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This year you can register and pay online for Fall Brigade!

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

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

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Teardrops and Tractors

By Doug Clark

Central Washington Agricultural Museum (centralwaagmuseum.org) doesn't sound like a place you would expect to find teardrop trailers.

Situated on 17 acres of buildings and excellent mowed lawn type fields, it is

ideal for our style of camping. As the weather in the Yakima area usually starts its warm season early and stays later than most other locations, this place is perfect for the first and last runs of the summer. Just three hours



from Seattle or Portland, why would you not want to make this your 'shake-down cruise' of the year?

A big mistake was made by the Ag Museum when it invited the teardrops to participate in its first annual Antiquities Day event. It was billed as a one day Saturday, May 17, event



from 10am to 4pm. They did not understand that we would want to camp for the whole weekend if we were to come. This was explained to the board of directors and they immediately issued an invitation for all teardrops to spend the entire weekend (Friday thru Sunday) at NO charge.

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Yep, we get to camp free. Unfortunately, the word did not get into the TOW newsletter in time to make a difference so almost nobody came.

Next year, don't make the mistake and miss it. Bring your sunscreen and your wine glasses. I got permission to hold a wine tasting at our campsite Friday and Saturday night after the park officially closes. There are over 80 wineries within an hour's driving time from this site. Lots to see in the park, lots to see outside the park.

The basics: The actual camping area for us inside the museum is easily large enough for 50+ small trailers. Several water taps of good drinking water are close by. Power is not available but if there is a medical need it can be arranged with prior notice. Port-a-potties are provided by the museum for our use. They also have flush toilets in the visitor's center when it is open. There are several truck stops in Yakima within a mile or so of the museum to take showers. Dogs are allowed with the usual rules. No reservations are required but it



would be nice if I can get an idea of how many want to participate in the wine tastings. Again next year we will be allowed to camp for free. However, there is a donation box in the visitor's center but no pressure to donate. Most likely I will pass the hat Saturday night so we may make one large donation from all of us. Come join us next year and help make this a tradition. With luck we may have a second gathering in late September to end the season, too.

The 4th annual Gorge Gathering

By Greg Pang



people to appreciate at TOW!

I'm a noob to the teardropping scene. I became the proud owner of a teardrop trailer in June of 2013. I have met several of you at recent TOW events that I've attended; Fall Brigade 2013 and Gorge Gathering 2014. I shared my story many times; when I got a teardrop trailer...I had NO idea that there was a whole community of people on the other side. Thanks to Brian and Sandi Woods from British Columbia...I gained this whole new group of

I always have this sense of anticipation whenever I attend events where the count of people I don't know far outnumbers the count of people I do know. I feel like I don't have a lot of history with the group and I get self-conscious because I'm still figuring out how to back up with the teardrop hitched on! As I pulled into the fairgrounds in Stevenson, I had no idea where to park, where the bathrooms were, or which way I

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should face my galley. Sure enough a couple of familiar faces greeted me and said that they were glad I came. Soon some people I never met before are helping me unhitch my tow vehicle, set up my canopy, and asking me to show them my teardrop trailer. The sun was shining and all seemed perfect for a great weekend ahead. Incidentally, the sun stayed out all weekend long...it was glorious! I saw lots of hiking, biking, boating, shopping, games, instrument-playing and fishing going on!

For 4 years Jim and Joyce Bailey have hosted the Gorge Gathering in the amazing setting of Stevenson, Washington...right on the Columbia River. They obviously volunteer many hours of planning, preparation, and administration for the benefit of TOW members and families. This year, the event had 28% growth from the previous year (from 36 participants to 46 participants). There were people of all ages attending, from families with small kids to retired folks. There was ample free time to socialize, catch up with old friends, and check out everyone's trailers. We also had fun winning fabulous donated prizes at the carnival (which must have taken the Baileys a lot of time to set up), and then of course we had a great time playing bingo. The biggest laugh I had over the weekend was at bingo. After Maria won early, Brian got jealous and traded cards with Maria, expecting the next win using Maria's bingo card. Guess who won the next bingo? Yup, Maria won using the card Brian had just traded to her. We were all cracking up...but I couldn't think of a more deserving fellow to have that happen than Brian...and of course we were all thrilled for Maria who was the innocent victim in the exchange.



As I expected, I got plenty of new ideas...(thank you Stephanie for showing me your Omnia oven including a cookie sample.) I also really liked Danny's DJ light show in the trees, and I personally learned to not put up my solar panels like a sail when it's windy out.) I also had much more significant learning...I learned about other people's lives through their trailers. Did you know that Tracy has a passion for rescuing dogs? Jim's POW stories were simply amazing and heroic (and he's created a whole family of teardroppers), Mark is an amazing photographer, Jeff just bought a vintage motorcycle, George has acquired and restored many vintage teardrops, Larry is a Vietnam vet AND celebrated his birthday with us coming all the way from California, it appears Jack only builds trailers for you if it's being pulled by a Subaru, and Heidi was enjoying her teardrop's maiden voyage. I wish there was enough time to talk at length with everyone there. Each person has a story to tell about their lives and they express who they are through what they are towing behind them. It seems an apt metaphor when you stop to think about it.

What do we all share in common? Perhaps it's our fanaticism over our teardrops and tiny trailers. Maybe it's something deeper than that. The fact that we sought out such simple living and recreation means that as a community we are able to appreciate things that really matter. We are people who can clear away

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distractions, appreciate life, appreciate family, appreciate nature, and appreciate each other. Reflecting on my experiences in the last year...I, like many of us, long for a piece of heaven on earth. I imagine heaven to be a place where people are welcomed with open arms, where you enjoy relationships with others, constantly build new friendships, where you share the best of what you have, no one is lonely, people accept you as you are, and (of course) there is a lot of fun and food. Doesn't that describe us when we get together?

Except in heaven I don't think we gain weight.

On the final evening of the event, I put together a montage of images from our weekend as a way to thank everyone for a great event. It's been posted on the TOW website. Have a look and see! I hope that for those of you who couldn't make it that you will be able to join the party at Gorge Gathering 2015!! Again we appreciate the Baileys for offering to host it again next year and for all of their hard work on our behalf! See the video by Greg: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vcMNSJ6HfE>



Creswell 2014

By Marty Bohme

We had about the same crowd at Creswell as last year. There were mostly all teardrop trailers with three eggs amongst the mix. Chuck Parker took a picture of the crowd. Many people with quite a few visitors. Larry had a GREAT treasure hunt again. For the gift he gave everyone was a set of the small cylindrical-shaped salt and pepper shakers with a crafted platform to set them on. We counted 11 dogs all the way from the HUGE Rino to a little bitty one that Carol Siefert brought. The weather was fine with partly sunny skies on Saturday. There was a caravan of about six trailers headed North on I-5 when half of the campers left at the same time on Sunday. Read more on Jennifer's web site: <http://teardrop-trails.com/teardrop-campout.html> There are also some great pictures!

Hooking up your trailer

By Marty Bohme

Never, never stow your tongue wheel before you double check that the trailer is securely hooked to the tow vehicle ball. Best way to do that is 1 - Engage the lock lever 2 - put in the hitch clip 3 - Try to lift the trailer off the vehicle trailer hitch ball. If you see the trailer hitch vehicle start to rise, you know the hitch is secure. 4 - NOW stow the tongue wheel by swinging it into a horizontal position.

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Losing your hitch

By Marianne Byrd



I often have to change my tow ball. One of my trailers is a 2 inch and the other is a one and seven-eighths. Last summer when I changed my tow ball I did it without looking below to see where the pin had gone in. I drove from Vancouver to Wilsonville at highway speed, and



when pulling into Costco to get fuel I heard a big CLUNK and then a dragging noise. With the luck of drunks and fools (and I had not been drinking) **I had driven 27 miles at highway speed without the pin through the receiver.** I recommend giving the ball a tug too, just to make sure it is in there right.

My first teardrop

By Marianne Byrd

My daughter and I camped a lot while she was growing up. To this day she swears that she has never had a proper birthday party because we were always camping on her birthday. I know that isn't true because I have pictures at the skating rink with a cake (at least I **think** it was *her* party).

When she went off to college I realized that not only didn't I have built in company, I had no one to hold the other side of the circus-sized tent while I pitched it. What to do? I could manage without company, I have books, but setting camp alone was a deal breaker. Even then my friends and family said that I didn't camp so much as move to the woods for a few days in a row. I do like my creature comforts. My husband works nights and he does not camp with me so as a woman alone there was also a security concern.



I remembered seeing a very cute small trailer that looked like I could manage it and as I started the quest to find a teardrop trailer, my husband sighed. One of my friends pointed out that in a teardrop a baddie could hook it up with me in it and take off. I pointed out that yes they could, but they couldn't be sure what caliber I was loading and what they would open the door to find. Off to Craigslist I went.

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I was very lucky. I found a 4X8 that I later named Hazel in McMinnville, and the owner knew her history, telling me that she had been built by Larry Boehme, who had built a few teardrops in the area. I looked at this beautiful thing, red velvet tuck and roll, a flashy red paint job, mural of breaching Orcas on the hatch, and I was in love. I asked my husband what he thought, he rolled his eyes (I swear that man is going to get

stuck looking at his own brains someday) and said "you are going to buy one, may as well be this one". The trip home was a nightmare. We knew when we left the seller's house with it that we needed to change the wiring so it would have lights, so we stopped at a local car parts place where my long suffering husband got the stuff needed to wire it up and did the needful in the parking lot. It got dark and started to rain. Back on the road someone passed us waving frantically. I looked in the rearview to see the hatch bouncing about open. My husband sighed. The hatch popped open 4 more times on the way home. Needless to say there was a lot of eye rolling and bickering.

What I didn't know when I started my teardrop journey was that it comes with a community of fine people. My first campout was the Gorge Gathering. Like most Memorial Day weekends it was pouring down rain. As I looked around the gathering I noticed that I was woefully unprepared. I didn't have a changing tent, a canopy, a table or anything that would have made teardropping in the rain comfortable. I met some nice folks, but pulled out about two hours later, heading back home to a date with Amazon.com and my credit card. The quest for the perfect canopy and changing tent was on, but that is a story for another time.



My next gathering was the Creswell Gathering. It is at Larry's house and it was fun to be there with Larry's first and Larry's fifteenth builds in the same place. Again I was shocked at how nice all the folks were, and it was a great weekend with the possible exception of when I was stepping into the port-a-potty and it started to fall backwards onto me. Luckily it stopped before I became the Smurf that gathering legends are made of.

For the next 2 seasons Hazel and I went all around the Pacific Northwest leaving a trail of canopies and changing tents as we went. I met a great many nice people along the way and have made new life-long friends.

I loved Hazel, she was good to me and got me started on the right road, I will always thank her for that. Unfortunately the doors are so small that getting out is a birth experience. No one needs *that* more than

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once. When I told Larry I was selling her he asked why, and on hearing my reasons he smiled and said “Why do you think I sold it? We were out for 10 days, when we got back I started building the next one. The doors are bigger”.

Teardrops NW is moving

For over two years, Teardrops NW has been handcrafting full-custom trailers at our shop in Salem. We love what we do and so do our Customers. This year has been very busy and while we love our facility, it isn't really conducive to our growth. WE ARE MOVING! Beginning this summer, Teardrops NW will relocate to a larger shop and warehouse, just off I-5 near the Oregon State Fairgrounds. This will allow us to increase our production capacity and shorten the time between your order and our delivery date.



Our new address is:

1337 Madison St #160 Salem Oregon 97301

But the business model hasn't changed. We build your Custom Teardrop, with you in mind. You choose the: Colors, sizes, cabinetry styles, and the layout of your galley. Cosmetic and structural parts are digitally modeled and precision-cut on a CNC router. Our master builders then finish and assemble each element by hand. Each teardrop is built with careful, loving attention. The final product is a beautiful, unique, unbelievably durable and weatherproof trailer, designed just for you.

As we head into our third year and a new location, we wanted to pause and say THANK YOU for everything! This community has made our success possible, one good word at a time, and we couldn't be more grateful. We love what we do, and we especially love hearing back from our satisfied camper's. The best part of our work is the knowledge that we aren't just building trailers. We're building memories. Please feel free to call us (or check out our website) if you're curious about your dream trailer. Want to stop by our shop for a tour? We'd love that! Just give us a call and let us know when you'll be swinging through.

Our sincere thanks,

Bill, Sean, Jeff, Linda, Nic, Chance, and Jeanne

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A service from TOW for Event Hosts

Hosting an event? If you would like for us to help you set up online registration contact our webmaster by [clicking here](#). As a service to hosts TOW set up a page for you for no fees to TOW (there ARE fees to PayPal, ask for more details)

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A great time at the beach Ocean Shores 2013

By Marty Bohme

When we walked to the beach from our camp, we encountered a wonderful stretch of almost flat sand about a quarter-mile wide. There were many cars and trucks parked with families spilled out - some under canopies or simply sitting in a lawn chair enjoying the gentle breeze and sunshine. What a sight! There must have been 60 to 70 outfits on this Ocean Shores beach that is about six miles long with entry/exit roads along the way.

We saw all sorts of activity. Mainly it was kit flying, but vendors also moved in to sell their wares and services. One offered horseback rides. Another was a vendor that supplied pedal-powered three and four wheel bikes and carnages. Yet another offered scooters for rent; you saw them everywhere on the streets of town and on the beach. In town, it was even possible to pay for a ride on a camel!

This was what the Ocean Tears offered on their annual campout at Ocean City State Park (near Aberdeen, WA). We were scattered about, but gathered for campfire chats around a Friday evening campfire and at the Saturday supper potluck. Gathering simplicity was the norm where you made your own campsite reservations and other meals. Laidback it was!! Great visiting with everyone was everywhere and enjoyable.

Of the 11 of us campers, there was one couple who camped for their first night in their homebuilt. This couple had always wanted to build a teardrop so early this year; they made tent camping reservations intending to gather ideas on some of the features they wanted for their build. However, as the date got closer, they decided to build a simple 5-wide tear. It was a GREAT job, even though they downplayed their effort that started just two-weeks before the campout! A two-week build is remarkable.

The weather was perfect. The atmosphere was enjoyable and every one of us enjoyed making new teardrop friends.

Best Hints for Teardropping on US 395

By Marty Bohme

On our way to Shasta Dam 20th, we decided to drive north on the highway that parallels the east side of the Sierra Mountains where most of the peaks exceed 11,000 feet. The highway actually is less than two miles from the bottom of these magnificent mountains that rise almost straight up. So you can actually experience seeing all of them in April covered with snow. The range must be 300 miles long.

Camping spots are many. Going north, one of the best rest stops is the Death Valley visitor's center on the south end of Big Pine, California. It is just 300 yards from 395. It is very modern and offers the traveler one

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of the most up-to-date and very clean restrooms. This is where you can buy the usual tourist stuff and get the latest information of visiting Death Valley National Park.

One of the best local Big Pine campgrounds is on the north edge of town. It is a county campground, mostly dirt, but also has spaces next to flowing irrigation streams with lots of trees. It has the usual pit toilets and also has an old-fashioned hand pump for water. The far western part of this small campground offers the best sites.

Further on, you will come to the Mono Lake visitor center, also very close to 395. It's a good pit stop with modern and clean restrooms. The staff there will give you latest news on all the campgrounds along this part of California. The center section of the give-away newspaper has a list. Mono Lake has been controversial because the city of Los Angeles has siphoned-off all the water flowing into it.



Further north you will come to Bridgeport. It is a funny town because on both sides of the street, you have to back into a slanted space; street parking never seen before where the normal is to park head-in. Oh well?! On the north end of town there is a sign for Twin Lakes where there are three or four campgrounds against the base of the mighty Serra's. Lots of trees, a beautiful lake and flowing creeks at the camping sites greet the camper. In late April most are open and you might find yourself the only one in camp.

One of very best sources of information are the various ranger stations you run into along 395. If you like camping in the desert, you can. If you like to camp in a forest, they will tell you. They are great people to direct you to the best places and in April, they usually have the latest information on what campgrounds are open or still closed.

Teardrop Radio

<http://www.talkshoe.com/tc/128227>

Don't forget about our website

<http://www.teardroptrailers.org/>

A lot of good information can be found here

<http://www.tnttt.com>

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Great gadget

By Sarah McCully Posner

I thought I would share the roof-mounted solar shower my husband just made last weekend for me. It is a gravity fed system made of 4" ABS pipe with end caps, a big inspection cover with a big gasket for easy refill and copper fittings where we attach a short hose with a spray nozzle. The water should heat up nicely on our trip through the SW this summer and will be great for just rinsing off when we don't have full shower facilities.



A NEW TAKE ON THE CAMPBOX

<http://www.campingroadtrip.com/outdoor-living-newsletter-february-2011/the-swissroombox>



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RECIPE

<http://www.sixsistersstuff.com/2014/01/creamy-chicken-and-pasta-recipe.html>

Creamy Chicken and Pasta

Ingredients:

- 1 package (16 oz) bow tie pasta
- 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded or cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cans (10.75 oz each) cream of chicken soup
- 1 (10 oz) bag frozen peas
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (more or less to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese.

Cook pasta according to directions on package. In a large pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add red peppers and saute for a couple of minutes (until tender). Add in the soup, peas, milk, garlic powder, salt and pepper to the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 1-2 minutes or until heated through. Stir in cheese. Drain pasta; add to chicken mixture and toss to coat.

Makes about 10 servings.

Recipe slightly adapted from [Taste of Home](#)

500 recipes to download

Make sure you have anti-virus, I can't vouch for these

Many thanks to '[Troop 26 Parkville Maryland](#)'.

Many of these recipes can also be cooked at home in the kitchen or on the barbecue etc. Don't wait until the weather is nice and you go camping, to try some of these recipes. The free PDF of camping recipes would also be useful for emergency preparedness as you'll likely end up cooking outdoors if the SHTF.

Download and print out this free PDF cookbook below.

[FREE: 500+ Camping Recipes \(Incl 100 Dutch Oven Recipes\)](#)



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



TOW Name Badges

Save someone from forgetting your name. Nice hard, plastic name badges are available for ordering. They use a strong magnet rather than a pin to attach to your clothing. You need to supply your first and last names and your home town.

Send all email requests for badges to

Attention Terry: (weigel123@comcast.net)

Cost per badge: \$8.50 (prices good thru 2014)

Shipping: U.S.MAIL (packaging & postage) \$5.00

Note: if more than two badges ordered at one time, ask in advance for shipping charges, they could be more.

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.

Looking for a teardrop?

Be sure to look at our advertising pages and classified. <http://teardroptrailers.org/advertising.html>

Toyota has a Teardrop in their advertisements for the Highlander

[Toyota Ad \(Wait it takes a second to redirect\)](#) it also makes us look like we REALLY like fruit..

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2014 Event Details



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?! This year the theme is "The Sound of MOOsic" Even I couldn't make that up.

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). [Registration Form](#)

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

Vintage Trailer Gathering 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

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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.



July 18-20, 2014 Entiat, North/Central Washington

Tiny Trailer Silver Falls Campout Entiat River Valley/Entiat, WA Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest

Jack & Annie Gerber tinytrailer@msn.com 509-784-5000

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/recarea/?recid=57119>

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

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August 1-3, 2014 Brooks, Oregon

Antique Powerland Teardrop Display and Campout 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

Jefferson State TearJerkers' Mystic Mt. Shasta Gathering 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,

http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54

or from kayperkay@msn.com



August 8-10, 2014 North Bend, Washington

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 161st. A fish farm will be on your left as you turn. Continue down the gravel road and cross over a little

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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@g.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 12-16, Mineral City, OH

Tearstock the Rolling Home Tour

<http://www.golittleguy.com/teardrop-fest-registration>

Dave Glenn Alley is a professional deejay with many years of experience. His broadcast radio career progressed through seven different stations in three different states. During much of this time he also grew his own mobile deejay business to accommodate reunions and receptions; proms and private parties; and in recent years structured incentive rewards parties for public school students. Dave has also hosted quite a variety of outdoor events including classic car shows, corporate picnics, grand openings and campground gigs. He has a vast collection of music for all ages, and often plays simple group games for door prizes. Dave has a designated deejay page on Facebook as: Dave Glenn Alley that radio guy

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

Ocean tears 2014 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

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state park and then make reservations. <https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx>
[https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark%2fLoop4\(Sites131-178\)%3fMap](https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark%2fLoop4(Sites131-178)%3fMap)

Any questions, contact

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

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 port-a-potties and hand washing stations.

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:

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

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September 5-7, Lynden, Washington

Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally 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

September 19-21, Union Gap, Washington

TNT (teardrops and tractors), the sequel A gathering of all small and vintage trailers. Central Washington Agricultural Museum in Union Gap (next to Yakima), Washington. WHY: Winding down from a great summer of fun in a place that still thinks its summer. WHO: Contact Doug Clark at sealark2@juno.com or 509-972-8771. HOW MUCH: FREE!!!! (We will be passing the hat for donations to the museum)

The Ag Museum is located on 17 acres of park, most is lawn type with shade trees, excellent for our type of camping. Although you should think of this as 'dry' camping, water is available at several locations. Port-a-potties will be present and there is a flush toilet in the visitor's center.

There is a power pole for those with a medical NEED. Generators, dogs (usual restrictions) and portable fire pits are allowed. Several truck stops for showers are nearby. Alcohol is not permitted with the following exception: We are going to have wine tasting both Friday and Saturday night. Friday is wine and chocolate and Saturday is wine and cheese. Those wishing to participate MUST contact Doug Clark by Monday, 9/15. (21+ years old, of course)

The museum's normal hours are from 10am to 4pm. normally the gate is closed to drive in traffic at 4pm but the gate is NOT locked. You are most welcome to come and go, just close it behind you.

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DIRECTIONS: Go to centralwaagmuseum.org and download the directions there. Otherwise, go to Union Gap and follow the signs as you head south out of town.



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 email 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.

This year you can sign up for Fall Brigade with your credit card securely on the web. Simply navigate to <http://teardroptrailers.org/fall-brigade-sign-up.html> or click [here](#). In addition we are offering a \$5.00 discount if you sign up before September first. Event fees are refundable* through 9/15 and camping fees are refundable*.

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 antiques 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

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- 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 FallBrigade@teardroptrailers.org
[Registration](#)

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2014 Event Calendar

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

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
June 27-29, 2014 Tillamook, Oregon	<u>2nd Annual Tillamook Rodeo Weekend Gathering</u>	Think about showing the county your "rig" by participating in the parade	Randy and Riki Gottier 503.842.5609 rikigottier@yahoo.com Registration Form
*June 27-29, 2014	<u>Southern Oregon Rally Valley of the Rogue State Park</u>	Stray Cat's Car Club car show American Graffiti movie in the park Loop F	Devon Hall 541-601-4973 http://www.rovt.org/events.htm
July 2-6, 2014 Carlotta, California	<u>IRG 5.0</u>	The Bi-Annual International Redwoods Gathering in Carlotta CA	http://www.pamplingrove.com/5.0registrationform.html SOLD OUT
July 3-6, 2014 Marblemount, Washington	<u>Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	Fourth Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken ira@cnw.com
July 11-13, 2014 Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million dollar view	Contact Information to follow
July 18-20 2014 Entitat, Washington	<u>North/Central Washington Tiny Trailer Silver Falls Campout</u>	Entiat River Valley/Entiat, WA Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest	Jack & Annie Gerber tinytrailer@msn.com 509-784-5000 http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/recreation/?recid=57119
July 24-27, 2014 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA	<u>B.C. Canada Chapter TearJerkers' First</u>	At the Woods Family Farm.	http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=113&t=6694 woodysrods@shaw.ca or Brian

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	<u>Ever B.C. Canada Gathering</u>		Woods (250) 768-1912
July 24-27, 2014 near Visalia, CALIFORNIA	<u>Jefferson State TearJerkers go to Kings Canyon/Sequoia</u>	Jefferson State goes to Kings/Sequoia...!! There is FREE camping all along Forest Rte 14S11 (off Generals Hwy 198) 36° 43.373', -118° 48.904'	kayperkay@msn.com http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54
Aug 1-3, 2014 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme towteardrops@comcast.net
August 7-10, 2014 Mount Shasta, CALIFORNIA	<u>Jefferson State TearJerkers' Mystic Mt. Shasta Gathering</u>	Panther Meadows, 10,000 feet elevation on the slopes of the iconic Mount Shasta	kayperkay@msn.com http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54
Aug 8-10, 2014 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@g.com or janetkay2081@yahoo.com Ed's cell: 206-948-7840 or Janet's cell: 425-922-8644
Aug 12-16, 2014 Mineral City, Ohio	<u>Tearstock</u>	Little Guy Trailers	Atwood Lake Campground 9500 Lakeview Road NE Mineral City, OH 44656 Phone: (330)-343-6780
August 22-24, 2014 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	http://www.wapatoshowdown.org/Vintage-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 sggaydos@charter.net Kevin Nickel knickel@hotmail.com https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx

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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: www.teardroptrailers.org/LeMayRegistration.PDF Contact Information opasgang@yahoo.com , jln4deafkids@hotmail.com
September 4-8, 2014 Flagstaff, ARIZONA	<u>Arizona Chapter TearJerkers Green Retreat 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 Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally Come as early as the 2 nd	Brian Morrow 253-431-9709 or maxandchip@aol.com
*Sept 12-14, 2014	<u>4th Annual South Beach 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 Summer Event Mountain Get-Away Teardrop & Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	At Hurkey Creek Park	carrosel43@yahoo.com , or call 951-929-2891. Website: http://teardroptime.weebly.com/hurkey-creek.html
September 18-21, 2014 near Austin, NEVADA	<u>TearJerkers' Reunion at the Glyphs Jefferson State</u>	at the Glyphs at the Hickeson Petroglyphs Campground, 25 miles east of historic Austin, NV	kayperkay@msn.com http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/vie_wforum.php?f=10&sid=2a39133dd3a42c176cb8993e59482e54
September 19-21, 2014 Union Gap, Washington	<u>TNT(teardrops and tractors), the sequel</u>	Return to the Central Washington Agriculture Museum	Contact Doug Clark mailto:sealark2@juno.com or 509-972-8771
Sept 26-28, 2014 Mulino, Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade</u>	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park	Marrienne Byrd Fallbrigade@teardroptrailers.org Registration Form

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*Oct 3-5, 2014	<u>2nd Champoeg 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 18th Cool Coastal Cliffside Campout</u>	Ocean Cove Campgrounds in Ocean Cove, CA,	d.ave.2006@hotmail.com
October 17-19, 2014 Banning, CALIFORNIA	<u>Spooky Mountain Campout Halloween 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