

**ORVW at Oceanside RV Resort
April 6 – 10, 2017**

Well, if it's true what they say about April showers bringing May flowers, Oregon should be blanketed in flowers this year because this was another stormy weekend with over 2.5 inches of rain! The ladies that arrived on Thursday spent the night rocking and rolling in their rigs as high winds, with gusts up to 65 mph or more, started up around 5 AM. But we are a hearty bunch as can be attested to by the number we had at our Friday evening potluck.



We were pleased to greet some new members as well as our large group of regular attendees.

Saturday morning, after breakfast, we had our monthly meeting where we decided to spend a little time at each rally talking about our RVs and offering helpful tips to each other. The first group discussion on Saturday was well received and even some of us old timers learned a new trick or two.

Later in the afternoon, groups of gals headed off to explore the area. Some went to Shore Acres to see the tulips as well as the ocean storm surge. Others went to the new Marine Life Center where we were able to learn about local sea life in live tanks as well as other informative displays. It's a great facility and all who come to the area are encouraged to visit. A few ladies explored shops in Charleston while some other headed into Coos Bay to try their luck at the casinos.

The Saturday evening potluck once again was plentiful and good with no one leaving hungry, or if she did, it was her own fault. Games ensued as they had on Friday night with Mom once again being the big winner of Square 9. Way to go Mom!

Sunday morning, after breakfast, we broke out the champagne to christen three new rigs. We managed to avoid the rain for that few minutes while toasting the new rigs by dribbling a little champagne on their tires and dribbling some more champagne in our mouths – always a fun time.



After that, the crafters got to work. Deb Johnson and Marjo Sankey arranged for us to knit some wash cloths with easy patterns or color Styrofoam Easter eggs. It was a nice way to spend a rainy morning. Becky Steward also brought over her stamps and showed a couple of gals how she makes her beautiful greeting cards.



We also had a jam session with our usual musical members getting out their instruments.

And, in between the rain, some gals ventured out onto the beach alone or with their four legged companions.

A few of them even went crabbing and surf fishing. Rhoda caught her very first sea perch – yeah!



Sunday evening most of us went to Fisherman's Grotto for dinner. We had their banquet room all to ourselves which was nice though we make plenty of noise all by ourselves. It was funny how quiet it got once the food was delivered.

After dinner, we all headed back for more games and laughter at the Yurt. Two tables of Square 9 were vying to get close to the little heater that did it's best to keep us warm. We were all done by 9:00 PM and headed off for the warmth and dryness of our respective rigs.

Monday morning it was still a bit drippy as we prepared to head for home. Our next adventure will be at Belknap Springs – bring your bathing suits!





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