouse. She welcomed them and explained the “No Rules” rally. Folks placed their food on the tables and were advised that they could go up when they were ready to eat rather than our usual practice of waiting until everyone arrived, followed by a talking session, and finally eating. The appetizers consisted of everything from peanut butter on celery to chocolate brownies to chips and crackers and much, much more...truly, a finger-food Friday

The fact that our club uses the hands up method (in clubhouses) to quiet everyone seemed to work very well. Once everyone had their hands in the air and the room was quiet, MarJo started to explain the agenda for the weekend. We tried something new this rally and asked for 10 folks to volunteer by stating their name, their home town, and something they experienced or learned during the ongoing pandemic. Although there were over 40 attendees, having only 10 people at each meal sharing made the experience more meaningful, as well as easier to remember the names of visitors and new members.

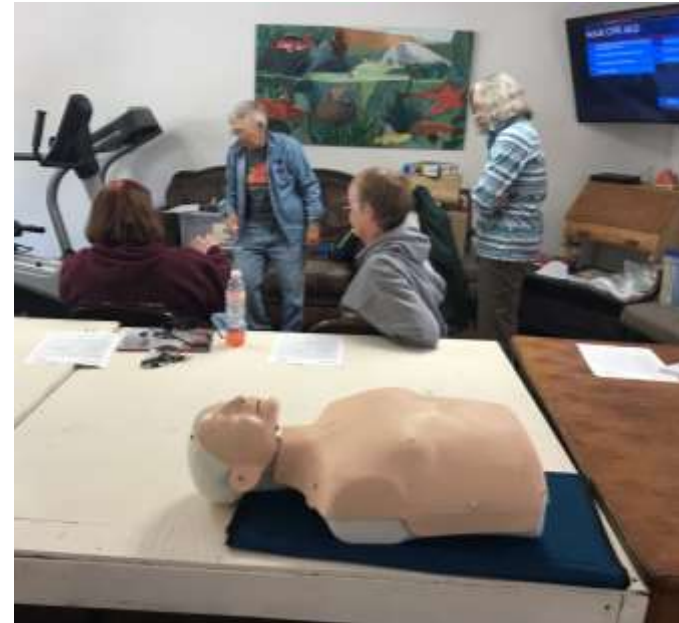
After dinner and dog walks, folks returned to the meeting hall for the usual evening card games or attended the campfire site to catch up with one another.

Saturday breakfast was pretty simple with donuts, bagels and Starbucks coffee or hot tea. Debbie Johnson augmented the breakfast with hard-boiled eggs and fruit. Introductions by 10 people continued after the meal.

After breakfast, we had the official business meeting of our group led by our president Michelle. Reports from all of the committees were given. The afternoon was free time for many. They explored the miles of sandy beach, drove to the quaint town of Florence, flew kites or took a hike. There was also a CPR class provided and led by Michelle. Ten members attended this.

Evening dinner was “No Rules” again. Fill your plate when you are hungry! Introductions by individuals continued. Games and fireside chats lasted until after 10pm.

Sunday morning’s repeat breakfast menu and good coffee brought most folks back to the clubhouse. Then, we walked around the park to learn the stories of the new/new to you RV’s, christening them with champagne, our well wishes for safe travels, and happy times.



Later Sunday morning, Linda Brown did a workshop regarding disaster preparedness, which was very precise regarding ways to stay safe on the road and while camping. The afternoon brought several opportunities for campers: another CPR class; a walk around the park to have folks share their hobbies and art; walks on

the beach; kite flying; hiking; visiting fellow members; and enjoying the sunny day.

Sunday dinner took members to several wonderful local restaurants. Our group is growing, so rather than everyone trying to fit into one space, we broke into small groups to dine at various spots.

Games in the clubhouse and/or a cozy fire ended the evening.



Monday morning, we wished one another safe travels and headed on down the road.

