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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.

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*** Recipes, Camp Craft ideas, and Gadgets, as well as ideas to make travel easier, all make great articles*

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An Ode to the Canopy

To the tune of Oh, Christmas tree....

Oh canopy, oh canopy
How lovely is your shelter
Oh canopy, oh canopy
The wind is up, you're helter skelter
We sit beneath in sun and rain
We buy you fancy, buy you plain
Oh canopy, oh canopy
How lovely is your shelter

Oh canopy, oh canopy
Much pleasure thou can give me
Oh canopy, oh canopy
Ma nature, fickle she can be
You give us shade when summer's here
We stay dry in wet and drear
Oh canopy, oh canopy
Much pleasure thou can give me

Oh canopy, oh canopy
We take a chance and fail to stake
Oh canopy, oh canopy
No guy wires, a big mistake
A gust of wind, a tangled mess
If you survive, we're truly blessed
Oh canopy, oh canopy
Such a beating you must take!

Brought to us by Maureen McGuinness

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20th But not the last Dam Gathering (TOWLine goes to the Dam Gathering)

I have loved the idea of the Dam Gathering, but until this year did not consider attending because the idea of driving seven hours to be wet and cold left me, well *cold*. This year was the 20th annual and the weather looked good to boot. I told Maureen that I thought I was going to go (hey happy birthday to ME!) she declared that she was IN, and we made the trip together. I am so glad I did!

Grant and Kay always put on a good show, but this was amazing, I think I heard 172 trailers and 350 people, a record maybe? The weather was fabulous (though a little hot for some). Maureen and I had a site right next to the lake, so we had the breezes blowing off the lake to keep us comfortable. Sharing the tear worked out fine, though the dueling CPAP machines must have sounded like *Star Wars, the Musical*, featuring Darth and the Vader-etts.

Friday night there was a wine and appetizer potluck with some homemade beer and a blind wine testing, along with a trivia challenge. Saturday started with a pinewood derby followed later by an amazing potluck as well as a cast iron chef contest. Maureen and I had an entry in the pinewood derby, check out the gallery on the teardroptrailers.org website to see pictures. We didn't win, but her design was fabulous.

There was also a wedding with hammered dulcimer accompaniment and a beautiful bride.

In the ridiculous story department: Maureen and I forgot to bring drinking water. I had plenty of beer (duh) but it was dusty and hot and we needed aqua. Chuck walked by with a cold bottle of Dasani, and seeing the condensation made me lick my lips. I begged for water, and Chuck being Chuck he obliged. We followed him back to his and Darleen's camp, and he showed us his water management system. They have a beverage cooler with a spout at the bottom. They put ice in it and when they want a water, they pour it over the ice then catch it in the bottle out of the spout. More room for beer in the cooler... sweet! At the potluck that night I had to go back to camp. Maureen asked me for a water, but since we had just purchased it in town it was warm, so she wanted ice, and a cup, and... Well heck I thought, I will just run this through Chuck's system on the way back and I won't have to mess with the ice and the cup. So I grabbed a Perrier and after a stop to run it over the ice took a cold bottle of water back to Maureen. The next day we are sitting around, and Darleen says "we got some tainted water!" Maureen looks at me, but I am oblivious. "It didn't taste bad though, just kind of lemony" Darleen continued (I am still not catching wise). "So when I woke up in the night I was going to drink it



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anyway, but when I opened the cap it when *PHFFT*. We had to clean out the jug and put in new ice". Oops, sorry Chuck and Darleen.

Farthest away? They were right next to us; see the article *Hatch-less in Massachusetts*. The prize for being the furthest was a new hatch hinge, John tried to forget it on the picnic table when they drove away, but Maureen ran them down.

Remember this was not the last Dam Gathering, in the future you will need to make your own reservations with Antlers and there will not be formal events, but it will still be a Dam good time!

Hatch-less In Massachusetts

Reprinted from http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=18&t=6553

By **JonWeinberg**

Trip to California: <http://www.jonweinberg.com/Calif2013> (requires Flash)

Events and teardrops at the gathering: <http://www.jonweinberg.com/DamGathering2013>

When I built my teardrop in 2011 I made fold-down lengths of 1x2 that sat on little shelves to hold the hatch open. A couple of people gave me feedback in my build journal suggesting I do something to keep the hatch from lifting up in a wind. It didn't seem too pressing or important at the time. Read on....

Here is a summary of the highlights and "incidents" of our trip and info on what you'll see in the trip photo album:

After stopping in Maryland to spend an evening with my daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter drove to Marion VA, Cedars of Lebanon State Park in Tennessee, and then to Nashville to get onto the Natchez Trace Parkway to Natchez, Mississippi.

A line of severe thunderstorms was supposed to come through the night we spent at Trace State Park in Miss. However they didn't arrive until the next morning. While packing up big gusts of wind and rain started that blew the teardrop hatch backwards over the roof, springing the hurricane hinge

We slowly drove out of the park in the rain and pulled into a gas station with covered pumps while we assessed the situation. Someone pulled up and seeing our MA license plates asked if he could help. We followed him a mile and a half to his house where we backed the trailer into his garage and used his tools to hammer and bend the hatch back. Very nice...

We continued along the trace with bungee cords holding the hatch in place. Each morning when we'd pack up we had to pry the hatch into place as we'd close it.

From Natchez we drove to New Orleans where we spent the weekend camped at St. Bernard State Park a few miles south of the city. To get there we took a ferry across the Mississippi River - getting onto the ferry we bent the front stabilizer jack due to the steep angle of the ramp. Luckily it still worked and the rear hatch of the CRV just cleared it when opening and closing.

The weekend we were in New Orleans happened to be the French Quarter Festival – lots of people but also lots of music and food. Then it was west to Houston and then Lockhart Texas for BBQ dinner and lunch – very yum...

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We drove all state highways (no interstates) through west Texas to Carlsbad New Mexico to visit Carlsbad Caverns. We liked it so much we camped at the Guadalupe Mountains National Park south of Carlsbad and went back for a ranger-guided tour on the second day. Lyn volunteered to be the group tail to keep people moving and make sure nobody fell behind, for which she got a Junior Ranger pin to add to her hat. From there we drove all state roads through Roswell New Mexico (yawn...) to Oracle Arizona to visit Biosphere2 and then to Tuscon to visit an old friend and band-mate Judy.

Judy had arranged for us to play at a contra dance in Cottonwood Arizona (near Sedona) and on the way there on the interstate outside of Phoenix the teardrop hatch apparently blew off. People were honking at me along the way and I just thought they liked the trailer until one truck driver started pointing and waving his hands up and down so I pulled over. Oops. Luckily everything in the back had been secured and nothing else blew away. We drove a couple of exits along the interstate until we saw a Home Depot where we got a blue tarp, duct tape and some rope to jury-rig a hatch cover. Amazing this held up and was usable for over a week, but then we had no rain as the west was in a drought.

We spent a day with Judy visiting Jerome Arizona an old mining town in the mountains now a tourist destination, and then drove north thru Sedona and camped for a couple of days south of Flagstaff where we did some hiking. We drove east to Winslow Arizona to follow the old route 66 where we could. In Winslow we had a wonderful lunch at La Posada, one of the original Fred Harvey railroad stop hotels still operating. We camped in and drove along the rim of Canyon de Chelly in north east Arizona to see the Anasazi cliff dwelling ruins. Then north to Moab Utah where we camped a couple of nights at Canyonlands Campground (private) in the center of town that was actually a very nice campground and certainly convenient to everything. The second day there we visited Canyonlands National Park, Island in the Sky section. After a few miles of interstate back onto Utah state roads to drive through Capitol Reef National Park (stopped there for pie and ice cream), and camped for the night at Otter Creek State Park in western Utah. Spent a night at Cave Lake State Park outside Ely Nevada where we drove US50 across Nevada ("the Lonliest Road in America") to spend a night in Lovelock Nevada at the house of fellow teardroppers Randy and Debbie. Along the way the hatch tarp finally gave out and we stopped in Fernley Nevada and bought a sheet of Coroplast corrugated plastic and some tiedown straps to replace it, which worked much better. The final day of driving took us to Reno NV and then into the mountains through the Lassen National Forest to Redding, Calif. and then to Antlers Campground on Shasta Lake.

Since we arrived at the campground several days before the gathering you'll also see some pictures of side trips to visit the Sundial Bridge in Redding, and a tour of the Shasta Dam.

After the gathering we cut our trip short and drove straight back to Mass to fix the teardrop and build a new hatch.

So the moral of the story is that no matter how heavy you think your hatch is, secure it from lifting up in a strong wind. Murphy's Law will prevail. But even with the hatch and stabilizer jack incidents we pressed on and had a great time, experienced a lot of great things, and met a lot of wonderful people. We're now planning going out to the IRG in 2016 and taking a more northern route this time.

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The Gorge Gathering

Ah Memorial Day, the first “real” camping weekend of the summer. Every year we forget that the weather doesn’t clear up until July 5th and we fantasize about our first campout. Add to that great hosts, good friends, good fun, good food, and it is a must participate event. Jim and Joyce are wonderful hosts and really think about the attendees and their comfort. Stevenson WA is a nice little town with plenty to do and fairgrounds viewable from the highway, which always brings in new folks to check out the teardrops. In the covered, heated, gathering hall is a large kitchen and room for seating as well as the carnival.

Saturday dawned with typical Northwest weather, don’t like it? Wait five minutes.

Some good sun breaks and it wasn’t cold at all. Sunday was a little sketchy, but with the warm gathering area and bingo, complete with great prizes it was very nice. The Bailey’s, of course, fed us every night, breakfast every morning and there was a dessert potluck. There were lovely prizes for both the carnival and bingo.

Sunday was a happy day for the ducks. Not so much for the people. It “sprinkled” (sure Allen, that’s all it was) and we had to pack in the wet.

I love this gathering, it is close to home, there is someplace to go be dry if the weather is bad, and it is a fabulous way to start the camping season. Thank you Jim and Joyce.

A-Glamping We Will Go

Glamping, or Glamorous Camping, is a women only event held the first weekend of June. Women gather in various campgrounds across this fine nation and “bond”. This year Kay and the Jefferson State gals attended in southern Oregon, and the TOW gals went to LL Stub Stewart park by Vernonia. Turned out to be a gift to me as when I opened my tear and started taking out stuff packed in the wet from the Gorge it was, you guessed it, WET. I had checked during the week and all seemed fine, but I was wrong. After some “magical incantations” of the sort my father would use when he was working on the sink, I was faced with pulling my bed apart and trying to make the best of it. I was lucky, the weather was good, and I have a waterproof mattress pad. In only moments I had red sheets hanging from trees, a red down comforter hanging from my hatch, and my quilt on the picnic table. My camp looked like a bordello had barfed. There were four teardrops, and two tiny trailers from the TOW bunch. All together for glamping 52 trailers and 70 some women. Saturday was a busy day. The fun started with brunch, followed by trailer tours and the Wine-A-Bago from a St. Joseph’s a local winery. Saturday night there was a “death by chocolate” potluck at Maureen’s camp where she served Chocolate Martinis. Ladies, think about joining us for Glamping in 2014 it is a great time, and since it is at the beginning of the season it is a good opportunity for a shake-down cruise.

As of this writing there is an open space for the Ocean Tears Gathering 7/12-7/14. Reservations arriving 7/11 departing 7/14, contact towlinenewsletter@gmail.com for more information

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Creswell Campout June 7-9, 2013

By Ethan Engberg

Accommodated on the lush pastures under the canopies of enormous oak trees, the Creswell Campout set the stage for Teardrop Camping at its finest! Nine teardrop trailers were present, but the gathering also included a T@B and Rob and Trudy Glasset's

restored Oxygen trailer. The weather could not have been closer to perfection, as the sun beat down all weekend.

Laughter and glee arose amongst the smoke and ash that filtered up as we nestled around the fire for the evening chili and meetings. Our wonderful hosts Larry and Zelma, accompanied by an amplified horn, introduced campers and foretold the events of the weekend. Stories were shared and memories made as the darkness compressed upon us.

On Saturday, an early start on the treasure hunt found campers traipsing through the dewy grass contemplating measurements as they strung string to and fro searching for the elusive gold coins that eventually surfaced from the clever clues Larry personally designed. Akin to the "hunt" a similar Scavenger Hunt had campers traversing the wilds of the pasture in search of Tom, John, and Sue which happened to be coins and 2 dollar bills.

The afternoon was hot as multiple guests visited the campsite from across the United States. Sunlight filtered onto the grass as Trudy sold various items and games were played in the sun. The evening's glow smelt of the decadent potluck prepared by each tear-dropper. Afterwards another meeting ensued and campers eventually sauntered back to their trailers content with their full bellies ready to talk the night away.

On Sunday, Julie and Allen Nelson were up early slaving over their griddles to make their famous AbbeSkivers, round Danish dough balls of heaven as a departing gift for each camper. After many drawn out goodbyes the campers left, their taillights twisting through the forests soon to meet again.



TearJerkers Summer Solstice Gathering

By Sharon Heisley

The Jefferson State Tearjerker's Summer Solstice Gathering at Collier Memorial State Park, Oregon, started Thursday night, with 10 of us sleeping in our trailers, ready to celebrate this year's supermoon and with another 14 Tearjerker friends joining us in the next days. A supermoon, also known as a *perigee full moon* happens when the full moon is closest to the earth;

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therefore, appearing much larger and brighter than normal. This year, the supermoon was to occur at the same time as the summer solstice and we were excited, not only to be camping with our friends; but also, to be able to enjoy the sights and sounds of the surrounding Chiloquin/Crater Lake area during the day and the glow of this large, full moon while exchanging stories around the campfire. Our teardrops and tiny travel trailers took up 13 of the 18 available tent sites within the inner loop of the campground. With our variety of trailer styles, yummy potlucks, and general camaraderie, we pleasantly entertained not only ourselves but also the full hook-up RV owners who surrounded us on the outer loop. Our pets were entertained by an abundance of chipmunks that seemed to scamper everywhere!

There was no lack of things to do. During the day, we followed an easy half mile trail along the beautiful, rushing Spring Creek to the logging museum located at the other end of the campground. The logging museum encompassed the history of logging from 1860 to present times, displaying pioneer cabins, cookhouse, general store; and, manual, animal, steam, and gasoline powered equipment. It even included a boat that was used when floating the logs. There was also a nearby steam train available for rides or one could take a short drive to see the vivid royal blue Crater Lake, the deepest lake, and possibly the purest, bluest lake in the nation. One could also drive to Chiloquin's local casino to play games or simply take a bike ride or hike on one of the trails. There were also a couple Cast Iron cooking demonstrations and a movie to attend. Friday night was a beautiful, clear night and, while we enjoyed seeing a large, beautiful moon, we elected to wait until it was full, on Saturday night, to take pictures. But, when Saturday evening came, Mother Nature had other ideas and blanketed the sky in clouds. With that, we began checking the weather reports and found that a large rain storm was due to hit the area sometime on Sunday. We didn't let that stop us from having fun, though! We hung a teardrop piñata and began taking turns hitting it to expose its contents. The piñata was filled with the usual candy but also with yellow Styrofoam balls, each representing tools for building or cooking; plus, other miscellaneous small gifts, laid out on a picnic table, ready for exchange for one of the yellow balls. With more than 50 prizes, nobody had to leave without getting something.

True to the reports, sprinkles began falling intermittently around 2:00 AM on Sunday morning. But the storms held off until most of us had packed up and returned to our homes, later in the day, warmed by the memories of another great Jefferson State camp gathering.

We wish to thank Grant and Kay for organizing this gathering and all who attended to make this gathering such a success!

From the Internet:

TeardropTrailers.org (Don't forget the Gallery) TNTT.com

[Cool Tears and Tiny Campers Magazine](http://CoolTearsandTinyCampersMagazine.com) TearJerkers.net

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Trask River Gathering



By Maureen McGuinness

Cheese, trees, and ocean breeze? Well, that's only half of what TOW members experienced at the Trask River Gathering held in Tillamook, and fabulously hosted by Riki and Randy Gottier. It was a small, but mighty, get-together, with 11 trailers and 20 people. We all had many opportunities to visit and become better acquainted, especially with four new faces. A warm welcome to Stephanie, Mark, Karen and Alan. After a beautiful drive over the mountains, campers were treated to a chili and cornbread dinner. The location was peaceful and very private, with the background music of the river and no cell service, one couldn't help but unwind. It was fun to all be able to sit around the campfire together and to gather in the Native American style longhouse for our meeting.

Saturday morning, the activity level ramped up as our brave souls, Randy, Marty, and Carrol, had an early breakfast and headed to the Fairgrounds to line up with their teardrops for the Tillamook Dairy Parade, the theme of which was "clowning around". Not long after the guys left, our TOW banner carriers, Lois and Riki, dressed as adorable clowns, along with Ethan and myself (the candy crew), made our way into town to join up with the trailers at the parade starting point. If we had known how much fun it would be, I think we could have convinced all 11 trailers to participate. The absolute show-stopper, though, was Marty's clown routine! Who knew he was a natural? Every time the parade slowed to a stop, Marty would jump out of the car, dressed as a clown, right down to his neon pink high-tops, run around in circles waving his arms and shouting "we're clowning around" while pulling balloons out of his teardrop! And to top it off, his pants fell down to reveal a pair of boxer shorts sporting a hotdog motif!!! When the parade spectators weren't giggling at our resident clown, they were fascinated by our wonderful trailers, with hatches up and doors open to show off all of their cleverness.

Those that didn't watch or participate in the parade, hung out and enjoyed the beautiful day back at camp, soon joined by the paraders. Hot dogs over the open fire for dinner, some stories by the campfire and then most were off to bed as the inevitable Oregon rain made its appearance. Fortunately, it tapered off as we packed up to head home after another marvelous TOW gathering. Can't wait to find out next year's parade theme!

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Tow gets a mention on Squidknot

Check out Squidknot.com We had the chance to meet the webmaster at the Tillamook gathering. He made the trip up the Trask River just to see TOW members in the wild. SquidKnot is dedicated to the Pacific Northwest coast and covers a lot of local happenings.

<http://squidknot.com/2013/06/01/camping-the-coast-teardrops-canned-hams-pop-ups/>

<http://squidknot.com/2013/06/18/richard-the-modernistics-its-not-a-band-its-more-coast-camping-in-style/>

The teardrops are at the 1:41 mark

<http://squidknot.com/2013/06/23/tillamook-cheese-power-chords/>

TOW branded items available!

Get your TOW items! Part of the proceeds goes to TOW for website fees and other club related costs. We don't have dues so get a cool mug or a doggie sweatshirt and support TOW at the same time!

<http://www.cafepress.com/towline>



Bal leveler



While everyone else was driving up and down on pieces of wood, I put my not unsubstantial rear in the air, ratcheted a few times, and called it a day. Simply park your trailer and put the Tire Leveler around the low side tire. Ratchet the screw with the included ergonomic ratchet until the trailer is level. You're done! Fits most trailers with 13"-15" tires. Heavy-duty tubular steel construction and corrosion resistant finish. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuxdJyMU2RY>

An app to go with leveling? Yes indeed there is an app for that. Chuck showed me one called "Advanced Bubble Level" you put your phone on what you want to level and it beeps when you get there. Slick and FREE. Don't know about iPhone, not my wheelhouse.

Want more information on teardrops and tiny trailers? Try tnttt.com a great resource for those building, looking or just wanting to chat about both teardrops and tiny trailers. There is a [Northwest](#) as well as a [Jefferson State](#) section in addition to all the other great resources. TOW also has a Facebook page (thank you Gretchen), and Kay manages a Facebook page that both TOW and Jefferson State folks post to.

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Craft

I like souvenirs as well as the next girl. Something to remember the gathering by and everyone can use a T-shirt. So I buy them. Now I have a lot of T-shirts and let's face it, if you have been going to gatherings for years some of those shirts could second as spanx. What to do? Your kids

wouldn't be caught anywhere in a shirt that says "Gathering of the tears", "I go where I am towed", or any of the other nifty catch phrases gracing your drawers (Ok some of you hang them up, but that is just weird). Larry Boehme has answered the need.

Check out this quilt made by Larry's own two hands. The word 'quilt' may have you thinking, "I can barely make that in words with friends, how the heck can I SEW one?"

It is actually pretty straightforward. Take your shirt fronts, cut them into squares of the same size (yes you can do it, you managed to cut out two doors for the tear right?) Then make strips of fabric the size you want (sheets could work great) Sew all of that together. Take an old blanket and sew it on the back. Yes you can add more steps, and make it harder, it would look better, but at this point you have the shirts out of the drawers, a blanket out of the hall closet, and a new coverlet for your tear, so you are already ahead.

TUNE UP YOUR SKILLS IN HOOKING UP YOUR TRAILER

By Marty Boehme

A start of an outing with your trailer is to make sure it is hooked up securely. You never want it to fall off the hitch because the trailer latch has not clamped onto the ball correctly. Make sure that if you have a 2 inch ball on your rig that you don't have a 1 7/8 inch hitch on your trailer. It will never latch, the hitch sits on top of the ball and the trailer falls off as you drive away. Even though a 2 inch hitch on your trailer will latch onto a 1 7/8 inch ball, the trailer will fall off when you later hit a bump.

A double-check to make sure your trailer is properly hitched-up is to:

- 1 - Crank up the trailer tongue wheel so the hitch fits onto the ball.
- 2 - Throw the hitch latch down and insert the pin with its keeper.
- 3 - Crank down the tongue wheel lifting the trailer tongue.
- 4 - You know the hitch is on securely when you see your rig rise up.
- 5 - Then move the tongue wheel to its stowed position.

Depending on the ground your trailer sits on, sometimes the ball is not reached when the tongue wheel is cranked up all the way. You have to jack up your rig to get a good fit (or dig a hole for the tongue wheel). However, if you suspect the hitch is not fully engaged, simply put a rock or wood block behind one

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wheel of your rig. Then carefully back up a bit to lift the ball. Do this with the tongue wheel NOT in its stowed position. Now, check for a secure fit and then stow the tongue wheel.

One good trick used for the hitching process is to set the hitch on top of the ball. Crank up the tongue wheel a bit but don't stow it. Then carefully and slowly back your rig. You will hear and feel the "clunk" as the hitch falls onto the ball. But still check as described above.



The results from last edition's craft

<<< Is the results of my "Canopy Window" effort. Turned out pretty good, and was wonderful at the Gorge Gathering. We could see, but didn't get rained on (until we took them down ☺).

Some things I learned:

Like Goldilocks there were some trial and error issues:

Seam Tape – An expensive and unnecessary expense

20 Gauge vinyl – Too thick and a pain to work with

4 Gauge vinyl – Too thin

10 Gauge – Just right (8 gauge would probably work also)

Drawing the guide lines ahead of time – bad idea, made things too hard

So how to do it? Measure and draw your top line. Use that as a guide, moving the vinyl onto the guideline as you sew. When you get to the end measure what is left and draw the next line. Work your way around.

Don't get too close to the edge of the vinyl when you sew, in a big wind, it needs the strength

Don't get too close to the edge of the vinyl when you cut the wall away, it needs the strength

These last two tips are brought to you courtesy of the Gorge, the 4 gage held up until we packed, but I suspect that was a gift from above.

Thought when looking for or building a new trailer: Two people, two doors, sure you can make do with one, but how long before you end up on the six o'clock news?

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2013 Event Details

July 3-7, 2013 Marblemount, WASHINGTON

Vintage Trailer Gathering You are invited to this third annual event held at Alpine RV Park, 60751 State Route 20, Marblemount, WA 98267 (Located between Mile post 107 and 108 outside of Marblemount)

What to expect: This is a campground nestled among the foothills of the Cascades. It is about an hour drive over the north Cascade Pass to the wonderful tourist town of Winthrop. If anyone is interested in carpooling over the pass, information will be available. Newhalem, a wonderful company-owned town is just up the road, and the Buffalo Restaurant offers wonderful meals in Marblemount. There is the Skagit River boat launch in town at Marblemount (over the bridge) and many hiking trails.

<http://www.seattle.gov/light/tours/skagit/> (tours to the dam need reservations)

<http://www.seattle.gov/light/printdocs/Newhalem.pdf> (walking tour of Newhalem)

Along the way up or back, there is a honey stand and a wine tasting farm, and Cascadian Farms has wonderful ice cream worth stopping for. If there is no fire burn ban going on, there will be a fire going for roasting marshmallows and conversation. Sunday morning, there is a church in Marblemount if anyone would like to attend. Starting at 1:00 pm on Sunday, we will have a swap meet going on in the RV park. Bring anything you might like to sell or trade. There are showers (no cost), restrooms, and a laundry room (washer and dryers). You must call or e-mail for reservations as there is limited space, jra@cnw.com or (928) 505-2730. After May 15, 2012 call (360) 595-2611. Cost \$15.00 a night for hook ups and \$10.00 for no hook ups, dry camping. There may be discounts for longer stays.

Some of the events in the works are Dutch oven cooking, a BBQ, scavenger hunt, old car rally to Newhalem, game day/night, book trade, swap meet, pot luck dinner, movie night. Participate in all, some, or none - your choice.

Camp Hosts: Cherri and Mike Aiken (360) 595-2611, Park Number (360) 873-9002



July 5-7, 2013 Sprague, WASHINGTON

Hay Days in Sprague First TOW in Sprague WA. Hi everyone and hope you have had a good winter and hope a good start to spring. I hope everyone can make it this year.

I- 90 to exit 245, Sprague WA. About one mile on the left side is our parking area for the Trailers I will have signs posted. I will be there Thursday July 5 to start parking everyone. Camping is \$10 without power and \$15 with power per day and it is first come first

serve with power. We need to bring our canopies for some shade.

Friday Night

Ice Cream Cruise

Saturday

Sprague Parade, Car Show, Tear Drop showing, Hot air balloon rides, and much more. They would like one or more of the Trailers to be in the Parade if possible. A poker walk will be held through the little town and

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vender sites also. Spaghetti feed or some type of dinner Saturday night; and the Battle of the Bands and to close out the night Fireworks.

Sunday

Breakfast and I am not sure about this yet. The chamber of commerce holds a breakfast but I don't know if it is Saturday or Sunday.

My phone # is 509- 928-4028 my cell phone is 720-6129 is only on when I am away from home and everyone can pre-register with me; or you can contact Shelley Martin 257-1102 Sprague Hay Days coordinator. Deposits have to be made on the power a head of time, so we will know how many need power. A hayride type trailer will be provided to get everyone back and forth to all of the activities. Looking forward to talking to all of you. I sure hope everyone can make it.

July 12-14, 2013 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

Ocean tears 2013 Ocean City state park. This is a no host event; you make your own reservations. Just come out to the beach and have fun with other teardrop and vintage camp trailer folks. On Saturday evening we get together and have a potluck dinner. Don't forget to bring your kite. Last year the weather and company was great! We made our reservations in loop 4 sites 166 & 168. Try and get a site close by. **BOOK YOUR SITE EARLY!!!** They fill up fast. The link is for Washington state park page. Go to Ocean city state park and then make reservations. <https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx>

Any questions, contact

Steve Gaydos: sggaydos@charter.net -or- Kevin Nickel: knickel@hotmail.com

July 19 – 21 Applegate, OREGON

Moon Over Applegate, Hart-tish Campground. Watch the full moon rise over the mountains! Fishing for trout and bass in the reservoir. Trailhead for a 7-mile trail, which circles around Collins Mountain, passing several old mines, an abandoned miner's cabin, and a Sasquatch trap.

DIRECTIONS

From Jacksonville, go 7 miles south on OR 238, then 16 miles south on to Upper Applegate Road.



Jul 25 – 28, 2013 Spencer, INDIANA

Tearjerkers 2nd Cross Roads of America Gathering McCormick's Creek State Park

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2978.htm> Reservations to be made by the campers on line at

<http://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/> Campers are to reserve their personal site

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using the "Reserve America" link above. You should get your site reserved as soon as possible since the park will fill up fast. If you plan to attend there will be constant updates regarding the earliest possible reservation dates, this will be important if we intend to fill the park with Tearjerkers for the CRA 2013 event. T-shirt orders and breakfast orders can be made by contacting Kurt at mustang@indy.rr.com or by calling 765-661-2779. Main reservations to be in Loop "A" - sites #4 - #126 (overflow sites in Loop "B") This is one of the biggest gatherings in the USA.

August 2 – 4, Brooks, Oregon

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 lawn area. 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.

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. The fee to camp is \$15 per night. Registration is \$10. Please call up the registration form on the "Events" page of the TOW website www.teardroptrailers.org. For more information, contact Marty or Katie at call 503-632-6563 or e-mail teardrops@bctonline.com.

August 9 – 11, 2013 North Bend, WA

Kelson's Cascade Campout Camping activities include; horseshoes, volleyball, and ladder golf

Showers are available one mile north at Ken's Truck Stop. Nearby "points of interest" include; Twin Falls trail, Snoqualmie Falls, and North Bend Premium Outlet Mall.

North Bend will be celebrating their "Festival at Mount Si", and those interested can enter their classic car and or trailer in the parade Saturday morning at 10:00. Vendor booths will be located in town at Si View Park. Fireworks in town at dusk.

Bring your potluck items, sunscreen, beverage of choice, and join the fun in the sun!

DIRECTIONS: Heading east on I-90 take exit 34. Turn right. Approximately one mile you will come to the south fork of the Snoqualmie River, slow down as you cross the bridge and immediately turn right onto

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161st. A fish farm will be on your left as you turn. Continue down the gravel road and cross over a little bridge (Christmas Creek) veer to the left and you will find us on the left. White fence and light blue mobile home. (Basically, over the river and through the woods.)

Please R.S.V.P.: vintageracer@q.com or janetkay2081@yahoo.com

Ed's cell: 206-948-7840 or Janet's cell: 425-922-8644

Hope to see you there! **Ed and Janet Kelson**

August 16 – 18, Newport, WASHINGTON

Newport Washington Gathering Free camping with donations accepted to help cover advertising, space rental, prizes etc. We love vintage trailers and wanted to organize a fun weekend for others who love their vintage trailers! This campout is not affiliated with any specific group. We would love to see Shasta, Scotty, DeVille, Aristocrat, Airstream, Spartan, Silver Streak, Teardrop, Aljo, Aloha, Aladdin, Oasis, Dalton, Kenskill, Corvette, Jewel...and anything else we have left out!

Any and all are welcome! Whether your camper is glammed out for Sister's On The Fly, in all-original condition, a ground-up refurbishment, or anywhere in between, we would love to see you.

There is no charge for the weekend. There will, however, be donations accepted to help cover the cost of the weekend. Camping is available Friday night through Sunday night, August 16-18th, 2013. We will be organizing a potluck dinner for Saturday evening with hamburgers, smokies, buns and toppings provided. We will also be providing a group breakfast for Sunday morning.

There will be a few prizes handed out during the weekend. Some prizes will be for: the trailer that traveled the furthest, the oldest trailer, and a people's choice award.

The contact email is: inwvintagetrailers@gmail.com, Hannah Hirst. We have a blog with some info at: <http://inwvintagetrailers.blogspot.com/>.

August 30– September 1, Tacoma, WASHINGTON

Teardrops at LeMay LeMay Marymount Campus

The LeMay Family Collection of cars is currently a treasure hidden in buildings all over Pierce County, WA. The main collection can be found at the Marymount Campus and in the buildings around Nancy LeMay's home. Once a year the public has the opportunity to wander through the collection and see what is stored away most of the year. This year's event is being held on August 31st. There have been lots of changes since the early days. This event is always brings us together for great fun! Last year's flashlight campfire was extra special with music and laughs late into the night. Come and join us!

This event has provides TOW members with an opportunity to contribute to the community by showing our trailers and by providing volunteers for the annual Open House fundraiser for the LeMay Museum.

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Volunteers are given access to the displays, a shirt, hat, and lunch and dinner on Saturday. This year the volunteer shifts are a standard 4 hours that the LeMay uses for all events though out the year. Volunteering is not mandatory at the event. You can also just come join us as part of the Teardrop display and campout. We just ask that you pay the \$10 entrance fee per person or even better become a member of the museum.

Our campsite and display of teardrops will be gathering on August 30th beginning at 1pm and will disband on September 1st at the LeMay's Marymount Campus in the Spanaway area south of Tacoma.

Take I-5 exit #127 Hwy 512 driving east towards Mt. Rainer. Drive about three miles, get off at Pacific Ave. Go south about three more miles to a major intersection with 152nd Street on the left and Military Road on the right. Turn left and go east a few blocks to the main Marymount entrance (look for a sign and address of 325). Turn left onto the main grounds and proceed left to our camping area.

Register as a volunteer with the LeMay Family Museum at Marymount website:

www.lemaymarymount.org, on this on-line registration form indicate "TEARDROP GROUP" in the space asking for "Club Affiliation".

For camping register with **Pat and Jan Estes**; see the form on the TOW website (www.teardroptrailers.org), mail in the registration and \$10 camping fee by August 1st to Pat Estes, 13504 14th Ave. S, Tacoma, WA 98444.

Contact:

Pat and Jan Estes opasgang@yahoo.com, jln4deafkids@hotmail.com

September 27 – 28, Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade 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 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.

Contact: Marty and Katie Boehme teardrops@bctonline.com



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2013 Event Calendar

*ROVT Event: please see <http://www.rovt.org/events.htm> for more information

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
July 3-7, 2013 Marblemount, Washington	<u>Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	Third Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken jra@cnw.com
July 5-7, 2013 Sprague, Washington	<u>Hay days in Sprague</u>	First Annual	Debbie Anderson 509-928-4028 grandmalady2@gmail.com
July 12-14, 2013 Ocean City, Washington	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page- Ocean city state park https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx	Steve Gaydos sggaydos@charter.net Kevin Nickel knickel@hotmail.com
July 19-21, 2013 Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million dollar view	Contact Information to follow
Jul 25-28, 2013 Spencer, Indiana	<u>Tearjerkers 2nd Cross Roads of America Gathering</u>	One of the biggest events in the country! Reservations @ http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2978.htm	Kurt 765-661-2779 mustang@indy.rr.com
Aug 2-4, 2013 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme teardrops@bctonline.com
Aug 9-11, 2013 North Bend, Washington	<u>Kelson's Cascade Campout</u>	Over the river and through the woods, car show and outlet mall close by	Please R.S.V.P.: vintageracer@q.com or janetkay2081@yahoo.com Ed's cell: 206-948-7840 or Janet's cell: 425-922-8644
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Aug 30- Sept 1, 2013 Tacoma, Washington	<u>LeMay</u>	An annual event on the grounds of the LeMay Museum	Pat and Jan Estes registration form: www.teardroptrailers.org/LeMayRegistration.PDF Contact Information opasgang@yahoo.com , jln4deafkids@hotmail.com
*Sept 13-15, 2013	<u>3rd Annual April South Beach Rally</u>	Relaxed event at South Beach State Park, Newport OR	Diana & Terry Lindsley diana@rovt.org

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*Oct 2013	<u>1st Champoeg Park Rally</u>	Date & details still being determined Reservations can be made at http://www.reserveamerica.com	Ralph & Sherry Hall rsthall@juno.com