

ORVW at Pleasant Valley RV Park, Tillamook, OR August 9-12, 2018

The August rally for Oregon's RVW chapter was held at the Pleasant Valley RV Park just south of Tillamook and was timed to coincide with the Tillamook County Fair and by chance also occurred the same weekend as the Perseids annual meteor shower. The fair offered many intriguing programs, including live horse racing, the world famous Pig N' Ford races (that's a new one for me), a demolition derby and of course carnival rides and food vendors. However the food vendors could not compete with our Friday night finger food spread and Saturday night potluck, where once again there was a wonderful variety of salads, casseroles, side dishes and desserts. Friday night wrapped up with a campfire to hold off the chill of the evening, (Tillamook is right on the coast, therefore much wetter than other parts of Oregon, and this was a well screened fire pit, designed to reduce sparks), and a raucous game of square nine. Saturday began with a hearty breakfast including two quiches which disappeared in minutes.



Once we had all finished off the quiches and other breakfast delights, the monthly business meeting was held, where among other items our members voted to have a small flag created that can be posted outside the RV's to better identify members at the various parks. The meeting was followed by a short RV tips dialogue, which always brings out great information and ideas. Saturday afternoon was open for folks to check out the fair, the Tillamook Cheese factory, where you could get most any flavor of ice cream, including licorice, (another new one on me), the Tillamook Air museum (during

World War II, the U.S. Navy stationed eight large blimps at the Tillamook Naval Air Station which were used for anti-submarine coast patrol and convoy escort), or other interesting local landmarks.

As mentioned Saturday night was another great full dinner potluck, followed by another very pleasant camp fire and once again a rousing and raucous game of square nine. The game participants spent more time laughing and joking than playing cards, which is quite wonderful as laughing is good for everyone. There was a good deal of jocularity around the campfire too, but the carders were definitely the noise makers. Sunday's breakfast, with the disappearing quiches again, was followed by the christening of 7 new rigs. After the christenings, an off the cuff presentation and discussion was held regarding pain management, including various treatments and medications. It was both lively and informative. The remainder of the day was open for folks to check out all the places they didn't get the opportunity to visit on Saturday, followed by dinner at The Schooner, a local restaurant right on Tillamook Bay. Regrettably Sunday night was the last night for a campfire, (many members live in areas where all burning is currently banned due to high wildfire danger) and cards, where peals of laughter once again trumped the card game. Sunday evening/Monday morning was the predicted time that the Perseids meteor shower would be most active, so for those with an interest in astronomy, and who were willing to get up at 3 am and brave the early morning chill, the sky was actually free of clouds for viewing. Unfortunately, the ambient light made viewing difficult and only 1 meteor sighting was reported. This is an annual event however and our amateur astronomers will be on the lookout again next year.

This was a delightful rally for all, made more so as we had visitors from Colorado and Ohio who joined us for the weekend.

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