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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. towlinenewsletter@teardroptrai lers.org

Just pictures are good too; we add them to the gallery on <u>teardroptrailers.org</u>

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Post your teardrop for sale on teardroptrailers.org

This is the time of year when the website starts to get a lot of questions about trailers for sale or "Where can I find a builder?" As a service to our members (and really we are not picky about that at all) TOW will be offering a space on our rotating gallery on the home page of the website for FREE! The only detail will be contact information and a price. If you want to have a full ad on the site in classified to go along with that it will only be \$10.00 through the end of June. For \$20.00 you can post until it sells.

KIT TEARDROP Camper Number 200, an update and a history

By Rick Slade

Thirty years is a long time, or is it a short time? For me, it seems like just

yesterday. My 2 sons were ages 5 and 7 when I purchased Kit Camper serial number 200. Almost a lifetime for them though.

Perhaps long time TOW line readers will remember the story of its restoration back in 1984. It was to be towed by a 1939 Packard woodie station wagon. Since the car was made of maple and mahogany, so became the teardrop. A roof rack and side mounted tent were added. The family vacations began. So many, I don't remember them all. The "Dam Gathering" in California. Long Beach in Canada and Long Beach in Washington were visited. Long Beach in California was its original home so

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it has been to all 3 west coast Long Beaches. Numerous trips throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia took place over many years.

Then came the first big adventure. In 1988 we were invited to participate in the first ever vintage car tour in the then USSR. Latvia was the host country. We shipped the car and teardrop to a friend in Sweden. Over the next 2 summers we travelled through 9 European countries including part of Russia.

Upon its return to Canada more vacations were taken. Then in 1995 the KIT Manufacturing Company asked us to participate in their 50th anniversary convention. I got to meet Dan Pocopalia and his wife and hear much of the company history first hand. A vacation to Yellowstone Park in Wyoming with the return route through Montana following.



By 1999 my sons were no longer interested in teardrop camping. All the Packard Clubs joined together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the company. It was to be held in Warren, Ohio so we decided a cross country trip would be to our liking. What a trip it was. All the way across northern USA to New York City. North along the east coast to Nova Scotia. A ferry trip to Newfoundland where we ceremoniously "dipped" our front wheels in the Atlantic Ocean. Returned west through Canada eventually covering 13,500 miles over a 3 month period.

At this point my wife announced she has had enough of the

teardrop lifestyle. So I sold the outfit to a friend in the Seattle area. An era of our lives had passed and a 5th wheel RV trailer and diesel truck replaced it. The new owner then enjoyed it with his children.

Years later I got a phone call from the owner. He had sold the Packard and the purchaser did not want the teardrop. My older son jumped at the chance to buy it. As he said "most of my best childhood memories are with that camper". Back to Canada it came. To Victoria where he now lives. He courted his wife with it and took many trips around Vancouver Island. They now have an 18 month old daughter and are looking forward to the next generation of teardrop vacations. He plans to build a new roof rack and attached tent for it as the originals are long gone.

By last summer the maple paneling was badly deteriorated. The wooden fenders and running boards that I built 29 years ago were rotting... (note: this is an early model which did not have fenders when new). I volunteered to "re-restore" it for him. Since he is using a new Ford Escape as his tow vehicle we decided to use stainless steel for the side panels. New metal fenders were purchased and this time the running boards are covered with stainless steel as well. A new hitch was fitted and new period correct tail lamps were installed.

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They are looking forward to getting it out again for family vacations which, I'm sure, will include some visits with the "TOW" people in the Pacific Northwest.

Arizona Roundup Gathering in Why, AZ Was a Blast

By Hiram Stumpjumper our TOW Line contributor from Aumsville, OR

Our teardrop was parked on dirt (but it was clean dirt) under blue and sunny skies. This was our very first gathering in Arizona, and what a marvelous time we had. It was located at Coyote Howls RV Park (and they do) in the desert town of Why (pop: 116). The wide-open campground was all desert with scrub brush no higher than 4 feet with the ubiquitous



Saguaro Cactus and mesquite trees reaching heights of 16 or 20 feet. We had great views of distant mountains that showed us beautiful sun and a full moon rise as well as beautiful sunsets.

This event was hosted by a Canadian couple who spend every winter at this park. It's really laid back where you visited with your neighbors who become another family of teardroppers and vintage travel trailer friends. At this event, there were 27 units. Seven were teardrops with about half being home built. We toured each trailer and oohed and a-awed the vintage units for their originality, uniqueness and beauty This community of Why grew up with a trading post at the intersection of three highways. Locals just called the village "Y". As it grew, word has it that the locals wanted a post office. However the government stipulated that the name had to have at least three letters. So, the town name changed to Why. Nowadays, it is even complete with Why-fi service! It's so very small that our Garmin couldn't find it. Our activities centered around the local community hall. On Friday night we attended a Valentine dance which included a wonderful mix of locals, snowbirds in nearby RV parks, folks from our event and even some year-round locals. It reminds one of an old-fashion community dance with this one featuring five "gee-tars" and a vocalist. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of a new King and Queen who are required to rule at next year's dance. The teardroppers camped next to us had their number drawn so we'll see them next year. The outgoing couple was vendor snowbirds who show up every year to peddle their wares at Saturday's swap meet held at the center.

It was real hot during the day, but very cool at night. Coats were required to stay warm around group campfires. One teardropper reported that the temperature in her unit was 103 degrees during the heat of the day but air temps were only 88 (and it's a "dry heat" – very comfortable).

The highlight of Saturday AM was the Why swap meet where I bought myself a Why T-shirt (why-not?). In the midafternoon all the attendees of our trailer event enjoyed seven "gee-tars" who put on a two-hour "jam" session of folksy tunes. It was really fun with a communal snack table for munching. The funniest song was one about eat'n "greasy good gravy and gizzard greens". We were invited to sing along, but nobody knew the words.

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Driving to Why from Tucson is about 125 miles. The desert has a sameness about it with miles and miles of very straight and level highway. Vegetation was scarce as was the traffic. The only hitch in our travel was a required border patrol stop; the road being only a few miles from the Mexican border. We knew about this and commented that we would not lock the teardrop. After all, depending on how you stacked them, we could carry eight illegals! But, we were disappointed when we stopped. The agent told us, "Another Oregonian. I grew up in Medford". He just waved us through.

2013 - Fall Brigade, the big blow down

The 2013 Fall Brigade in Mulino was the site of a HUGE storm last year. While we only lost one canopy (you can't call it windy unless someone loses a canopy). It rained and blew and rained some more. Luckily Fall Brigade is held at the Elks Club campground and there is a fabulous lodge for fellowship and meals.

Friday night we had 8 can taco soup as well as an appetizer potluck. After dinner we played cards in the lodge and two of the fellows pranked Marty by taking off their shirts and pretending that we were playing Strip-Bo rather than Skip-Bo. The look on Marty's face was priceless.



Saturday night we had a Dutch raffle and more games. Stephanie and Mark presented Marty with a framed picture of his antics in the Tillamook Parade.

Sunday was a crockpot breakfast casserole. Cute trick finding three outlets that would not pop the breakers but we did it.

This year we will have the kitchen in the other building as well, so we will have lots of covered, heated space, please join us!

Breakfast Casserole

http://www.familyfreshmeals.com/2012/01/crockpot-breakfast-casserole.html

8 Can Taco Soup

http://www.familycookbookproject.com/recipe/3068861/8-can-taco-soup.html

Don't forget about our website

http://www.teardroptrailers.org/

A lot of good information can be found here

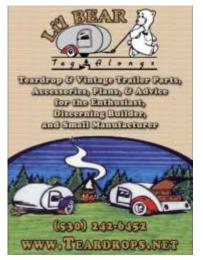
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Pursuing, and Re-discovering, My Passion!

By Grant Whipp

This spring, **Li'l Bear Tag-Alongs** turns 30 years old! By now, most of you have heard the story (or are at least somewhat aware) of how I got involved in Teardrop campers ... of how I discovered a **Modernistic** in an old friend's yard, fell in love with it, tried to buy it from her, but ultimately realized that I could build my own ... and how building that first trailer lead to establishing **Li'l Bear** as a business building teardrops for other people.

I wasn't the first person to try to re-introduce teardropping (I was the second) ... that honor belongs to the late Bill Adkins of Lynnwood, WA, who built six trailers in 1982 for a few street rodding friends before concluding it

would be easier for him to just sell a set of plans for folks to craft their own (many, many fine teardrops have been built to the **ADCO** plans). I came along in 1984, Allen Moore of Jacksonville, OR, started **Lonely Teardrops** in 1985, Peter "Mac" Ward of Rieglesville, PA, started **Mac-built Trailers** in 1986, and Bill Harper of Redding, CA, started **Tip-Top Teardrops**, also in 1986. Of those first handful of early entrepreneurs (and many others who followed shortly thereafter), **Li'l Bear** is the only one still in business.

There is a simple reason for this (besides being stubborn, I mean) ... I have a *passion* for teardrop trailers and the entire lifestyle! While I can certainly appreciate (and occasionally participate in) other forms of vintage camping, I *LOVE* teardrops and the vast majority of other enthusiasts who have made the genre what it is today. It hasn't always been easy, nor has it been exactly profitable over the years, but the satisfaction I get from building a trailer (for myself or someone else), getting out and going camping (either by myself or with others at a Gathering), and meeting and getting to know so many other folks who also find these trailers appealing and fascinating, really helped to keep my life fulfilled and exciting.

Building and marketing teardrops lead to creating and hosting the <u>1st Dam Gathering of the Tears</u> in 1994, which lead to the creation and publishing of the <u>Tales & Trails, the Teardrop Times</u> newsletter (and the small explosion of interest and awareness of teardrops that followed), which lead to the establishment of the <u>www.teardrops.net</u> website in 1998 (not the first website devoted to teardrops at the time, but again, the second), which lead to the first online Teardrop Camper Discussion Forum, and the rest as they say, is history!

Until I retired from school bus driving at the end of 2007, **Li'l Bear** had always been a part-time endeavor, even after I started selling parts to supplement the building teardrops, but beginning in 2008, it has been a

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full-time business. About that same time, however, I realized (or, at least, I *thought*) that selling and shipping parts to homebuilders and small manufacturers would be easier on my busted-up ol' body, so about five years ago I stopped building teardrops commercially, swearing that I would only build one more for personal use (some may remember that I managed to get that one started, but due to a multitude of reasons, it has been languishing for a couple of years).

Last summer, I allowed myself to be talked into building one more trailer for a customer ... I already had the frame and axle, so why not, right? The "plan" was to video the entire build and produce a "How To" DVD, but it soon became clear that would be far too involved and cut into the build time ... instead, we decided to document the entire build, start to finish, on our <u>teardrops.net</u> Facebook page (if you're interested, look us up on Facebook and check it out ... the build started back in October, so there is a LOT to go through, and we're not quite finished yet). Early on in the project, we realized that my passion for building had been re-discovered and re-ignited, and I am now eager to resume working on our own personal trailer as well as take occasional orders for custom-built teardrops!

Lots has been going on at both **Li'l Bear** and <u>teardrops.net</u> over the past couple of years, and you're going to be seeing some significant changes coming along the way (you may have already noticed that I have discontinued some products that are available elsewhere on the 'net for much less, and that we have a new fender vendor who is much more reliable and timely than the previous one). Suffice it to say that we will continue to provide quality parts (and now, again, custom-built teardrops) at reasonable



prices with the best service, and always the continuing free advice, that we have since 1984 ... not necessarily because it is profitable, but more because I have an enduring *passion* for it ... just let us know how we can help YOU get camping this season, in style, ease, and comfort! You can contact us from the website at <u>www.teardrops.net</u>, e-mail <u>lilbear@teardrops.net</u> or call <u>530-242-6452</u>. As always ...

CHEERS!

Grant

TOW has a Facebook page

You can follow TOW @ the facebook page TOW (Teardroppers of Oregon and Washington). It is a closed group to keep the spammers away, but you can get joined and participating in a day or two.

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Dan Pocapalia founder of Kit Trailers passed away last year, but his legacy tows on

Published in the Long Beach Press-Telegram on May 15, 2012

Dan Pocapalia passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at home on Monday, May 7, 2012 after a very rapid decline following the diagnosis of colon and liver cancer. Merely two weeks before his death, Dan drove himself to work in Long Beach, just as he had done since 1945. True to form, when Dan received the information that he had "6 months to a year" to live and that he may become

unsteady on his feet, he immediately went down to his work shed and fashioned his own walking cane out of PVC pipe and put a rubber tip on it. Although he did not have the opportunity to use it but for a few days, this reaction to serious adversity, sums up Dan's approach to problem solving with ingenuity flavored with his own unique style (AND the cane worked great!). Born "Dante Pocapaglia" to Italian immigrant parents on their small farm near the current Los Angeles airport, Dan and his 2 brothers Dominic and Vic, and younger sister Rose, lived a hard life on the farm. Dan claimed he was "following a mule that pulled a cultivator before he started grade school". Dan never could understand why he should waste his time in school and ended his school career with the 6th grade. This was just fine with his father, as now he could work full-time on the farm. Dan's older brother Dominic was the smartest boy in school, so that base was covered for the family. Dan was constantly trying to increase production and suggesting new management techniques for the Mexican laborers. The family had no idea just how close to the Mexican culture Dan was until his last week of his life. For several days he spoke exclusively to the caregivers in Spanish, such as when he was asked if he wanted something to eat he replied..."El Patron no quiere comer!" During World War II Dan worked for Vultee, starting off as a lowly "rust scraper". Dan self-taught himself the engineering and math required for the job and was quickly promoted up the ranks, ultimately managing the production of BT-13's and B-24's. In 1945 Dan and Bill Worman formed KIT Manufacturing and produced the classic KIT Tear Drop travel trailer. Dan was a true pioneer in the travel trailer and mobile home industry and remained CEO of Kit until the age of 87. Dan wrote a book "I Love a Challenge" that details a half-century of KIT, which he self-published in 1994. Dan was a lover of nature and although a multi-faceted outdoorsman, dry fly fishing and Big Horn Sheep hunting were his passions. He was particularly proud of creating the annual sale of the Dan Pocapalia Big Horn Sheep Bronze for FNAWS Wild Sheep Foundation that to date has raised more than \$400,000 for the conservation of Big Horn Sheep in the United States. Dan called his extremely arduous Big Horn Sheep hunting trips "his annual physical" and well, if he didn't come home, he had failed the test! Dan entertained family and friends with his write-ups of his hunting adventures and mis-adventures and recently compiled an assortment of them in another book entitled "Outdoor Adventures of an Attaboy Dude". Dan was born a farmer and maintained, most possibly, the most diverse and productive acre of ground in Palos Verdes. From avocados and coffee bushes to pineapples, tending the orchard, green house and garden was Dan's daily therapy to alleviate the stress of running a public company. Many have benefited from Dan's labor in this endeavor! It is particularly true, that behind every

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great man is a great woman. Dan and MaryAnn were married for 63 wonderful years. When asked the secret of the success of their marriage, MaryAnn has been quoted that "Dan never said "no" to me and ALWAYS ate whatever I cooked - truly an act of love!" Dan and MaryAnn traveled the world extensively with the entire family and touched every continent except Asia and Antarctica. Dan spent weekends at home, working in the garden, building pens for the ever-expanding animal menagerie and teaching his children "Indian tricks", such as making a lizard catching noose out of a long blade of grass. Dan had many quotes regarding success that he lived by and passed on to his children and grandchildren, such as: "The most important ingredient for success is to START.", "The harder I work, the luckier I get.", "Your first loss is your least expensive loss.", and "Choose a career that you love and then it won't even be work." Dan once said, "I choose to live a simple life, which does not mean I am a simple person." He passed away in the same style that he lived his life - with efficiency, acceptance, humor, grace, and dignity. Dan will be missed but not forgotten. He is survived by his widow MaryAnn, his children Maria Pocapalia (husband Paul Brounstein), Daniel Pocapalia, Diana Pocapalia, Richard Pocapalia, and Ann Pocapalia; his four grandchildren, Adrianne Brounstein, Kimberly Brounstein, Richard Kern and Jordan Kern; and his younger sister Rose Butts.

TOW branded items available!

A portion of the sales price goes to TOW (the rest goes to CafePress). There is everything from receiver hitch covers to pajamas. <u>http://www.cafepress.com/towline</u>



The correct number of trailers:

The correct number of trailers is: T+1 where T is the current number. This must be balanced against S-1 where S is the number at which your spouse divorces you.

For all of you wood workers out there: Wood Worker's eZine http://www.woodworkersjournal.com/Ezine/Public/Ezine.aspx

Don't' forget about Cool Tears <u>http://www.cooltears.com/</u> The online teardrop magazine

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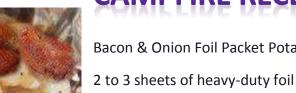
Great gadget

Who would think it? Well Kay Cortapassi of course! What? Get at coffee pump pot at the thrift store. Put boiling water in it in the morning and have warm water all day to wash your hands with. Genius!

CRAFT

Make a pillowcase to match anything! Found a great duvet on clearance, but they don't have pillowcases? Buy the sheets and make your own! You will also have enough for curtains or some other pillows of your choice. I found a perfect duvet at the Company Store, but there weren't any pillowcases left (well it was on clearance) but they had the sheets so I made my own pillowcases following the pattern at this link. SUPER

easy, fun and quick. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrYWCma9wgM



1 packet onion soup powder 10-12 baby red potatoes, thinly sliced 12 slices of cooked and crumbled bacon 1 small onion thinly sliced and diced 1 cup cheese (optional) Salt and pepper to taste 3 tablespoons butter Sour cream for serving (optional)

Spray each sheet of foil with cooking spray. Top each

piece with equal portions of potatoes, bacon, 1 packet onion soup powder and mix. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add 1 tablespoon of butter to each serving. Wrap securely.

Grill for 20 to 30 minutes. Or you can bake it in the oven, at 350° for about 35 minutes or till done. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve in foil, topped with sour cream if desired

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Bacon & Onion Foil Packet Potatoes



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Mid-Winter Get-togethers

Albany Pot Luck at Laurie and Glenn's

By Maureen McGuinness

This year, the Mid-Winter potluck in Albany, was held on a Sunday in order to accommodate those that have to work Saturdays. We again did not have a large turnout, but everyone had a great time and plenty to eat. One faithful Teardropper, who shall remain nameless, even made the trip twice, accidentally coming on Saturday, too! This event was graciously hosted by Glenn and Laurie Anderson in their unique barn. Some awesome vintage vehicles were the backdrop for our dining pleasure. Although Glenn is paring down his cast iron collection, there was still more than enough to admire in the remainder. The upcoming teardrop and tiny trailer events, both TOW sponsored and others, were reviewed and we all had a chance to share our camping plans for the summer. All had a great time catching up and making new plans and hoping for some good weather for the camping season that is just around the corner. See you soon!



Puget Sound Mid-Winter Gathering

By Trudy Glassett

"Change" is often difficult to handle, but all of those attending the Puget Sound Mid-Winter gathering seemed to enjoy the "change." Instead of our usual potluck, we met at Old Country Buffet in Federal Way, WA on February 8th. Almost 50 TOW members traveled (some came from over 100 miles

away!) to re-connect with friends and make some new ones. We visited while waiting in line to pay, while filling our plates at the various buffet choices, and, of course, while enjoying our food.

After introductions, greetings were extended from those not able to attend, along with sad news of the passing of several camping friends. *Ed Kelson* led us through the TOWLine's calendar of events for 2014. Those who hosted these or had previously attended shared more information. It was difficult to say good-bye after not seeing our friends since last summer, but we are all looking forward to the upcoming camping season and spending time with our TOW friends at several of the meets.

Thanks to *Jan & Pat Estes* for arranging for this change of venue. Those attending agreed that we should do this again next year.

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2014 Event Details

May 1-5, 2014 LakeHead, CALIFORNIA

Jefferson State Chapter TearJerkers' 21st Dam Gathering of the

<u>Tears</u> at Antlers RV Park & Campgrounds, now an official JSC TearJerkers event, our great times with great people and great trailers (all are welcome!) just keeps rollin' along! No registration, but you can make reservations through Antlers (

http://www.antlersrvpark.com) or just show up (there's plenty of

room!), Pinewood Gravity Races, Potlucks & Campfires all nights, T-shirts & dash-plaques by Ray Perry (preorder info soon), all the fun we're known for but now without all the production ... just come on out, socialize, and have FUN! More info at <u>http://www.teardrops.net/damgathering.html</u> or e-mail info@teardrops.net or call 530-242-6452

May 1-4, 2014 Puyallup, Washington

Puyallup RV Show www.ThePuyallupRVshow.com

Where: Washington State Fair & Events Center - Puyallup, WA

Description: The Puyallup RV Show offers something for every leisure need from a tent trailer to a vacation home on the lake. New and used RVs, vacation cottages, campgrounds, accessories, daily seminars, contests and much more.

Registration process: Contact Show Director Dave Helgeson 206-719-1277

or email: showdirector@mhrvshows.com

Additional information:

- Camping in your unit allowed with prior authorization
- Display just the days that fit your schedule
- Great place to share your love of vintage RVs, make new contacts and gain new club members
- Power, water and restrooms available
- Food available from concessionaries during show hours
- Lots of room to display your units and roll out your awnings
- Vintage tow vehicles welcome
- Up to 40 gallons of fuel costs will be reimbursed
- A daily stipend may be available to those with extenuating circumstances (Subject to approval Please send explanation and picture(s) of the unit you will be displaying

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The Puyallup RV Show is produced by the MHRV Show Association, a not for profit entity, committed to promoting the manufactured home and RV industry. <u>www.mhrvshows.com</u>

May 16-18, 2014 Union Gap, Washington

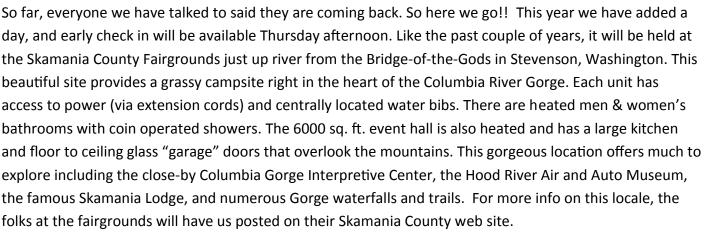
<u>Central Washington Agricultural Museum</u> at 4508 Main Street, Union Gap, Washington. Teardrops have been granted special permission to camp on the 17 acre Museum site and be part of the first annual Antiquity Fair. This event is on Saturday from 10am to 4pm. We will have the usual pot luck that night after the park closes to the public. Water, toilets (one flush!) and maybe power will be nearby to our camp site.

Contact Doug Clark 509 972-8771 or <u>sealark2@juno.com</u> (teardrops) or Scott @ 509 895-4877 or <u>antiquityfair@qmail.com</u> (Museum)

May 22-26, 2014 Stevenson, WASHINGTON

<u>Fourth Annual Gorge Gathering</u> Memorial Day Weekend at the Fair Grounds

Hello Fellow Campers. It's a new year and once again we will be hosting "The Gorge Gathering" on Memorial Weekend. Last year was a lot of fun, relaxing and great time visiting with all!



http://www.skamaniacounty.org/facilities-rec/homepage/events/tear-drop-trailers/ Registration Form







May 30 – June 1, 2014 Orleans, California

Jefferson State TearJerkers' Bigfoot Gathering at the Perch Creek Campgrounds, approx. 30 miles north off of Hwy 299 at Willow Creek, CA on The Bigfoot Highway (Hwy 96), just 1.5 miles north or Orleans, in Jefferson State (FarNorthern CA). A small campground, Perch Creek has 3 reservable sites (through Reserveamerica.com) and the rest are walk-ins, 10.00 per night. More info on JSC section of TearJerkers' website, http://www.tearjerkers.net/new forum/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=7193 or from kayperkay@msn.com

June 6-8, 2014 Sisters, Oregon

<u>Glamping (Glamour Camping)</u> Fire up your dream machine! The next glamping round-up will be June 6–7, 2014, anywhere worldwide (backyards, rooftops, and city parks notwithstanding). Dust off your prom dress, pack up your mule, load up on chocolate, and gather up your glamping gal friends.

The "Portland" area will be held at the Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort in Bend, Oregon. Make your reservations @ <u>www.bendsistersgardenrv.com</u>/. More information Dana Murray <u>mailto:scrapperdana@yahoo.com?subject=Glamping</u>



June 13-15, 2014 Creswell, OREGON

<u>**Creswell Camp Out**</u> the second weekend of June. The gates will be open on Thursday June 12th for those who wish to come early. No activities are planned for that day. Because of space, we are limiting the number of campers to 25, so signing up is necessary. Prior approval required for trailers other than teardrop trailers. We will have a sale table again this year, so bring anything you wish to put on the table.

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE SOUTH on I-5 take exit 188 (Hwy 58). Go east 5 miles and turn right on Enterprise Rd. (signs will be up) then go 3 miles.

FROM THE NORTH on I-5, take exit 182 turn right on Cloverdale, go 3 miles and turn right on Hendricks Rd. (signs will be up) Go 1 mile, turn left on Enterprise Rd, go 1 mile.

Contact Larry Boehme

541-895-2754

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June 13-15, 2014 near Brookings, OREGON

<u>Jefferson State TearJerkers</u>' <u>Ludium House Fathers</u>' <u>Day Gathering</u> at the Ludium House & Campgrounds, 5 miles south of Brookings, OR, and 11 miles east of Hwy 101 on the spectacular Southern Oregon coast. More info on JSC section of TearJerkers' website,

http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54 or from kayperkay@msn.com



June 27-29, 2014 Tillamook, OREGON

Tillamook County Rodeo Weekend Gathering

Tillamook, Oregon...home of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze, welcomes YOU! The Trask River Gathering will be held among the beauty that is God's country at a rustic Girls Scout camp along the Trask River.

We were able to reserve the camp the very same weekend as Tillamook County's June Dairy Parade and Rodeo which will add even more options to the activities for our area. If anyone is interested, TOW could have an entry in the parade...WOULDN'T THAT BE A BLAST?!

Please mail the completed registration form along with the fee of \$50 by June 1st. A complete itinerary and driving directions will be available closer to the date. Any questions, please contact Riki Gottier at rikigottier@yahoo.com or 503-812-4275 (cell) or 503-842-5609 (home). <u>Registration Form</u>

July 2-6, 2014 Carlotta, California

IRG 5.0 Pamplin Grove. This event is so great that it only happens every other year. Set in the redwoods of Humboldt County, this up to six day event features everything from a rubber ducky race to a light parade. Some of the best pot luck food ever, and the chance to spend time with folks from all over the country. I have heard numbers of up to 120 trailers, and while that sounds like a lot of folks the location is spread out enough that you are not under everybody's feet. Sign up early, we wait two years for this one, and start talking about the next while still at the event! http://www.pamplingrove.com/5.0regform.html



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July 3-6, 2014 Marblemount, WASHINGTON

<u>Vintage Trailer Gathering</u> You are invited to this fourth 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 11-13, 2014 near Ruch, 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.



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July 24-27, 2014 near Visalia, CALIFORNIA

Jefferson State TearJerkers go to Kings Canyon/Sequoia! Just off the General's Highway (198) and inside Sequoia NP are a series of free Forest Service campgrounds, and we've picked a nice one! More info on JSC section of TearJerkers'

http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54 or from kayperkay@msn.com

July 24-27, 2014 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA

Tear Jerkers 1st Annual Canadian Teardrop Gathering

Location: Woods Farm 3544 Elliott Rd. Westbank B.C. V4T 1N9 Hosts: Brian & Sandi Woods and the B.C. Chapter of the Tear Jerkers Contact information: woodysrods@shaw.ca or Brian Woods (250) 768-1912 Tear Jerkers Forum (B.C. Chapter) and TnTTT Forum (Destinations) and Teardrop Talk (Events schedule) Registration Form, schedule of events, and fees TBA at a later date

August 1-3, 2014 Brooks, Oregon

<u>Antique Powerland Teardrop Display and Campout</u> This is the fourth 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. 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 **NEW: Old tiny trailers are also invited this year!**

Camping is considered "dry" with power for medical purposes only. Contact: Marty & Katie Boehme towteardrops@comcast.net

August 7-10, 2014 Mount Shasta, California

<u>Jefferson State TearJerkers' Mystic Mt. Shasta Gathering</u> at Panther Meadows, 10,000 feet elevation on the slopes of the iconic Mount Shasta, dry primitive camping, possible Lemurian sightings! More info on JSC section of TearJerkers' website,





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August 8-10, 2014 North Bend, Washington

<u>Kelson's Cascade Campout</u> 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 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.: <u>vintageracer@q.com</u> or <u>janetkay2081@yahoo.com</u> Ed's cell: 206-948-7840 or Janet's cell: 425-922-8644 Hope to see you there! Ed and Janet Kelson

August 22-24, 2014 Gaston, Oregon

Wapato Showdown

We are having a vintage trailer show along with our car show and we would like for your club to attend our show with your vintage trailers. Here is a link to our

website http://www.wapatoshowdown.org/PARTICIPANT-INFORMATION/

August 22-24, 2014 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

<u>Ocean tears 2014</u> 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.



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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. <u>https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx</u> <u>https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark%2fLoop4(Sites131-178)%3fMap</u> Any questions, contact

sggavdos@charter.net -or- Kevin Nickel: knickel@hotmail.com

August TBD, Newport, WASHINGTON

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

August 29–31, Tacoma, WASHINGTON

T.O.W. at the LeMay Marymount Open House at the LeMay Open House Campout August 29th TOW participates in the LeMay Open House by showing our trailers and by providing volunteers. As volunteers we are provided with access to the displays, and lots of other goodies. If you choose not to volunteer please contribute to the Open House by paying the entrance fee. Look at the LeMay Family Foundation website to get more details about the Open House and Lucky Collector Car Auction. We hope you will come, camp and volunteer to help. Volunteer applications are due by August 1st. http://www.lemaymarymount.org/lemay-at-marymount-events.htm. There is a lot to see and enjoy at this

event.

Camping Registration Fee is \$10.00 per trailer paid to your TOW hosts. The payment to your TOW hosts covers Continental Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings and a Teardrop Dash Plaque and teardrop sized gift. Please register by contacting Jan Estes before August 1st so at jln4deafkids@hotmail.com. Or by snail mail: Pat 'n'Jan Estes 13504 14th Ave. S. Tacoma,

WA 98444. FYI, we dry camp on a field so there is no electricity or showers on site, we have access to porta-potties and hand washing stations.

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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).

Register as a volunteer with the LeMay Family Museum at Marymount website: <u>www.lemaymarymount.org</u>, 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 (<u>www.teardroptrailers.org</u>), mail in the registration and \$10 camping fee by August 1st to Pat Estes, 13504 14th Ave. S, Tacoma, WA 98444. Pat and Jan Estes <u>opasgang@yahoo.com</u>, <u>jln4deafkids@hotmail.com</u>

September 5-7, Lynden, Washington

<u>Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally</u> Come join us at the Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally. We had 146 trailers at the 2013 event let's make 2014 bigger. The official dates are the 5-7 of Sept but you can come as early as the 2nd. The price is \$20 per night and an \$18 rally fee. More details and schedule to follow later. Contact Brian Morrow 253-431-9709 or



maxandchip@aol.com Power and water are available for all. Just bring a hose and ext. cord. Bathrooms with showers are on site.

September 18-27, near Austin, Nevada

Jefferson State TearJerkers' Reunion at the Glyphs at the Hickeson Petroglyphs Campground, 25 miles east of historic Austin, NV, and just off Hwy 50, dry primitive camping with vault toilets, self-guided petroglyph trail, nearby natural hot springs, spectacular star gazing, maybe ride the Ghost Train in Ely a couple of hours east. More info on JSC section of TearJerkers' website,

http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54 or from kayperkay@msn.com



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September 27–28, Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade This year, the annual fall rally for teardrops and vintage TTTs will start September 27th. 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. It's a "dry" camp with power for medical reasons available. Remember to bring your outdoor extension cord if you need power.

Friday night there will be 8 can Taco Soup and an Appetizer Pot Luck, followed by good times in the lovely lodge. Remember you might get pranked with faux Strip-Bo courtesy of our Canadian friends. Saturday will likely have some sort of tour or group event for those that like that kind of thing, there is antiquing in the city of Aurora. Dinner will be a Pot Luck followed by a Dutch Raffle.

There will be breakfast on Sunday, and since we have the kitchen this year as well as the lodge Matt may just be up for some *real* cooking.

What is a Dutch Raffle you ask? Aside from it being a great way to get rid of decent stuff you don't want anymore (remember if no one wins it YOU have to take it home) it is a fun way to "bid" for things with your raffle tickets. You get raffle tickets for:

- Showing up
- Paying early
- Making your bed if the raffle team notices
- Being nice to the Fall Brigade Team
- ➢ Telling a good joke
- Telling a bad joke
- I think you get the idea

Everyone brings at least one thing that someone might want (again someone has to take it or YOU take it home) in front of each item is a bag. The raffle tickets go in the bag, want something badly? More tickets. Don't want something don't put any tickets in that items' bag. On Saturday night we will go through the bags and pull out a ticket for each item. It is fast and fun.

Contact: the Fall Brigade Team <u>FallBrigade@teardroptrailers.org</u> <u>Registration Form</u>

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June 6 - 8, 2014 Valley Center, CALIFORNIA	Second Annual Woods Valley Summer Time "Tear" Off Teardrop & Vintage Trailer Rally	At Woods Valley Campground	carrosel43@yahoo.com or call 951-929- 2891. Registration website: <u>http://teardroptime.weebly.com/registra</u> <u>tion-form-woods-valley.html</u>			
June 7-10, 2014 Big Lake, ARIZONA	Campout in the Pines at Apache Trout Campground	Fir Group Site at Big Lake, Arizona. All teardrop and vintage trailers are invited	Contact Steve Mason at 480-831-6421 or 480-202-1319 or <u>is.mason@live.com</u> for a registration form.			
June / July Roslyn, Washington	<u>Roslyn Campout</u>	If you are interested in finding a date to get together contact Ed	Ed Kelson @ 206-948-7840			
June 13-15, 2014 near Brookings, OREGON	<u>Jefferson State</u> <u>TearJerkers'</u> <u>Ludlum House</u> <u>Fathers' Day</u> <u>Gathering</u>	At the Ludlum House & Campgrounds, 5 miles south of Brookings	kayperkay@msn.com http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/ viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a4 2c176cb8993e59482e54			
June 27-29, 2014 Tillamook, Oregon	<u>2nd Annual</u> <u>Tillamook Rodeo</u> <u>Weekend</u> <u>Gathering</u>	Think about showing the county your "rig" by participating in the parade	Randy and Riki Gottier 503.842.5609 <u>rikigottier@yahoo.com</u> <u>Registration Form</u>			
*June 27-29, 2014	Southern Oregon Rally Valley of the Rogue State Park	Stray Cat's Car Club car show American Graffiti movie in the park Loop F	Devon Hall 541-601-4973 <u>http://www.rovt.org/events.htm</u>			
July 2-6, 2014 Carlotta, California	<u>IRG 5.0</u>	The Bi-Annual International Redwoods Gathering in Carlotta CA	http://www.pamplingrove.com/5.0regfor m.html			

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July 3-6, 2014	<u>Vintage Trailer</u>	Fourth Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken		
Marblemount,	<u>Campout</u>		jra@cnw.co	<u>m</u>	
Washington					
July 11-13, 2014	Moon Over	The parking lot with a	Contact Info	ormation to follow	
Applegate,	<u>Applegate</u>	million dollar view			
Oregon July 24-27, 2014	B.C. Canada	At the Woods Family	http://www	.tearjerkers.net/new forum/	
Okanagan Valley,	Chapter	Farm.		hp?f=113&t=6694	
B.C., CANADA	<u>TearJerkers' First</u>	i arm.		@shaw.ca or Brian Woods	
	Ever B.C. Canada		(250) 768-19		
	Gathering		()		
July 24-27, 2014 near Visalia,	Jefferson State TearJerkers go	Jefferson State goes to Kings/Sequoia!!		.tearjerkers.net/new forum/	
CALIFORNIA	<u>to Kings</u> <u>Canyon/Sequoia</u>	There is FREE camping all along Forest Rte 14S11 (off Generals Hwy 198) 36° 43.373', -118° 48.904'		<u>ohp?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a4</u> <u>3e59482e54</u>	
*July 25-27, 2014	<u>RiverBend</u> <u>Annual Rally</u>	8th Annual Rally! Held at RiverBendPark in Sweet Home, OR	Jerry Kwiatk jerry@rovt.c http://www		
Aug 1-3, 2014 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique</u> <u>Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle	Marty & Kat towteardrop	ie Boehme <u>ps@comcast.net</u>	
		Museum			
August 7-10, 2014 Mount Shasta, CALIFORNIA	<u>Jefferson State</u> <u>TearJerkers'</u> <u>Mystic Mt.</u> Shasta Gathering	Panther Meadows, 10,000 feet elevation on the slopes of the iconic Mount Shasta	viewforum.	o <u>msn.com</u> <u>tearjerkers.net/new_forum/</u> ohp?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a4 3e59482e54	
Aug 8-10, 2014 North Bend, Washington	Kelson's Cascade Campout	Over the river and through the woods, car show and outlet mall close by	Please R.S.V janetkay208	7.P.: <u>vintageracer@q.com</u> or 8 <u>1@yahoo.com</u> 948-7840 or Janet's cell: 425-922-	

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*August 15-17, 2014	<u>1st Annual Fort</u> <u>Stevens Rally</u>	1st Annual event at Fort Stevens Start Park, Warrenton, OR Loop O	Contact Janet Mossman http://www.rovt.org/events.htm		
August 22-24, 2014 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	http://www.wapatoshowdown.org/Vinta ge-Camper-Show-Info/i-9nxKsJP		
August 22-24, 2014 Ocean City, Washington	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page- Ocean city state park	Steve Gaydos <u>sggaydos@charter.net</u> Kevin Nickel <u>knickel@hotmail.com</u> <u>https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.asp</u> <u>X</u>		
Aug 29-31, 2014 Tacoma, Washington	<u>LeMay</u>	An annual event on the grounds of the LeMay Museum	Pat and Jan Estes registration form: <u>www.teardroptrailers.org/LeMayRegistra</u> <u>tion.PDF</u> Contact Information <u>opasgang@yahoo.com</u> , <u>jln4deafkids@hotmail.com</u>		
September 4-8, 2014 Flagstaff, ARIZONA	Arizona Chapter <u>TearJerkers</u> <u>Green Retreat</u> <u>Gathering</u>	Pine Grove Campgrounds, 19 mi. south of Flagstaff, AZ	http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Pineg		
Sept 5-7 Mt Baker, Washington	<u>Mt Baker</u> <u>Vintage Trailer</u> <u>Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally Come as early as the 2 nd	Brian Morrow 253-431-9709 or maxandchip@aolcom		
*Sept 12-14, 2014	<u>4th Annual</u> <u>South Beach</u> <u>Rally</u>	Relaxed event at South Beach State Park, Newport OR	http://www.rovt.org/events.htm		
September 17-21, 2014 (TENTATIVE) Mountain Center, CALIFORNIA	<u>Fifth Annual</u> <u>Summer Event</u> <u>Mountain Get-</u> <u>Away Teardrop</u>	At Hurkey Creek Park	carrosel43@yahoo.com, or call 951-929- 2891. Website: http://teardroptime.weebly.com/hurkey- creek.html		

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	<u>& Vintage Trailer</u> <u>Rally</u>					
*Sept 19-20, 2014	<u>Gill's Landing RV</u> <u>Park</u> <u>Lebanon, OR</u>	In conjunction with the Rolling Oldies Car Club of Lebanon	CeCe Mosher at <u>cecemosher@q.com</u> Shannon Hammagren at 541-258-4281 at Gills Landing RV Park for reservations <u>http://www.rovt.org/events.htm</u>			
September 18-21, 2014 near Austin, NEVADA Sept 26-28, 2014	TearJerkers' Reunion at the Glyphs Jefferson State Fall Brigade	at the Glyphs at the Hickeson Petroglyphs Campground, 25 miles east of historic Austin, NV Held at the Oregon City	kayperkay@msn.com http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforu m.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59 482e54 Marrianne Byrd			
Mulino, Oregon		Elks Park	Fallbrigade@teardroptrailers.org Registration Form			
*Oct 3-5, 2014	<u>2nd Champoeg</u> <u>Park Rally</u>		Contact Ralph or Sherry Hall http://www.rovt.org/events.htm			
October 10-13, 2014 Ocean Cove, CALIFORNIA	<u>C5XVIII - Cam's</u> <u>18th Cool</u> <u>Coastal Cliffside</u> <u>Campout</u>	Ocean Cove Campgrounds in Ocean Cove, CA,	<u>d.ave.2006@hotmail.com</u>			
October 17-19, 2014 Banning, CALIFORNIA	<u>Spooky</u> <u>Mountain</u> <u>Campout</u> <u>Halloween</u> <u>Haunt</u>	One-and-only time Halloween vintage trailer and teardrop campout at Silent Valley Campground	carrosel43@yahoo.com, or call 951-929-2891. Website: http://teardroptime.weebly.com/spooky- mountain-camp-out.html Silent Valley Campground: www.silentvalleyclub.com			