

Oregon Chapter RVW in Florence, OR - July 2019
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Wonderful weather on the Oregon coast greeted the participants of our July rally, held at Heceta Beach RV Park in Florence, Oregon. This park is so close to the ocean that in the quiet of the night you can easily hear the waves rolling onto the shore. Many of our members took advantage of the sunny (albeit windy) weather, enjoying morning or evening walks on the beautiful sandy beach and hunting for agates. The central Oregon coast has some of the

best areas for finding agates on the western shoreline. This was our second biggest rally with 52 members or guests attending.

The rally officially started Friday evening with finger foods and desserts, followed by all available tables hosting multiple card games (square nine and canasta were hot items), Rummy Cube, and puzzling. We kept that club room hopping.



Saturday morning's continental breakfast led into our monthly business meeting, with good discussions on many topics, including a reminder to enter our talent show scheduled for our October rally, (there were some who even practiced an impromptu singing session during the games Saturday night).



Saturday afternoon, members partook of the many activities available in Florence, including kayaking on one of the lakes in the area; visiting the Darlingtonia State Natural Site, which is the only Oregon state park property dedicated to the protection of a single plant species—currently the plants it protects are the only carnivorous flora in the system; walking on the north/south jetties; hiking the Hobbit Trail (yup, so named because it looks like the Shire in Tolkien's tales); checking out Cape Perpetua – a rugged part of the Oregon coast which boasts Thor's Well – 'a natural wonder that seem to be draining



the sea'; playing golf or visiting and shopping in Old Town Florence, the city was incorporated in 1893. Saturday evening was the full-on potluck and you can imagine the selection of dishes with such a large gathering, and we even had a birthday celebration with a huge sheet cake and everything. The evening concluded with games and singing, or for those looking for an even more relaxing evening, a campfire at one of the members' sites. At the close of the evening all

went back to their rigs to rest up for Sunday and let the sound of the ocean lull us to sleep.

Still enjoying the fantastic weather, Sunday was also an active day, and after a delightful breakfast and the christening of 5 new rigs, folks took the opportunity to once again explore Florence and the surrounding community. Because of our large group we actually had to split up the evening meal at one of the local restaurants into two seatings. That worked out very well and the food was quite good. Of course, we wrapped up the evening with our final night of cards and games, but no singing



