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Fall is Here

**WITH THE FALL SEASON MAPLE LEAF
CLEAN-UP AND OPEN BURN SEASON
COMING QUICK,
GET YOUR SUPPLIES READY!**

RAKES! METAL LEAF RAKES
(OLD SCHOOLER)...\$23.39

BEAUTIFUL
BAMBOO RAKES
(FANCY TYPES)...\$42.99

PLASTIC LAWN RAKES
(BUDGET MINDED
LIKE PAUL)...\$8.29

TIM'S FAVORITE PITCH FORK...\$41.99
(STOKE THE FIRE)

SHOVEL...\$39.19
(FIRE MARSHALL CODE)

COMMERCIAL HOSE...\$58.49
(FIRE PREVENTION)

**COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW
BULB DISTRIBUTOR**

DE VROOMEN



**NOTHING SAYS FALL LIKE PLANTING
TULIPS IN YOUR GARDEN FOR NEXT
SPRINGS ENJOYMENT!**



**CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO PUT WITH WHAT?
WE HAVE VARIETY PACKS THAT SUGGEST
WHERE TO PUT THEM!**

**DAFFODIL BULK BULBS
ONLY \$1.69!**

ORCAS CAR (RV) TALK FROM AN ANCIENT

There are very few things about being as old as I am that I really appreciate. Looking back at the first 75 years of my life, most of my highlights occurred during the first 70 years. The birth of my grandchildren, children, love affairs and moving from Los Angeles to Orcas Island all come to mind.



I guess that RV travel throughout the US, Canada and Mexico over the past 50 years ranks right up there also. I wish that I would have traveled more and worked a little less. Some of the most fun parts of RV travel are in the planning, anticipation and memories.

They can last far longer than the trips. These great memories are not illegal, do not contain too much sugar or calories, and never attack your joints!

Our latest short trip was to Soap Lake. We explored the area from the lake to the Grand Coulee Dam. The cliffs, sections of the Columbia, and a grand little Mexican restaurant as you enter town from the south all should not be missed. You need to experience the BLACK MUD BATH for yourself as well.

Now if I have peeked your interest in RV travel at least a little, let me suggest that on the next rainy day you click on YOU TUBE: keep your daydream.com and follow the adventures of Marc, Tricia and their family RVing throughout our magic land.



ISLAND HUMOR

Albert, a home owner on Orcas, had just entered into a agreement with a local craftsman to clean the moss off the roof of his small house. The contract clearly stated that the work would start promptly seven years from the agreements date.

The homeowner asked the roofer if he would be coming in the morning or afternoon. The puzzled roofer ask why he needed to know. Albert quickly remarked, "that was the day the plumber was arriving to fix a leak".

OCTOBER BRINGS FALL COLORS BUT THE RATS

MAKE IT REALLY FEEL LIKE

HALLOWEEN



THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S THAT TIME WHEN RATS ARE EXTRA MOTIVATED TO FIND
SOMEPLACE TO GET WARM, LIKE YOUR VEHICLES!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR YOUR VEHICLES
FOR LESS THAN 50 CENTS EACH VEHICLE A MONTH
ADDED TO YOUR OPALCO BILL?

As close as I can figure, that's about what I am paying to protect my beloved pile of old, 4-wheeled friends. Each vehicle is equipped with a 60 watt equivalent LED bulb in a cheap, brooder light fixture pointed toward the engine. There is also a 1.5 amp battery maintainer to protect the life of the battery. These very low wattage bulbs are attached to a simple appliance timer set to go on and off every half hour nightly. I am told that rats hate change and bright light.

For a few more added steps, I have been parking the wheels on 27" X 97" metal lath sheets. When the little critters try crossing the lath to get to the tires, their toenails will get stuck. I have also added dryer sheets tucked in the engine near wiring or small rubber hoses. Lastly, especially for the pacifists among us, there are Shake-Away packets. These are sealed, non poisonous packs that smell good to us and bad to rats.

In closing, may I just say that most of the equipment necessary to install this rodent abatement system can be purchased at your friendly hardware supply store located in Crow Valley, where the coffee and advice are still free.



**Portable SC1355
Battery Maintainer,
1.5 AMP 6/12VOLT
Retail.. \$55.29
IHS PRICE...\$45.99**



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Battery Maintainer
1.5 AMP 6/12 VOLT
Retail...\$59.49
IHS PRICE...\$47.99**