

## **Olde Stone Village in McMinnville**

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On or around March 20th, fifteen brave women took to the road, destination was Olde Stone Village in McMinnville, OR. The weather in the PNW is always iffy in March and this year Mother Nature did not disappoint. From driving rain and miserable wind to clear skies, but cold temperatures, these brave souls found a way to have a great time. The new clubhouse made available solely for our use was the shining star of the weekend. With a top-of-the-line kitchen, lots of tables and comfortable chairs made the uncooperative weather disappear.

Though the official start of the weekend is the Meet and Greet on Potluck Friday, many arrived on Thursday, so it followed that Square Nine, the unofficial official chapter card game, had players waiting with their three dollar buy in. Two new members joined us and were introduced to the game. After a few hands, they both showed their prowess at cards and didn't need any more coaching. Friday saw more rigs arrive and each one brought a flurry of hellos and hugs.

Saturday morning breakfast was provided by a couple representing Skymed. Some members signed up for the protections afforded by this company and current members were reminded of the benefits. During the afternoon, a small contingent went to the adjoining Evergreen Museum where the Spruce Goose is housed along with many other aircraft both historical and current. And there is a space museum building on the same property that has many interesting exhibits. Those who did not go to the museum availed themselves of the clubhouse and played games or completed some Dot Dot coasters. Dinner Saturday was a potluck and the drawing for a unicorn themed quilt was pulled. Susan Bookout won the quilt and though she was not in attendance, we'll make sure she receives her winnings. Saturday we had two active tables of Square Nine and B.Gail serenaded us with her lovely guitar playing and singing.

A continental breakfast was provided for Sunday, and it was decided to head to McMenamins for dinner. A menu was provided for us to study, a head count taken and rides arranged. After breakfast we welcomed the two new RVs to the group, a Cls B and a Cls C and toasted the rigs with a hardy "may your rubber stay on the road" and "safe travels".

Though it was a small group, this March weekend was a welcome opening to our rally season.

Please note: No photos were submitted.