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Office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from noon to 2pm Phone: 1-509-943-2277 Email: ramrovers@gmail.com Website: ramblingroverstravel.net Monthly general membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month

at 10 am at Atomic Bowl, 624 Wellsian Way, Richland

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

(Any comments about the newsletter, you can email the editor at shepatfleming@gmail.com)

ELECTED OFFICERS APPOINTED POSITIONS President: Marsha Hathcox Trip Coordinator: Vice-President: Trip Coordinator: Linda McCarty, 948-0545 Social Coordinator: Vel Wright, 521-7710 Secretary: Lynne Brown Treasurer: Claudia Theroff Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck Office Manager: Margaret Ault, 308-6892 Directors: Diane Beckmann OTHER Attendance: Sharon Warren Pat Landen Greeter: Barbara Strait Dortha Backer Board Development Specialist: Dortha Backer, 539-4920 Membership Specialist: Karen Crawford Website Specialist: Larry Smith, 539-1142 Newsletter Editor: Pat Fleming, 539-5459

JUNE BIRTHDAYS-Happy Birthday

Hazel-Webb-2	Patricia-Fleming-20
Roseanne-Dooley-4	Betty-Cannedy-21
Terry-Madsen-4	Nancy-Tress-21
Diane-Bonin-5	Diane-Beckmann-22
Denise-Ford-6	Vickie-Bergum-22
Candy-Gray-7	Joe-Nelson-22
Kim-Robuck-7	Leslie -Schwartz-22
Marjorie-Cable-8	Diane-Hedrick-24
Susan-Meeks-8	June-Meiners-24
Renee-Stone-9	Judith-Loomis-28
Katherine-Quinn-10	Darlene-LaPierre-29
Nancy-Stratton-10	Sherri-Muffett-30
Bud-Backer-14	Shern-Mullett-50
Patty-Harshman-14	
Marcia-Kleingartner-15	
Layna-Kinsman-16	
Mike-Mars-17	

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO DON'T GET THE MEETING REMINDER ON THE ROVER FACEBOOK PAGE: THE GENERAL MEET-INGS ARE ALWAYS ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM (but come early to check out trips, books, coffee & meet other members). WEAR YOUR NAMETAG. IF YOU ARE NEW, THEY ARE FREE (SEE KAREN CRAWFORD). ALL OTHERS CAN BUY THEM FOR \$3.

We need a volunteer for the Rover office on the 2nd Thursday and one for the 4th Thursday of every the month from 12 to 2pm. Contact Rover Office Manager Margaret Ault at (509)308-6892 or mpa99336@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rob Jacobsen

Kathryn Schroeder

Our Membership Specialist, Karen Crawford, said the Board decided we do not need a waiting list when there are spaces open. We have about 15 spaces open so if

you know anyone who wants to join, let them know to contact Karen at ramrovers@gmail.com. She will contact those potential members who asked for a membership form but have not yet returned it and tell them since we have 20 openings, we no longer have a waitlist and if they want to become a member, to send in the form. First come, first served. **NEWS FROM THE BOARD:** Our current president Cyndi Kittson has resigned to care for her husband who will have surgery soon and Vice President, Marsha Hathcox will now become president per By Laws. We will vote next month on a new VP. By Laws say that the Board will nominate someone and at next month's meeting, they will take nominations from the floor before a vote. Be sure you have the permission of anyone you want to nominate from the floor.

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Board Secretary, Lynne Brown, read the following which was prepared by our Treasurer, Claudia Theroff [who discovered all this by going through old files in the office—thank you Claudia!]

"At the May 15th Board meeting, the Treasurer reported the results of her meeting with an accountant regarding our organization's tax-exempt status. From the information currently available, it appears that Form 990 returns (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) should have been filed for several years. As a result of not filing those returns, the organization lost its tax exempt status. Form 1120 returns (Corporation Income Tax returns) should have been filed and income tax paid as applicable for those years. The accountant recommended we file back tax returns for up to 6 years and file a Form Application for Tax Exempt Status to be effective for 2026. A preliminary estimate of taxes, penalties, interest and accounting fees payable is about \$20,000. The Board has agreed that the accountant will be engaged to prepare the tax returns and file for tax exempt status."

During the upcoming review and editing of By Laws and Operating Procedures, the filling out of these forms will be added as a duty of the Treasurer.

Verna Bond says, "Rovers are truly wonderful!! The Food Bank has reduced amount of food given to each person or family. Rovers gave 179 lbs of food and 30 lbs to Martha's Cupboard for the month of May. The Food Bank sends "thank you" to all who donated for May."

Travel Coordinator Linda McCarty's TRIP UPDATES:

JUNE 8-12th 37 Rovers leave for our highly anticipated YOSEMITE & SEQUOIA NAT'L PARKS. Stay tuned for pictures.

JUNE 14th. RETURN TRIP TO THE CENTRAL WA. AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM AT UNION GAP, WA for their annual Civil War Re-enactment. Wander through acres of history camps with demonstrations and information about life during the Civil War.... both at home and on the battlefield. Walk through the Union and Confederate camps, visit with the Civil War Reenactors and learn about our American History. Come watch the North and South face off during the battle reenactments. DEADLINE is JUNE 2, 2025 which just happens to be when the Rover office is open from noon to 2pm.

Friendly Excursions trips still available are **Smoky Mountains, Nashville & Kentucky on Sept 6-14th**...\$4,599 per person/\$5,999 single occupancy. Highlights include, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Dollywood, Louisville Slugger Factory, Churchill Downs, Ark Encounter, Country Music Hall of Fame & Studio B, Bourbon Distillery Tour, Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry. 2 overnights at the stunning Opryland Hotel Resort.

New York City at Christmas is December 8-12th. \$3,599/\$4,599 single occupancy. Highlights are Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, a Broadway Show, Times Square, New York City Tour, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. See Linda for Flyers.

NEW: ALASKA CRUISE 2026 is reserved. JULY 11-18, 2026, on Holland America Cruise lines. Highlights are scenic cruising of Stephan's Passage, Juneau, Glacier Bay National Park cruising, Icy Strait Point, Sitka, Ketchikan, Victoria, B.C. Price is \$2,969 per person for a Balcony Cabin and HAVE IT ALL + which includes Premium drink package, premium Wifi, Crew gratuities, \$100 onboard shore excursion credit, one specialty dining evening. Inside cabins are \$1,600 and do not include the +...it can be added for an additional expense. Roundtrip Motorcoach transportation is available for an additional \$125 each, payable in Spring 2026. LYNNE CROSS (*new member*) IS LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE TO SHARE A BALCONY CABIN:

Call Linda @ 509-948-0545 for sign up instructions and motorcoach reservation. linda.davis08@yahoo.com

The Grand Hotel @ Mackinac Island is set......SEPT 6-14, 2026. Save the date!!...\$4999 each for 9 days/8 nights...Chicago highlights also included. *(includes airfare)*

Happy Travels my friends~~

IN SEARCH OF A TRIP COORDINATOR

Our only trip coordinator at this time, Linda McCarty, is doing a terrific job. She has several wonderful upcoming trips. As you can see below, it's a lot of work to be a trip coordinator and more work to cancel things when not enough members sign up. We do need another trip coordinator so that maybe with the variety of trips available, members have more to choose from. So, please consider it.

TRIP COORDINATOR - the trip is free

Must attend Board meetings when getting trips approved.

Must attend General Meetings to respond to members wanting to sign up for trips.

Duties for an Overnight Trip*

Choose an event, get the price plus fees and taxes. Get the cancellation policy. Date, time. How long is the event.

Contact the motel get price per night plus fees and taxes. Is breakfast included.

Price for a 2 queen room (2 people); price for single. Remember to comp the bus driver.

Check restaurants and make reservations.

Tickets for events? Price per person plus fees and taxes.

Plan events on the way to and from. (Event, prices, fees plus taxes). Reserve tickets

Figure mileage and time at each place - remember bathroom breaks.

Make full sheet flyer to display at meeting, for the trip book and to send to the newsletter editor. Make half sheet flyers to hand out at meetings and for the office.

Figure all costs: bus (give bus company where and how long at each place), driver tip (\$3/person/day), motels per person per room, tickets, meals if included, snacks, water, prizes.

Make itinerary for assistant to include in the snack bag.

Keeps sign up sheets. Decides if they or the assistant alphabetizes and sorts them by pick-up city.

<u>ASSISTANT TRIP COORDINATOR</u> to be chosen by Coordinator - assistant also gets a free trip. Adds the coordinator and assistant's name and phone # to itinerary and prints copies for each snack bag. Snacks plus water for each person. From the RR medical info spreadsheets, copi3s only the members traveling and take that list on the trip (or print the whole thing which is quite a few pages). Shred old medical prints when done. Fill snack bags and hand out water for each day. Be in charge of the stool that helps members get into the bus. Work with coordinator on games and prizes. May keep spreadsheets of sign up lists if coordinator chooses.

<u>ADDED</u> - If Coordinator and Assistant trade off checking members into and off of the bus in Kennewick & Richland, the last one of them on the bus is responsible for checking the bus for trash.

*Our current trip coordinator (Linda McCarty) commented that "day trips" are easier to plan than seen above.

If interested, contact President Marsha Hathcox, (509) 551-6368 or marshadhathcox@aol.com or any Board members.



Central Washington Agricultural Museum @ Union Gap, WA.



UNION GAP OLD TOWN DAYS & CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT Saturday, June 14th

Wander through acres of history camps with demonstrations and information about life during the Civil War - both

at home and on the battlefield, brought to you by the talents of the Washington Civil War Association. Walk

through the Union and Confederate camps, visit with the Civil War Reenactors and learn about our American

History. Come watch the North and South face off each day during the battle reenactments.

PRICE \$70.00

Deadline is June 2, 2025

Kennewick=8:00 a.m.

Richland=8:30 a.m.

Led by: Linda McCarty and Jim McCarty

509-948-0545 509-948-4171

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Saturday, July 19th

Songs from the most celebrated musical theatre writing duo, Rodgers & Hammerstein, come together in this Regional Premiere of A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING. Featuring over 30 hit songs from musical treasures like Oklahoma! Cinderella, The Sound of Music, South Pacific, Carousel and The King & I. innovative musical arrangements, including a sultry Andrews Sisters-esque "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" and a jazzy "Kansas City." You're sure to leave singing after this GRAND night at the theatre (Note: this is the same theater group where we saw The Buddy Holly Story last year!)

PRICE \$130.00

(performance is at 2:00 p.m.)

Kennewick=10:00 a.m. Richland=10:20 a.m.

Led By Linda & Jim McCarty 509-948-0545

University High School

12420 E 32nd Ave

Spokane Valley, WA 99216



DEADLINE FOR VEL TO HAVE

YOUR \$10 IS JUNE 18TH

ROVER SUMMER PICNIC

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

POTLUCK MEAL @ 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Drive yourself to the Highland Grange Building

15 S. UNION ST., KENNEWICK

Parking is great—lock your car and don't leave valuables inside

Bring a Potluck Dish to Share based on the first initial of your last name.

A– G DESSERTS

H-R SALADS

S-Z MAIN DISHES

Plates and table-service will be provided along with

bottled water and meat.

PRICE: \$10

Checks only please when mailing. Make payable to Rambling Rovers

MAIL CHECKS ONLY TO:

VEL WRIGHT



BRING YOUR <u>CHECK OR CASH IN THE</u> EXACT AMOUNT TO A ROVER'S GENERAL MEETING ON 4/16 OR 5/21

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(do not mail or take to the Rover office)

Great Smoky Mountains, Nashville & Kentucky

September 6 – 14, 2025 9 Days & 8 Nights

Sightseeing Highlights

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Over Mountain Aerial Tram Dollywood Louisville's Slugger Churchill Downs International Museum of the Horse Ark Encounter County Music Hall of Fame & Studio B Bourbon Distillery Tour Nashville Grand Ole Opry

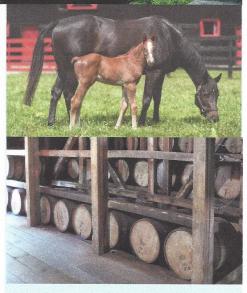
Itinerary

Day 1 (Sept 6)) Fly into in **Louisville**, **Kentucky**. Upon landing, you'll be greeted by your Friendly Excursions tour director and transported to your hotel in the vibrant **Nulu Arts District**, known for its lively nightlife and local charm. Enjoy your evening exploring the area. 1 night stay in Louisville, KY.

Day 2 (Sept 7) Start out tour at **Churchill Downs**, home of the **Kentucky Derby Museum**. Next stop is the **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory** where the famous bats where made. Lexington, KY 3 Nights. B

Day 3 (Sept 8) Experience the **Ark Encounter**, a life size version of Noah's Ark. This structure is 1.5 football fields in length (510 feet long, 85 feet wide and 57 feet high) and built with all wood craftsmanship. Our next visit is to the iconic **Bourbon Distillery**, that showcases the Kentucky tradition of bourbon making. Enjoy a tasting and tour which complete our day. B

Day 4 (Sept 9) We will spend an amazing day at the **International Museum of the Horse**. This Kentucky Park is 1,200 acres working horse farm that features 50 horse breeds. Attractions are: Horse drawn trolley to tour the park, a Hall of Champions, a Museum of the Horse, and farrier and harness shops. Their local guide will take us to one of the Thoroughbred horse farms and through the rolling countryside and back roads of the Bluegrass area. B



\$4,599.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy \$5,999.00 Single Occupancy

Tour Price Includes:



Round Trip Airfare Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation Professional Tour Director Admissions Hotel Luggage Handling Meals: 8 Breakfasts 2 Dinners

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Day 5 (Sept 10) Begin the day heading to **Gatlinburg, Tennessee**, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. With a variety of restaurant, unique shops with an enjoyable small-town feel. Visit the Sugarland's Visitors Center at the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** with its interesting and informative museum. Then take in the stunning view of **Newfound Gap**, a part of the Appalachian trail and border with North Carolina. 2 Nights in Gatlinburg, TN. B,D

Day 6 (Sept 11) Today we explore **Dollywood**, which has been voted one of best theme parks. Here you will find Country music everywhere with live entertainment indoor and out. There's authentic mountain craft demonstration, museums, shopping and delicious food. Take a relaxing ride on the Dollywood Express Train an authentic 110-ton coal-fired steam engine takes you on a breathtaking five-mile journey through the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. B

Day 7 (Sept 12) Today we travel **to Nashville, TN**. the "Country Music Capitol of the World." Afterwards you can spend time exploring our hotel, the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel Resort** which features nine acres of indoor botanical gardens under a climate-controlled glass atrium, complete with rivers, pathways, and waterfalls. This evening we will attend the **Grand Ole Opry**. This is the country's longest running live radio show, and has not missed a broadcast since the beginning of 1925. The shows can offer bluegrass, comedy and gospel artists as well as many well-known country music stars. 2 Nights at Grand Ole Opry Hotel Nashville TN. B

Day 8 (Sept 13) **Country Hall of Fame and Museum** contains exhibits, films, interactive displays and costumes as well as instruments and lyric sheets. This museum identifies and preserves the evolving history and traditions of country music. Then enjoy a tour of the Historic **RCA Studio B** which is a one of a kind experience where you can walk in the footsteps of famous performers and songwriters alike. B

Day 9 (Sept 14) Our flight home will be from Nashville Airport. On the flight home you can reminisce wonderful experiences, memories and new friends. B

Hotel Accommodations:	•	Louisville, KY-1 Night	٠	Gatlinburg TN- 2 Nights	•	Gaylord Opryland Resort
3 star or better	•	Lexington, KY -3 Nights	•	Nashville, TN-2 Nights		

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DEPOSIT: \$200 due now to hold your place. Final payment is due on **July 5, 2025**.

CANCELLATION: No refund will be given after July 5, 2025.



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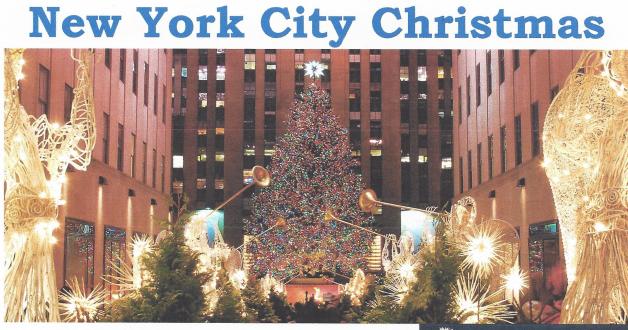
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Tour ID: T468

For Information & Reservations Contact

Linda McCarty Rambling Rovers Vintage Travel 634 S Idaho Street Kennewick, WA 99336 509-948-0545 TO NEW MEMBERS: On long trips led by a travel agency, your relatives or friends are welcome to come. Check with Linda



December 8 – 12, 2025 5 Days 4 Nights

- Radio City Rockettes
 Christmas Spectacular
- Broadway Show
- New York Times Square
- New City Tour
 - Rockefeller Center (Top of the Rock)
 - St. Patrick's Cathedral
 - 9/11 Museum and Memorial
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Itinerary

Day 1 (Monday): Embark on an exhilarating journey with a morning flight to the vibrant heart of **New York City**, renowned as one of the world's most captivating and festive destinations. Revel in the enchanting atmosphere adorned with towering Christmas trees, whimsical ice skating rinks, and bustling Christmas Markets. Delight in an exquisite stay along the illustrious **Restaurant Row**, famed for its culinary delights. Our hotel, just a stone's throw away from the iconic **Times Square**, promises an unforgettable immersion into the pulsating energy of dazzling lights, premier shopping, and Broadway's renowned theaters.



Friendly Excursions
 \$3,599.00 per person,
 Double Occupancy
 \$4,599.00 Single

Includes

- Round Trip Airfare
- Tour Director
- Listed Shows and Attractions
- City Tour
- Round Trip Transportation
- Hotel: 4 Nights at the RIU Plaza Times Square
- Meals:
 - 4 Breakfasts

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Day 2 (Tuesday): Kickstart your day with an enriching stroll through the illustrious halls of the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, a bastion of cultural splendor and the largest museum in the world. Marvel at the majestic Gothic architecture of **Saint Patrick's Cathedral**, the esteemed seat of the Archbishop of New York. Ascend to the awe-inspiring **Top of the Rock** at **Rockefeller Center** for a panoramic 360° vista of the city's skyline from its three observation decks. Cap off your day with the mesmerizing "**Rockettes Christmas Spectacular**" at the iconic **Radio City Music Hall**, where the legendary Rockettes captivate audiences with their unparalleled precision, high-energy choreography, and dazzling costumes. B

Day 3 (Wednesday): Embark on an enchanting exploration of New York City adorned in its festive Christmas splendor alongside a seasoned **City Tour** guide. Traverse through the city's storied landmarks, immersing yourself in their rich narratives, including a poignant visit to the **9/11 Memorial and Museum**. As evening descends, enjoy a **Broadway theatrical performance**. B

Day 4 (Thursday): Indulge in a leisurely day to explore New York City at your own pace. Wander through the cities renowned museums, peruse the delights of the Union Square Holiday Market, or partake in another mesmerizing Broadway production or the iconic New York City Ballet's rendition of "The Nutcracker." With boundless opportunities awaiting in the city that never sleeps, the day is yours to craft unforgettable memories. B

Day 5 (Friday): Bid farewell to the enchanting embrace of New York City as we make our way to the airport for our journey homeward. Reflect upon the cherished memories and experiences accumulated during our holiday escapade, carrying with you the enduring magic of this captivating metropolis. B

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Deposit of **\$200.00 per person** due upon sign up to hold your place. **Final Payment Due** on **September 9, 2025 Cancelation & Refund Policy:** No refunds after September 9, 2025

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HEALTH ADVISORY: To ensure the safety and well-being of all members, we strongly encourage everyone to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 and other diseases. This includes not traveling or coming to a meeting when you are ill; wearing masks, and following all guidelines and regulations set forth by the relevant authorities.

TRAVEL ADVISORY: Any member needing assistance on a trip (i.e. caretaker) must provide the name of that person to the travel coordinator and their trip cost is to be paid by either the member or the caretaker. If a wheelchair/walker will be needed, the member will provide that. Caretaker will fill out and sign liability and medical information page required to travel.

WHEN CAN I SIGN UP FOR A TRIP? The first time you can sign up for a trip is either at a meeting or after a trip appears in the newsletter — WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. You can sign up in the Rover office, you can mail your check in or you can sign up at general meetings. Keep in mind the trip can fill up at any of those times. When you write a check for a trip, make it payable to Rambling Rovers and please include your phone number on the check and also the name of the trip in the memo line. Re Rover trips and not those arranged by a travel company like Friendly Excursions: If you ever cancel a trip and get a refund, you must cash it within 90 days or it is voided. When are refunds made? If you cancel a trip in less than twenty (20) days but more than three (3) days before departure and are not replaced by someone else, the prepaid expenses will be deducted from the total cost of the trip and the balance refunded. If you cancel within three (3) days of departure, there will be NO refund UNLESS the member is replaced by someone else, OR a letter is presented from the member's physician within thirty (30) days of the trip's departure date, verifying member's medical reason for canceling, OR there is a death in the member's immediate family (a person's immediate family is their smallest family unit). Refunds for ALL circumstances may be reviewed by the Board, if requested by the member or by the trip coordinator on behalf of the member.

Tipping the driver: A gratuity for coach drivers is included in the total price of the trip (\$2 per person) but if you feel generous, you can give him/her more as you leave the bus at the end of the trip. When bringing luggage to be loaded under the bus, please color code it with the school colors for your city which are: Kennewick - black/orange ; Richland - green/gold.