



A FMCA Chapter

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Mark your calendars NOW !

July 11- 15, 2007

Message from your Rally Master, George McConaughey

Well, it's time to firm up our travel plans for the summer of 2007. What better place to spend part of our time than in the beautiful Northwest, where there are many things to see and do, especially this summer! With Redmond as the Host City for both the Good Sam Rally July 17-18 and the FMCA Convention August 13-16. There will be many pre and post rallies for attendees to those including the Converted Coach rally August 8-10. For us Bus conversion enthusiasts, there will be the 4th Annual Bus'N USA rally in Rickerall, Oregon (just outside of the State Capital of Salem). Mark your calendar for July 11-15, 2007. We guarantee a good time, you will be fed, entertained and educated. In past years, we have had as many as 24 seminars and 20 vendors. Bingo was a great success last year as was our annual Swap Meet (sell that bus stuff you don't need!). We held open house in many converted buses. We have breakfast daily and great, mouth watering dinners each evening.

On your way to Bus'N USA or when you leave; enjoy fishing, camping, shopping or just relaxing. Visit the Spruce Goose at the museum in nearby McMinnville, or go to the beautiful Oregon coast only an hour or so from Rickerall. Along the way, find anything you might need (parts, service, or just stuff) for your RV or Bus at places like Medford, Roseburg, Eugene, Junction City, Portland, Vancouver and other cities in Oregon and Washington. There are shopping malls and unique boutiques all up and down the coast and the interstate.

Please come and enjoy our 4th Annual Bus'N USA Rally at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickerall, Oregon July 11-15, 2007. We encourage bus clubs from all over the US and Canada to come as groups. Come with friends who own a bus, come with friends that don't own a bus, come in what you own....camper, trailer, 5th wheel, pitch a tent, or stay in a nearby hotel.

If you love buses or bus conversions, come join us, you will make new friends, make helpful contacts, learn something new, and enjoy yourself.

Register NOW and you'll be entered in the early bird drawing!

The registration form is in this newsletter and on the website www.busnusa.com

VOLUNTEERS !!!!

WE NEED YOU !

Volunteers are **ALWAYS** welcome! Come and meet new people while helping out. There are a lot of things you can help with.

Please sign up when you check in! **Thank you!**



Ladies

Well.....did we keep you busy enough last year? We had many comments on how nice it was for the ladies to have something to do beside BUS seminars. Once again we will be trying to put together a full agenda for you this year. Please remember, ladies are always welcome to go to the bus and technical rallies, they are not just for the men, they are for anyone who is interested. We handed out questionnaires at the end of the last years rally and were very pleased with what you had to say about the rally and the seminars. **Do you know anything about Quilting or Genealogy???** It has been suggested that we have a seminar on each of these. Can you help me...if you'd like to share your knowledge with us on these subjects or anything else by giving a seminar or round table discussion, please contact me. I will be happy to help you in anyway I can to make it easy for you. Please get in touch with me and let's talk about it. Glynda McConaughy glmconmc@aol.com or call (619) 248-4080. We could really use your help!

I will be doing the ladies Roundtable again this year. I had so many men come up to me and tell me how much their wives really enjoyed the Roundtable and on the questionnaires we got a lot of positive remarks from you ladies. I can't wait to see you at the Roundtable again this year! So come prepared to share your ideas, listen, take notes, and remember..... we can talk about anything you want.....shhh we don't have to tell the men what we are talking about.

How many of you women did your homework assignment this year?? I expect to hear that you all learned to **DRIVE THAT BUS and dump those holding tanks!!!!!!**

Craft Sharing

Ok, here's the deal.....we want to try something new. Many of us do many different kinds of crafts that we are proud of. We thought it would be nice of you to share it with the others, You can tell us how you do it or show us! We're interested in seeing what all our BUS'N USA friends do when they aren't at rallies! We think it will be a lot of fun!

Visit us online! www.busnusa.com

Chains

Do you carry chains for your RV and tow vehicle? Something to ponder, because.....when the sign says chains required that means our tow vehicles as well. Don't be caught without chains for the RV and tow vehicle!

**We still have some
BUS'N USA T-shirts left!
SEE OUR TABLE AT
RICKERALL!**



Friday Morning

Fluffy Hot Cakes
With butter & syrup
Sausage
Juice, Tea, Coffee

Friday Dinner

The All-American Dinner!
BBQ'd Chicken
Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Rolls
Deserts by Tracy
Iced tea, Coffee

Saturday Morning

French Toast, American Style
With creamery butter & syrup
Crispy Bacon
Juice, Coffee, Tea

Saturday Dinner

This is What We Came For!

Joe's famous Prime Rib
Baked Potato with all the fixins
Caesar Salad Garlic Bread
Deserts by Tracy
Iced Tea, Coffee

Sun day Morning

The World-Famous Eggs McMussig
(English muffin, egg, cheese, Canadian bacon -or- sausage)
Coffee, Tea, Juice

Bus'N USA!

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There are many museums, antique shops, Outlet Center Mall, quaint towns with lots of sight seeing and many covered bridges for that Kodak Moment. How many of you remember the plane that is known around the world as the **Spruce Goose**? This is the Flying Boat that was built by the infamous Howard Hughes for the purpose of carrying 750 troops at a time, it has eight 3,000 horsepower engines, a mammoth fuel storage and supply system, and wings 20 feet longer than a football field. If you thought it was still in Long Beach, CA you thought wrong, it is right here in McMinnville, OR just minutes from the Polk County Fair Grounds at Rickreall. The Spruce Goose is the centerpiece or "crown jewel" of the **Evergreen Aviation Museum**. So if you missed seeing it while it was in Long Beach this is your opportunity to see it in it's new home.

See us on the web
www.busnusa.com

Bus Open House
 We get many of our ideas from other bus people. If you'd like have open house and share your bus ideas with others.....Just place the provided OPEN SIGN in your front window!!
 The sign will be available in your Welcome Bag when you check in

SWAP MEET

Time again to clean out your bus barn/garage
YES we are going to have the swap meet again. Boy, have some people received some really good deals. Bring anything related to Buses and we are sure you will sell it

This Swap Meet will be held on Sunday Morning 8:30 AM in the barn. Be there when the doors open to make good bargains buying or selling!

For Sale

Exchange Table
 We will have a table set up in the main hall for exchanging your old Books, Videos, CD's, DVD's, Magazines, Books on tape

2007 Seminars
 Boy! Do we have the seminars lined up for you! See the next newsletter for all the details!

Back for 2007
BINGO
 For your Saturday evening enjoyment



Be sure to visit our
Website
www.busnusa.com

DUES

*No, that is not a dirty word. But, dues
are duell Many of you have not paid
your 2006 dues and 2007 will be due in
a couple of months!*

So.....let's pay our dues



Presidents Message

Greetings! I hope you all had a great winter and now are looking forward to a fun filled spring and summer of Bus'N events!

We are well underway with plans for the 4th Annual Bus'N USA convention. This is a **MUST ATTEND** event! We have expanded the convention to arrive on Wednesday, July 11 and depart Sunday, July 15. The exhibits will be open Thursday thru Saturday. Our Swap meet will be on Sunday morning. Extending the Convention an additional day will allow more time for you to enjoy yourselves at a leisurely pace. You may arrive as early as Tuesday, July 10. The price of fuel has not gone unnoticed. The extended days help lower the cost per day, which makes it more worthwhile to attend our Convention!

This year the registration provides a discount for paid up Bus'N USA members. Now there is a financial incentive to the Bus'N USA member! If you have not sent your dues in, please do so and receive your "paid up" member discount! Volunteers are needed for the Convention. Please contact our Rallymaster, George McConaughey 813-966-7513 to volunteer, you know you'll have fun! You will meet many new friends and have a great time when you volunteer.

Mark that calendar for the Bus'N USA Convention July 11-July 15!! Send your registration in now so you can be eligible for the early bird drawing for a FREE rally next year!

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Your President, *Dick Wright*



Like those Root
Beer floats?? OK!
We'll do it again!
See ya there !

Meet the Vendors !

Thursday night:
Hot dogs, sau-
sages, pasta salad,
& potato chips
served by the ven-
dors in the main
dining hall. See
your
Welcome bag for
time.

From the Desk of Dave Gregory

What a dreary, wet winter we have been having here in Roseburg, Oregon! Debbie and I just completed building a house (the LAST one) and now can put more energy into getting that pesky yard work done, which of course includes full hookups for our busn' buddies! We haven't taken our bus out this winter, but we did manage a two week escape to Mexico for some "Real" sunshine.

Now is the time to get that bus checked out for the good weather up here.

1. Check to make sure that the house batteries have not gone dry. Check and clean all the connections.
2. Check to see if all the plumbing is working after the cold winter.
3. Check all your belts for tightness and cracks (it does not hurt to carry a spare set)
4. Make sure that the generator battery is up to starting the generator and last but not least—make sure those beautiful musical horns that some of you guys have are working up to snuff, can't think of you leaving a rally without tooting your horn!

A couple of things to check before you pull out for a spring, summer and fall of rallies and fun.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road!

BUS'N USA

RICKERALL! July 11-15, 2007

For your convenience, space will be available in the dining hall for any Chapter that would like to recruit membership and talk about your club.

Check out our website

www.busnusa.com



3 Bus's to Mexico

By: Vice-Pres--Bob Lewis and Secretary --Shirley Lewis

Ok....it is January in the Northwest.....winds, rain and snow. Time to head South? You bet ya...we are not officially retired however, we made the choice to go south. As we left Washington there was snow on the ground and sun in the sky however, Mexico was calling and we headed south. As we drove south the snow was on our tail and with the sun out it was still cold. Our first stop was to visit David Gregory at Southern Oregon Diesel. David and Debbie were the friends that introduced us to the adventure of Mexico and we needed to stop and confirm their plans to come visit us and to revisit our dreams of traveling together and having them join us in the future. (Note....David and Debbie are making plans to join us NEXT year as traveling partners and to spend time south in Mexico). Off again to meet up with our two Bus N USA traveling partners for the second year, John and Barbara Webber and Jim and Cheryl Smith for two months of sun and Mexico. Now a lot of US citizens always ask us how the roads are, what is the gas prices like, is it hard to travel in a county that doesn't speak the language and did you feel safe. Answers to these questions are yes the roads are good, gas prices are lower, yes it is a little harder to travel in Mexico as there are some crazy drivers (aren't there also crazy drivers in the United States) and we never found a problem with the language as everyone we met tried to help us in every way they could and never felt unsafe. We follow a road log that can be found at www.ontheroadin.com as this couple has traveled in Mexico for many years. Now Mexico isn't for everyone and before you think about traveling to Mexico we can not stress enough to do your homework. There is necessary insurance, copies of necessary documents and as of the first of the year a passport is needed. Also, this area throughout Mexico has become a very southern destination for a lot of Canadians and Americans and many parks are full. The park we stay in is 1,000 miles from the border and we make are reservations a year in advance. Carol and Grant Thacker, the manager of the La Penita RV Park , and members of Bus N USA have spoken about Mexico and traveling at our BUS N USA rallies and we treasure their friendship and beautiful park in La Penita. As I say, Mexico isn't for everyone but it is our paradise, it is the one place we can wear shorts, go to the beach and drink beer and margaritas at our will! It is a place of family values, happy people and lots of adventures. We stopped in Oregon on our way home to continue our commitment to Bus N USA rally and started the planning for our up coming event in July. The planning has begun and the work has started to bring the best rally and information to our members and new bus adventures in the market. We came home to rain and colder weather however, with wonderful memories new friends and a continued love for a country in conflict however, a country of change and the sense of happiness between people. To take our buses to Mexico was perfect. Hope you all keep traveling and we will see you all at the rally in July!!!



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Vendors 2007

To be posted in next newsletter!

Membership

Membership in our club is how we get the word out!! If you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2006 —

please send them to

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information,
seminars and
registration forms**