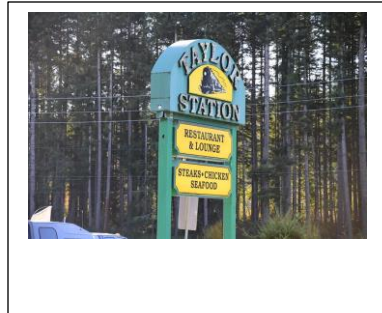


Did you know that Northwest Travelers #38 in Washington State (the other Washington) is alive and well and camping again and still!!

Our group usually camps April thru October here on the west coast. In the months of November, January, February and March we do a monthly luncheon at a local restaurant.



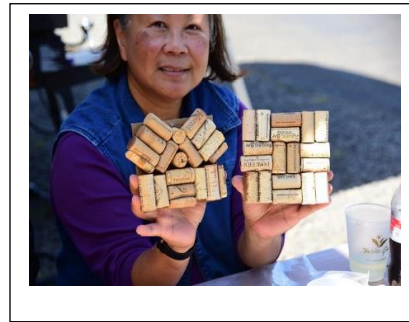
However, during the pandemic over the last 18 months our activities were definitely curtailed, so we decided to continue to camp in small groups monthly at campgrounds (using the state mandated rules for gathering in groups, masks, hand sanitizing etc.) that were still open, every month except January due to heavy snow in all the outlying areas around Seattle! Some were very wet and cold but we have learned how to overcome all the adversities! Did you know that pop-up canopies with sides and zippers with small propane heaters in them are great for gathering and eating. Definitely warm and cozy! It helps to use your imagination.



We started our regular campouts in April in Elma, WA as usual. One of our favorite spots as they always welcome us as a group and have warm fresh baked cookies on arrival. May took us to Columbia River RV Park on the Columbia River in Woodland, WA. What a beautiful campground right on the Columbia River with all types of ships coming and going. It was windy but still an amazing spot! June saw us in Silver Lake at Silver Cover RV Resort! That is a great spot not far from Mount Rainier. Lots of things to explore and the Observatory is about 50 miles away but worth the trip! Really shows the destruction from the eruption in 1980. Signs of life are there however now.



Silver Cove



July campout was just held at Wenatchee River County Park in Monitor, WA along the river again (can you tell we all like water?) This is must visit park and we have already made our reservations for the group for May 2022! Warm weather camping (90 degrees plus) but really cools off at night which makes for great sleeping with all the windows open, Went and visited the quaint little Bavarian town of Leavenworth about 20 miles away and brought home lots of wine and tasty goodies. We had a chipping and putting tournament with lots of laughs and giggles. Several of the ladies had bought very special Walmart (or Nord-mart as we call it) fashion dresses that went along with the Patriotic theme for this campout. There was a big fire across the road that started on Tuesday before our Thursday arrival, but it was so well maintained (Thank you firefighters!) that it did not affect our trip or air quality at all. We could see all the hills where the burn was and how it was kept away from any structures. The personnel from all divisions did an amazing job and we know that there were so many, many thankful people for their hard, difficult work and thankless jobs! Currently there are 13,000 acres burned with only 83% containment after 6 days.





Currently on the docket for August is Leavenworth RV Campground and September with be Seaside, OR RV and Camping Resort. Should be lots of fun, food and shenanigans We do themed decorating and also sometimes cooking to go along with our theme! Lots of fun seeing what we can come up with to out do the other sites. Of course it's Masonic and so food is never lacking! So many great cooks in our group!

So as you can see the West Coast is alive and well and traveling...you are more than welcome to join us anytime!

Check out all of our pictures at:

<https://wa-masonicphotos.smugmug.com/Subsites/Travelers>