

ORVW at Casey's Riverside RV Park, Westfir, OR
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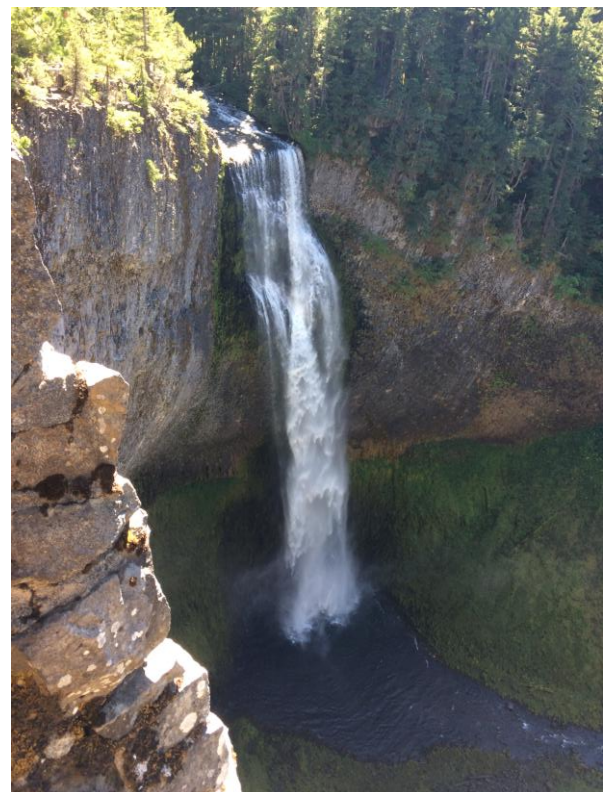
The September rally for Oregon's RVW chapter was held at Casey's Riverside RV Park in Westfir, OR. For those who are not familiar with the area, it is at elevation of about 1000 feet, nestled along the lower portion of the North Fork river valley,



just above its confluence with the Middle Fork of the Willamette River: or located on the southern edge of the Willamette National Forest. That translates into us being right on the

river, able to hear it rushing along at night, and in a bit of a valley surrounded by mountains, on all sides. There were around 43 or so of us at this rally.

This area is known for its scenic beauty as expressed in many places to hike and bike. Some small groups of us availed ourselves of what nearby, Salt Creek Falls had to offer. It was an easy drive in and park set up, then hike around the falls and see what one can see. Those who got a chance to go, really seemed to enjoy themselves, traffic on Sunday notwithstanding. There is also a nearby fish hatchery: Willamette Hatchery, the Office Covered Bridge and Hills Creek Reservoir not far away. Others of us took some small hikes in the area as well. I



think we all appreciated the small vanilla ice cream cones for a \$1 contribution, offered at the pavilion at Casey's:).

In addition to our traditional pot lucks on Friday and Saturday night, with breakfast provided by the hosts on Saturday, and Sunday, Paulette was good enough to lead us in a sewing project that turned out great. In advance, folks had been prompted to bring a sweatshirt or heavy tee shirt if they wanted to participate in the "make a custom sweatshirt" project. Several gals brought their sewing machines along to offer that service in the making of the decorative and interesting sweatshirts that emerged in the end. It was great to see the results on display after they were done. Some had the decoration on the front of the sweatshirt and one on the back. A splendid time was had by all.



As it turned out, Casey's was offering a "come paint with us" event on Saturday evening for a fee. Some were able to attend and reported that learning to do this simple method for landscape painting was great.

As is usually the case, we had our annual meeting on Saturday. Items of note are listed as follows:

- Becky, Becky had a chance to express her pleasure in serving as President for the last 4 years. Though her tenure is coming to an end this year, for sure she will continue to be of service to ORVW in one capacity or another. We are truly grateful for her many years of service and enormous contribution to the group.
- Paulette bought some patches with ORVW on them and they are available for sale for \$5 each.
- The garden flags, which when displayed outside of our respective rigs during rallies, let the greeter, hosts, and everyone else, know who is in our group. They are for sale for \$20 each. Many of us have ours now and/but

there are more to purchase at future rallies. (One needs to purchase her own garden poles or other device to hold the flag).

- The rally schedule for 2019 is now out. See details on the website. Barb talked a bit about the difficulty of finding rally sites that fit all of our needs; making the pool of available spots more limited.
- We talked about what speakers for the future might be of interest and this information was included in the minutes.
- Lastly: our new president will be Patricia Rozee and June Willoughby will continue as the treasurer. Thanks to you both!

