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## Antique Powerland Teardrop Display and Campout

from Marty and Katie Boehme

This is the second weekend of the annual Antique Powerland Steamup. Teardroppers have been invited to display their trailers for spectators to view. In exchange, we get two free passes to Powerland to camp on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. The Steamup is attended by thousands of spectators who wander the grounds enjoying demonstrations and displays of 15 separate vintage-type museums. It's a great show!!

Requirements are for all modern-era vehicles to park off the campus. Just teardrop shaped trailers/vehicles are going to be displayed. Vintage tow rigs can be parked next to their trailers. Those wishing to just display their trailers on Saturday get free admission as long as they arrive before 9:00 AM and stay until 3:00 in the afternoon. Our display is limited to only vintage designed teardrop trailers.

Camping is considered "dry" with power for medical purposes only. A water bib is nearby. Porta-Potty comfort stations serve other needs.

A hamburger supper on Saturday night is provided. Iced water will be available for meals and refreshments. Bring fixings for all your other meals or buy from the food vendors set up for the weekend. Please be sure to register so that there is enough food for Saturday's dinner.

The fee to camp is \$12 per night. Registration is \$10. Please call up the registration form on the "Events" page of the TOW website [www.teardroptrailers.org](http://www.teardroptrailers.org). For more information, contact Marty or Katie at call 503-632-6563 or e-mail [teardrops@bctonline.com](mailto:teardrops@bctonline.com).

### A Note from the Editors:

*It's hard to believe it's the middle of July already. We hope you've been taking advantage of this somewhat nice weather to get out and camp.*

*Remember to take pictures while you're out and about and send them, along with a short article, to us for inclusion in the newsletter. It works best if you send the photos separate from the text. Photos embedded in MS Word are hard to extract and are often too big to include in the newsletter.*

*As you get ready for the season, make sure you have your name badges and camp site banners ordered. That way we'll know who you are. You can find information on the bottom of pages 8 and 9.*

*We are still looking for a newsletter editor. This is the last newsletter that Gretchen will be doing, so someone needs to step up if a fall issue is going to be printed. See page 5 for more info.*

*Happy camping.*

*Gretchen & Marty*

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## Summer Daze #2 - still plenty of room available!

### August 10-12

By Rod & Trudy Glassett

Summer Daze is gearing up for round #2. We'll have lots of room for teardrop and vintage trailer camping (**free**) in Birleys' pasture in Chehalis, WA. Centralia's nearby antique and outlet malls, a county museum, the historic Olympic hotel/Restaurant/Theater, the Veterans' Museum, a bike trail, and a steam train ride are all available for you to experience. NW Trek (wildlife park) is about an hour's drive away. Friday night we'll have a Bingo game going, so join us after you get set up. Sat afternoon, the COWCHIPS will return with their toe-tapping music. That night we'll have our traditional potluck with Dutch oven cooking. Both nights the campfire will be going with S'mores fixings available. Last year we had some "spontaneous" entertainment, so bring your musical instruments if you'd like to participate this year. Due to the shorter weekend, we've made a few changes and scaled back a bit, so Sat and Sun breakfasts will be continental style.

The registration fee is \$25 for renting portable toilets, dash plaques, door prizes, and breakfasts. Registration forms are now available on [www.teardroptrailers.org](http://www.teardroptrailers.org). If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact **Rod & Trudy Glassett** at [glassettgang@juno.com](mailto:glassettgang@juno.com). Please register by August 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you'll be able to attend **Summer Daze #2** (or Spring Fling #14).



Found recently by Katie Boehme while remodeling their basement. In the early days of the LeMay rally, every teardropper had their picture taken holding this sign. It was really special when the photo was taken with Harold LeMay. He died later on this year.



## The LeMay Campout during the LeMay Car Show + Auction & Swap Meet

### August 24-26

from Jan Estes

The LeMay Car Show + Auction & Swap Meet event provides our club with an opportunity to volunteer and display our trailers for the public. This event is truly unique. We will be celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> year of camping out on the Marymount Campus this year. We hope you will come and join us for this opportunity to see this incredible collection of cars and other memorabilia. Nancy and the LeMay family are our gracious hosts for this event. Things are always changing, and you will have the opportunity to see new acquisitions and the changes that have been made at the site.

This event is being held at the LeMay Marymount Event Center, the home of the LeMay Family Foundation, located at 325 152<sup>nd</sup> St E, Tacoma, WA 98445. The show will have many features including an Antique Auto Swap Meet. Check out the website for more details: <http://www.lemaymarymount.org>.

Campers generally arrive on Friday (8/24) and leave on Saturday night or Sunday morning (8/26). We will not be able to move vehicles or trailers while the show is open to the public. We will be camped in front of the school building. We will have port-a-potties and hand washing stations near us.

There are lots of fun goodies in store for the people that volunteer to help the LeMay Family Foundation put on this event: T-shirt, hat, meals, etc..Go the website <http://www.lemaymarymount.org> to get more information and to sign-up. Please register to volunteer by August 1st. You will receive your assignment and other information from the staff in early August.

The Car Show will offer you the opportunity to display your personal collector car. Clubs and car enthusiasts from all over the Northwest will display their cars. To be a part of the car show enter at the gate at 325 152nd Street East at Marymount where your vehicle may be checked in for the show on Saturday morning.

We will have a full schedule of activities for this event. Come early on Friday and plan on exploring the various attractions in Downtown Tacoma such as the Museum of Glass, Washington State History Museum, or LeMay-America's Car Museum.

The registration form is available on [www.teardroptrailers.org](http://www.teardroptrailers.org).

We look forward to having you join us!

Pat and Jan Estes



## 12th Annual Mt. Baker Vintage Trailer Rally Sept. 6-9

From Pat Ewing

Come join us for our twelfth rally being held in at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden, Washington. You can arrive as early as Tuesday, the 4th of September. No pre-reservations are required.

Our vintage trailer rally is open to all trailers & motor homes 25 years old & older. Folks with newer rigs - but love older vintage units are welcome as well. The newer rigs will be parked to one side as this year we'll strive to park all vintage vehicles & trailers together.

The camping area is grass. We have a very nice meeting room and plenty of power/water sites with a dump station on the grounds. Our rally location has plenty of no cost good warm showers and clean restrooms.

The quaint town of Lynden, WA has a Dutch theme with many little shops to explore. There should still be plenty of garage sales on the weekend as well. There are numerous restaurants and banks, some within walking distance of the rally. Close by are auto & RV parts stores, hardware stores, grocery, etc.

The last few years we've had 100 or more units in attendance. Over time we've been getting some very excellent older units attending. From the 1930's, 1940's, 1950's and newer are the units. Many are very nicely restored both inside and out with period furnishings.

We also welcome those vintage trailers that are "Works in Progress" as "Come As You Are". Many tow vehicles are older, restored rigs as well.

Friday night we have a potluck dinner where everyone brings a dish (main, salad or dessert). Saturday night we have a dessert social where everyone brings a dessert to share.

Saturday there will be a swap meet/flea market in the meeting hall. Bring any trailer, household, craft or other items to sell that might need a new home.

The rally fee is \$25.00 per unit. All camping is \$18.00 per night, dry and/or water/power hookup. There are few trees so bring your own shade, awning, etc. Those with air conditioning should be able to run them as needed as there are 30/50 amp power sites. Those who want power and water please bring a power splitter, extension cord and a Y for your water hose. Bring your own outdoor table & chairs if you can. Pets are welcome but need to be kept on a leash, picked up after and not brought into our meeting building during rally functions. Please make sure your pet stays within your own campsite when tied out so they can't reach other's campsites and cause mischief.

Directions: From the south take I-5 to exit 256 in Bellingham, Washington. Head north on the Guide Meridian about 8 miles until you get to Lynden. Turn right onto Front Street and within a mile you'll see the Fairgrounds on your right. From the north it's easiest to take the Lynden border crossing. Drive south on the Guide Meridian until you get to Front Street in Lynden and take a left.

Any questions please contact Pat or Joanne Ewing at (360) 966-4253 or e-mail at [pre47airstream@aol.com](mailto:pre47airstream@aol.com).



## Fall Brigade

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1

By Marty & Katie Boehme

This year, the annual fall rally for teardrops and vintage TTTs will start September 28th. See the Event Page on the TOW website [www.teardroptrailers.org](http://www.teardroptrailers.org) for the registration form. A confirmation letter will be sent out that will give driving directions and outline activities.

This gathering of our family of TOW friends wraps up the camping schedule for the year. It's held in a quaint vintage lodge heated by a fireplace. This site is located about 15 miles South of Oregon City (part of the greater Portland Metropolitan area). The Oregon City Elks Lodge owns this private, invite-only campground and charges \$15 per night. It's a "dry" camp with power for medical reasons available.

Saturday's group outing will be a caravan into Portland to visit a retired WWII PT boat that's being restored by a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving this icon of the past. For security reasons (this is a Military base), you MUST register your intent even if you can't go at the last minute.

Our weekend has lots of activities in the surrounding area. Not too far away is the small town of Aurora, which is one of the premier antiques shopping town in Oregon. The Aurora Colony Museum is open for the weekend and is a GREAT place to visit. Several Harvest Festivals are held this weekend in the area. Other activities will be on your welcome letter when you arrive.

Again, we will be serving Taco Soup on Friday (no one wants to set up camp in the dark). For Saturday morning, bring your individual breakfast fixings to the lodge porch and cook on the several stoves set up there. Then join the group inside the lodge to eat, swap stories, visit, and get your coffee and juice. On Sunday, we will have Omelets-in-the-Bag provided by a host of volunteers that cut and chop the ingredients.

We would like to suggest campers fix their own dinner on Saturday evening. Share with your next-door-neighbors at your camp – or better yet – bring your supper into the lodge. After supper, we can share time around various campfires in and around our camping areas. The lodge is always open and available to sit around the fireplace. Visiting, card games and coffee are a welcome treat anytime, especially if we will be gifted with a few raindrops.

We will try the paperback book swap again, so bring the ones you want to swap. The swap will be one-for-one. We will have a table set up for this activity Friday night.

Registration is \$25 to cover the group costs for the lodge rent, firewood (for heating the lodge), cleaning fee, food, decorations, and door prizes. For more information contact the hosts Marty and Katie Boehme at 503-632-6563 or [teardrops@bctonline.com](mailto:teardrops@bctonline.com).



Help  
Wanted

### Newsletter Editor

A new newsletter editor is needed to do the TOWLine newsletter. The template is set up in Pages for Mac. The newsletter goes out quarterly. If you are interested in taking this over, please email Marty at [teardrops@bctonline.com](mailto:teardrops@bctonline.com)

## Triple XXX Root Beer Rally in Issaquah, WA

from Sam Melton

Here are a couple of photos from the XXX rally. Two of the TOW guys won awards! Eddie won for Most Unique, and Jack won for Best in Class



Eddie showing off his prize



Jack with his prize

## Gorge Gathering Recap

By Marty Boehme

Jim and Joyce Bailey really brought out the Red Carpet for all the campers attending our Memorial Weekend in Stevenson, Washington. They called upon the weather gods to cooperate, too. All of us who set up on Friday did so with no rain and very little wind. On Saturday night, it was so balmy you could walk around in your shirt sleeves.

All the food was carefully prepared by the kitchen staff that was recruited. Actually, our group is so tuned in that when they saw something needed done, they cheerfully pitched in to help.

The carnival was well attended and was a "BALL". Our prizes seemed endless as everyone brought the iconic Elephant Gift. The table was overflowing with awards for first, second, and down to 100th place. We sure have a gifted group music-wise. Saturday evening had more than a couple players on guitars. The rented hall was an excellent get-a-way for campers. With the weather cooperating this year, most campers sat around their trailers, built campfires, and visited.

The endless stream of visitors enjoyed talking with the campers. Many comments were made about how willing they were to show their trailers. In some instances, contacts have been made after their visits about getting more information on building a teardrop. The teardrop group was joined this year by a number of trailers from ROVT, The Rollin' Oldies Vintage Trailer group.



## Cresswell Campout 2012 Recap

By Ethan Engberg

On Friday, June 8th, various campers and their trailers headed to Creswell, Oregon, taking part in an exciting camping experience. Larry and Zelma Boehme hosted the event at their marvelous home in the tranquil country forests, accompanied by the lively sounds of farm animals in the surrounding pastures. Campers set up quickly despite the on and off rain showers that permeated the afternoon and evening. However, we thoroughly enjoyed the marvelous time with each other's company and the lively atmosphere that small meaningful campouts exhibit. Trailers occasionally trickled in, and eventually six Teardrops, one Scotty and a T@B set the stage for an enthralling weekend.

In the evening, Larry and Zelma, along with the help of their son, Ken, and just about everyone else, cooked a hearty and delicious stone soup, a combination of everyone's own ingredients. Afterwards, Larry gave out copies of a story written by his son, concealing clues to a notorious scavenger hunt that would allow campers to search throughout his three acres, in order to find unknown objects. These objects could be traded for wondrous woodworking prizes that Larry, himself, had made with his stunning expertise. Many adventurous campers set out reading and hunting, looking hungrily for a rock, branch, or anything that might be a clue. The night was a joyous occasion, with chatter and laughter around the ever-lit fire, creating the symbolic aura that every camping experience should boast.

Saturday turned into a superb day, without a hint of rain, making the weekend campout much more enjoyable. Throughout the day campers took pleasure basking in the sun and playing games, all the while making memories in the process. Many continued on the quests of the scavenger hunt, which ended with almost every clue and object being found. Even the four legged critters had fun together, being quite the handful with the exuberance of three dogs bounding across the open fields, getting as muddy and dirty as they pleased. Around six o' clock everyone congregated under the sweeping shelter, eating a delicious potluck and sitting around the glowing campfire. Afterwards, awards were given to the scavenger hunters who found the hidden objects while announcements for future campouts were made. As darkness arose and stories were unfolded into the wee hours, the aurora borealis was awakened and glistened across the sky, a glorious sight to behold.

After the chatter diminished and fire turned to embers the night was still ever so peaceful. In the morning, the take down and disassembling of camp became a rude awakening. Larry gladly made a delicious feast of pumpkin pancakes on his concrete griddle. The griddle is an invention used in third world countries reducing fire-induced deaths by its specific and efficient design. It was a very delicious meal, also containing bacon and eggs, filling us to the gills with food for the journey. Eventually, it was time to say goodbye, and the rounds were made. Hugs and loves were given while everyone began looking forward to the next teardropping campout as their tires laid down miles of road.

## Creswell Campout Photos - June 2012



### TOW Camp Site Banners are available.

TOW camp site banners are available for \$20 each. They can be imprinted with up to two lines of custom text. Typically, people include their names and home town, but you can include anything. Banners measure 12" wide by 18" long with grommets in the corners. You will need to provide the garden flag holder.

The order form can be downloaded from [www.teardroptrailers.org/products.htm](http://www.teardroptrailers.org/products.htm)



## Roslyn Event Photos - June 2012



Roslyn WA Park  
Vintage Trailer Meet



Rod & Trudy's Trailer



Ed Kelson & Parents Place in Roslyn.

### Did You Know?

#### TOW Name Badges are Available

Nice hard, plastic name badges are available for ordering. They use a strong magnet rather than a pin to attach to your clothing. Order badges from Marty Boehme. They are \$7.50 each. To order, fill out the order form on the web site, [www.teardroptrailers.org](http://www.teardroptrailers.org). You need to supply your first and last names and then the home town, too. Mail the order form to Marty at 20232 S Jasan Dr - Oregon City, OR 97045. Or, you can order by e-mailing Marty at [teardrops@bctonline.com](mailto:teardrops@bctonline.com).



## Marty Boehme Celebrates 75 Years!

By Trudy Glassett

On May 12th, Marty gathered with friends to celebrate his 75th birthday. Many of the TOW family were there to celebrate with him. Marty has a long history with the TOW family.

Marty met with Harold LeMay and started the LeMay teardrop trailer display in 1998. It's continued ever since, and this year will be the 15<sup>th</sup> display. With lots of encouragement from several of us teardroppers, he began editing the TOWLine in June of 2002 to get information out to all interested in upcoming camping events, as well as reviews of past events, safety tips, and stories of others' travels. He's hosted an event at the Steam Up at Antique Powerland near Brooks, OR for several years, as well as the Fall Brigade in the Oregon City area for four years. Even though Marty didn't build his own TD until 2002, he camped with Katie in borrowed TDs and even his van. Marty encouraged many to host our own events since 1998 and just look at how many there are now in the NW!

Marty was quite surprised to see the Cow Chips show up to play at his party.



## Rowdy Yates Passes Away

We received a note from Rowdy Yates' wife, Gloria, earlier this month. Some of you may remember Rowdy from last year's Summer Daze campout. He's the one who arrived with the very old teardrop with the wooden spokes.

The note from Gloria:

Hi,

Roy passed away Monday 7/2. The last day he was able to get out of bed, he wanted to take a nap in his Tear Drop. He so enjoyed the Summer Daze get together last summer. He was hoping to feel good enough to participate again this year.

Thanks for making a great memory for him last year.

Gloria Yates

For anyone of Rowdy's beloved family and friends that would like to join us in completing his final wishes by spreading his ashes at North Cove, Washington, (aka "Wash Away Beach"), please meet us. We will congregate on Saturday, July 28th at 2pm. Bring your stories to share!!

Directions:

Hwy 105 to North Cove, WA from Raymond or West Port, Washington

Watch for the Mini Mart as you come into North Cove

Turn onto Warrenton Cannery Rd

First Left onto Sea Breeze

Right on Whipple

Right on Spruce

Left on Blue Pacific Drive

Follow this to the beach - we are unsure where the road ends as it has been "washing away" but we will be at the end

This is a map link for further assistance:

<http://goo.gl/maps/d98E>



Rowdy in his Tear Drop

## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST(S)
July 26 - 29, 2012	International Redwood Gathering (Carlotta, CA)	The 4th annual gathering	<a href="http://www.pamplingrove.com/Regform.html">http://www.pamplingrove.com/Regform.html</a>
August 3 - 5, 2012	Antique Powerland (Brooks, OR)	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme 503-632-6563 <a href="mailto:teardrops@bctonline.com">teardrops@bctonline.com</a>
August 10 - 12, 2012	Summer Daze (Chehalis, WA)	Great friends, food, and fellowship	Rod & Trudy Glassett 360-293-1108 <a href="mailto:glassettgang@juno.com">glassettgang@juno.com</a>
September 14 - 16, 2012	2nd Annual ROVT Rally (South Beach State Park, OR)	An event for vintage trailers and teardrops.	Diana & Terry Lindsley <a href="mailto:tdiana@comcast.net">tdiana@comcast.net</a>
September 28 - 30, 2012	Fall Brigade (Mulino, OR)	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park.	Marty & Katie Boehme 503-632-6563 <a href="mailto:teardrops@bctonline.com">teardrops@bctonline.com</a>
May 2 - 5, 2013	20th Dam Gathering of the Tears (Lakehead, CA)	It's going to be a biggie!	Grant Whipp 530-242-6452 <a href="mailto:info@teardrops.net">info@teardrops.net</a>

If you know of events that are not listed on the calendar, please be sure to submit them to Marty before the middle of September for the fall newsletter.

### Did You Know?

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