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GREAT BEAVER STATE TEARDROP CAMPOUT

Northwest Teardroppers have announced the details of their 8th gathering on the teardroppers universal web site www.teardrops.net. This is an event for teardrops only and will be held at Camp Lane, 42 miles west of Eugene and 24 miles east of Florence, Oregon on Highway #126. The dates are September 9th, 10th and 11th. Registration is \$20 pre-event and \$25 at the event. Camping is \$10 per night.

Come join this family-style teardrop gathering in a pristine and historic woodland park. The site features a 1936 rustic lodge with a modern, commercial-size kitchen and large dining area. It's an idyllic area on the Siuslaw River, well established and with lots of trees. There is covered and lighted parking in case of rain and special permission to camp on the lawn. Pets are welcome. Pre-registration is requested.

Three meals will be served. Friday night there will be a variety of homemade soups with fresh bread. Saturday and Sunday morning breakfasts are also included. A potluck dinner is scheduled for Saturday night, so please plan to bring a dish that will feed at least twice the number in your camping group.

The registration form can be accessed at www.wilddog.com/8thregform.html. For those without web access, send your registration information to Sheryl Aaron at 4673 Concord Street, Eugene, OR 97402. Or call Sheryl at **541-688-9545**.

For questions, please e-mail **Sheryl Aaron** at aaroncruiser@aol.com.

TEARDROPPER VOLUNTEERS HELP STAFF LeMAY OPEN HOUSE

This is the eighth year we've gathered on LeMay's Marymount Campus. It's always the last Saturday in August and will be the 27th this year. Not only do we have a great time fellowshiping with one another but we also can volunteer to pull two-hour duty in the "Big Green Building".

Teardrops will arrive Friday on the campus. Camping is **free**. Registration is only \$10. This will help the cost of the Continental breakfast provided for everyone on Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as the annual camper dash plaques. Be prepared to join us for potluck on Friday evening. The LeMays provide a great spaghetti supper for all volunteers on Saturday.

Local folks who have an interest in the Open House are invited to volunteer with us. Please contact **Veronica** at **253-536-2885** at the LeMay Museum Headquarters ASAP. Tell her you're a teardrop volunteer. Usually, you get a free collectable tee shirt and baseball style signature cap. Not only that, you will get in **free** to view the world's largest collection of antique and vintage vehicles. You'll see a Tucker automobile, one of a few in existences and the only one in the Pacific Northwest. Two locations make up the collection. There are free bus rides between the two. Often times, you'll be riding on a London double-decker bus.

Jack and Bob want to know your plans, so contact one of them soon if you are going to camp out with us on the Marymount Campus. They'll tell you how to get there. **Jack Jacobson** at **253-927-6568** and **Bob Book** at **253-939-6910**. Please do this because they buy the food for all of us!

GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL AT GIG HARBOR

Gary and Sally Lodholm were our incredible gracious hosts for a vintage trailer and teardrop trailer rally on their property in Gig Harbor, Washington. It's a beautiful setting in the country just outside of town. Campers visited the local Farmer's Market and Car Show on Saturday. The count was seven teardrops and five vintage camp trailers. It was like a small Tin-Can Tourists rally!

One camp trailer was a rare U-Haul the size of the Scamp fiberglass trailer. Apparently U-Haul had purchased a bunch of these in the Southwest for the purpose of renting them. It was a bad business venture so the trailers ended up in private hands.

A bonus to all the normal goings-on was the opportunity of tour the Lodholm 1908 country home. It's just beautiful. Their outbuildings include a very rustic old garden house, an outhouse (where we had a chance to sign the visitor log) and a couple of barns. The lawns and gardens are beautiful too. Their collection of trailers is legend! Four restored ones are in sheds attached to the main barn. A very rare one is in the back woods under a tarp. It's awaiting professional restoration.

About thirty came to the potluck. Many Dutch-oven dishes were part of the meal. The main dishes were great and the desserts very tasty. Cobblers ruled the day! It was a beautiful warm, bright and sunny day with many visitors viewing the old trailers.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL TEARDROP GATHERING AT MINDEN

By **Katie Boehme**

I must confess I left for Minden's Pioneer Village with some reservations. The comfortable summer weather of the Pacific Northwest, mixed with the beauty of our scenery, was not luring me to my vision of Nebraska (flat, dry, no trees, hot and humid). The trip bait was our pre-Minden trip to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado (just fabulous!!). However, Minden proved to be a really grand event with very do-able weather. It was 96 on arrival but the humidity was not high and there was a delightful breeze from the prairie almost all the time. This warm wind feels heavenly in the evening. Pioneer Village, which was founded in 1957, had trees planted everywhere, so we enjoyed parking in a green, grassy canopy of shade (a blessing!). The Jacobsons also had an inflatable pool and we sat around it soaking our feet (ahhhhhhhh!)

Friendly folks, vast varieties of tears and all their fun innovations made all the mingling much fun. We had two gigantic potlucks held in an air-conditioned building (yeh!). There were 116 teardrops there from 31 states, ironically not even one from Nebraska! Many wannabes also attended. The TOW gang included **Glassets, Birleys, Mike Burton, Masdens, Jacobsens, Boehmes** and **Englestadts**. The **Rob Fisher** family from Idaho (but temporally living in Florida) attended. Oregon teardropper **Don Ferdinand** was there too and got married in the Pioneer Village chapel on Saturday. New Oregon teardroppers **Dave and Sheila Graham** camped near us in their brand-new home crafted tear.

Grant and Lisa Whipp were right hand support and encouragers for event organizer **George Thornton** and did a great job on this first international event. **Jack Jacobson** and **Mike Burton** put on a first-class Dutch oven cooking class, which received nothing but rave kudos! Other teardrop workshops from repairs to purchase advise kept folks entertained.

Pioneer Village with its 28 buildings was fascinating, especially the building with kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms from early 1800's to the 1950s. There were also live demos of rope making, weaving and other crafts. All the clothing, inventions, buildings, farm equipment, tractors, snowmobiles, cars and even some airplanes of American history were on display.

We learned not all tears do the decorative lighting thing, so our TOW area, complete with "Flecia Flamingo" was *very festive indeed!* The Masedens brought a huge extra canopy used as our family room so along with the pool, we had a great set-up for our group. Saturday night it hosted a surprise party to celebrate **Sue Jacobsen's** half century of life. Much fun! (We also discovered few other areas of US have organized events – we TOW folks are really blessed.)

We did have some excitement one night when a truck with a loud speaker announced a potential thunderstorm with tornado might be on the way and directed us to a shelter if needed. We all staked down our canopies and put away our "blow-aways". Fortunately a little lightening and wind were all that showed up.

Will there be another international event? You betch-ya!..... but probably not a yearly event. Stay posted and don't miss the next one- well worth the trip.

KELSON KAMPOUT

This will be the third year that **Ed and Linda Kelson** have hosted a gathering on their rural property in Covington, Washington. This event will celebrate teardroppers **Jack Jacobson** and **Tanya Book** as survivors of the "Big C". Last year, an eclectic collection of trailers (camp and teardrop) showed up. Of interest was a unique RV resembling a Gypsy wagon.

This year, the dates are August 12th to the 14th. Come Friday afternoon, set up camp and enjoy looking at the collection of vintage gas pumps that Ed restores. You will have a chance to show off your Dutch oven cooking expertise, as this will be part of the Saturday night potluck to be enjoyed by all.

One of the features of their property is a replica of a vintage service station. Inside you will see all sorts of gas-pump memorabilia. On shelves around the room is the largest collection of gas pump glass lamps in the world. The building is a small museum!!

On Sunday, the group will have an opportunity to take part in the Issaquah Tri-5 Show held at the Triple XXX Drive-in. The 50th anniversary of the venerable 1955, '56 and '57 Chevrolet will be featured

this year every weekend. A couple of years ago, the campers caravanned to take part in this cruise-in. A couple of our guys/gals came away with trophies.

BIG CANADIAN TEARDROP GATHERING

By Ron Cain

As a Canadian, I am inviting all teardroppers to Langley, BC for the Langley Cruise-In Car Show. Langley is just north of the US border in the lower mainland, only 2 1/2 hours from Seattle. This three-day event will attract over 1400 vintage vehicles from all over the Pacific Northwest. This car show is one of the finest shows in North America. Hot rods, custom show cars, racecars and even airplanes are featured.

There are local attractions and car show events all weekend. The old-town area with its shops and restaurants are within walking distance of our camp. After we've broken camp on Sunday, we're invited to show our trailers at the car show. All teardrops and vintage camp trailers are invited.

To get into Canada, all you need is a photo ID. Your driver's license will do. However, all pets need vaccination proof. No firearms allowed! To get back into the USA, you need a photo ID as well as a BIRTH CERTIFICATE **or** a PASSPORT.

Plans are for a potluck for Saturday supper and a group breakfast on Sunday. I need to make a count if you'll be joining us. My number is **250-477-3755** in Victoria, BC.

So, reserve **September 9th, 10th and 11th** for this event. Come camp as a group at the Fort Langley RV Resort & Campground. Call toll free **1-866-267-3678** ASAP. Ask for Stan.

FELICIA FLAMINGO'S FLIGHT OF FANCY

By Felicia Flamingo

Greetings! I'm Felicia Flamingo, a two-foot tall pink wicker bird, who can light up, flap my wings, and move my head. I was a 50th birthday-gift to Jack Jacobson from Kelsey Farrell. Jack and Rod Glassett thought it would be fun to take me on a road trip to the International Teardrop Gathering in Minden, Nebraska, in June. The problem was that no one informed ME of the plan!

The 17th of June Rod, Trudy, and I left Anacortes, Washington. I was all packed (Hawaiian blanket, flamingo cup, sunglasses, baseball cap, goggles, and swim ring) for Hawaii. As the door closed, they said we were heading to NEBRASKA! We spent the night in Carnation at the Masdens with Steve and Peggy Birley, others in our caravan. It was then that I discovered my traveling "companions" would be DOGS-Mandy, Zack, and Scruffy!

Most of the trip was spent in my bed/box in Glassett's truck. They took me out to see the sights. Bearmouth, Montana was our first night's camping. The next day we toured Yellowstone and that was amazing! I posed by a hot springs, the canyon, and even next to some buffalo dung! The other tourists thought my "family" was crazy, but one woman took a group photo of us. Devil's Tower was seen from a distance due to the heat. But I had my picture taken with two "cousins" of mine (a wooden eagle and a wooden vulture), sitting on a nearby fence.

The humans made sure I didn't miss any historical sites. The humans stayed in Cody, Wyoming and toured the Buffalo Bill Museum, but I was exhausted and didn't go with them. In Deadwood, South Dakota Rod carried me through the cemetery so I could be photographed next to Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane's headstones. Of course, we had to see the Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse monuments. They were both very impressive sights.

The Masdens, Birleys, and Glassetts had a celebration the last night on the road in the little town of Bridgeport, Nebraska. Party time! I was the only one not eaten by the mosquitoes.

We arrived at the International Teardrop Gathering in Minden on June 23rd. By then we were ready to settle in and view the many, many teardrops camped there. I was so happy to see my owner Jack and wife Sue were camped next to us. The Boehmes, Mike Burton and the Engelstads, also from the Northwest, were there too. Lots of visitors came to see the teardrops and ask questions about them. I had to take a break from all the people and the heat and went for a swim in Jacobson's' inflatable pool. After all, I was prepared-swim ring and goggles!

Our four days there went by quickly and, after a tour of the Pioneer Village Museum, it was time to leave. Goodbye to Jacobsons and Birleys and back into Glassett's truck! Just Masdens traveled back with us, as we were in a hurry. We did stop in Deer Lodge, Montana to see the old state prison and car museum. Jack, Sue, Steve, and Peggy surprised us and joined us for dinner. In Post Falls, Idaho, Mandy, Zack, and I had to wait in the car while the humans enjoyed lunch in the famous Hot Rod Café.

We arrived back in Carnation on June 29th. I crashed with Trudy's m&m bear for a nap in Glassett's teardrop. What a whirlwind road trip I had! After a terrific meet over the Fourth of July at Masdens I was glad to be reunited with my owner and return to Tacoma with the Jacobsons!

(As told to **Trudy Glassett**-If you'd like to see the photos of my trip, ask her.)

ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN JUNE

It's really something to be driving on the highest continuously paved road in the USA. This was the experience we had in the Rocky Mountain National Park near Estes Park, Colorado where we camped in our teardrop trailer. When driving over 12,000 feet above sea level, mountain peaks still soar way, way above. Wow!! To be driving at an elevation higher than Mount Hood! No guard rails on this twisting, view-boggling and steep road. Slow driving is required. If you have a passenger with vertigo, park rangers tell you to put them in the back seat with a blanket over their head.

Snow-capped peaks and expansive, treeless alpine slopes are everywhere. Bull elk had recently arrived and were fattening up on the nutrient-rich grasses. Traffic jams were the norm with many taking pictures of these statuesque creatures grazing next to the road.

DUTCH OVEN WORKSHOP IN RATHDRUM, IDAHO

By **Mike Burton**

Consorting with teardroppers creates all sorts of new interests. One of those interests for me is Dutch-oven cooking. I have gotten so interested in this kind of cooking, I looked around the local area for people with a similar interest. I found them in the form of the Inland Empire Dutch Oven Society (<http://www.iedos.org/>). IEDOS members have many, many years of accumulated experience using Dutch ovens.

On April 30, 2005, I participated in a Dutch oven workshop held by IEDOS in Rathdrum, Idaho. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce interested newcomers to the joys of Dutch-oven cooking, as well as to provide useful information about the use and care of Dutch ovens.

There were 26 students participating in the workshop working along with 15 mentors (I actually qualified as a mentor). The students got actual hands-on experience creating Dutch oven dishes. The end menu contained items such as pineapple upside down cake, raspberry cobbler, English muffins, sourdough dinner rolls, country-style gravy, doughnuts, beef stroganoff and taco casserole.

Every organization like IEDOS has an expert. Our expert was George Holcomb, who started the day by instructing the students about Dutch oven care, maintenance and use. Each student was given a small booklet describing these essentials. The booklet also contained some sample recipes.

When George finished tutoring the students, they were divided up among the mentors. They then set about doing a Dutch oven dish, from starting the coals to mixing the ingredients to cooking the dish. A typical dish was a taco casserole: When all the dishes were finished, we lined them up buffet-style on picnic tables. There were about two-dozen dishes, a good thing because there were a lot of people to feed. All participants had a good time - and they got a meal to boot. I can't wait for the next workshop in September.

Dutch Oven cooking is ideal for camping. It's also very easy. The next time you attend a teardrop trailer gathering, look for the folks with the black cast-iron pots, and ask questions. They will be happy to provide answers.

OUR TIME AT THE CARNATION FOURTH OF JULY

By **Sandy Smelser-Hillburn**

How full was your Fourth of July celebration? Did it include a caravan of antique cars to a spectacular waterfall? Did it include camping on a beautiful hillside with incredible views of mountains and rivers? How about draft-horse wagon rides or rumble-seat rides in 1936 perfectly restored Cadillacs, Fords and Chryslers? Did you make dozens of wonderful new friends, eat and prepare great Dutch oven meals and experience a fabulous array of vintage, homemade and new era teardrops, T@Bs and vintage camp trailers? Jerry's and mine included all of this, and I haven't even gotten to the Carnation Fourth of July parade, car show and strawberry extravaganza yet. WHEW! What a super weekend for TOW affiliates and friends at **Ken and Marty Masdens** in Washington's Snoqualmie Valley town of Carnation.

We were blessed with four days of good weather, especially on parade and fireworks Monday, the Fourth. Folks came from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and even Utah to join the crowd and the fun. Jerry and I feel very fortunate that TOW is not limited to teardroppers and that it includes their vintage camp trailer friends as well. We are new to trailer rallies; making our 1951 Comet's maiden voyage last August to Deming, Washington. I can report that we are now hooked!

Carnation was our third rally, with three to five more planned before the end of September--taking us from Southern Washington to British Columbia. We have found a truly wonderful path to adventure and fun. With all this excitement, do you want to know why we love it? HANDS DOWN it's the great PEOPLE! TOW and friends are the best! They are dedicated to healthy fun, the sharing of knowledge and skill for everyone's benefit and of genuine care for the enjoyment of all. What a great new part of our pre-retirement lives.

THANKS TOW, YOU ARE THE GREATEST! Especially Rod and Trudy, who generously encouraged us to join in from the beginning.

TEARDROPPING IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

By **Barb Ester**

This past fall **Ed** and I had a wonderful trip to Utah/Colorado/Wyoming with our teardrop. We followed along with friends who own a 36-foot motor home pulling their Jeep Wrangler behind them. We were an interesting pair!

The first destinations were Canyonlands and Arches National Park in the Moab, Utah area. We stayed in an RV park next to our friends with other large motor home rigs. Guess who got all the attention?! We had visitors daily. It was hard getting away to go jeeping up in the canyons of Utah. Jeeping with our friends was the main reason for the trip to this part of the world.

Three days later we took off for Ouray, Colorado to jeep in the Rocky Mountains. Ouray is called the little Switzerland of Colorado. It's a small town surrounded by the enormous Rocky Mountain slopes. The teardrop was a big hit at the campground. Actually, our friends were getting a little perturbed because they wanted to take off jeeping while Ed and I would be busy giving the tour and spiel about our teardrop. In fact, our friends (still our friends) finally took off jeeping without us. We were perfectly happy just hanging around the campsite visiting with campers interested in the teardrop trailer.

Our last stop before heading home was Yellowstone National Park. We saw bear, elk, and bison roaming along the roadside. We got some nice close-up shots of these huge animals. We also saw "Old Faithful" geyser shoot 100 feet in the air! In Yellowstone it got down to 19 degrees in the evenings but we huddled in our sleeping bags and made it through the night.

This 13-day trip was great teardrop exposure everywhere we went. We felt successful in representing teardrop camping as an alternate camping style.

“TOW AND SHOW” ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

A tow and show event where vintage camp trailers (including teardrops) gather for a public display at a major cruise-in (160 cars last year) is being held at the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Labor Day Weekend car show. This is a two-day event in the coastal city of Newport, Oregon. Trailers are invited to camp in the parking lot Friday night. Arrive after 6 PM and the time the gates close at 10 PM. Porta-Potties will arrive Friday. This is a dry camp, but water is available.

This is a great deal for trailer owners that also include two free admissions to the aquarium, an award-winning attraction on the Oregon coast. So, it's free camping at the coast plus an opportunity to visit the aquarium and have the public admire your vintage icons from the past. For more information, contact **Dick Miller** at **541-867-3474 ext. 5640** or at his e-mail address of dickmil@aquarium.org.

SPRING FLING 2005 WAS SUNNY AND DRY THIS YEAR

Wow! Weather this year was the greatest. No rain and perfect, sunny days the whole weekend. As usual, our hosts, **Rod and Trudy Glassett**, put on a great event that saw a great mix of teardrop trailers and vintage camp trailers. The count was 29 units. One tent and one van too.

We were joined by new teardroppers who showed up for their very first gathering. For most, it was their maiden voyage. One couple, **Larry and Irma Reed** had purchased their wonderfully preserved 1947 homebuilt trailer out of the "Trailer Trader" just two days before. Then, **Larry and Terri Snedden** showed up with a beautiful bright yellow teardrop they bought off E-Bay last year. It'd never been slept in and had been built to complement its previous owner's street rod. **Leonard Waugh** showed up with his homebuilt that he had constructed in his carport. His ride was a beautiful early fifties blue Chevy. **Roger and Mary Church**, new teardroppers from Lakewood, Washington joined us with their homebuilt-in-progress. They had visited us last year and remember how wet it was; they described our camp as "Lake Front" property. We had a new **T@B** owner join us too. This little teardrop shaped camp trailer is owned by **Jeff and Paulette Rees** from Portland. **Ed and Barb Ester** loaned one of their new teardrops to close friends **Mike and Lori Aals**. Ed's brother, **Bob** even showed up camping in his Ford van. The big attraction was the Packwood all-town swap meet.

One of the great things that our hosts did this year was to honor all military veterans. About three-fourths of the guys and a couple of gals at our event stood up. **Ed Colvin**, a WWII vet was the oldest and **Amy Fuger**, the youngest, had just returned home from Iraq.

FORD SHOT OUR TEARDROP

By **Gretchen Demoss**

I received an email from Marty Boehme on May 4th saying that there was an advertising company in town for the week that was looking for a teardrop trailer in great shape to photograph for a 2006 Ford

Explorer ad. I called Pam, the producer, and arranged to send her photographs of our teardrop trailer, one of Ed Ester's teardrops built in 2003. She liked the looks of our trailer, and we arranged to have it ready on Friday, May 5th for a photo shoot. She wanted it nice and shiny so we took it to a detailer in Beaverton to get it shined. The detailer had never seen a teardrop before and was more than happy to add it his repertoire of vehicles he has detailed.

Due to a week of typical Oregon spring weather, the conditions for a photo shoot that particular week were not optimal. They decided to shoot the Ford Explorer on location in the Mount Hood National Forest and Smith Rock State Park and shoot the teardrop in the parking lot at our condo. They arrived early in the morning with a huge truck, lots of lighting equipment, tripods, camera accessories, and five people. Turns out it takes a producer, an art director, a photographer, a guy who moves things around to set up the shots and the computer operator. It was quite a production for our little complex. Everyone who came by thought we were selling our teardrop and the truck was there to take it away. They set up the teardrop in a location in the parking lot where it would reflect lots of greens and browns. That way it would be easier to drop it into the setting they decided to use for the Explorer. They set up the lights with the umbrellas and the cameras. The photographer set the camera while the art director decided the best location for the shot. All of the photography was done digitally. A wire running from the camera to the computer inside the back of the truck allowed them to take multiple shots while instantly viewing the results. They were able to adjust the shots immediately.

It took about five hours for them to take all of the pictures they needed. They also shot some fishing equipment in the parking lot so it could also be dropped in to the final picture. It will be interesting to see how the Ford Explorer, a background, the teardrop, and the fishing equipment all come together for a single picture. I've been told that they plan to use the photos from the Smith Rock location and that it will be featured in the 2006 Ford Explorer brochure that will be available from Ford dealers everywhere sometime in September. We're looking forward to seeing the final picture. Pictures that I took during the photo shoot can be viewed on my web page, homepage.mac.com/gstahmer/PhotoAlbum11.html.

MT. BAKER TCT RALLY

The annual TCT (Tin Can Tourists) Majestic Mt. Baker Rally will be held on the weekend of August 18th to the 21st. The focus is on all vintage trailers & motor homes 25 years and older. Because teardrop trailers are icons of the past, all teardroppers are welcome too. The rally site is on the Deming Log Show Grounds just east of Bellingham, Washington.

One meal will be a potluck dinner. TCT sponsors a pizza feed on another night. So, it's \$10.00 per night for water/power hookups and \$5.00 for dry camping. The rally fee is \$10.00 for TCT members and \$15.00 for non-members. For reservations, more information and directions please contact **Pat or Joanne Ewing** at 360-966-4253 or pre52@verizon.net.

TRAILORBOATS ARE TEARDROPS TOO

By **Hiram Stumpjumper**

Hello all. I just got a message from **Rob Butler** that he has started an MSN Group for the rare little teardrop-style camping trailer called the Trailorboat. You know; you've seen them. There're the trailer that has a sleeping cabin, a small galley in the back and a place for a matching boat that clamps to the top! I remember Rob displaying his Trailorboat at last year's NWCCA October show.

Rob tells me that he probably has the world's largest collection of Trailorboat photos. He's added these to the site. He's asking that if you have a Trailorboat, or just interested in them to give the site a look-see. He'd like to add your Trailorboat photo to his collection too. You can get in touch with Rob at SquatchArt@msn.com. The site address: <http://groups.msn.com/TrailorboatTrailers>.

CAR COLLECTORS SHOW INCLUDES TEARDROP TRAILER DISPLAY

This is the seventh year Teardroppers of Oregon and Washington (TOW) will host the crowd-pleasing display at the Northwest Car Collectors Association annual car show and swap meet. It's held at Portland's Expo Center, October 15th and 16th (Sat.& Sun.) The display set-up is on Thursday the 13th with the theme "Santa's Back in Town". Cars and tears are placed on the show floor on Friday. We have two-hour duty slots to fill. Those who volunteer get the signature TOW red tee shirt.

A bonus of our participation is that proceeds from attendance to the show and its companion swap meet are divided between all NWCCA member car clubs. Our money is used to help with TOW events and costs of the display. All Portland area vintage and street rod cars are welcome. Teardrop trailers will be placed together in a corral. We've always had a great time sharing the teardrop experience with show spectators.

You must register with **Marty Boehme** at **503-632-6563** or teardrops@bctonline.com.

TIME FOR SNIPPETS

1. **Harris Burg** displayed the most unique whirly-gig at Spring Fling: with an opening galley lid!
2. Harris makes car whirly-gigs and needs the screw-on sparkplug connectors for the motors.
3. **Ed Avila** sells hardware for most vintage camp trailers. Ed at bcastle1201@comcast.net
4. We had "gas fairies" at the Carnation Fourth gathering. Gas cans just kept getting filled!!
5. Need a real vintage gas pump? Contact **Ed Kelson** at raisinldy1@aol.com.
6. **Ron Cain**, webmaster for www.teardroptrailers.org, will place a want ad for selling your TD.
7. A most unique and crafted Corvair camper-van seen in Portland. Will be at Ft Langley camp!
8. Many at Minden interested in *TOW Line* as TOW has many events not seen in Eastern USA.
9. **Hiram Stumpjumper** is a new contributing reporter for the TOW Line.

CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 12th – 14th – Kelson Vintage Campout - Covington, WA

Ed and Linda Kelson are the hosts at 253-630-3423 or raisinldy1@aol.com. Look for more information in this issue of the TOW Line.

AUGUST 18th – 21st – TCT Vintage Trailer Rally – Deming, WA

Look for more information in this issue of the TOW Line. Contact Pat or Joanne Ewing at 360-966-4253 and pre52@verizon.net for more information.

AUGUST 26th & 27th - LeMay Open House Campout – Tacoma, WA

More in this issue. For registration is \$10. Please contact our hosts **Bob Book** at 253-939-6910 and bbflyfish@comcast.net or **Jack Jacobson** at 253-927-6568 and Castiron43@aol.com. They need a count so they can buy the food.

SEPTEMBER 3rd & 4th – Oregon Coast Aquarium Car/Trailer Show

See the article in this issue. The show includes teardrop and vintage camping trailers. Dick Miller at 541-867-3474 ext 5640 or dickmil@aquarium.org

SEPTEMBER 9th – 11th – Beaver State Campout – Lane County, OR

More information in this issue. Contact **Sheryl Aaron** at 541-688-9545 or e-mail aaroncruiser@aol.com. This new location is idyllic in a woodland setting.

SEPTEMBER 9th – 11th – 1st Canadian Teardrop Meet – Langley, BC

This event is in conjunction with the Langley Car show – More information in this issue. Contact **Ron Cain** at 250-477-3755 or classicsincanada@shaw.ca.

OCTOBER 14th – 16th NWCCA Car Show TD Display – Portland, OR

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