

ORVW at the Mill Casino RV Park  
North Bend, OR  
July 13 – 16, 2018

July brought about 25 ORVW members to The Mill Casino & RV Park in North Bend, Oregon. The weather was perfect for our weekend. It's always a great surprise when the sun is out, the wind is at a minimum, and the rain is non-existent at the Oregon coast!

There was a lot to do in just a weekend. Here are a few of the highlights:



There were two historic tall ships in port...the Lady Washington and the Hawaiian Chieftain. The Lady Washington is a full-scale reproduction of the original Lady Washington, the first American vessel to make landfall on the west coast of North America in 1788. The Hawaiian Chieftain is a replica of a typical European merchant trader of the turn of the nineteenth century. Her hull shape and rigging are similar to those of Spanish explorer's ships used in the expeditions of the late 18th century along the Washington, Oregon, and California coasts. The ships offered walk-on tours and excursions in the bay. They had a "battle sail" that brought both ships down to our RV park where they had a battle complete with cannon fire! It was very loud and very exciting.

Representatives from SkyMed gave a presentation to our group. SkyMed offers "premium medical emergency evacuation memberships since 1989, organizing air evacuations literally all over the world under almost every kind of circumstance." It was very informative and several members purchased the insurance.

Eight ORVWers went to a workshop at Josie's Art Lab in downtown North Bend. For a small fee, those brave souls (most were first-time painters) attended the Topsy Canvas workshop. Josie provided the painting supplies, instructions, munchies, soda, and wine! We recreated two of Van Gogh's most well known paintings: Sunflowers and Starry Nights.



A few members walked down to the casino to make a donation (losers), break even, or come out ahead (winners). We won't say how much they won, but suffice it to say, it was worth the trip.

Most everyone supported the local restaurants at some point during the weekend. Being a coastal town, many gals found a spot for fresh fish and chips. Our tradition is to all go out a group on Sunday evening. This

weekend, we went to a Mexican restaurant. The food was good, the chatter amongst the group was lively, and the margaritas were plentiful.



Gayle and June went golfing at Sunset Bay Golf Course on Saturday and got 9 holes in. Here's June's report--The wind is always a challenge. It was to our backs going out – very helpful. Coming back in on 6 and 7 – not so much. But we had fun and hope to play again at Oakridge in September."

Charlotte and Sharon have two new puppies. Abby is 3 months old and Lola is 2 months old. They are toy poodles. They are so tiny and need constant attention. Charlotte and Sharon are currently sleeping in shifts so that the puppies have round-the-clock care.

Mary and Paulette visited a beautiful beach in the area...Shore Acres. They happened upon a wedding on the beach. They said the wedding was beautiful, but the ladies in high heels were having a hard time navigating the sand! (They obviously were not Oregonians. Oregonians would have been barefoot!)

Helen (one of our new members) said, "The best part of the weekend for me was getting to know members better. I had heard a lot about Barb and Mom, so it was good to meet them as well."

And from another of our new members, Linda Brandon.... "What a great first rally! My expectations of what I was hoping ORVW would be like were far exceeded. My favorite part was meeting and getting to know a little about other members. Thank you everyone: for a great time, for your kindness, for all your help and advice and for christening my Rubi-Pearl. Looking forward to next time."

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