

REGION 10 2014 RALLY EDITION

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“Caravan to Coast” Region 10 Rally Details



I'm writing this during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. It's raining and has cooled down, so it would not be a real nice Airstreaming weekend. Nevertheless, in the USA, **this weekend signals the beginning of the summer vacation season.** So, I'm hoping that many of you are planning all kinds of trips in your rigs including attending Unit rallies and going on caravans, going to our Region 10 Rally near Astoria, OR and the International Convention/Rally in Gillette, WY during this season. I know that I will see some of you down the road.

Travel safely and God be with you!

My two Vice-Presidents and I decided to make this issue of the Region 10 newsletter, a **Rally Newsletter**. Although we have been talking about our Region Rally for sometime, it is now the time to give you, who are attending, the reminders and details that will let you know what to expect when you arrive. Each of the two VPs has written articles and details that they hope will be helpful. In addition, there are details and responses that are requested from you for activities that are

happening during the rally. **To those who are not attending, you will be missing a great time and we hope that you will be able to participate at our next Region 10 Rally in 2016!**

So, here is my top 10 list of reminders:

- 1. Cancellations:** If for any reason you need to cancel your reservation, please email our Registrar, Jay Rolls, ASAP so he will be able to contact folks on our Waiting List. We will contact the KOA on your behalf to issue you a refund. It may be that persons on the Waiting List will want to stay the same number of days as the person who has to cancel. In that instance, Region 10 would issue the refund check. Checks may not be issued until the end of the rally as other activities will be keeping us busy. Remember, starting July 1st, you will not get everything refunded to you. Jay's email is: j-rolls@hotmail.com
- 2. Meal and Administrative fees for those staying offsite or in another site at the KOA:** Our rally sites are full. The KOA will not give us more sites. A few people are trying to find locations offsite and a couple of others are making reservations at the KOA and paying full freight fees through the resort. If either is your circumstance, the meal and admin fees will be: Thurs to Sun = \$21 per person and Thurs to Mon = \$26 per person. Jay or our Region Treasurer, Pat Latimer will collect that from you. Would you, please email Jay or me, carolortiz1686@yahoo.com so we can plan for your participation?
- 3. Opening Ceremonies @ approx. 7pm on Thursday:** Unit Presidents, bring your Unit's flag and a flag pole and a Blue Beret, if you have one. This will be a very simple ceremony at our gathering place – **the ECC.**
- 4. Bring instruments for the Jam Session/Sing-along on Friday:** Whether an instrumentalist or singer, the lyrics and chords can be found on our website so you can print them out ahead of time, practice them or just have your own set for the evening event. www.region10.wbcci.net

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5. **Challah Bread workshop, Friday @ 10am:** Bring a cookie sheet – one that would fit in an RV oven. If you have an oven in your rig that you would be willing to have used, will you please email me?
carolortiz1686@yahoo.com
6. **Printed program:** You will receive a printed program when you arrive. Check for locations of activities, seminars, workshops and meetings. Check to see if you need to bring your own silverware, plate, cup or chair for a meal, or not.
7. **Sponsors:** If you spot them, be sure to thank the representatives for their participation at our rally: **Airstream Adventures Northwest; Sky-Med and Costco.**
8. **Bring extra cash:** for ice cream or pizza or ribs from the **Wheelhouse Café.** They will deliver to your rig. Bicycles and other things can be rented. We will be raffling some beautiful gift baskets, also.
9. **Airstream Open House:** We will try to fit this in, so if you stage your rig and want to participate, bring those items. Besides other Airstreamers, there will be folks staying in the park in cabins and other rigs. KOA won't let us open it to the public, but we can invite other guests of the KOA. **Email me if you would participate on Saturday from 1pm-3pm.**
10. **Pray for sunshine:** Many of our activities and meals are outdoors. **Bring your smiles** and willingness to meet folks from all over Region 10! **Be gentle with me** if you have an issue with the site that you have been assigned. I tried very hard to accommodate all requests and physical needs. In addition, I sprinkled members of every Unit over the sites so that you would meet others from other Units in our Region. **Come ready to have an outstanding time! See you July 17th!**

Safe travels!

Carol Ortiz, Serving you as President of Region 10

PS I thought of one more: If you are planning to come on the 16th or earlier, will you email me, please?

Call the KOA, asking for Kym or Carmen, and pay for the extra day(s) directly to the KOA.
[\(503\) 861-2606](tel:5038612606) Do it ASAP as you reserve the same site as assigned for the Rally.

PSS The S.W.A.T. Team Caravan will not happen after the rally – there were only 2 trailers that showed an interest in going.



"Caravan to Coast" Arrival Details

July 17th is just around the corner, particularly for those of you who are heading to Gillette for the IR and then directly to the Oregon Coast. Bob and I wanted to update you with a few final details in preparation for the "Caravan to the Coast" Rally.

When traveling on Highway 101 from the North and from the South, watch for the yellow KOA signs on the side of the road. From the North stay on 101, passing Fred Meyer on the right and turn R onto Alt Hwy 101. From the South, pass the road on your right that goes to Costco and prepare to make a L turn onto Alt Hwy 101. At stop sign, turn L onto Main Street (Hwy 104). Turn R onto DeLaura Beach Lane which runs on the side of the Main Street Storage. At the point that DeLaura Beach Lane bends north and becomes Ridge Road, it is approximately 2.2 miles to the KOA entrance. If arrivals get stacked up and you are still on Ridge Road, pull as far to the right as you can, using the shoulder. We do not want to block the road so that those heading to Fort Stevens State Park are prevented from arriving at their destination.



There will be a team of volunteers on hand to welcome you to the Astoria/Warrenton KOA & the Region 10 Rally beginning at noon on Thursday the 17th.

Upon arrival we'll direct you to the office where you'll check in, receive your wrist bracelet (which provides access to the free pancake breakfast throughout the rally) and pay for any pets and/or children 11+ not previously registered. If you belong to KOA, this would also be the time to provide your membership number to ensure you receive credit for this stay.

Our team of Greeters will provide each adult a combination goodie & dinnerware bag handcrafted by members of the Washington Unit. The bag will contain a program for each adult, ribbons for adults and children, a site locator map and names/addresses of things to do & see, along with places to eat while at the Oregon Coast. The experienced Parking team will then assist in getting you settled into your campsite.

If you find that your travels will get you to the KOA later than 4:30 pm on Thursday please don't hesitate to call **Mona Heath @ 971-804-0885** or **Bob Caldwell @ 702-521-7992** and we'll be there waiting to greet you.

Safe travels.

Kite Flying Reminder

Hello Registrants for the 2014 Region 10 Rally at Astoria/Warkenton/Seaside KOA!

You have likely read the Rally Schedule by now and may have noticed that on Sunday there is a time for Kite Flying at the Beach . . .

That means that all of us who have kites or want to get one and fly it on the beach are welcome to bring a kite and fly it with the group.

This is an informal event right now, but if enough let me know they are interested, , we can arrange to have the more senior “flyers” demonstrate their prowess and assist the newbies to learn their techniques and maybe even have more of an organized event.

Please send email to caldwell4076@me.com and I will let you all know if we have enough interest to organize it, or if it remains an ad-hoc event.

Thanks.

Bob Caldwell



Beach Clean-up Community Service

Immediately following Kite Flying at the Beach on Sunday we would like to wrap up the afternoon activities with a beach-clean up. Having spent several 4th of July holidays at the Oregon Coast, it was always so impressive to see adults and children acting as stewards of the coastline and it’s inhabitants.

Some of you may ask “but what about tsunami debris? Is it dangerous to be near?” – very understandable questions given the appearance of debris West Coast beaches since the devastating earthquake & tsunami which struck Japan in March, 2011. I’ve spoken with two different people from the Oregon State Parks Department, the second of whom referred me to the website noted at the bottom of this article. <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/tsunamidebris/faqs.html>. This ranger lives on the Oregon Coast and shared with me that of all of the debris that has washed ashore, large & small, none of it has been radioactive. Included on the attached link is a section that provides instructions on how to handle anything that appears to be tsunami debris.

We’ll provide disposable gloves and garbage sacks, Mother Nature is sure to deliver magnificent scenery and we’ll all leave feeling we’ve done a good thing.

Hope you can join me

Mona Heath



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We are on the web...

www.region10.wbcci.net is the place to go to find out what is happening in Region 10. It is also the place to find out about rally details or any last minute changes.

When you are travelling...

Be sure to check out other Unit rallies in the Region and get in touch with the contact person to see if there is room for your rig. You could meet some new friends who have the same love of travel and camaraderie as you do.

Always remember that courtesy on the road pays off. It is better to arrive safely than to risk injury by being in a hurry.

Make sure that your rig is in excellent running condition and that tail lights are checked before departure.

See you down the road.

