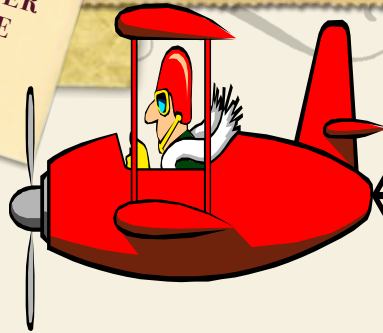


# HAPPY TRAILS EXPRESS

April 2011

“OVER THE RIVER  
AND THRU THE  
WOODS . . . A  
CAMPING



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** *The June Campout at Cascade Locks has been changed to Silver Spur RV in Silverton, Oregon. See details on page 3.*

## MAY CAMPING FUN Olde Stone Village RV Park Resort

Spring has sprung (mostly with rain) and we hope to look forward to some camping fun in the sun when we gather together at the Olde Stone Village RV Park near McMinnville, Oregon, on the weekend May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.

The RV park sits right next to the Evergreen Air Museum which houses the Spruce Goose that Howard Hughes built as well as other aircraft. Next door to the Air Museum is the Evergreen Space Museum which houses various outer space vehicles and info and is something new with the U.S.A. Space Program. There is an IMAX theater that tells about both.

**MEALS:** We'll have a bring-your-own-meat to barbecue on Friday evening along with a salads/desserts potluck. Plan on eating between 5:30-6:00. Saturday morning we'll have a potluck breakfast. Saturday evening will be a general potluck.

**RV PARK ADDRESS:** The address of the RV Park is 4155 Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR 97128-9431. **Please make your own reservations at (503) 472-4315.**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** The RV park is located 27 miles southwest of Portland on Highway 18 By-Pass off Highway 99W. To find further information, please check out the website at [http://www.woodalls.com/a/02465\\_oldestonevlg.html](http://www.woodalls.com/a/02465_oldestonevlg.html)

**CLUB BUSINESS MEETING:** We'll hold our business meeting after breakfast on Saturday morning.



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## APRIL CAMPING Wandering Spirit RV Park Grand Ronde, Oregon

Over the river and through the woods a camping we did go . . . through mostly rain and a little sun. It didn't dampen our spirits one little bit 'cause we just put on our rain clothes as we traveled to and from our warm rigs to the warm clubhouse. However, we were all commenting that spring roared in like a lion.

Those attending for the whole weekend were Ken & Margaret Elliott, Fred & Karri Frahler, Bernie & Shirley Stanfill and Ken & MaryAnn Frack. George & Judy Starbuck joined us on Friday evening and brought their friends Ken & Sharon Perry. Fred & Marlene Swanson joined us on Saturday.

On Friday evening we met at the clubhouse and climbed aboard the casino shuttle where we enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner at the nearby Spirit Mountain Casino. After dinner, some stayed at the casino to make donations to the Grand Ronde Indians and some of us returned to the park to rest up after exerting our energy dining and playing the slots.

Our Saturday morning potluck breakfast was bountiful as well as delicious. After breakfast we held our business meeting and

then some headed off to the casino to win some bucks. Please Note: This article is printed in RED because our folks didn't return with the green stuff but had a RED win.

Saturday evening's dinner was a hearty and yummy potluck. Following dinner we played a Mexican Train Domino game.

On Sunday morning Ken Elliott gave us a meaningful devotion.



*Having fun the Clackamas Cruisers' way!*

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**VOTE! VOTE!  
VOTE!  
Deadline . . .  
May 1st**

If you have not done so already, please fill out your ballot found in the March 2010 "News to Campers" and get it mailed to the national offices before May 1st.

Please also study the proposed by-law changes too and VOTE!! Each year when the report comes out showing the various state's number of votes, it is really disturbing how few vote. Remember you

Your vote is important!

## DUES TIME

It's that time of the year again . . . Chapter dues for 2011-2012 need to be paid on or before the end of 2011 and appreciated if paid by July 1st. Regular members pay \$35.00 (\$30.00 goes to national and \$5.00 remains in our chapter's treasury). Associate members pay \$10.00.

You can bring your money at the campouts or send a

check to MaryAnn Frack at 1001 SE Clark Avenue, Battle Ground, WA 98604-8955. Please make checks payable to "Clackamas Cruisers No. 197".

## June Campout Changed

We have cancelled our June campout at Cascade Locks. We will instead camp at the Silver Spur RV Park in Silverton, Oregon on June 24-26.

It is just a short distance to travel to the Oregon Gardens in Silverton. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the gardens, please plan to see them while at the campout.

**MEALS:** We will have a usual meal plans for the weekend but will not be able to use the RV park's clubhouse. The patio on the far side of the clubhouse is available for meals or we can gather around someone's campsite and eat in the open. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

**C H A P T E R BUSINESS MEETING:** The club meeting will be held on Saturday morning after breakfast.

**RESERVATIONS:** Please make camping reservations through Wagon Master Ken Frack at 360-666-0585 or kfrack@earthlink.net.

## HOTEL INFO:

**Moonstone Hotel**  
(in the Oregon Gardens)  
\$97.30 a night,  
includes admission to the gardens and breakfast.

Reservations:  
Call 805-927-6114



## Invite Others

Invite your family members and friends to any of our campouts. We will welcome them with our warmest Clackamas Cruiser love and hugs. Maybe they will like our NCT camping fun so much that they will want to become part of the Masonic Family. The only membership requirement for National Camping Travelers is being a Master Mason in good standing. At the NCT national website at [www.gonct.org](http://www.gonct.org) you can see what is happening in NCT around North America.