

**ORVW May Rally
May 13 – 16, 2016
Casey's Riverside RV Park, Westfir, OR**

Ya gotta love Oregon!

The May ORVW rally was filled with spontaneity. Thursday began with warm weather and clear skies. Some would even say “a hot day.” This prompted Patti Knight to run out and buy a 1000-gallon inflatable pool. This entertained those helping set up the pool in her RV site, as well as those helping with their camp-chair directions and comments. Laughter from both sides filled the campground and set the tone for the weekend. On Friday, the adventurous stepped into the pool and cooled their legs, arms, and even the bottoms of their bathing suits. Patti put her chair in the water & watched the Willamette River and fellow RVers pass by!



Patti, Tully and Marjo enjoy the pool



The next day, when the familiar Oregon weather (cooler, colder, grayer) returned, Pam, Barb, Martha, and others surprised Patti and the other pool people with an unscheduled, one-sided water balloon fight. When some balloons refused to break, there was a contest to see who could win in the impromptu balloon toss. Another happy, laughing event was enjoyed by participants and spectators alike.

Casey's Riverside RV Park, located in Westfir, Oregon, is a quiet area in the Willamette National Forest with the meandering Willamette River running beside the park. The river lulled us to sleep at night, though a couple of folks, who shall not be named, complained about being woken up at 3 am to the whistling of a train passing by on the opposite side of the river. The beauty of the great outdoors was a spectacular backdrop for our rally.

Another event that happened spontaneously was initiated by Ronette. She wanted to show Sharon, her mom and fellow ORVW member, her latest project she was working on. A crowd gathered and wanted to try their hand at Ronette's latest craft...felting. She was gracious with her teaching skills (and fortunately brought enough materials for those interested) to fill a rainy day by making felt scarves. Many of the women left with a beautiful scarf to grace their shoulders and a love for the beautiful wools that Ronette had brought.



Deb, Shelly and Patti work on their scarves



Thank You Ronette!



Sharon, Marjo, Ronette and Patti with their scarves

Did I mention the food yet? We always have enough food at our potlucks to feed the entire community we happen to land in for the weekend! Beckey Beckey put on a spectacular breakfast spread. Thanks for sweating over a hot stove this weekend, Beckey Beckey.



Cathye and Beckey making breakfast



Happy Birthday Martha!

We celebrated Martha's 95th birthday! She is the member we all want to be at 95...heck, she has more energy and curiosity than a lot of our younger members ...and she is an excellent card player as well as our puzzle expert!

Rain, sun, rivers, forest, crafts, and laughter filled our weekend. Spontaneity at its best!

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Submitted by Jeanette Haller and Marjo Sankey