

T.O.W. Line



TEARDROPPERS OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON

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Serving those who **are** or **wannabe** teardroppers.

MID-WINTER POTLUCKS

Gather with friends for the mid-winter potlucks in Seattle, WA and Albany, OR.

SEATTLE, WA - Saturday, February 13, 2010

This year our Washington TOW Mid-Winter Potluck will be held on Saturday, February 13th. **Ed and Linda Kelson** extend the invitation for our get-together to be held in their private museum called "A Touch of Nostalgia". They are very excited to have everyone come and enjoy what they see every day. The museum, located in the South Seattle area, is in the building that's part of the business the Kelson family runs. Bring your favorite dish and don't forget to bring serving spoons. Dinner will be **12:30 PM**.

Our calendar of events for the coming year will be reviewed with many of the hosts talking about their gatherings. Come join our family of friends for our potluck and a tour of the museum. Ed and Linda suggest you bring your camera as there are lots of things to take in – you might see a treasure from your childhood.

DIRECTIONS

The address is 201 S. Austin St, Seattle, WA 98108. There are two large Texaco signs outside the building that stands tall in the air plus a sign that will say MID-WINTER POTLUCK. If lost getting there, you can call the shop phone at **206-762-2227**.

FROM THE NORTH – Exit I-5 at #162 (Corson Ave) – Drive 0.8 miles until you come to Michigan St. – Turn Right onto Michigan and drive about one (1) mile until you get to WA-509 – Drive South on 509 a little

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Teardrop Display

Susan Day recently exhibited at the International Quilt and Fabric show in Houston, TX, and included a fabric-covered teardrop in her display.

See page 5 for the full story.

A Note from the Editors:

As you may have noticed, the TOW Line took on a new look with this issue. This new format gives us lots of opportunities to share event announcements, your photos of teardrop events, Dutch oven recipes, and other information.

We rely on your submissions of photos, articles, event announcements, and other content to fill the pages of the newsletter. As you host events, attend events, or experience things worth sharing, think about putting together a short article for the TOW Line.

We've added a new feature, the Recipe Corner, on page 3. Submit your favorite, original Dutch oven recipes for upcoming issues.

Do you have ideas for other features? How about a Builders' Corner with tips and tricks from you to help those in the building process?

We hope you enjoy the new layout and look forward to hearing your feedback.

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Mid-Winter Potluck cont.

bit and do a whoop-de-do up to the Right and back over the road to get onto WA-99S – Continue South another 0.3 miles until the traffic signal light at Holden – Turn Left and immediately turn left again on 2nd Ave – Go to the next street and turn Right onto Austin St – You will see the shop/museum on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH – Exit I-5 at #156 (Tukwila/W Marginal Way) – The highway turns into WA-99N – Drive a total of 5.2 miles until you come to a traffic signal light at Holden – Turn

Right and immediately Left onto 2nd Ave and go to the next street and turn Right onto Austin St – You will see the shop/museum on the right. Contact vintageracer@q.com or cell 253-797-0708 for more information.

ALBANY, OR - Saturday, February 27, 2010

This year our Oregon TOW Mid-Winter Potluck will be hosted by **Glenn and Laurie Anderson** in their barn located a few blocks from their home. The potluck is on February 27th. Let's figure to eat at **2:00 PM** as this should give everyone time to arrive and prepare. You are more than welcome to Camp Friday the 26th. Let us know and maybe we will join you. We had about 40 people here last year, and we just had a blast. I have increased my collection of Coleman lanterns many times over and have built out the attic space in the Barn to allow me space to rebuild Coleman Lanterns and Stoves. If you have a special Coleman Lantern that you want to get running, bring it along, and if we have time, we will tear it down and bring it back to life. I have acquired 30-40 more cast iron skillets over the summer that I hope to get cleaned up and seasoned to add to the ever-growing collection in the Barn. Bring a dish, or your Dutch oven, and come enjoy the day rain or shine. Don't forget to bring serving utensils.

There will be a chance for visiting with other teardroppers (old and new). All next summer's campouts and events will be reviewed. If you have any teardrop keepsakes or pictures of homebuilt projects underway, bring them also.

DIRECTIONS

To get there, exit # 233 off I-5 heading to US Hwy 20 West. Drive about 0.5 miles until you come to Waverly Drive. At that point, turn Left and go 1.2 miles until you come to Grand Prairie Rd. Turn Right. Go another 0.4 mile and turn Left onto Chicago. This street dead-ends into a cul-de-sac, so go to the end and look Right. You will see a barn in this mostly urban neighborhood. It's grey with white trim and a black roof. The barn address is 2656 Chicago St, Albany, Oregon.

If you have any trouble finding it, the number at the barn is **541-967-3479**. Glenn's Cell is **541-619-2179**. They will send out a search party! They've invited camping overnight. Just let them know. If you want more information contact the Anderson home at **541-967-8716** or via e-mail at glennanderson1@msn.com.

We've Lost One of our Family of Friends

By Jan Estes

Arthur Pratt really loved being a part of the teardropper family and teardrops. He wanted to build one. We remember he attended Spring Fling for many years coming in his camper, hanging out with us, and learning more so he could build the teardrop of his dreams. His wife Darlene was originally apprehensive about his plans to build this small trailer but the more she learned she warmed up to the idea and to teardroppers too.

Arthur fought cancer for many years that limited his ability to accomplish this dream. Many may

remember Arthur as the "Deaf Guy", but we will also remember him as the guy with a dream in his heart and as a part of our teardropper family.

Arthur E. Pratt, age 52, passed away in his sleep at his home in Napavine, Washington after a long battle with cancer on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Art was born May 4, 1957 in Long Beach, California. Moving to Washington as a youth, he attended Adna High School near Chehalis. He then went on to Clover Park

Technical College in Tacoma graduating as an Automotive Collision Technician.

After learning the trade he opened his body shop, Art's Body Shop, in Winlock, Washington. Art operated his shop for 20 plus years before he moved his interests to real estate. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, camping and gold panning.

Recipe Corner

Brussels Sprouts In Hollandaise Sauce

submitted by Chuck Parker

- 1 yellow onion (size of a hardball or 3" diameter)
- 3 lbs Brussels sprouts
- 1 can of Deep Fried Onions
- 1 pkg "Knorr Hollandaise Sauce" mix
- 1/2 Cup salted butter
- 1 Cup whole milk

1. Trim discolored Layers from Onion and Medium Dice (1/4 to 3/8 cubes). Caramelize the Onion in 1/4 stick of Butter till it is nicely browned and sweet.

2. Trim discolored leaves from Brussels sprouts and cut into quarters being careful to cut through the stem so leaves stay connected together. Add another 1/4 stick Butter to the Onions and sauté Brussels sprouts over medium heat till tender. Don't BURN them.

An alternative is to use a pressure cooker. Roll a rod out of aluminum foil and coil it into a circle to hold a pan off the bottom. If you don't have a pan that will fit in the pressure cooker make a container out of

aluminum foil big enough to hold the onions and Brussels sprouts leave the top open. Put 1-2 inches of water in the bottom of the pressure cooker and put the onion and Brussels sprouts container on top of the roll of aluminum foil (this keeps it from burning). Pressure cook for no more than 5-10 minutes at full pressure. (My preferred method.)

3. In a small sauce pan mix Knorr Hollandaise Sauce Mix with 1/2 stick butter 1 Cup Milk and bring to a boil stirring constantly; when thickened remove from heat and drizzle over the Brussels sprouts. Just before serving sprinkle the deep-fried onions over the top. Save some on the side to add as it is dished out.

Eat and enjoy. Even Brussels sprouts HATERS love this one!!! Don't worry about the calories. Adjust the recipe as needed.



Fall Brigade

by Marty Boehme



This is most of our group at the 2009 Fall Brigade. The weather was perfect with lots of fall colors at Elk's Park near Mulino, Oregon. About 25 trailers showed up. Lots of local events were happening on Saturday, one of which was a Harvest Festival at a local nursery. Some even ventured up to Silver Creek State Park for a wonderful hike around the largest concentration of waterfalls in the world. Breakfasts

were the order for both days, one featuring pancakes and the other with Omelets-in-the-Bag. Saturday's potluck and Dutch Oven Cooking was superb. **Glenn and Laurie Anderson** were presented with monogrammed cooking aprons for the Dutch-Oven seminar enjoyed by everyone in 2008. For 2009, Glenn talked to us about his Coleman collection and critiqued the buying and care of a Dutch oven.

Did You Know?

Lisa & Grant Whipp publish a newsletter called Tales & Trails. It's a low-key, fun, and funky newsletter giving you the who, what, where, when, & why of Teardrops, Teardroppers, and Teardropping. They started T&T in 1994, had a hiatus, and are now going again. The newsletter includes

- teardrop history
- teardrop travel stories
- notice of teardrop caravans and tours
- information on future gatherings

- photos from recent gatherings
- classified buy-sell-wanted ads

In addition to the newsletter, T&T publishes an annual Teardrop Directory that lists current subscribers making it easy to communicate with each other at home and on the road. You can locate Teardrops or their owners by name and location.

To subscribe go to tandt.teardrops.net/index.html



International Quilt and Fabric Show

by Susan Day

Houston October 2009.

This is a new Tear Drop, no kitchen, very basic. The dealer loaned it to my Company, Michael Miller Fabrics, for our booth. We covered it with fabric that was adhered with liquid starch. Much like wall papering. When we were finished the fabric peels off and the starch washes off. The display was for our 10th anniversary.

www.michaelmillerfabrics.com is a very good web site to see our Vintage Trailer Fabrics. Click on the button on the left for new fabrics and several other buttons will come up. Click on Travel Trailers and you can view several different prints that could be in a quilt store near you. Also another Collection is Modern Family, fabric prints from Mid- 20th Century. Our Gnomes are just the best.



If interested, my custom built 2009 Tear Drop is for sale. The Tulip will be hard to see go, I pray it finds a great home. Contact me for details.

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Builders' Block

Build Information

Do you have any tips or tricks to share with those who are building their first teardrops? Do you know of any web pages that give good guidance? Send your ideas to trdrpr@me.com. Submission deadline is March 15, 2010 for the Spring TOW Line.

Here's one fun web site:

[This to That](#) - a site that tells you how to glue just about anything to anything else.





Spotlight on Upcoming Events

April 29 - May 2, 2010 Lakehead, CALIFORNIA

Tales & Trails' 17th Dam Gathering of the Tears at Antlers RV park & Campgrounds in Lakehead, CA, just 25 miles north of Redding, on the banks of Lake Shasta; our good times with great teardrops & teardroppers just keep rollin' along! Full details at www.tandt.teardrops.net/dam.html & registration info forthcoming, or e-mail

info@teardrops.net or call 530-275-6728

May 28 - 31, 2010 Chehalis, WASHINGTON

The 12th Spring Fling will be held at the Birley's Farm near Chehalis, WA. Nearby are Centralia's antique malls and outlet malls, a county museum, steam engine train ride, the historic Olympic Hotel Restaurant/Theater and the Veteran's Museum. Northwest Trek outdoor experience. The Packwood and Randle swap meets are each about an hour's drive away from camp. The traditional Spring Fling activities will take place: Bingo, door prizes, team Family Feud, treasures from the Packwood and Randle swap meets, great food (with Dutch Oven cooking) and fantastic, friendly and fun teardroppers. Of course, campfires and S'mores will be available each night. The registration will cover the cost of renting portable toilets. This fee also includes two (2) breakfasts, door prizes, and dash plaques. If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact Rod and Trudy Glassett at **360-293-1108** or glassettgang@juno.com. We hope you'll be able to attend the first Northwest teardrop/vintage trailer event of the camping season.

June 4 - 6, 2010 Creswell, OREGON

Tri-T Northwest Oregon Teardrop Gathering at Larry and Zelma Boehme's meadow, Creswell, Oregon. This is our second year at this wonderful location and we hope you can make it. Cost: \$25.00 per trailer for the weekend. Early arrivals are welcome on Thursday, but the event actually starts Friday the 4th. Meals provided: Friday evening homemade soup, Saturday and Sunday breakfasts. Saturday night is a Dutch Oven potluck and campfire so bring your black pots and amaze everyone with that secret recipe. There'll be crafts, contests, and lots of Oregon-style relaxing under the fir trees. Electricity available for medical reasons only. Contact Lonnie and Sheryl Aaron at theaarons@hotmail.com or Pam Hernandez at pjhernandez@comcast.net.

July 1 - 5, 2010 Carnation, WASHINGTON

The 9th Annual 4th of July Fun in Carnation Celebration will be held on the Masden's 5 acre property near Carnation, WA (about 25 mi. east of Seattle). Enjoy old time vehicle rides and a great small-town celebration of our nation's independence, including a parade and fireworks. Pot Luck (Dutch Oven) meal on July 4th evening. Electricity and showers available. No event fee. Contact Ken or Marty Masden, 36fun@centurytel.net or 425-333-5219.

See the 2010 Calendar of Events for additional events.

Are you hosting an event in the near future? Send a description and contact information to trdrpr@me.com The next submission deadline is March 15, 2010 for the Spring TOW Line. Your submission may be edited for length depending on available space.

TOW and Its Beginnings

by Marty Boehme

TOW is short for “Teardroppers of Oregon and Washington.” The name is appropriate because we do “tow” our teardrop trailers. Here is how TOW began and what it does today:

It happened in 2001 after displaying our trailers as a novelty at the annual October car show and swap meet put on by the Northwest Car Collectors Association in Portland. The show manager wanted us to petition for full membership in NWCCA. To do this, we had to have a name and an identity.

We came up with TOW and registered it with the State of Oregon. At the same time, Donya Wiland created our infamous cartoon-like logo. In March of 2002 TOW became a full member of NWCCA; the argument being that lots of us tow our trailers with vintage vehicles. We were added to the association; making the total membership at 35.

All member organizations helped put on the show equally; regardless of their size. Then we equally shared the net proceeds. In those early years our share was \$800 plus another \$200 for the themed display most organizations created. We were fortunate to get a corner area that really showed well with us winning the coveted “best-ten-display” award twice. Our “Santa Coming to Town” award-winning display was even pictured on the cover of “Cruisin’ Magazine”



We sure had lots of fun working as a team to create our display. We more than covered our expenses that even included a red T-shirt featuring our TOW logo for each team member. Our team’s presence at the show was very noticeable and spectators showed lots of interest and asked many questions.

The proceeds have also funded the TOW Line newsletter as well as our www.teardroptrailers.org web site. In addition every year the TOW checking account offers to pay \$50 to every host in the Pacific Northwest area who puts on a continuing gathering for us to enjoy. The host’s registration fee no way covers their personal expenses.

Alas, the car show has folded with NWCCA currently in limbo perhaps awakening in future years at a more affordable location in the Portland area.

TOW is not an official club with dues-paying members and all the other stuff that goes with a club-type organization. Those who receive the TOW Line are simply “affiliated” recipients. Some day with the TOW Line being a free e-mail entity, the checking account will dry up. But, to our surprise, in 2008 we received \$1000 from an anonymous Minnesota teardropper that will keep the checking account healthy for a while.





2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST(S)
February 13, 2010	Mid-Winter Potluck (Seattle, WA)	Our traditional potluck; this year at the Kelson Shop Museum.	Ed & Linda Kelson 253-797-0708 vintageracer@q.com
February 27, 2010	Mid-Winter Potluck (Albany, OR)	Potluck held at the Anderson cast iron collection barn	Glenn & Laurie Anderson 541-967-8716 glennanderson1@msn.com
April 29 - May 2, 2010	Shasta Dam Gathering (Lakehead, CA)	17th Dam Gathering just 25 miles north of Redding, CA	Grant & Lisa Whipp 530-275-6728 info@teardrops.net
May 28 - 31, 2010	Spring Fling (Chehalis, WA)	12th traditional gathering at Chehalis' Birley Farm	Rod & Trudy Glassett 360-293-1108 glassettgang@juno.com
June 4 - 6, 2010	The Svard Yard Meet (Vernon, BC Canada)	International 3-day campout	Ingvar & Pat Svard 1-250-545-5865 kisvard@shaw.ca
June 4 - 6, 2010	NWTT Gathering (Cresswell, OR)	Held in Larry & Zelma Boehme's meadow	Lonny & Sherry Aaron 541-688-9595 aaroncruiser@aol.com
June 18 - 20, 2010	Kelson Kampout (Roslyn, WA)	Laid-back event on private property	Ed & Linda Kelson 253-797-0708 raisinldy1@comcast.net
June 18 - 20, 2010	Jefferson State Campout (TBA)	See teardrops.net for more information	Eunice Hill 707-725-4675 keneunicehill@sbcglobal.net
June 25 - 27, 2010	Vintage Trailer Rally (Sweet Home, OR)	This campout is nearly sold out. Located at River Bend County Park	Jerry & Linda Kwiatkowski 503-831-4991 jerryk20002000@yahoo.com

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (CONT.)

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July 1 - 5, 2010	Carnation Fourth (Carnation, WA)	A great place for teardrop fellowship. Lots of fun for all.	Ken & Marty Masden 425-333-5219 36fun@centurytel.net
July TBA	Redwoods Gathering	See teardrops.net for more information	
July 30 - August 1, 2010	Antique Powerland (Brooks, OR)	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme 503-632-6563 teardrops@bctonline.com
August 27 - 29, 2010	LeMay Display Campout (Tacoma, WA)	13th campout and display - started in 1998	Pat & Jan Estes 253-538-2859 opasgang@yahoo.com
September 10 - 13, 2010	Vintage Trailer Rally (Lyndon, WA)	Located at the NW Washington Fairgrounds	Pat & Joanne Ewing 360-966-4253 pre47airstream@aol.com
October 9 - 12, 2010	Fall Brigade (Mulino, OR)	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park. An optional 3-day rally	Marty & Katie Boehme 503-632-6563 teardrops@bctonline.com

Did You Know?

This newsletter is emailed to anyone who wishes to receive it. It is sent as a BCC to protect your email from others. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the next issue, send an email to trdrpr@me.com. It would be helpful if you include your home town and phone number.



All email addresses and web page links are active in this newsletter making it easy to contact event coordinators and visit web sites. If you're reading this in the snail mail version, you may want to consider moving to the electronic version.