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CAMPOUT WITH THE LARGEST CAR COLLECTION IN THE WORLD

It all happens on Friday and Saturday, August 24th and 25th in Tacoma.

Visiting the LeMay car collection is one of the greatest experiences for any car enthusiasts be they fancying vintage, deluxe, newer, muscle or reminiscent of the car they learned to drive in. There are rows upon rows of more Fords and Chevrolets than are in their respective national museums. There are hundreds cars, trucks, fire engines, tractors and a collection of vintage American collectables seemingly without end.

Teardroppers have the opportunity to see and be part of this collection by attending the 10th annual LeMay Open House Campout. We add to the Open House by displaying our trailers and vintage cars. Many thousands of spectators walk past our encampment during the day. There are many teardroppers talking to the public answering their many questions about our trailers and cars.

As an added feature of us being on the grounds, we volunteer for a two-hour shift helping staff the "Green Building". We are awarded with free camping, free nametag, free admission, free collector tee shirt, free cap, free rides to the Home Grounds and free appreciation dinner on Saturday night. Plus, we fellowship with one another and witness another stellar and hilarious skit after dinner during our traditional "campfire".

This being the 10th year, we have a special addition to the tee shirt that celebrates our involvement with this wonderful collection. It will be one-of-a-kind collectable.

To sign up, each teardrop trailer needs fill out the CAMPER REGISTRATION form attached to this e-mail. There are two more forms to fill out if you will volunteer to help our hosts, the LeMay Museum, run the Open House. Every volunteer needs fill out the two forms attached to this e-mail (VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER RELEASE). They can both be mailed to either of the addresses shown on the forms.

On the Volunteer Registration Form no need to fill out anything below your shirt size and hat preference. On Friday, we will give the first-time campers the first and last volunteer shifts so that they can have more uninterrupted time to view the collection.

We're hoping you will have the paperwork filled out at the various campouts this summer to save mailing. For those of you on the snail-mail mailing list, call Marty Boehme at 503-632-6563 to get the forms mailed to you.

By the way, for those interested in a caravan on Friday, we start at the Oregon City Shopping Center at 9 AM sharp and pick up others on the way. Call for more info.

THE SILVER LAKE TEARDROP & VINTAGE TRAILER CAMPOUT

This is a first-time rally held from July 21st to 23rd. Silver Lake is about six miles east of the Castle Rock, Washington exit from I-5. That would be exit #49. Look for the Silver Lake Motel & RV Resort on the south side of the road.

The Johnson Ridge visitor center overlooking the Mt. St. Helens crater is on this highway. It's a beautiful, scenic drive from camp. If you've never been to any of the visitor centers along this highway, this rally will give a camper a great time to do so on Saturday.

Teardrop sites with power and water are \$17 per night. Dry camping is \$12.50. Doubling up will be the norm for teardrops as these are large sites for our small trailers. We'll share the power. Some sites are available for vintage camp trailers for \$27 per night that includes full hookups of water and power. Cabins and motel rooms are available too. Call 360-274-6141 for reservations telling them that you are part of the teardrop group.

Our hosts will serve a traditional breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Plan on a potluck on Saturday evening with Dutch oven cooking a part of it. If the timing works out, Marty Boehme will give a seminar on building a privacy shelter for your tear. One will be built and then awarded to one of the "seminarians".

So, come join **Larry and Teri Snedden** as hosts for this event. They are asking for registration to be in by July 8th. Call up their e-mail address or call 360-423-5326 or ldsnedden@hotmail.com asking for the form. Send it and a \$10 registration fee to their Longview home.

HINTS FOR CAMPING IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

There are a few things that are handy to know about and what to expect at Yosemite as well as any other national park. These hints help all of us be better and thoughtful campers.

First, most of the sites are well established from the early days. The only thing updated is that you just can't drive onto the dirt and set up camp. All of the sites are paved with curbs, a fire pit and picnic table. This is GREAT for preservation and for our following generations. There is no water or power. This is a very dry camp. There are two or three handicapped sites with power so that wheelchair batteries can be recharged.

One thing noticed right away was the BEAR problem. These native critters freely wander around. Food or anything that smells like food is NOT allowed in your car. A locked teardrop is OK, but tents and cars are free game to bears. Rangers can fine a person if everything is not put in the bear-proof iron boxes provided at every site. This applies night and day. We only have to ask **Bob and Tanya Book** about their experience in Glacier National Park when the rangers objected to their vintage ice-chest toolbox mounted on their trailer's tongue. Bears know what an ice chest looks like!!

Being a dry camp, you are allowed to wash dishes at your site. But, you can't pour your dishwasher or rinse water on the ground. That's where a five-gallon pail comes in handy. You can pour gray water in the pail. It's easier to carry this to the nearest restroom where there is an open room with a special basin for dumping waist water as well as porta-potty contents. The basin is flushable and has a faucet for rinsing out containers. A great system that keeps the camp clean and bear friendly.

At Yosemite, Curry Village is near the campgrounds. There are showers (new in 2007). They are curtained-off stalls. It looks like there is no attendant but might NOT be free.

May and early June are very good times to visit Yosemite. After that, the crowds are tremendous. Campsites can be reserved five months before a visit. Phone calls starting early on that day will usually find all sites gone within a couple of hours. However, the May timeframe will find all campgrounds posted as being full, but at the reservation office, a sign will tell you that sites are available. This is because of cancellations and some sites held up because of wet conditions. A three-day stay can be had sometimes by just showing up on your first day.

Yosemite sights are beautiful in early May. Thousands of dogwoods are in full bloom. And, because of spring thaw, ALL the waterfalls are in full flow.

Talking to a ranger these days, will find the comment; "We see teardrop trailers all the time!" What a difference compared to a few years ago.

CARNATION FOURTH AT KEN AND MARTY'S 36FUN PARK

By Ken and Marty Masden

We will start on the afternoon/evening of Tuesday July 3rd, 2007 and continue through the weekend (through Sunday July 8th) so this is a great year for folks that must do something on the 4th with family to join us after that. Come for all or part of the event.

The Spaghetti Feed at the Carnation Senior Center is a good meal on the evening of the 3rd. We'll have an old car caravan to get there leaving our place about 4:30 PM. Come early so you can join in. Spaghetti Feed - 5 to 7 PM (\$8.00 adults, kids \$4.00).

Then the next morning on the 4th, everyone can go to the pancake breakfast and parade in Carnation, put their car in the Hot Rods and Harley's Show (and be in the parade), eat some great strawberry shortcake from the Senior Center from 10 to 2 (get there early because they often sell out). We'll go back to our place later that day for the traditional July 4th potluck (including teardrop-challenged friends and neighbors). In the evening, we all go back to Carnation for the fireworks show. Carnation puts on quite a parade and fireworks show for a small town!

Thursday is a laid-back day playing with the cars and/or taking in all the sights the area has to offer. We will do our Dutch oven potluck on Friday. The caravan to Snoqualmie Falls on Friday will be around noon so we are back in time for the Dutch oven cooking.

We'll do our Antique Car Caravan to the Root Beer drive-in restaurant in Issaquah on Saturday evening (the 7th). Last year, everyone really enjoyed the caravan and us showing off our cars

Many folks will not attend until the weekend so will enjoy the highlights of what we did last year with the fellowship, caravans and potlucks. For planning purposes, plan on Marty and I providing breakfast on the 5th through the 8th.

Please, no fireworks allowed on our property. Well-behaved pets and kids are welcome. But you must clean up after them (yes, both pets and kids).

Our phone number is **425-333-5219**. We have a registration form and maps that can be sent to you via e-mail. Contact 36fun@centurytel.net (or call) with questions or if you want a copy of the entry form for the Hot Rods and Harley's show (will save you \$5.00 if you send it in early). No registration fee for this event. Just show up when you can for as long as you can and have a good time.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MT. BAKER VINTAGE TRAILER RALLY

By Pat Ewing

The 7th annual Mt. Baker Vintage Trailer Rally will be August 16th - 19th. The rally features all types of vintage camping trailers and all teardrops. The past few years we've averaged 75 units in attendance. Again, photographer Doug Keister will be taking more pictures of our vintage trailers as well as hopefully giving a presentation of his latest book. There will be a Friday

night Pizza feed and a Saturday night potluck dinner. We'll have a swap meet Saturday so bring anything that you have that might need a new home.

The rally fee is \$25.00 per unit with two people. Camping is \$10.00 dry and \$15.00 for power/water hookups. There is a dump station on site. Nice restrooms and a shower house are available. There are lots of nice trees and grass with old time logging equipment displays to enjoy. Pets are welcome but must be on a leash and picked up after.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-5 to Bellingham, Washington and take exit #255. Head east on the Mt. Baker Hwy until you pass mile marker #9. Then at the bottom of a small hill turn left onto Cedarville Rd. In about a mile you'll see the Deming Log Show Grounds.

Any questions call **Pat or Joanne Ewing** at 360-966-4253 or e-mail at pre47airstream@aol.com.

TEARDROP JOURNEY ACROSS THE U.S.A. WITH JACK AND SUE

We All can experience the Jacobson trip to Maine by tuning onto the teardroppers universal web site www.teardrops.net. Scan down the right list to Teardrop Discussion Forums and click on "Teardrop Talk". When that comes up, go down to the bottom of the list to "Teardrop Travelogues". On that list is Jack and Sue's 2005 and 2007 Vintage Vacation & Road Trip. After all that, you will be awarded with a great read. Jack will be adding to that narrative about once a week when they start their trip on June 9th this year. Their itinerary is very interesting and we can live it as they proceed.

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

By Rod and Trudy Glassett

After Spring Fling, Boehmes, Birleys, and Glassetts attended the first teardrop meet held at Birleys' in Chehalis, WA. We enjoyed Peggy's chili, hot showers, and the laundry facilities. Tuesday we headed toward Trout Lake, but Boehmes' van decided to stop by the repair shop in Longview. The rest of us continued on, skirting the south side of Mt. St. Helens. We spent the night in a Snopark (for snowmobilers) with a fantastic view of Mt. Adams. On Wednesday we explored the Ice Caves nearby, then traveled on to Goldendale.

Vintage trailers, cars, trucks, and tractors and their owners were invited to participate in the first "Blue Moon Festival" in Goldendale. (A "blue moon" is the second full moon in a calendar month and that happened in May. The next "blue moon" won't occur until Dec. 2009.) So the Boehmes', Birleys', and Glassetts' teardrops joined up with Lindsleys' teardrop, Morris' UHaul, Lodholms' and Cronn's fraternal twin 1963 Shastas, Fites' 1974 Argosy, Nutters' 1966 Aloha, and Steve's 1946 Spartan at the Klickitat Fairgrounds. There was a 1953 Kenworth truck, a few vintage cars, and a dozen old tractors.

The highlight of this event for us was the opportunity to gaze at Venus and Saturn through the 24.5-inch telescope at the Goldendale Observatory. Amateur astronomers had their telescopes trained on Jupiter and four of its moons. AMAZING! We also watched the "blue" moon rise-except it was orange, not blue. Others of the trailer group took in dinner with an astronaut, the Presby mansion, and nearby Maryhill Museum and the Stonehenge Monument. The tractors participated in tractor pull and, of course, there was plenty of Bluegrass music from the 16 bands participating.

One evening, as we were relaxing in the shade of our awnings, a special guest paid us trailer folks a visit. It was the mayor of Goldendale! He came to see some of the trailers and to thank us for attending this new event. He shared some of the recent history of the town and was a pleasure to meet.

Despite the heat (110 degrees) in the sun, we met some great new vintage trailer enthusiasts and hope we'll see them again at another event.

GREAT BEAVER STATE TEARDROP CAMPOUT CELEBRATES TENTH

As reported in the universal teardroppers web site (www.teardrops.net) Northwest Teardroppers are holding their tenth gathering the weekend of July 27th to 29th. This is for

teardrop trailers only as there is no room for other vintage-type trailers. The location is Camp Lane that's 42 miles west of Eugene and 24 miles east of Florence on the Oregon coast. Friday supper, both breakfasts and Saturday lunch are provided, so the total camping cost is only \$45 per trailer. Saturday supper is potluck with Dutch oven cooking.

Come join a family-style gathering in a pristine woodland park location. There is covered and lighted parking in case of rain with special permission for teardrops to camp on the lawn. There is no available parking for larger trailers, but tents are welcome. Those without trailers will find some interesting accommodations in the form of tree houses! Pets are welcome as long as they are on a leash.

Pre-registration is requested. Contact Sheryl Aaron at aaroncruiser@aol.com or Pam Hernandez at pjhernandez@worldnet.att.net for more information.

THE 14TH DAM GATHERING

By **Katie Boehme**

The Shasta Dam Gathering was another great success with over 85 teardrops and other RV types attending this event. Summer weather and blue skies lifted everyone's spirits at the first tear campout (in the Pacific Northwest of the USA) for 2007 held May 11- 13.

There were two couples there enjoying their maiden night in their tear and about eight tears enjoying their first tear event. At the campfire/chili-feed on Saturday they asked all those at the Dam Gathering for the first time to stand and we were amazed that over 30 plus people came forward. Teardropping is growing like a wild fire.

I was amazed to meet two single ladies there who had built their own tear (one while in high school). Her tear was major cute painted red with black dots - "The Ladybug". Then there was the tear winning the best innovation award. He had hinges on both sides of the kitchen arranged so about two to three foot folded out on both sides and counters were attached, giving him a 10-foot long kitchen. His trailer (with disc swirls covering the aluminum skin) and another gorgeous woody tear won tied for favorite trailer award (*attendees votes determine the winners*).

Antlers Campground, located on an inlet of the lake and covered with beautiful mature deciduous trees provides a delightful setting for this event. Combined with the usually friendly tear folks it makes for a wonderful weekend. Thanks to **Grant and Lisa Whipp** for doing such a great job organizing this event. All had a good time.

FIRST-TIME AT THE SHASTA DAM GATHERING WAS GREAT

By **Danny Fantoni**

When I looked at Google Earth for Antlers Campground it showed it to be right next to the freeway but we decided to go anyway. We found out that was just a junkyard next to the freeway. The campground is quite away from the freeway and very nice. It is right along Shasta Lake but up about 50 feet. We even had full hookups for only \$11 a night.

Everyone was very friendly and it was great looking at all the TD's and meeting the owners. Thursday it rained and Jane was bummed. But the rest of the weekend was quite pleasant. We went into Shasta City Saturday with **Marty & Katie Boehme** for lunch at a very nice new restaurant called The Old Mill Eatery, 4132 Shasta Dam Blvd. We viewed the dam after lunch and the Shasta Caves gift shop on the way back to the campground.

Friday night we were treated to **Dean Hubbard's** huge Prime Rib dinner at his campsite. It was delicious in spite of him saying it was overcooked. Dean & his spouse are very nice. Being new to the Dam Gathering we ended up coming late to the chili cook-off since I was making a chicken roll something in the Dutch oven and Jane was baking cookies in the TD's oven.

Jane enjoyed the small amphitheater-like area next to our tear to play her travel harp. Occasionally she would have an audience even though she is a beginner (1 ½ years) at playing the harp. We said our good buys Sunday morning with **Doug Hodder**, Dean of the Redwoods, Kevin A

and others and had a nice trip home. We now have some new friends and would enjoy returning to the Shasta Dam Gathering again.

SPRING FLING #9 SET SOME RECORDS - AND WE DON'T MEAN RAIN

By Trudy Glassett

In our new location at Backstrom Park in Morton, WA, we camped on a large grassy area and had a picnic shelter for meals, games, and entertainment. Adjacent to the park was the Old Settler's Museum, which many of us visited. Of course, quite a few people traveled to the swap meets in Randle and Packwood, bringing back all kinds of treasures (and Kettle Corn).

The traditional Spring Fling activities were enjoyed again this year. A rousing game of Bingo on Friday night began our weekend. The Saturday night potluck and famous Dutch oven dinner on Sunday evening gave us plenty to eat. A few trivia buffs (including an eight year old, who held her own) played team Family Feud. The "Tech Talk" was well attended and those present discussed a variety of teardrop and vintage trailer topics.

Door prizes were given out and Ed Colvin contributed a large supply of specialty hats to the fun. The pancakes prepared by the men and French toast prepared by the women are always an important part of our event. Of course, a campout wouldn't be complete without the evening campfires and S'mores.

This year we added several new activities to the schedule. Sunday morning Larry and Irma Reed led us in non-traditional worship with a puppet show and a skit. If you missed it, just ask Larry where the "Professor" is. That afternoon we were treated to special entertainment by the "Cowchips," a cowboy/bluegrass band made up of Bob Johnson, one of our own campers, and three other musicians from the Puyallup, Washington area. They sang songs from their latest CD "Steppin' in It." Since it was Memorial Day weekend, several of us made postcards to send to the troops serving overseas.

Some "records" that were set for Spring Fling #9:

*There were 50 assorted trailers, from a 1946-manufactured teardrop to a homebuilt one, with sawdust vacuumed out the night before.

*Of the trailers, 38 were teardrops. Others were Airstream, U-Haul, Boles Aero, Shasta, T@B, Chalet, Sport Ranger, Comet, Coachman, Deville, Tiny Trailer, a cab-over camper, and several tents.

*106 people (plus several guests for meals) camped! The campers' ages ranged from 20 months to 84 years. The Abbott Family was represented by three generations of campers!

*Fourteen families were new to Spring Fling.

*Al Fox traveled 765 miles from Windsor, CA, to win the distance award. Danny Fantoni created a beautiful cross-laminated, lathe-turned wooden-handled backscratcher for this honor. Thank you, Danny!

*Pat and Ingvar Svard again joined us from Vernon, BC, Canada and took the second place prize for distance traveled.

Thank you to those who helped set up and clean up, those who made breakfasts, those who took time to show visitors your trailer, those who helped teach others the art of Dutch oven cooking, and all those who attended. There were several "glitches" in the restroom facilities and with electrical sites. We'll see about correcting those for next year. Suggestions were solicited and we'd like to thank those who took time to respond. If you have a suggestion, but didn't get it to us, please e-mail your ideas to make Spring Fling #10 the best ever. Contact at glassettgang@juno.com.

PS: It only rained ONE night! (Editor's comment: It really only sprinkled a bit)

TOW AND SHOW YOUR TRAILER IN NEWPORT, OREGON

This is the third year teardroppers and those with vintage travel trailers have been invited to take part in the two-day classic car show at Newport's Oregon Coast Aquarium. It's being held on Labor Day weekend, September 1st and 2nd. That would be Saturday and Sunday. The show is from 10 AM to 3 PM each day.

The cost is \$10 for the weekend. There are two tickets for the aquarium included with each registration. Also, there is an award each day for the most interesting trailer.

Again, this is the annual Car, Truck and Trailer Show hosted by the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Dry camping permitted Friday and Saturday nights. You should contact **Dick Miller** at the Aquarium. Call **541-867-3474 ext 5640** or e-mail dick.miller@aquarium.org.

SPRING FLING EXCITING FOR A TEARDROPPER DAUGHTER

BY **Emiko Bledsoe** (eight years old)

When my dad and I went to the Spring Fling #9 we got there just in time to cook for the Saturday night potluck. We made a peach dump cake and sugar cookies. We also helped Paul and Norma cook their Mexican Lasagna. Our table was called third to eat. There was a lot of really good food.

After the potluck the door prizes were given out. Rod talked about all of the upcoming events. We played team Family Feud. Everybody got candy bars.

Sunday morning we made Dutch oven cinnamon rolls for breakfast. After breakfast went to the church service. We had to leave early so packed up right after church.

I had a lot of fun and I want to go again. Everybody was really nice.

VINTAGE TRAILER RALLY AT ANTIQUE POWERLAND NEAR SALEM

Jerry and Linda Kwiatkowski (Rollin' Oldies Vintage Trailers) put on a first-time Vintage Trailer Rally on Father's Day Weekend. The grounds at the Antique Powerland provided an excellent camping experience for the three teardrop trailers and about 20 vintage Tiny Travel Trailers (TTT) in attendance. **Darryl Jackson** of Grants Pass, Oregon showed up with a 1950 Strobe. It's a limited production tent trailer fully restored with single beds that fold out on both sides - very unusual looking. Many "Canned Hams" and Airstream-types were seen. All were either premium-condition originals or carefully restored.

Many visitors toured all the rigs during the open-house part of a companion car show put on by a vintage Chevy club. It was a great event and we can look forward to it every year.

Jerry encourages all vintage trailer owners to join Rollin' Oldies Vintage Trailers to receive the bi-monthly news and views newsletter. The annual rally near Salem, Oregon will mirror in many respects the Mt. Baker Vintage Trailer Rally held 300 miles away in Northern Washington. Contact Jerry at his e-mail address of jerryk20002000@yahoo.com.

JUST IN FROM GOLDENDALE, WASHINGTON

Lorraine from Goldendale, Washington is encouraging all vintage trailer owners to attend the annual Festival of Wheels on Saturday, September 15th. It will be a "Tow and Show" opportunity adjacent to their annual car show held in the middle of town. Camping will be available on the night before at the fairgrounds with move-in the next day in downtown.

Contact Lorraine at **509-773-0567** or web site www.cityofgoldendale.com.

UPDATED CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 3RD – 8TH – *Carnation Fourth – Carnation, WA*

This is the 6th annual gathering at Ken's '36 Fun Park. For all vintage trailers. Lots of fun. Contact **Ken or Marty Masden** at **425-333-5219** or 36fun@centurytel.net. See the invitation that Ken wrote in this issue.

JULY 20TH – 22ND – *Larry's Fun-Time Rally – Castle Rock, WA*

New location this year at Silver Lake Resort. On the way to Mt. St. Helens view points. See the article in this issue for more. For questions, contact **Larry Snedden** at 360-423-5326 or ldsnedden@hotmail.com.

JULY 27TH – 29TH – *Great Oregon Campout – Lane County, OR*

At Camp Lane near Florence for teardrops only. This is the 10th for the Northwest Teardroppers. Call **Lonnie/Sheryl Aaron** at 541-688-9545 or aaroncruiser@aol.com for more information.

AUGUST 16TH – 19TH – *TCT Vintage Trailer Rally – Deming, WA*

See the story written by the host in this issue. For more information, contact **Pat or Joanne Ewing** at 360-966-4253 or pre47airstream@aol.com

AUGUST 24TH - 26TH - *LeMay Open House Campout – Tacoma, WA*

This was the very first teardrop gathering in the Pacific Northwest founded in August 1998. Come help celebrate the 10th anniversary. More information in this issue. Contact **Marty Boehme** at 503-632-6563 or teardrops@bctonline.com.

SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND – *Oregon Coast Aquarium Car/Trailer Show*

See the story in this issue for more information. For questions, Contact **Dick Miller** at 541-867-3474 ext 5640 or dickmil@aquarium.org

SEPTEMBER 7TH – 9TH – *3rd Canadian Teardrop Meet – Langley, BC*

Contact **Brian Ireland** at 604-533-0874 or brian@northern-teardrop-trailers.com

SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH - *Festival of Wheels – Goldendale, WA*

See the last story in this issue for some details. Contact **Lorraine** at 509-773-0567 or web site www.cityofgoldendale.com.