



## EVENT CALENDAR

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### 2015 Calendar

Apr 23-26, Gig Harbor . WA ~  
Frank & Dana Suttell w/Al & Ruth  
Sorensen.

May 14-17, Flowers in Bloom Rally,  
Silver Spurs RV Park, Silverton, OR  
~ Vern and Glenda Serex.

Jun 11-14, StoneRidge Resort,  
Blanchard, ID ~ John & Cathy  
Lamb.

Jul 16-19, Oregon Coast ~ TBD.

Aug ?????

Sep 17-20, Casey's on the River, OR  
~ **Need host(s).**

Oct 15-18, Prosser Wine Country,  
WA ~ Harris/Becks.

Nov 25-29, Thanksgiving, Hee Hee  
Illahee, Salem, OR ~

Dec ~



## President's Corner



Gig Harbor is just around the corner and is shaping up to be a nice-size rally. There are currently 14 signed up. Dana and Ruth are planning the meals. There was a last-minute change in the reservation with the park and Dana made the notification to the people attending.

Gig Harbor is the Gateway to the Olympic Peninsula. Commercial fishing, boat building, and logging dominated the economy until the construction of the first Tacoma Narrows Bridge in 1940. Gig Harbor is now a bedroom community to Tacoma.

If you have never heard the story of the first Tacoma Narrows Bridge, it may be because it was short lived. The bridge construction started in 1938 and was completed July 1, 1940. The bridge was the third longest suspension bridge at that time. From the time the bridge was constructed, the deck began to move vertically in windy conditions. The bridge was nicknamed Galloping Gertie. They tried several engineering fixes to stop the motion, but they didn't work. The bridge collapsed November 7, 1940, after being in service only 4 months. Here is link to a video of the bridge. It says it was a gale force wind, but the wind was only 40 MPH.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-zczJXSxw>

Because of the "war," a replacement bridge was not built until 1950. That ridge is now the west-bound lane leaving Tacoma.

Vern and Glenda Serex are setting up the Salem Rally for May 14 to 16. It will be at the Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton, OR.

John and Cathy Lamb are setting up the StoneRidge Rally for June 11 to 14. It will be at the StoneRidge Resort in Blanchard, ID.

As the summer shapes up, we will need to have an annual meeting. I am planning on having the meeting at the Stone Ridge Rally in June provided we have a quorum. There will be election for the President, Vice President and Treasurer. Please let me know if you have any other business you would like to bring up.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Gig Harbor Rally.

*Frank Suttell, President*  
*Northwest County Coachers*

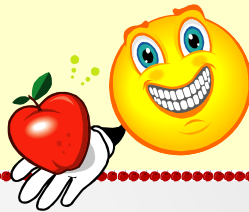


## NEWSLETTER EDITOR NOTES

Hello everyone. Following are preferences for newsletter submissions:

- ⇒ Submissions are needed before the end of each month. If you cannot meet that timeframe, do inform me and I will wait for you if possible.
- ⇒ Please submit only .jpeg and .doc or .docx materials. I might be able to convert .pdf materials, but ... ?
- ⇒ Always include sources for any previously published materials.
- ⇒ I will format submissions as appropriate for positioning in the newsletters. I will edit the submissions, so please do not send text in a format that cannot be corrected, e.g., in a picture/jpeg.
- ⇒ Do send lots of rally pictures and identify them as to persons and places (if you know them), but do not identify pictures by inserting text into the pictures.

Thanks. s/Terry Apple



## Country Coach Destinations

*The new Country Coach Corporation is publishing the Destinations magazine again and distributes it via e-mail. Many of you have mentioned that you are not receiving the magazine. If you are not receiving the magazine via e-mail and would like to, send your e-mail address to them and include a request to be added to the distribution list. Their Contact Us form at:*

<http://www.countrycoach.com/contact-us/>

*You can view current and past issues of Destinations at:*

<http://www.countrycoach.com/category/destinations/>

## Join the NWCCers Yahoo Group

The Yahoo Group is a great way to share information in a quick manner. There is considerable conversation about parts, repairs and general items of interest. This site is even more popular as we all search for answers about our Country Coach. It's fun, informative and free. Contact Lee Casebeer at [Lcasebeer@gmail.com](mailto:Lcasebeer@gmail.com).

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[www.nwccers.org](http://www.nwccers.org)

Webmaster: [CathyLamb2014@gmail.com](mailto:CathyLamb2014@gmail.com)

**Our Yahoo Group:**

[NW-CC-ers@yahoo.com](mailto:NW-CC-ers@yahoo.com)

# 2015 Tentative Rally Schedule

*At the FMCA rally, we discussed some pre-planning for the rally calendar for 2015. We had Bob Fite from the Puget Sounders Motor Coach Club as a guest speaker. He explained how they did their rallies and answered questions. He explained that they put their calendar together as much as two years in advance. This allowed them to get into places that might otherwise be booked and gave members a lot of time to plan their travels. They then got host and co-host who wanted to participate in a particular rally. If there was no host, the rally would be a no-host rally and members would just plan on the fly.*

**The following is our current work in progress:** *Our tentative approach is to schedule the rally date and locations and, hopefully, the host will volunteer. We have some hosts, but would like to see co-hosts as well, so don't be afraid to throw your name in if any of the locations interest you.*

April- Gig Harbor, WA April 23-26  
May- Silver Spurs RV Park, Silverton, OR  
May 14-17  
June- StoneRidge, Blanchard, ID June 11-14  
July- Oregon Coast July 16-19 TBT  
August- ??????  
Sept- Casey's on the River, OR  
September 17-20  
Oct- Prosser Wine Country, WA October 15-18  
Nov- Hee Hee Illahee, Salem, OR November 25-29  
Dec-



*We also have scheduled space for the Prosser Balloon Festival for 2016. This will be a co-rally with the Puget Sounders Motor Coach Club.*

*We hope this new approach will encourage participation by members to volunteer to host and co-host and also facilitate planning for members who are putting together their travel plans for next year. If anyone has a suggestion for a location that they think would make for a good rally, **please let me know.***

*If you have any interest in hosting or co-hosting please e-mail me at:*

*[rod.robbers@comcast.net](mailto:rod.robbers@comcast.net)*

*Rod Robbins, VP*

## GIG HARBOR PLANS

The Suttell's and Sorenson's invite you to join us in **Gig Harbor, Washington**, for a relaxed weekend of fun. Some of you came to this park for Oktoberfest a couple of years ago and it is worth a return trip. This is a cozy park just up the hill from the harbor and all it has to offer, restaurants, shopping, great views, walking trails, lots of geo caches, museums and more.

Frank and Vern found a great boat shop on our last visit and we are working on setting up a tour for this rally.

Due to the generosity of Guarantee RV, we will have a pizza feed one night as well as our normal food feasts.

The club's charity this year is **Spina Bifida** and Frank has been able to arrange to have one of his friends from the shipyard come and speak with us. Her family has been living with the realities of this disease and she will be able to answer any questions we have.

We have 15 sites for this rally and we booked this one solid the last time, so check your calendars and sign up. We will have a waiting list on the chance the park can fit in a couple more of us.

Hope to see you there!



## NWCCers Charity for 2015

### Spina Bifida Association (SBA)

For additional information on ways to give, please contact our Development office at

[development@sbaa.org](mailto:development@sbaa.org)

or 800-621-3141 ext. 11.

You can also donate by check (made payable to SBA) mailed to:

SBA  
PO Box 17427  
Arlington, VA 22216

### The Online Membership Directory

Thank you to Webmaster Kathy Lamb for updating our Online Membership Directory. She added the city & state of our members. Check it out. The directory is a convenient way to put faces with names of our membership. If your picture is missing or it needs revising, our newsletters contain information regarding updating. The Directory information is case sensitive (i.e., some letters must be capitalized) and password protected. Because our newsletter is distributed to more than just our members, the password has been sent to each of you. If you misplace that information, e-mail Lee at [Lcasebeer@gmail.com](mailto:Lcasebeer@gmail.com) and he'll send it to you again.



Another item regarding information sharing is a Facebook page for Northwest Country Coachers. Some members already are friends of that social media. If you are interested, feel free to "Like" or "Join" the Northwest Country Coachers Motor Coach Club Facebook page.

Lee Casebeer



Resort Website: [gigharbortvresort.com](http://gigharbortvresort.com)  
 Address: 515 Burnham Drive Northwest  
 Gig Harbor, WA 98332  
 Phone: (253) 858-8138



## Welcome to Gig Harbor, Washington April 23-25

Official Reservation Cutoff was March 23, 2015

The rally masters, Frank and Dana Suttell and Alan and Ruth Sorenson, have reserved 15 sites for \$43.09 per night. E-mail Dana at [fdsutt@wavecable.com](mailto:fdsutt@wavecable.com) with any questions.

NWCC Member Registration Fees	First Night's Stay	\$43.09
	Rally Fee	<u>\$10.00</u>
	Total	\$53.09
Non-Member Registration Fees	First Night's Stay	\$43.09
	Rally Fee	\$10.00
	Non-Member Fee	<u>\$10.00</u>
	Total	\$63.09

Please register online at:  
[NWCCers.org](http://NWCCers.org)  
 or mail your reservation fee\*  
 (\$53.09 NWCC members or \$63.09  
 non-members) to:  
 Dana Suttell, NWCC  
 3965 Bethel RD SE, Ste 1 Box 32  
 Port Orchard, WA 98366  
 \*Checks should be made payable  
 to Northwest Country Coachers.

Pilot and Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_ Slides \_\_\_\_\_ Towing Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Member of NWCC \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Note: We can attempt to book additional nights for you depending upon if the park is full. Please list the nights you want to stay \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellations are accepted up to 7 nights before your stay. After that, you will forfeit the First night's stay (\$43.09) to the park.



# Flowers in Bloom Rally



May 14-17, 2015

Silver Spur RV Park

12622 Silverton Rd. NE, Silverton, Oregon 97381

[www.silverspurrvpark.com](http://www.silverspurrvpark.com)

The Silver Spur RV Park is located in the foothills of the Willamette Valley on the outskirts of the small town of Silverton. Activities in and around the park are many and varied. It's a nice clean park and we'll be there for their "FLOWERS IN BLOOM" getaway. The park fee is \$35 per night, payable to our treasurer, Dana Suttell. For an additional fee of \$45.00 per person, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 2 Happy Hours will be provided by the Park and a group of local merchants. **(No cooking for the entire weekend!)** Several small gift shops, antique stores and a yarn shop, nearby wineries and a local brewery might appeal to some, while others will enjoy the challenge of hiking the Waterfall Trail in Silver Falls Park.

The Oregon Garden ([www.oregongarden.org](http://www.oregongarden.org)) is having a special event on Saturday, May 16 (<http://mustseeor.com>), that looks interesting.

The Gordon House, a Frank Lloyd Wright Home, is open for tours for a fee.

Outdoor/hiking folks will love Silver Falls State Park (maybe some "caches" in the park?) ([www.everytrail.com/best/hiking-silver-falls-state-park](http://www.everytrail.com/best/hiking-silver-falls-state-park)) with a (seven-mile or shorter) hike around the falls at a time when the falls should be in full roar. We can carpool to have cars at each end & save the return hike.

Mt. Angel Abbey—Museum <http://benedictinebrewery.com/>

There are a couple of outstanding nurseries nearby if you want to add to your summer garden. Fessler's is known for spectacular hanging baskets!

Fessler Nursery ([www.fesslernursery.com](http://www.fesslernursery.com)) & Conifer Kingdom ([www.coniferkingdom.com](http://www.coniferkingdom.com))

Der Glockenspiel (<http://www.glockenspielrestaurant.net>) is a great place to have authentic German food for lunch as you are out and about.



Resort Website: [www.silverspurrvpark.com](http://www.silverspurrvpark.com)  
 Address: 12622 Silverton Road NE  
 Silverton, OR 97381  
 Phone: 1(866)-854-7785



## FLOWERS IN BLOOM May 14-17

Reservation Cutoff is April 14, 2015

The rally masters have reserved 10 sites for \$35.00 per night. An additional \$45.00 per person will cover 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and 2 Happy Hours provided by the park and a group of local merchants (No cooking for the entire weekend!).

E-mail Glenda Serex at [glendaserex@gmail.com](mailto:glendaserex@gmail.com) with any questions.

NWCC Member Registration Fees	First Night's Stay	\$35.00
	Rally Fee	\$10.00
<u>Meal Fee x One Person</u>		<u>\$45.00*</u>
	Total	\$90.00*
Non-Member Registration Fees	First Night's Stay	\$ 35.00
	Rally Fee	\$ 10.00
	Non-Member Fee	\$ 10.00
<u>Meal Fee x One Person</u>		<u>\$ 45.00*</u>
	Total	\$100.00*

Please register online at:  
[NWCCers.org](http://NWCCers.org)

or mail your reservation fee\*\*  
 (\$90.00\* NWCC members or  
 \$100.00\* non-members) to:

Dana Suttell, NWCC  
 3965 Bethel RD SE, Ste 1 Box 32  
 Port Orchard, WA 98366

**\*\*Checks should be made payable  
 to Northwest Country Coachers.**

\*Adjust accordingly for multiple meal fees.

Pilot and Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_ Slides \_\_\_\_\_ Towing Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Member of NWCC \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Resort Website:** <http://www.stoneridgeidaho.com/>  
**Street Address:** 364 StoneRidge Rd.  
Blanchard, ID 83804  
**Resort Phone:** 208-437-3148



**June 11-14, 2015**

**Reservation Deadline:**  
**April 28, 2015**

Don't miss a weekend in the beautiful panhandle of Idaho! StoneRidge is located near Spokane, WA, and Coeur D'Alene, ID, with some of the most beautiful scenery you've ever seen. We've reserved 20 sites for \$35.00 per night. This rate can be extended to you for one day before and one day after the rally. Saturday night's dinner will be a catered event (\$25.00 per person) from the resort's pub & grill—be sure to sign up for that meal below! Registration fee is \$35.00 per coach, plus your first night's site rental (this fee includes the main dish in Friday's dinner and Saturday's breakfast). Email Cathy Lamb at [cathylamb2014@gmail.com](mailto:cathylamb2014@gmail.com) or call her at 916-792-3516 with any questions.

**NWCC Member Registration Fees:**

**First night's stay: \$35.00**  
**Rally Fee: \$35.00**  
**Catered Meal Fee:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **people X \$25.00:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NWCC Non-Member Registration Fees:**

**First night's stay: \$35.00**  
**Rally Fee: \$35.00**  
**Non-member fee: \$10.00**  
**Catered Meal Fee:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **people X \$25.00:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Register online at [nwccers.org](http://nwccers.org) or mail your reservation fee and this form to:

Dana Suttell  
3965 Bethel Rd. Ste. 1, PMB 32  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

**\*\*Checks should be payable to Northwest Country Coachers\*\***

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Towing: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of NWCC: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice for Friday (please enter number): \_\_\_\_\_ Pulled Pork Sandwich or \_\_\_\_\_ Boneless Chicken Breast

Interested in golf on Saturday (\$44.95 for 18 holes with cart)? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

**\*\*See following page for rally schedule\*\***



# StoneRidge Rally Schedule

## June 11--14, 2015

***\*\*Food/beverage items you need to prepare to bring are italicized in blue.\*\****

### **Thursday, June 11:**

- Arrive at park—check in with John & Cathy at 141 Par Loop for important rally information.
- Potluck dinner at Clubhouse: *Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and your own beverage.*

### **Friday, June 12:**

- Breakfast and lunch on your own—enjoy some of our fabulous restaurants in Coeur d'Alene or the surrounding area.
- Dinner at the Clubhouse: Pulled pork and all the fixings for hot pulled pork sandwiches or chicken breasts will be provided. *Please bring side dishes to share and your own beverage. Cathy will coordinate with you to avoid duplication.*

### **Saturday, June 13:**

- Breakfast and lunch on your own—enjoy some of our fabulous restaurants in Coeur D'Alene or the surrounding area.
- Golf at our beautiful golf course—\$44.95 for 18 holes + cart
- For those not golfing, spend another day exploring the area!
- Catered dinner at the Clubhouse

### **Sunday, June 14:**

- Breakfast of scrambled eggs, pastries, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee at the clubhouse.
- Have a safe trip to your next destination!!

*CC Teddy and  
Kris Casebeer*

*Northwest Country Coach Traveling Teddy,  
aka CC Teddy, continues her adventures  
with Kris Casebeer as part of the  
Northwest Country Coachers family  
who travel with her until she returns to  
Coos Bay for the Northwest FMCA Rally there.*

*[Editor's Note: Following is an article submitted by  
Michele Huffman postpublication of the March Newsletter.]*



**THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF CC TEDDY...** After a wonderful grand Pacific and Asia voyage, CC Teddy, our Northwest Country Coach traveling teddy bear, returned home for a nice Thanksgiving celebration with her Northwest Country Coach family at Fairview, Oregon.

CC Teddy wasn't content to stay home long, and flew to the Virgin Islands to spend Christmas with the Huffman family. She enjoyed wonderful, warm weather on the beautiful beaches of St. Thomas, St. John, and Virgin Gorda in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. The water, scenery and company were hard to beat.

January took CC Teddy on her annual RV trip to find sun in the Southwest. Her first stop was to visit old and new FMCA friends at the Western FMCA rally in Indio, CA. She received an award for participation at the rally's pet show. She also collected a rally pin and met other FMCA friends. Travelling From Indio, CC Teddy continued her winter retreat, traveling to Yuma, AZ, and Ehrenburg, CA, where she visited local sites. Her visit to the Yuma Territorial Prison was a highlight.



Her next stop was in Casa Grande, AZ, to enjoy more sun and warm weather. She enjoyed watching skydivers at the Eloy skydiving field. She had fun watching the Super Bowl with new friends, but would have preferred to see the Seahawks win another Super Bowl... Maybe next year.

After a couple of weeks in Casa Grande, CC Teddy headed north to join more of her Northwest Country Coach family at the Pueblo El Mirage Golf and RV resort. She learned about the fun of geocaching from her friends Don & Barbara Schleuse, Lee & Kris Casebeer, and Bill & Barbara Holmes.

CC Teddy bid farewell to her Huffman traveling companions at El Mirage, and joined Kris and Lee Casebeer for adventures to Mexico and Italy. She'll join Barbara Schleuse for Teddy's final voyage of the year to join the other traveling teddies in June at the Northwest FMCA rally in Coos Bay.



*Sidetracks from  
Herb Harris*

*It appears the Hillsboro, OR, City Council has approved an expanded role for RV parking at the Fairgrounds. Herb*

## Hillsboro approves RV plan for fairgrounds

March 20, 2015 in RV Owner News

(March 20, 2015) -- Although several residents urged the Hillsboro City Council not to go forward without more opportunities for the public to comment, council members voted unanimously Tuesday to allow expanded RV parking at the fairgrounds.

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Although several residents urged the Hillsboro City Council not to go forward without more opportunities for the public to comment, council members voted unanimously Tuesday to allow expanded RV parking at the fairgrounds, according to the Hillsboro Tribune.

According to Deborah Raber, senior project manager with the Hillsboro Planning Department, Washington County requested that the city of Hillsboro, where the fairgrounds are located, allow increased flexibility regarding RV parking, the Hillsboro Tribune reported. County officials asked for “the opportunity to consider a more permanent facility to accommodate community visitors year-round rather than in connection with a specific event at the fairgrounds.” To read the full story by Hillsboro Tribune:

<http://portlandtribune.com/ht/117-hillsboro-tribune-news/255113-124712-city-county-make-deal-on-fairgrounds-land>



*Might be just the thing for the post-rally coach clean up!  
Herb*

## Atwood introduces Stove Wrap

March 4, 2015 in Products

ELKHART, Ind. — Atwood Mobile Products said it is excited to introduce Stove Wrap, the secret to a clean stove. Stove Wrap is a patent pending stove top liner made of non-flammable, washable, and reusable material. Pre-sewn and cut to fit, Stove Wrap will fit on any Atwood or Suburban range or 3-burner cooktop.

Stove Wrap is easily installed by placing the three openings in the stove top liner over the burner heads and fastening it by the feet of the grates in each corner, a press release from the organization said. Simply tossing the Stove Wrap in the washer eliminates any spills, drips or boil overs. In addition to full-timers and part-timers, this is also a great product for rental fleets, as it reduces the labor and time involved in cleaning a RV when it is returned, the release continued.

“Atwood is excited about the opportunity to introduce this unique product to the RV market. It is unlike anything out there and gives RVers the opportunity to spend less time cleaning and more time camping with their families,” stated Trey Miller, director of aftermarket sales.

For a limited time dealers can purchase a kit that includes five Atwood and five Suburban Stove Wraps and a counter-top display. The offer is available through most distributors by ordering manufacturer part number 52985.

For more information, visit [www.askforatwood.com](http://www.askforatwood.com) .



SOURCE: Atwood press release





# Mary & Dick Svinth



Mary and Dick Svinth joined our club in June 2012. They have attended a couple of rallies, but Kris and I did not have the opportunity to meet them until last month in El Mirage, Arizona. As I mentioned in an article last month, El Mirage is a west-side suburb of Phoenix.

Dick is from Waldport, Oregon, and Mary, is from Beaverton, Oregon. Widower and widow, they met and married in 2011.

Before retirement, Dick owned a heating and spa company in Waldport on the Oregon coast. Mary worked in the Portland area as a customer sales and service representative for an international import and export company. She enjoyed having contact with customers all over the world.

Now, Mary and Dick are living full time in their 45 ft. Country Coach Affinity. They use Beaverton, Oregon, as a home address. They enjoy the freedom of full-time motor coach living and will continue that lifestyle for the foreseeable future.

Mary has one married daughter and two granddaughters and Dick has three married daughters, nine granddaughters and five great granddaughters.

Dick has many interesting stories about getting their Affinity to their liking and is a very satisfied customer of Premier RV in Junction City. Prior to their Affinity, Mary and Dick traveled in a fifth-wheel trailer.

Contributed by Lee Casebeer

## MEMBERS' CORNER

*Sidetracks from  
Herb Harris*

*Ever wish you could carry a spare tire in case of a blow out? Here's a new product from Roadmaster that will solve that problem. But better be able to call Coach-Net to jack up the coach and torque down the wheel studs! Herb*

## Roadmaster spare tire carrier gets RVers back on the road

By Darian Warden  
February 10, 2015 in  
Products, RV Industry News

*LAS VEGAS, Nev. — When the RVer is driving down the road and blows a tire, there are few options to get them back on the road quickly and cost effectively. Roadmaster hopes to solve both those issues with its new spare tire carrier.*

“If an RVer blows a tire they have to take it off and call road service. Then road service has to come out, potentially leave to find the tire and the whole time the RVer is at their mercy for tire price and time to get back on the road,” David Robinson, director of marketing for Roadmaster, told RV Daily Report. “They need a quick and easy way to get back on the road.”

The new spare tire carrier from Roadmaster offers RVers the ability to keep tires matched, save cargo space and still tow whatever they want behind their motorhomes.

“The carrier also conveniently pivots to the ground, allowing an RVer to slowly lower the tire and rest it on the ground then roll it off,” Robinson said. “It includes a two-inch receiver hitch for a tow bar or any other hitch-mounted accessory.”

The carrier fits 16, 19.5, 22.5 and 24-inch wheels and has a 10,000-pound maximum capacity and 400-pound maximum tongue weight. The product's MSRP is \$695.

“This product has been really well received at the retail rallies and is in high demand at the retail level,” said Robinson. “This is that quick and easy way to get back on the road.”






For more information, visit [www.Roadmaster.com](http://www.Roadmaster.com)



# HAVE YOU FOUND RVILLAGE?

RVillage is a year-old free RV social and market-place resource. When I (Terry Apple) signed up a few months ago, there were 14,000 members. Now, there are 18,000+. Meet people in your area or campground or with similar interests via RVillage. Below is a depiction of accomplishments in the first year of RVillage.

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<p>Added Canada and Mexico Parks</p> <p>Rolled out the Explore Map with Radius and Routing Features</p>	<p>Added ability to search members by clicking on their Interests (try it!).</p> <p>Highlighted parks with more than 3 members in them ("Social Parks")</p>	<p>Introduced our Ambassador Program</p> <p>Upgraded the Check in System to use Google Geolocation</p> <p>Uploaded RVillage Tutorial Videos</p>	<p>Upgraded the Get-Togethers Feature</p> <p>Adding a discussion feed to Get-Togethers and created the ability to invite people around you to your event</p>
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<p>Added feature to allow uploading photos to the Homefeed (so glad we did!)</p>	<p>We hit 10,000 members!!</p> <p>Updated the Home Page to include "My Requests", "People You May Know" and "Group Suggestions"</p> <p>First Photo Contest</p>	<p>Rolled out the MOBILE version of our Site!</p>  <p>Thanks Escapees!</p>	<p>Added RV Clubs and Memberships Badges</p> 
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>Formed partnerships with and were endorsed by KOA, FMCA, Passport America, Escapees, Boondockers Welcome, RV Dreams, M.I.A., Carefree Resorts, Fulltime Families and Harvest Hosts.</p>	<p>Unveiled the RVillage MARKETPLACE, where RVillagers can submit and read recommendations on goods and services geared toward RV'ers</p>	<p>Updated and improved our landing page and put the RVillage Marketplace on Mobile</p>	<p>Happy Anniversary RVillage!</p> 

As RVillage hits year 2, it will be improving the site everywhere, including upgrading Groups, Get-Togethers, User Profiles, Park Profiles, and all those little things to keep the Village tidy and beautiful.

Contributed by Terry Apple

**NorthWest Country Coachers**  
An FMCA Chapter, Chartered September 29, 2007  
**Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot birthday (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot birthday (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_ Anniv.(MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s):

Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Co-pilot Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Residence address (if different from mailing):

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA #: \_\_\_\_\_ \* We are an FMCA chapter; all members must also belong to FMCA

Pilot email: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach information:

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special medical information: \_\_\_\_\_

Your special interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Names & Types of pet(s) in coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Our annual membership fee is \$25 with an additional one-time \$25 application fee. Application dues received after November 30 will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the following year. Your application fee includes two permanent nametags with the NWCC logo and a rally fee waiver for your first rally. Send your \$50 check (application fee + 1<sup>st</sup> year dues) payable to **Northwest Country Coachers** to:

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Signatures:

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_