

**Oregon RVing Rally  
October 16 – 19, 2015  
Roseburg, OR**



The October rally for ORVW was held at Twin Rivers RV in Roseburg, Oregon. This community had experienced the senseless killings of several Umpqua Community College members just weeks before our arrival. As each of us entered the town many signs of support and love were noted on the freeways and the windows of businesses. This rural town with its lovely rivers and beautiful fall trees seemed an unlikely place for the sadness of this recent event.

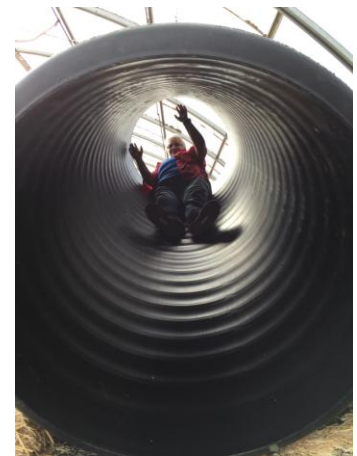
The first few days of the rally were sunny and the colored leaves seemed to rain down like a winter snow storm. Our meeting room welcomed us with pumpkins and fall branches in mason

jars which our hostesses Deb Johnson and Patti Knight had prepared. A surprise offering of flannel pumpkins were hand-made by Deb and all participants at the rally were able to choose the perfect pumpkin to take home to their rigs.

We spent an afternoon touring the discovery gardens and many of us got excited about starting a compost pile or making a bird house or ordering new fall plants or designing our very own children's garden.

The local produce store had pumpkins to buy and newly harvested beans, corn, apples and other tasty treats. They also had a straw labyrinth for children. Some of our members were able to make their way through the maze and even slide down the barrel to the exit.

After dinner on our first night, there was a quiet time in which June Willoughby reflected on her wonderful partner, Janet Horton-Payne, who died after a short illness a few days before this rally. Janet was a very talented woman who shared her love of music and vast knowledge of the theatre with all that she met. Many folks spoke about both she and June with love and warmth.



Our ORVW president, Beckey Beckey, is a docent for the Wildlife Safari park and Saturday morning she ushered us on a tour of this 600 acre drive-through park of open lands where we were fortunate to see many unusual and beautiful animals. The encounter with the elephants was a huge hit and some folks had a difficult time leaving their new found animal friends.



Thanks to Dixie Evers who brought her creative design coloring books and several hundred gel pens. Many members were entertained both afternoons as they chatted and colored and laughed and displayed their masterpieces.

Sunday morning we christened 5 new rigs and one tent with our champagne wishes of safe travels.



The Sunday dinner at a local brew pub was the perfect ending to a wonderful weekend.

Submitted by Marjo Sankey

