



The Chatter--March 2018

Newsletter - Clackamas Campers,
Chapter of Oregon Good Sam Club



President- Dan McGivern
Vice President- Art Hanson
Secretary-Teresa McGivern
Treasurer-Burt DeGraw
Wagonmaster-Bill Shearer
Membership- Dave Paulson
Chatter-Carol McLaughlin

Dan's \$.02 March 2018:

Writing to you on a "snow day" after talking to the McLaughlins in California, my cousins in Arizona and our RV friends who spend their winters in Kauai and summers in their trailer in Oregon and beyond. And now all I can think about is spring and having Clackamas Camper winter campouts next year in California, Arizona and Kauai! Happy almost Spring everyone!

Speaking of spring, a little bird dropped by the CC Heidi's Restaurant dinner last week and tweeted that a Clackamas Camper couple were on the move. Barb and Don MacKinnon, members since 1994, are making new plans and we will miss seeing them at campouts. Don has held many CC offices in addition to President and Wagon Master. The MacKinnon's passion for Alaska has introduced us all--both by RV and boat-- to amazing vistas. Their passion for the Clackamas Camper family has enriched all of us. Keep in touch Barb and Don!

Clackamas Campers camping season is just around the corner and our first trip is scheduled for March 22-24 at Hee Hee Illahee Resort in Salem. I hope all your rigs are de-winterized, packed and ready for fun in the rain or sun (or snow). Keep the rubber side down and good camping! Dan

FEBRUARY 11, 2018 CLACKMAS CAMPERS MINUTES-HEIDI'S RESTAURANT-GRESHAM

The February 11, 2018 meeting of the monthly Good Sam Clackamas Campers chapter was called to order by President, Dan McGivern at Heidi's Restaurant. Officers in attendance were: Pres., Dan McGivern; Vice Pres., Art Hanson; Sec., Teresa McGivern; Treas. Burt DeGraw, Wagon Master, Bill Shearer; Chatter Newsletter Editor, Carol McLaughlin (excused). He advised that a quorum was present and thanked the hosts Joan and Ray Borgen, missing were Katie and Chuck Riley (Katie tending to Chuck in hospital).

Those in attendance include: Joan and Ray Borgen, Carol and Burt DeGraw, Betty Ely, Bonnie and Bob Gardner, Dee and Art Hanson, Teresa and Dan McGivern, Cheryl and George Ridlon, Kathy and Bob Schuckman, Bill Shearer and Cynthia Bauer, Lois Stevenson.

We welcomed guests: Barb Anthony-- Bonnie's sister, Vonnie and Jim Ballew guests of the Ridlons.

Minutes: January 14, 2018 minutes were approved as printed in the February 2018 Chatter.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Ridlon moved and Art Hanson seconded that the January treasurers report be approved as printed in the February 2018 Chatter. Motion carried.

The 2017 Audit Committee of Cheryl Ridlon, Art Hanson, and Burt DeGraw met January 12, 2018 and was a successfully balanced audit as reported by Treas. Burt DeGraw. A motion to accept the audit was made by Dee Hanson and seconded by Burt DeGraw. Motion carried.

As motioned at the January meeting, due to paperwork and location issues regarding signature transfer for 2018 officers, Treasurer Burt DeGraw and President Dan McGivern transferred the Clackamas Campers financial account from On Point Community Credit Union to US Bank.

Wagon Master Report: – Bill Shearer: Upcoming Events:

Bill asked everyone to save the date of the May campout to discuss the calendar for the year 2020 campouts. Bring ideas for places you would like to visit and if you are unable to attend please send those places to Bill.

March 22-24, 2018 – All spaces are taken for Salem Hee Hee Illahee RV park, 4751 Astoria St. NE, Salem OR 97305, Phone (503)-463-6641—**need to call and pay first night's deposit** of \$40 (PLEASE **NOTE change of place** from the Woodburn RV Park to Salem). Hosts: Hansons/DeGraws.

April 12-14, 2018 - Kampers West, 1140 NW Warrenton Drive, Warrenton, Oregon 97146. Phone: (503) 861-1814. – Hosts: McLaughlins and McGiverns. First night's reservation **has been prepaid** by Clackamas Campers. We have 12 spots and eleven are taken.

May 9-11 (NOTE Wed.-Fri. nites due to Mom's day Sunday), 2018 Hi-Way Haven RV Pk., 609 Fort Mckay Rd, Sutherlin, OR 97479 Phone: 541-459-4557, Hosts: Jordans and Ridlons.

June 7-9, 2017 – Old Stone Village, McMinneville, OR., Hosts: Pendergrafts/Rileys. Phone: 877-472-4315. Please **Call and make your own reservations**.

September 11-15, 2018 (Tues.-Fri. nites) – Icicle River RV, Leavenworth, WA. Phone: 549-548-5420. Hosts: Grahams and Schuckmans. If you are not leaving with the extended trip group on Sept. 14th, please let Gary Graham know how long you plan to stay.

Membership: Dave Paulson-no report.

Chatter Newsletter: as always send campout pictures to Carol.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business:

Teresa McGivern reported that by next meeting all Clackamas Campers should be able to access chapter minutes, and Clackamas Campers brochure/campout schedule on the secure State Good Sam chapter web site: www.oregongoodsam.com

go to "Login" (on Left menu)
go to "Clackamas Campers"
enter Username and Password as follows:
Username: the chatter
Password: happytail\$

Gene Hancock is the webmaster for the Oregon Good Sam site and he will post items sent to him by the Clackamas Campers secretary (Teresa McGivern) and The Chatter Newsletter editor (Carol McLaughlin). It was agreed by members present, not post the treasurers report or membership rosters.

The annual DFD (now Dogs for Better LIVES--DFBL) fund raiser alternate site committee of Bill Shearer and Joan Borgen invited the Clackamas Campers to meet and discuss possibilities for 2018 at the April campout. Also send him ideas if you are unable to attend.

New Business: none.

Cheryl Ridlon reported the **DFBL raffle** of: \$80.

Bill Shearer reported the **Name Tag Fines:** \$1.75

March Campout DFBL raffle volunteers: Grahams, McGiverns, Schuckmans.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa McGivern, Secretary

Happy Birthdays: Barb MacKinnon Mar 18; Janet-Mar.22 & Don Pendergraft Mar. 30.

Anniversaries: Gretchen & Bill Jordan Mar. 22; Kathy & Bob Schuckman Mar. 23.

Wagon Master's Report—Bill Shearer

Our first campout of the 2018 season is only one month away so be thinking about de-winterizing your rig, check the tires, fill your propane tanks and get ready for a fun season of camping and comradery. A reminder that the March campout has been changed to Hee Hee Illahee in Salem 3/22-24 and the April campout will be at Kampers West in Warrenton, OR 4/12-14.

Note Planning Meeting Dates:

- 1) At our Jan. meeting I was directed to form a committee to address concerns relating to our **Nov. auction. I plan on holding a meeting at our April campout** to hear concerns and determine how we might address them. If you have concerns, please bring them to the meeting. **If you are not able to be there**, please let me know what they are so that we can bring them up. My email address is: shearer.bt@gmail.com.
- 2) **At our May campout I will hold a 2020 Planning meeting.** If you know of some good campground that we haven't been to or haven't been to for a while, please bring them to the meeting. Again, if you can't be there, email me with your suggestions.

One last item. **If you are a Host for one of the 2019 campouts**, if you haven't already done so please call the campground and make reservation for the Clackamas Campers.

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Tour Your Capitol and Parks

March 1 – 31 (Monday - Friday, excluding holidays) Free

Weekday building tours start at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. Free. **Self-guided** building tours from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free. **State Capitol State Park** self-guided walking tour. Dawn to dusk. Free.

As the state capital, Salem is steeped in history – from the Capitol building itself to stately homes with storied pasts, to Willamette University, the first university in the west. Three historic properties – **Bush House Museum, Deep wood Museum and Gardens** and **Willamette Heritage Center** – as well as the **Oregon State Capitol** and the **Hallie Ford Museum of Art** at Willamette University, are located within easy walking distance of one another. For lunch and shopping, head downtown to the renovated **Reed Opera House**. Completed in 1870, it's filled with a unique assortment of shops and dining options. **(Hover over places above to open links).** Oregon State Hospital Museum <https://oshmuseum.org/>