

## ORVW Portland Rally – June 19-21, 2015

22 women from 8 rigs onsite, 2 at another park and several day visitors gathered at the Portland RV Park to explore some of the wonders of the Portland area. Our hostesses, Donna Meyer and Jan Lonnquist put together a rally with lots of good local foods and several neat places to visit.



Friday night we gathered for our usual finger food potluck, with the main after dinner attraction being the smashing and eating of the 5 pound Hershey bar that we won at last year's National rally. Dorene Thomas got to do the honors as



she was the one in hauled in back in her suitcase from Pennsylvania. In spite of the fact that it had turned a little white around the edges it still tasted like a Hershey's chocolate bar and everyone had their fill.

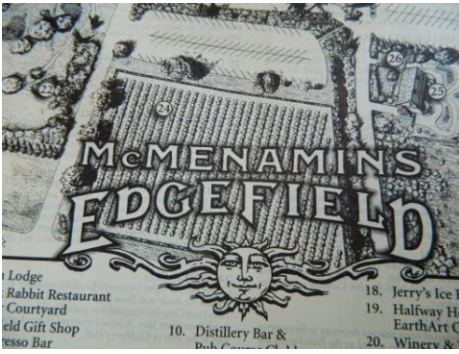
Saturday morning dawned sunny and warm and we were treated to a breakfast of free range hard boiled eggs from a local farm, locally grown blueberries and strawberries, local bagels and cream cheese, and Nancy's yogurt from Springfield, OR.

In the afternoon some ladies took a trip to see Fort Vancouver while others went to check out the local Ikea store. Fort Vancouver was a hub for the northwest fur trade and run by the Hudson Bay Company. Some of the buildings are reconstructions, but some are original. There is a beautiful garden of flowers and vegetables outside the fort and the day we were there a gentleman was demonstrating how to load and fire a musket to some other people dressed in period costume who then also got to load and fire their muskets.



Saturday evening we were treated to a pasta dinner with all the fixings coming from Pasta Works, a Portland establishment. Everyone else brought salads or desserts. No one went away hungry – that's for sure. Dinner was followed by our usual game evening with two tables of Nine Square.

Sunday morning we were once again treated to breakfast with all the local goodies we had the day before. The afternoon was free to do as you liked and at 4:00 most of us headed over to McMenamins Edgefield. This



is a huge park area with the centerpiece being the old county poor farm which has been refurbished into a hotel. Other buildings on the grounds include a variety of pubs and restaurants. There are also outdoor concerts in the summer with entertainers such as Sheryl Crow. And, there is an interesting statue of Jerry Garcia somewhat hidden near the 10<sup>th</sup> hole tee box on the golf course. Inside the main building there are lots of fun murals and other artwork.

At 5:30 we all gathered for dinner in the Annex of the Power Station Club.



Like all the McMenamins restaurants around the state, this one has very fine food so. They also grow a lot of the grapes for their wine here and produce a lot of their beer here too.



After dinner we headed back to the RV Park for some more games and conversation.

Monday rolled around all too soon and we packed up and headed out to await our next rally in Charleston.