

TOW Line

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From the Editor

I am saddened to announce the passing of Marty Boehme.

The passing of our TOW-Pater (Pater translate: **father**) is the end of an era, and we will all miss and remember the man that brought our community together. The 2023 Fall Brigade will be held in his honor at Elks Park in Mulino that he loved so much. (More on that at the end of this writing)



Over the years Marty has taken our affiliation to car shows, parades, RV shows, museums, and of course, the great campouts that TOW is known for. He and his lovely wife Katie made everyone feel special and welcome. I don't think he ever met a stranger.

He started Fall Brigade in 2008 at the Elks park in Mulino, Oregon. He always made sure that there was a group outing to foster community and fellowship. Some of those locations included a PT Boat ride, tours of car museums, a private tour of a submarine at OMSI and many other adventures.

Did you know that Marty was also on the team that made the space arm for the space station? He wasn't just our TOW-Pater; he was a genius.

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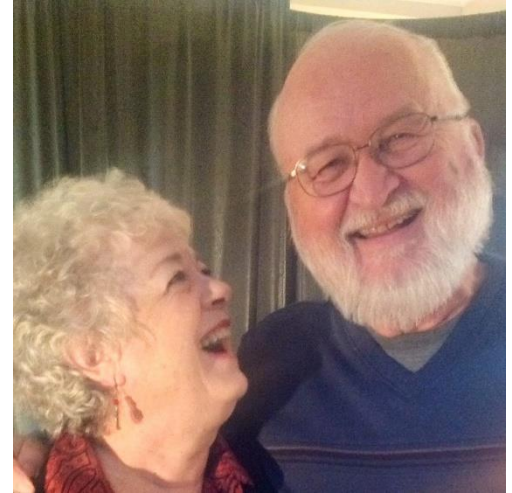
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Excerpted from the first TOW Line that Marty authored By Marty Boehme

“WHAT’S WITH THIS “TOW” ORGANIZATION?? TOW is short for “Teardroppers of Oregon and Washington.” Appropriate, don’t you think? After all, we do “tow” our teardrop trailers. After our involvement with the 2001 October car show put on by the Northwest Car Collectors Association, it was suggested by the show manager that we petition for full membership in NWCCA. But, we had to have a name to do this. Thus, TOW was created and registered with the State of Oregon. Just this last March of 2002, TOW became a full member of the NWCCA. All member clubs share in the net proceeds of the October show and swap meet. The intent of becoming a full member is to help fund this newsletter and a possible web site. Also, we can help with the expenses of the two original Pacific Northwest teardrop campout gatherings – the Spring Fling and the Champeog Campout. Their current registration fees no way cover all the expenses that their hosts pay out each year to put on these functions for us.”



Marty also founded a campout at the LeMAY Museum in Tacoma Washington and attendees of the campout would help with the annual open house.



More About LeMAY

By Marty Boehme

“LeMAY AT THE PORTLAND ROADSTER SHOW The Harold E. LeMay Museum, “America’s Car Museum”, has been extended an invitation by the Multnomah Hotrod Council to display two of their cars and an information table at the 2003 Portland Roadster Show. The museum’s featured cars will be a 1939 UTE (an Australian sedan-pickup) and the 1960 El Camino. Both are fine examples from the collection. If you would like to volunteer for some booth duty during the show, the museum would be interested in hearing from you. Volunteer time would be a two or three hour shift on one of the three days of the

show. Passes will be provided along with one of the museum’s official caps. Show times are Friday, February 28 from 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Saturday: from 10:00 AM to 10:30 PM. And Sunday’s time is from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.”

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Fall Brigade in Memoriam for Marty at Elks Park in Mulino

September 29 – October 1, 2023

12178 South Mulino Road Canby, OR 97013

Camping will be \$25 per night, there is no fee for the event or to attend. Unlike past Fall Brigades, there will not be an outing so we can have a potluck at 1:00 in the afternoon on Saturday. We want to make sure that everyone who is available can attend and be home by dark if they are not staying over. The potluck will be followed by a time for sharing stories of Marty and Katie.



As with all Fall Brigades, there will be Taco Soup on Friday night, please bring an appetizer or something to share with the soup. Sunday morning there will be breakfast. We will not have to share with other Elk's members as the park will be mostly closed for the fall by then. If we get enough interest, we will rent both buildings. Early arrivals and late departures can be negotiated on a per night fee.

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