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From the editor

This is a special issue dedicated to gadgets and gift ideas. If you are not interested then just [click here to go straight to the 2015 Event Details](#).

There will be another edition of the TOWLine in January as soon as I get the dates for the Pot Luck/Plate Lick. That edition will also include the calendar at the end of the newsletter, I didn't put it in this time because there are so many pictures in this edition. Hold the Control key and click to go to the links.

There are a few events listed here that I am not sure will happen. I have marked those with a * and "Anticipated" in big, red letters. There are a lot already though, and I hope I can get some additional details for some of the events. If you are the organizer of one of these events and want more details or want to change something about the listing let me know. If you know of an event I have missed anywhere on the continent drop me a note, maybe no one who reads this will go, but it is nice to see what is out there.

Be sure to check pricing on the gift ideas I have included, I did not shop around, these are just ideas to get you started. It is a little late in the game, but you still have time if you get right on it. Remember to check shipping charges when you are looking at pricing.

As the year closes I really want to thank all of you who have contributed and remind those of you that have not sent in anything that it is never too late, and I do check for obvious spelling and grammar issues so don't be afraid to contribute. I don't judge, I am just happy to read about your adventures. A special shout out needs to go to Amy Fuger without which you would not get these newsletters in your in box and Maureen McGuinness who edits my editing and only laughs at me sometimes. About my editing anyway, my life is another story.

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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 Camp Site Banners

Hollywood Banners

539 Oak St - Copiague, New York 11726

Phone: [631-842-3000](tel:631-842-3000) - Web www.hollywoodbanners.com



➤ The Dolphin water pump.

While everyone else was going back and forth to the water hose bib, I went once a day and had all of my water needs there at camp! Pump a few times and there was the water to do dishes, clean or whatever. It is also good for drinking water, but I have beer, so heck with that. Dry camping? This \$20.00 gizmo and some water from the machine outside a grocery store and we

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were off the grid and didn't have to lift the 5 gallon container every time we needed water. [Dolphin Water Pump at Amazon](#). At IRG people asked me about it and said they nominated it for best idea.

➤ **Back up camera.**

The gadget that inspired an issue. I have a backup cam in one of my TOW vehicles and don't have to work with someone else to get to the hitch. No fighting. Other rigs I have used do not and I need help. Instant fight. Tired of fighting with the spouse when you are hooking up? Multiple trailers but no backup cam in the car? Try a magnetic backup cam, you can move it from trailer to trailer. Just remember to take it off before you hit the road. [Swift Hitch Backup Cam](#). Here is a list of ideas that also includes a write up on the Swift Hitch. [List of Trailer Hitching made easier products](#)

➤ **Store your camping gear and have a table too**

Want to make all of those plastic bins go away? Opt for the **Camp Sherpa**. It has four zippered storage "bins" one that doubles as an insulated cooler. The Sherpa also is a table and folds up to a manageable size. [Camp Sherpa](#)



➤ **Outdoor rugs**

Can run between \$10.00 at Ikea and \$100.00 from [Fab Rugs at Amazon](#). Give your camp a special flair and keep your camp cleaner with outdoor rugs

➤ **Bal Jack Leveler**



No more wood blocks to haul around. Designed for single axle trailers with either 13", 14" and most 15" wheels, the BAL leveler eliminates the need for leveling blocks to achieve your side to side leveling. It's a breeze to use and is probably my favorite accessory I have purchased. Just slide it under the tire on the side that needs lifting, place the end of the threaded adjusting rod in the slot on the bottom plate, and then just starting cranking it up with the ratchet that comes along with it until you get it level. There's a nice tutorial here on YouTube: [Bal Jack Leveler](#) Look for it at about \$65.00



➤ **Chock lock**

Theft is on the rise. Lock the tire. Sure they can still take the wheel off if they are persistent, but this will surely slow them down. [Chock Lock Anti Theft Device](#) \$43.71 at

amazon

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➤ PopSticks

The Popsticks set of two Barbeque/ Roasting Utensils are perfect for roasting hot dogs and other campfire treats. These sticks feature an aluminum/stainless steel construction with a lanyard and are available in five fun colors. The poking end goes inside the handle for no mess storage.

[Popsticks @ Overstock.com](http://Popsticks@Overstock.com) \$27.99 for two



➤ **Propane fire pit.** I list this one for a review only, there are a couple of things to look out for with these: Prices are all over the place, they can range from 80.00 – 200.00 but there are catches, some come with the “logs” some do not, shipping is also an issue, with the price built in or added on. I would expect you to be able to find something in the \$135.00 range. Fire dancer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snl6elWlXps>

➤ Camp shower

A few days in the woods can lead to the need for a shower. Check this one out. [The Helio™](#) Pressure Shower comes in a small, neatly nested kit, weighs less than a liter of water, and provides 5 to 7 minutes of steady and satisfying water pressure. Unlike conventional gravity-fed, hanging shower systems, the Helio uses an 11 liter welded fabric water tank pressurized by a foot pump. To use the system, you simply fill up the water tank, let it warm in the sun, set the tank on the ground, then step on the foot pump a few times. Helio is ideal for showering or cleaning dishes in camp, rinsing off after surfing or canyoneering, or general hygiene and cleanliness on any extended stay in the backcountry. \$79.95 at Amazon. For ~\$10.00 you can get one of the [Coleman solar bag showers](#). Not a bad way to go, and certainly cheaper. Again watch the pricing on these, you can spend \$20.00, but why?



➤ Handmade teardrop necklace

Looking for Jewelry? [Try this site.](#) I have seen her work and it is very nice. About \$80.00

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➤ **Shower "Tent"**

You know you need to give in on this one, maybe you have been holding out, but this might be the right time to surprise her with a thoughtful gift that will keep on giving. From the "big pickle" to the attachable side tent, a lady always appreciates a place to stand up and change clothes, not to mention someplace close to the trailer that will save the night time trek across the campground to the facilities. Get a Kit, [shower tent](#), [Luggable Loo](#), and [Feline Pine](#). You will also need the [instructions for folding up your new tent](#). Add a folding side table and you are set



➤ **License plate holder**...."Life moves slower on Teardrop time"....they are \$20.00 plus postage Send a personal check to Grant Whipp 1570 Canyon Creek road, Redding CA. 96001

➤ **Trailer Park Wars the game**

Age range: 13 and up / Number of players: 2 to 6. You have finally landed the job of your dreams: Trailer Park Manager! To be the Best Darn Trailer Park Manager in town, you must place quality Tenants in your trailers, create a fun and friendly atmosphere by adding some sweet Amenities, and go about destroying the other trailer parks... no matter what it takes! [\\$23.97 at Walmart](#)

➤ **Solar lights**

Harbor Freight rope lights seem to work great [Solar Rope Lights](#) \$11.99. Worried about quality? For over twice the price you can get these from [Home Depot](#)



➤ **The Transformer of outdoor tables**

The Coleman 4 in 1 table starts out as a folded table with a handle, and can transform from two coffee tables, to one standard height square table, to two buffet tables. Check out the YouTube video [Here](#). I have seen them from ~\$50.00 up, so shop around. [4 in 1 table at Amazon.com](#)

➤ **Flamingos**

There are yard flamingos for every taste (or lack thereof). You can find them for \$3.00 or \$300.00 but they are always an interesting gift choice. Heck you can even flock your friends. I will leave you to your own search on this one



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➤ Flameless candles

Set the mood without burning down the campsite. Flameless candles give you all of the ambiance, and none of the hazard. [These even have timers](#), set them once a campout and let them do all of the work. \$20.00 at Bed Bath and Beyond

➤ Solar Panels

Keep the battery topped up was off the grid for 15 of 16 days in a row last year and my CPAP kept going. [100W Suitcase style \\$249.99](#). There are lots of styles and types out there, but this looks like a pretty good price, and the suitcase styling makes traveling with it a breeze

➤ Battery charger/Power station

Charge the battery on your teardrop, jump start the car, run a radio for a while, a [portable Battery](#) charger is a gift for the hard to buy for. They run \$70.00 on up

➤ Space heater

Are your baby's toes cold? 200 watts is all this [Lasko space heater](#) amazon.com uses. \$15.99 for Black or White, \$16.99 if you want the groovy colors

➤ Coleman quad LED lantern



So bright I call mine the SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) Project. I had one with me at my first rally and when Chuck Parker had friends come to visit, what did he show them first? The trailers? NOPE, he made a beeline to my camp to show them the LANTERN. He and Darlene have one now, I am not sure they even made it home before he ordered one. Each of the four sides come off to become their own portable light. Takes 8! D-Cells, but the lights are LED so I have been using the same batteries for over 2 years. Prices can range from \$59.00 to \$99.00 so be sure to shop around for this one. Ebay sellers also have some other colors

➤ Cooking utensils that stack.

Lots of high end, well-built utensils in a small amount of space. [Joseph Joseph 5-Piece Compact Nesting Kitchen Utensil Set](#). Another version that you don't have to worry about setting down [Joseph Joseph 6-Piece Kitchen Utensil Set, Elevate, Multi-color](#)



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➤ More for the cook, **stacking pots and pans** that are induction friendly AND stack to a small space because the handles are removable [Magma 10 Piece Stainless Steel Induction Cook-Top Gourmet Nesting Cookware Set](#)

➤ **Knives**

While I am at it Knives with a sheath stay sharper longer, and there is less chance of a cut when digging about in the tear. There are good ones at Costco for about \$20.00

➤ **Knit a washcloth,**

Great for scrubbing dishes, or a person. I can bang one of these out in about a day. A small gift with a small price. Less than \$3.00 [Click here for pattern](#)

➤ **Dutch ovens or cast iron pans** make a special gift. The best ones are found second hand.

Griswold, Wagner and Lodge are favorites, thought I have heard good things about Camp Chef as well

➤ **Cast iron cook book**

A Beginner's guide to cast iron cooking \$20.00 includes shipping [Click Here](#)

➤ **[Collapsible tea pot](#)**

No one can deny that hot water is a good thing. Now it doesn't have to take up a lot of space. They come in other colors and the prices range between \$22.00 and \$29.99



➤ **Charge your phone with your fire**

Sure it looks like a fancy way to make coffee, but this baby can give your campfire dual purpose, charge your phone over the fire! FlameStower Thermo Charge your gear with fire, day or night! The light, compact and rugged [FlameStower Thermo Charger](#) allows you to charge your smartphone or any USB-enabled device via the thermal energy from your campfire. \$66.93 at Amazon.



➤ **30 amp adapter**

5 bucks and you can use the RV hook up. Why is that good? The 110's go out easier than the 30 amps. Not to mention that the power pole at the Gorge gathering is 30 amp. About \$5.00 [Here](#)

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➤ 100 ft drop cord

You never know how far from the perfect site the power will be. Sure it takes up a bunch of space and is a pain in the tucus to manage, but when you need a lot of cord, it is good to have it. \$25.00

[Here](#)

➤ Nail kit

Ever had a hang nail and no clippers? [Here is a nice size set complete with a mirror.](#) At three kits for 14.98 you can give away two sets and still have the tweezers you need to get that splinter out. This set is on clearance so I don't know how long they will last at this price. The idea is sound though

➤ A big jar of bungees

Is always appreciated. \$13.69 at... you guessed it Amazon.com Think bungees were a good idea? How about [zip ties](#) 500 for \$15.38



➤ Dish towels

Keeping the dish towels or paper towels from flying all over is an issue for all teardroppers. I have seen some pretty cool solutions but this one is genius. Use up that four inch strip of left over fabric from your

curtains and stitch up this dish towel hack that turns a common dish towel into a tie on one. Takes about an hour. [Instructions for tie-on Dishtowel.](#) Don't want to make it yourself? Trudy Glassett makes towels with a cool crochet top that can button onto the tear. All proceeds go to a very nifty charity. [Click here to email Trudy](#)



➤ Cool off

Tired of being too hot? Guy Mazzeo recommends the **Arctic Cove Mister**. Arctic Cove introduces the Arctic Cove 18-Volt Bucket Top Misting Fan. This is a cordless/portable misting fan powered by an 18-volt Lithium-Ion Battery compatible with 18-Volt ONE+ Batteries. Designed to fit on most 5 gallon buckets. Garden hose adapter for use without bucket. Get a white bucket



and it will look a little like R2D2. To learn more about Arctic Cove cooling products go to ArcticCove.com About \$100.00 [Arctic Cove Mister.](#) Not willing to pop up a Benjamin for a cooling gift? Trudy makes scarves that can help you keep your cool for less than \$10.00. Again the proceeds go to charity. [Click here to email Trudy](#)



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➤ **Teardrop shaped soap**

Think about soap made by a fellow teardropper: <http://shop.bubblucious.com/>

➤ **Instant badminton court**

Looking for a way to keep the family busy? Try the [Instant Badminton Court](#) \$99.00 at Amazon.com



➤ **Vermont Syrup with a great reusable seal and pour top.**

Mix your eggs or pancake batter at home and store in a mason jar for travel and easy dispensing on the road. Inspired by the classic Americana zinc canning jar cap from the late 1800s, this screw top with a flip-lid is made of silver-toned, BPA-free plastic and fits standard Mason Jars snugly for drip-free storing and pouring. The lid is the perfect pairing with our Vermont maple syrup in Mason jar (#68577), giving you the freedom to pour just the right amount of syrup on your buttermilk pancake stack. When the syrup is gone, reuse the Mason jar and cap for homemade dressings, portable drinks, honey, and more. Hand wash. \$9.95 [Mason Jar Flip Lid](#)



➤ **Significant other that hates bugs?**

Don't touch them, slurp them up [Koolatron BV01 Rechargeable Cordless Handheld Bug Vacuum](#) ~ \$60.00. You can also get the zap-racket (electronic fly swatter), but don't hold down the power button while opening the package, ask me how I know. \$3.00 plus shipping at [Harbor Freight](#)



➤ **The Original Nomad Collapsible Tub**

Extra portable, bring it camping or set it up in your own backyard. We designed our tub to be easy to set up and get soaking. (For remote soaking sites the manufacturer recommends and uses a [Honda WX10](#) portable water pump that is capable of filling the Nomad tub in 10 minutes). \$550.00 plus the heater coil. For a little less than \$900.00 you can really glamp it up in style. Of course you will be broke, but this is one accessory you can practically guarantee no one else at your campsite will have.

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2015 Event Details

February, Albany Oregon *Anticipated

Oregon Pot Luck For the last few years Glenn and Laurie Anderson have hosted at their wonderful facility in Albany, Oregon. I don't know if they will have the time to do it again this year, but let's hope so (thank you for all of your efforts Glenn and Laurie!). If not we will find another place to get together.

February, South Seattle Area, Washington *Anticipated

Washington Plate Lick Last year the Seattle area "Pot Luck" was held at Old Country Buffett in Federal Way. Hopefully the same thing can happen this year. According to Trudy a Pot Luck at a restaurant is a Plate Lick. I like it!

April 16-19, Pahrump, Nevada

Spring Fling @ Pahrump I don't have any details at this time, may have more by the January edition

April 30 - May 3, Lakehead, California

22nd Dam Gathering of the Tears We've just wrapped up negotiations with the NEW Management at Antlers RV Park & Campgrounds, and it's all good ...! We were anticipating a raise in the rates, but were thrilled to learn that the RV sites will remain at \$15.00 per night per trailer ... and the rate for the tent sites actually went down to \$11.00 per night per trailer ...! We will still be able to put multiple trailers on the sites that can accommodate. Two or more (which are most of them), so nothing has really changed, there (depending on the site, though, they may choose to put a limit on how many you can try to squeeze in). The biggest change is the best! ... The new management is actually the Antlers Resort & Marina that has always been just across the way from the campgrounds, and they are far more professional and better staffed (which means you will actually hear back from them when you call or e-mail for reservations!). AND, our fabulous campgrounds host and wrangler, Marty, will still be there to make sure things keep running smoothly and that the grounds are as clean and ready for us as they can be!

So, if you've been itching to get an early start on your 2015 camping season reservations, and want to put the Dam Gathering at-or-near the top of your list, you can start now! Details below:

The Jefferson State Chapter of TearJerkers' 22nd Dam Gathering of the Tears at Antlers RV Park & Campgrounds ... the oldest and longest-running teardrop gathering in the world! 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 (now under new management!) - antlersrvpark@CAMPINGSHASTALAKE.COM

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or 1-800-238-3924 - or, as always, just show up (there's plenty of room!). Pinewood Gravity Races, Potlucks & Campfires all nights, and all the fun we're known for ... just come on out, socialize, and have FUN! The rates are \$15.00 per night per trailer for sites with electricity & water, and \$11.00 per night per trailer for the tent sites. More info from info@teardrops.net or by calling 530-242-6452

We're all looking forward to sharing another Dam Good Time with all our old, new, and yet-to-be-made camping friends! See ya there! CHEERS!

May 15-17, Union Gap, WASHINGTON

Antiquities Faire The actual event is Saturday only but we are allowed to camp all weekend. Camping is free, but donations are expected. The grounds are fabulous. This gathering is open to all vintage trailers. 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.

May 21-24, Stevenson, WASHINGTON *Anticipated

Fifth Annual Gorge Gathering Memorial Day Weekend. Jim and Joyce always put on a great show! This event is open to tiny trailers as well as teardrops. It will be held at the Skamania County Fairgrounds just up river from the Bridge-of-the-Gods in Stevenson, Washington. This beautiful site provides a grassy campsite right in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge. Each unit has access to power (via extension cords) and centrally located water bibs. There are heated men & women's bathrooms with coin operated showers. The 6000 sq. ft. event hall is also heated and has a large kitchen and floor to ceiling glass "garage" doors that overlook the mountains. This gorgeous location offers much to explore including the close-by Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, the Hood River Air and Auto Museum, the famous Skamania Lodge, and numerous Gorge waterfalls and trails.

June 12-14, Creswell, OREGON

Creswell Camp Out the second weekend of June. Because of space, we limit the number of campers to 25, so signing up is necessary. Prior approval required for trailers other than teardrop trailers.

541-895-2754 larrycadt@yahoo.com

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June 19-21, Niagara, CANADA

Border Crossing gathering. This one is a LOONG way away, but hey, here it is. More information: [Facebook Page](#)

June 26-28, Tillamook, OREGON *Anticipated

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. TOW has participated in the parade for the last two years, and in 2014 won a TOWphy (trophy).

July 2-6 Marblemount, WASHINGTON

Vintage Trailer Gathering **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)

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

This location is also open to other groups that want to set up a gathering. PNW TearJerkers any one?

July 16-19 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA

Tear Jerkers 2nd 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

July 17 – 19 Garibaldi, OREGON

Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi at the Old Mill RV and Event Center. Campsites are \$22.00 per night.

Beautiful sunsets looking out into the bay, no power except for medical needs. We will try to catch some

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delicious Dungeness crab from the dock. If you have trap or rings bring them, if we don't catch any ourselves, we can pick up cooked crab in town for dinner on Saturday. Breakfast will be provided on Saturday. Please RSVP to Bob 503 314 8055 Make reservations @ [Old Mill Reservations](#)

July 31- August 2, 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.

August 7-9 Brooks, Oregon

Powerland Steamup For more information about Powerland and activities at Steam-up [Powerland Website](#). Like last year tiny vintage trailers are invited. There is a fee for camping, and it is considered dry. Marty will have more details in a future edition.

August 7-9 Bend, Oregon

Bend Classic, Vintage Trailer Rally J Bar J Ranch, 62895 Hamby Rd, Bend OR, just East of Bend, OR. Camping will be on a grassy field with the Cascade Front in full view. There is some water and 110 electric but this is a ranch and not a trailer park. This is the same weekend as the HUGE car show in Bend. Bend is packed with places to go and things to do. Proceeds will benefit the programs of the Ranch. It is a Tin Can Tourist rally, please come and enjoy. Attendees will get a permanent event nametag, window placard and an "event" open/closed sign. Contact Dal Smilie (dalsmilie@aol.com) with questions.

August 7-9, North Bend, Washington *Anticipated

Kelson's Cascade Campout In past year's camping activities have included; 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. This has been the same weekend as the Mt Si festival, and there is a parade. All trailer types are welcome, though if you have something big you will want to check with Ed and Janet.

August 14-16 Gaston, Oregon *Anticipated

Wapato Showdown

The Wapato Showdown is a car event that has expanded to Vintage trailers. Last year there were four teardrops in the Parade on Friday night, and over 10 mixed teardrops and vintage trailers at the show on Saturday. The crowd seemed to really love the trailers, and the show coordinators were very

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accommodating to us, even allowing us to keep our tow rigs with the trailers during the show. Camping is dry, but a good time was had by all. We were also featured on Oregon Live.

Website <http://www.wapatoshowdown.org/PARTICIPANT-INFORMATION/>

August 21-23, Ocean City, WASHINGTON

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. Make your reservations early so you don't miss out. Reservations can be made 9 months in advance. We will be in loop 4

<https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark>

August 28 – 30, Callahan, CALIFORNIA

Jefferson State @ Kangaroo Lake Kangaroo Lake campground has 18 sites, 13 of which are drive-in and 5 are walk-in. The campground also provides accessible facilities, including a 1/4 mile paved trail right down to the lake. The lake itself covers 25 acres, and is 110 feet deep. There is no boat ramp but motorless boats are permitted. **Information about the campground:** <http://siskiyoucountycamping.blogspot>

August 29 – 31, Tacoma, WASHINGTON *Anticipated

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.

September 5-7, Lynden, Washington *Anticipated

Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally One of the biggest trailer events in the Northwest. It is usually held the first full weekend after Labor Day weekend

This will be the 15th annual gathering of this group. All RV's are welcome but the vintage (25 years old or older) will be grouped together. Last year there were more than 100 participants and lots of great RV's from as far back as the 30's. Showers and restrooms are free, there is a fee for camping. This all takes place

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at the Fairgrounds in the beautiful little Dutch town of Lynden, Washington which is about 20 miles North of Bellingham

September 11-20 NW Hwy. 20, Washington

PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl Drive over Hwy 20 in northern Washington under the fall foliage. More details in up-coming editions.

September 19-21, Union Gap, Washington

TNT (Trailers 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. The museum's normal hours are from 10 to 4, 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.

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 21-23, Unionville Nevada

Twain and Tears. Announcing a gathering in Unionville, northern Nevada. The gathering will be at a small park on the grounds of a shack where Mark Twain lived while prospecting in the boomtown of Unionville. Unionville is a tiny hamlet boasting @ 20 full time residents in Buena Vista Canyon, about 20 miles off I-80 between Lovelock and Winnemucca. It is about 150 miles from Reno. We will camp in a county park mid-village called "Moeha Walker Memorial Park."

Picture of park: http://www.flickr.com/photos/nevada_magazine/5658861943/

The park is free, with water and porta-potty. No electricity or showers. Camping will be group informal and family style, this is not a campground but a park which we have permission to use. The canyon is about 500 ft higher in elevation than Lovelock, so a bit cooler, should be great in September. And it is quiet, quiet,

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quiet. One road in and out. No cell phone coverage, although there are land lines so emergency service is available at a local home or the inn. Park will hold maybe 15-20 trailers maximum.

What to do?

Talk, relax, play games, cook, eat.

We will do a traditional Saturday Potluck, but otherwise this is a total relax program!

Watch birds and wildlife (bald and golden eagles often seen)

Hike several trails

Explore ruins of housing and mines (not in the mines, but the tailings, equip, etc.)

Rock hound or look for trilobites at nearby "Fossil Hill"

Take a tour of nearby Safe Haven, a rescue zoo.

Star gaze

Sleep

If you don't want to camp, but want to join us, there is my favorite bed & breakfast in the world here, [Old Pioneer Garden](#).

More about Unionville, click here: [Wikipedea](#)

Photos of the area: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kenlund/487196409/lightbox/>

PM Debbie Pontius (nevadatear) on Facebook for more info.

Directions: To get to Unionville, take the Mill City/Unionville exit off Interstate 80 onto Nevada State Highway 400. Drive about 17 miles on paved road, then look for the Unionville sign on your right as the highway turns into a well-graded gravel road. The village is located about three miles up the road into the canyon. Keep going until you spot the park on the right. There is only one road in and out of the village.

September 25-27, Mulino Oregon

Fall Brigade 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.

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.

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

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- 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 FallBrigade@teardroptrailers.org

October 12-15, Champoeg Park, Oregon

3rd Annual Champoeg Park Gathering ROVT Event, reservations through Reserve America.

November 12-15, Pahrump, Nevada

Grape Turkey @ Pahrump No additional details at this time