

ORVW at North Lake RV Park

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September is, in my opinion, the best month on the South Coast and this past weekend lived up to that expectation with a minor rumble. Well, maybe it was a major rumble as we had an explosive thunderstorm Saturday night that shook not only RV's but also surrounding real estate. But Sunday was beautiful as were Friday and Saturday afternoons after some morning mist. Thus, all sorts of activities were enjoyed by the Oregon Chapter at Lakeside.

We had a number of recurring events as we usually spend our September rallies at this park every year. We started out by setting out items for a penny raffle (though now it's 10 cents). Members bring items they no longer want or need and put them on the table. We label a bag with the item name and members receive 10 tickets for free and then pay a dollar for packets of 10 more. You put your tickets in the bag of the item you'd like to win and we draw names on



Sunday after breakfast. I really wanted the Christmas decoration that was donated and put almost all my tickets (close to 60) in that one bag and YEAH! I won it! Other members were also pleased with the items they won, and anything not claimed was left for the park to offer to their help and permanent residents.



Saturday morning some went to the local senior center for a pancake breakfast while the rest of us did our usual continental at the park. We started our Ladder Ball and Corn Hole tournaments. After four or five rounds of heated competition, the winners were Becky Lynch and Kathy Johnson for Corn Hole and Mo Swerdlik and Dorothy Pasch for Ladder Ball. Prizes were candy treats from Cranberry Sweets. Yum.



Folks wandered off on their own for a variety of activities. There was the Annual Salmon Celebration at the Ko-Kwel Resort Casino (formerly the Mill Casino) in Coos Bay on Saturday and Sunday, an Elvis concert at the Egyptian Theatre Saturday night and opportunities for ocean hikes, a campfire and just lots of great visiting. And of course, there were nightly games of Square Nine and even one afternoon game.



Sunday morning, we were treated to a first – a waffle breakfast courtesy of Debbie Newman, one of the weekend's hosts. We want a repeat of that next year! And then there was football! Our resident Seahawks fans settled in for a great game where they were victorious! In addition to the penny raffle, winners were drawn for this month's quilts. Becky Lynch won the National Parks quilt and Kathy Okay won the cute owl quilt.



Sunday afternoon we also had a bit of a sing-along with musicians Rose Mullgrav, Kathy Sheats and Kate Bednarski. The songs were mostly country and some of us were unfamiliar with them, but we made up melodies that seemed to fit and had a good time.

Sunday evening, we had a superb meal at Lakeside Lodge where we have also dined in other years. Choices were prime rib, chicken cordon-bleu or halibut and no one went away hungry.



Monday morning saw us packing up and making our various ways home until our next rally in October in Bandon. Happy Trails everyone!

