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From the editor

Katie was very sick last year and though she is better now, I wanted to dedicate this issue to Marty and Katie, without whom we would not have TOW let alone a newsletter. Throughout this issue you will see thoughts and musings from TOW members about Katie and Marty. Even though I am not much of a hugger (though you (as in all y'all) have almost beaten me into submission), Marty and Katie, consider this a TOW hug, **thank you** for everything you have done for us.



✚ It seems like such a long time ago, that we can't remember the circumstances of meeting Marty and Katie! Somehow we found out about the first teardrop display at the LeMay Open House in 1998 and attended with 1990 Glassettbuilt #1. We had a great time with other teardrop owners and became friends with the Boehmes, who organized this event. They encouraged us to host a camp-out in Washington, so we began the Spring Fling in April (Brrr!) 1999. Marty and Katie still didn't have their own TD, but joined us at Spring Fling #2, again held at Harmony Lakeside RV Park, where Katie was scolded for feeding the koi in the pond!

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By 2002, Boehmes had built their own TD, and several of us had talked Marty into being the editor of a teardrop newsletter, geared toward the Northwest, the TOWLine.

Both Marty and Katie have been very encouraging to those TD "wannabe" persons, as well as owners and those who considered hosting their own camping events. Marty involved the teardrops in the Portland Car Collectors' Show, a display/campout at Powerland, and hosting their own Fall Brigade. Things would have been much different in the NW "teardrop world" without Marty and his lovely/loving/lovable/ assistant Katie. We are so happy to call them our friends. -Rod & Trudy Glassett



2014 NW Toy Run

By Mike Sandner

Every year, right before Christmas, a fantastic event occurs that few outside the car community knows exist. It is called NW Toy Run (www.nwtoyrun.com) and has been running for 11 years now, helping collect toys and money for Toys For Tots. It started as a way for car enthusiasts to give back and get together to spread holiday cheer. It grew from a meet at a Kent Park and

Ride and exploded to fill Pacific Raceways. Now there are all sorts of activities available besides shooting the breeze. You can run their road course, in your car or a student race car. You can win raffle prizes, enjoy a cup of coffee, check out what the vendors have to offer and there are other contests put on by the sponsors, like fitting as many people as you can in a Fiat or Scion iQ. Maybe one day we can make it a teardrop! One thing that has remained a constant though, is the very enthusiastic founder of the event, Allan Kettle, who's random yells of "WWWWWWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!" can be heard periodically throughout the crowd.

This year it was just as massive, with cars as common as a Camry and as uncommon as a Citroën DS. Over 2000 cars are in attendance and this year so was one teardrop. Over 2 large box trucks were filled with toys at the end of it and many thousands of dollars raised additionally. We personally managed to fill up half of my sleeping area with toys thanks to my girlfriend's work and my car club. I'm hoping maybe this year TOW members might be interested in a taking up a toy collection at a few of our rallies and possibly making this an official winter event.

Hope you all had fantastic holidays and I know many kids around our region had a pretty good one this year too, thanks to the NWToyRun!

✚ Marty and Katie embody the spirit of the teardrop community. Katie always greets one like a dear friend, even if it's when she meets you for the first time! Such a welcoming smile at a gathering is a comfort to newbies and regulars alike. Marty in a clown outfit at the Tillamook Dairy Parade, jumping out of the car and running around to promote teardropping, is about as dedicated as it gets. These two

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lively individuals make an outstanding contribution to our group and I'm sure they will continue to do so as they have opportunities to sneak away from sunnier climes to join us at future TOW gatherings! Thank you, Marty and Katie, for keeping the teardrop spirit alive and well in the Northwest!---Maureen

Interesting teardrop links:

Teardrop TV

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLEzLJdrxbl&index=5&list=PLm9XAdBO7IalZJvdLCie389EY3qmaEGso>

Chick Built

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-J5Gx6VZzY>

- ✚ Our first Oregon teardrop event was the first Fall Brigade (2008). Marty and Katie greeted us so warmly, introduced to everyone, and became the first members of our Teardrop family. Being transplants in Oregon our teardrop family has been so important to us, we couldn't have done it without you two. Thanks for taking us in. Kirsten and Tom Edwards (& Ryno)

16 days, 3 Rallies, 1200 miles

When I saw that Tillamook, IRG and Moon Over Applegate were on consecutive weekends I decided to make it one long teardrop run, and throw in a little family time, perfect!

Tillamook: I love this rally. It is low key, the venue is very cool, and the parade is a nice touch (especially when TOW wins a TOWPhy as we did in 2014). It rained most



of the weekend except for a few "sucker holes" (times where it isn't raining that makes you think that it might just stop for a while HAH SUCKER!), but we got in some nice time around the campfire. A band came in on Saturday night and changed King of the Road to Teardrops of the Road (Video [here](#), thanks Skip!). Maureen and I picked up some stray teardroppers who had no idea that there was such a thing as a rally let alone that they had stumbled across two in a row and we hauled them back to camp with us. I noticed that even though I had my canopy over the trailer I was getting a lot of pooling right at the edge of the sun roof. After I rigged up a way to stop new water from joining its friends on my roof, I used a pile of dirty clothes to sop up the water. As I was flinging the clothes over the tear a pair of BIG granny panties got away and hung

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up on the cross struts of the canopy. I could not reach them. "Heck" I thought, "no one is coming over here and you can't see them from outside the canopy, I will take care of it when I take the canopy down". Later that day Chad (one of the "kids" that we picked up at Goodwill) came over to my camp and lifted the thing hiding the panties to look at my battery. I am not sure he will ever be the same....

From Tillamook I headed down the coast on a beautiful, clear day. I stopped to get fuel at Coos Bay and a lady started yelling at me as I was getting in the car screaming, "STOP! STOP! Please don't leave yet! I HAVE to get a picture!" While this happens fairly regularly I still jump when people (usually women) start jumping and yelling at me to STOP!!

I stopped at the Brookings Fred Meyer to get gas again (never go into Humboldt County without as much gas as you can get in the tank) and to my surprise there was a teardropper from Kansas. He told me that Mike Perini was staying at Harris Beach, so I decided to stay the night there as well. When I arrived I was across from a RV and the people were sitting outside. I missed my line going into the site and couldn't quite get the turn right. The man across the way was watching but not helping at all. Finally he came across the road and I thought he might give me some guidance. All he said to me was "Uh Lady? Do you know that you have run over that site marker three times now?" I pulled out, made a loop around, and started from a new spot, I got it in the first time, but of course he had already gone in for the night so he didn't know that I am capable of backing up if I start from a "good" spot. After catching up with Mike, (we all know what that really means), I got lost in the campground trying to find my way back to camp, maybe taking a flash light with me would have been a good idea? Suddenly there was a flashlight in my eyes and a man behind the flashlight asking me if I was OK. I said "I am well and truly lost". "What is your site number?" he asks. "A6" I reply, I swear I heard him snort as he shone the flashlight to his left and said "It's right there Lady, do you need help to get the rest of the way?"



IRG: Every two years I return to the land of my birth for the International Redwoods Gathering (IRG). This event is the product of a year of planning followed by a year of rest. In addition to other activities there was a shower demonstration so we could all see how others keep it clean. See the IRG [video](#) by Greg Pang here. This year I had the added bonus of losing my keys. I had to have the car taken out of Pamplin Grove on a flatbed and the trailer towed behind. If you don't have AAA plus RV, stop reading and get it now. It saved me over \$500.00 for this one incident, and I didn't

have to leave the trailer behind while I got the car towed into town, saving me time and hassle. The very cool thing about all of this is how great teardroppers are. When the word got out that I had lost my keys, at

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least 5 groups waited until I was towed out before they left to be sure that I was OK. Grant and Kay were going to leave their borrowed tear behind and tow mine up to my Uncle's house for me, then go back to theirs, but because of AAA Plus we didn't have to do that. How is that for good people? One thing I did notice though, was that when Grant, Brian and Guy were pushing my trailer out of the meadow, Guy had his hands right on the gal on the back's "assets" he claimed that anywhere else was black and too hot to touch...

Moon Over Applegate: If you have never seen the Moon come up over Applegate Lake, put in it your travel plans now. It is an amazing site. Guy Mazzeo is a great host, and his salad is the best ever. Applegate is a very low key event even when those crazy Canadians are there. It was very hot last year, but I went down to the lake most days, and the nights cooled down enough to be comfortable.

- ✚ At the 20th Dam Gathering I went over to talk to Marty and Katie to catch up. When I walked into their camp Marty jumped up and said "M..A..R..R..I..A..N..N..E! Marriane!" I want to make sure I can spell it right!" Good job Marty, that one eludes a lot of people!

Happy New Year 2015 from the PNW Chapter of the Tear Jerkers

By Brian Woods

As the newly appointed Chapter Director for the Pacific North West Chapter of the Tear Jerkers, I would like to take this opportunity through T.O.W., to officially introduce myself.

My name is Brian Woods and I live in Westbank B.C. and am semi-retired.

I am also the Tear Jerkers' B.C. Chapter Director.

My wife Sandi and I are fairly new to the Teardrop Family, finishing our first Teardrop

"Miss Piggy" in 2013.

Since that time, we have become very active in pursuing our new found camping lifestyle.

To date we have logged over 21,000 miles traveling through ten States and one Province, and have spent 104 nights in "Miss Piggy".

I am currently working on my second build "Kermit" which I hope to have completed for the 2015 camping season.



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Sandi and I have enjoyed a good number of Gatherings (both large and small) in our first two years as Teardrop Campers, and have met a lot of wonderful new friends.

In 2014 we had the privilege of hosting the first "Official" Tear Jerkers' Canadian Gathering at our Farm. For us it was our first time hosting a Gathering, and for half of our participants, it was their first time attending one. This event has now become an "Annual Event" to be known as the "Farm Gathering" and will be held July 16 -19th in 2015.

As a Tear Jerker Chapter Director it is my mandate to bring like-minded campers together and to coordinate events that will promote the hobby in our area.

And although there seems to be some minor confusion as to where that area may be....? I have signed on to work with fellow Teardrop Campers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, as well as my home Province of B.C.

It is my hope to get "All" of the Teardrop Organizations in this region, to "Work Together" in getting the word out about any and all upcoming events. Forming a network that will assist both new and old Teardrop enthusiasts with keeping informed.

This joining of the clans, as they say, is "Not" an attempt to have "Everyone" in one club or group. But will be an opportunity for individual Teardrop campers to attend the events sponsored by those other groups and or belong to more than just one club or group.

It has been brought to my attention that there has been a large number of Tear Jerker members from the PNW, that have joined, but never followed up by posting on the Tear Jerkers Forum. Thus, in a clean-up this past fall were "Deactivated".

As the TJ Forum is a little slower Forum than the TnTTT Forum, our members just quit going there. This only makes the Forums even "slower"!

Being an active member on both of these Forums for the past 3 years, I have come to know them, as a great place to get information on almost every subject related to the building and use of Teardrop Trailers. And find myself using them daily as a communication tool to keep in touch with my new Teardrop Friends! This being said; it is also my intention to invite as many of you to either come back to the Tear Jerkers & TnTTT Forums, or try them out for the first time!!

They are FREE and there are no obligations! And it is totally your choice to either "Lurk" or "Actively Post". IT IS ALL IN THE NAME OF GOOD COMMUNICATION.

A second goal of mine: is to create a PNW Membership Roster (we have one for our B.C. Chapter already) that can be sent via e-mail to the entire membership as it is updated along with a very short newsletter. For further information on this or to get on that Roster, please go to the Pacific North West Chapter section of the Tear Jerkers Forum, read my post, and PM me your information.

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Another upcoming Tear Jerker sponsored event I have been working on with some other PNW Teardrop Campers for 2015, is a "Crawl Across Hwy. 20" scheduled for Sept. 11 – 20th. This will be a Teardrop Caravan heading from West to East from the Coast over the scenic Cascade Mountains, through the Okanagan Valley, and on out to the end of Hwy. 20 at the Idaho border. There will be a loose travel format with some planned and unplanned stops along the way, with set Campground destinations for each night of the Crawl. Group meals and activities will be planned on the fly by the "Participants" There will be "No" Registration Fee, but there will be a sign up list to assist us in making campground reservations. The dates scheduled reflect the actual days it will take to make the one way journey across Hwy. 20, but the actual time required for this event will more realistically be two weeks. As the participants from the East (Idaho & Montana) will need to get to the Western starting point by the Sept 11th and the participants from the West (Western Washington & Oregon) will have to return home after Sept 20th. The entire route can be easily driven in one day, but it is hoped that Crawl participants will camp their way over or back via an alternate route.

So.... Lets' get "Something" or "More" happening here in our Great North West in 2015!

Please contact me with any questions or event suggestions you may have....I am here to assist you!

Good Roads

Brian & Sandi woodysrods@shaw.ca or (250) 768-1912 daytime Beware! I am long winded!

- ✚ The first time I met them was at Tillamook gathering, where I parked next to them and got to know them a bit, listening to their stories and about their teardrop. They both made me feel welcome and Marty helped me set up my canopy and got me power. They both are a great couple and my prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery for Katie. Hope to see you both at the next gathering! Bob

Rumor has it

By Nancy Bagley

Rumor has it that the Bagley's have bought a "teardrop". The question is why and what are they going to use it for? To dispel rumors the answer to the purchase is true. To someone who was skeptical of teardropping at first and especially when Steve was building it, it has opened a whole new world of friendships and activity. We bought the teardrop down in Arizona this year. It is a "Little Guy". We bought it used from someone in Arizona. It is five foot wide and is very basic. It only has a queen size mattress inside with limited storage. We bought it with the hopes of traveling around the United States with our car. We do not always want to stay in motels/hotels. The teardrop will provide an economical way to see some sights that only "teardroppers" can. We have not tried it out yet but are hoping to partake in an event in Arizona before we embark on our trip. Hope to see you down the road this summer. Also additional information- We still have our Airstream and look forward to camping in it at Vintage Trailer events.

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✚ We first met Marty and Katie at our first teardrop outing near Castle Rock, Washington. From the onset of our meeting, one could tell that these were a welcoming couple with many interests. They made you feel right at home. We appreciate the time and effort they have made to build the teardrop community, be it hosting different events to providing communication to fellow teardroppers via newsletters. TOW would not be what it is today without Marty and Katie. Memories are many. I found it interesting that Marty would practice mushing on the Sand dunes in Oregon. He showed a video at a Gorge gathering. Katie has a joy for life and it is evident that she enjoys adventures. As a couple, the organization and self-service they have given to the teardrop community is appreciated. –Nancy Bagley

You can't actually sleep in that thing can you?

By Richard Baize

Back in the spring of 2010, Cindy and I were just beginning to think about teardrops, and had actually never seen one. Our interest was really based on convenience and comfort; we wanted a more civilized way to camp, and we wanted a better place to keep our gear. To us, camping was almost not worth the work involved to pack, unpack and deal with the mess.

In early April, I was scouring Craigslist and found an ad for a couple trying to sell a partially completed teardrop for \$300.00, so I went to the gun safe, pulled out \$300.00 and went for a ten minute drive into the hills west of Phoenix, Oregon. I pulled the Honda Element into the courtyard of a small vineyard, and Patrick met me by the barn. Inside the big door, I found a Harbor Freight 1900 pound capacity trailer with the axle already set back, spring perches inverted and the (now) familiar Kuffel Creek Cubby silhouette already built in 3/8 plywood and standing upright. Scattered about were more bits and pieces like windows a few 1x2 fir sticks and a poorly printed set of Kuffel Creek plans for the trailer. The vineyard owner, the son of a once famous Hollywood actress, said that he had stopped construction when his wife informed him that they were having twins! Money changed hands and, after securing the plywood sides so that they wouldn't fly away on the drive home, I drove away with my new project. It was so light; I kept checking the mirrors to make sure it hadn't fallen off the hitch on the way home.

I invested a few hours reading the manual and made my list of parts to buy, and although the plans were great about recommending hardware store parts, I felt I needed some things that were more specialized. This is the point where the sun rose on the incredible world of teardroppers.



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As good fortune would have it, I started at the top of the teardrop hierarchy and made my first call to the Grand Master himself, Grant Whipp, the owner of Li'l Bear Tagalongs. After a quarter century of teardrop construction and part sales, there was nothing he didn't know about the project I was undertaking. This phone call was the beginning of not only a tremendous business relationship, but also one of the most treasured friendships I have had the pleasure to experience. Soon enough, my boxes of trim and vents, and door handles and other goodies had arrived.

The instruction book was well laid out and very easy to follow, and that, coupled with my years of experience with all things mechanical, ensured that within a couple of months, our Cubby was on the road to its first campout. Other than choosing to omit the on board icebox, I'd followed the plans page by page, and with Grant's sage advice, it had turned out really nice. Cindy and I took the trailer up to Howard Prairie Lake and spent two very comfy nights in our little trailer, and we were hooked. Later that year, we watched the full moon rise over Applegate Lake along with a new group of the best friends you can imagine at Guy's gathering near Jacksonville, Oregon.

Since then, I've built two more teardrops from scratch, one a 5x10 Modernistic, and one a 4.5 x 10 hybrid Modernistic, and as soon as I am done typing this, I'm going back into the garage to start T4. This trailer will be different in every aspect, designed from the ground up to incorporate everything I've learned from all our new friends in the teardrop community. Will T4 be the perfect teardrop? I don't think the perfect teardrop exists. Will it be the last one I build? Not a chance.

- ✚ In June, 2014, we found ourselves leaving the Trask River Gathering near Tillamook, Oregon, caravanning with Katie & Marty to the IRG in northern California. As we neared the bridge north of Coos Bay, Marty took a quick right off Hwy 101 and, as we had been forewarned, John followed close behind. My initial thought was "Marty knows a shortcut", then after a bit, "I think we are lost". Marty & Katie, however, knew where we were headed as they took us into the Horsfall Beach Campground. Here we stopped for a lovely picnic while watching children "snowboarding" down a sand dune (who knew?!), and Katie & Marty shared fond memories about their dog sledding days. It truly is about the journey. Thank you Katie & Marty for sharing this journey with us. John & Denise Casseday

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Ideas in Pictures



I did not know this! Outdoor use. flies HATE pine-sol. Mix it with water, about 50/50 and put it in a spray bottle. Use to wipe counters or spray on the porch and patio table and furniture Drive them away!



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- ✚ Fall Brigade 2013. The rain was coming down sideways, so everyone was in the lodge chatting or playing cards. Denise Cassaday had brought Skip Bo, and about 8 of us were playing. Marty stopped by our table and asked what we were playing and someone said Skip Bo. Marty got a funny look on his face and asked again. This time Brian Woods said "STRIP BO" Marty looked surprised and left the table to go get some wood for the fire. When he came back in Brian and Grey Pang had taken off their shirts like they had lost a hand at "Strip Bo" Marty's face was priceless!

Fall Brigade 2014

This year's Fall Brigade was defiantly NOT a Rain Brigade. The weather was great! Our group was big enough that we had to move to the other lodge across the grass, and while it is not as quaint, it does have a fireplace, lots of seating, and a walk-in refrigerator. Friday night's taco soup and appetizer pot luck was a big hit. On Saturday there was a road trip to Teardrops Northwest where we were shown



their new facility and as well as their CNC machine. That night, after the amazing pot luck and Dutch Raffle, there was a silent auction where all proceeds went to support TOW. Thanks Matt and Karla for the donations and Clint for his purchases. The weather was clear enough for a nice sit around the fire(s) chatting with friends. If you have not seen Steve's Pirate Ship teardrop, be sure to check out the gallery at teardroptrailers.org. After breakfast on Sunday morning we said good bye to our fabulous TOW friends, new and old, as well as to the 2014 TOW season.

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2015 Event Details

February 7 12:30, Federal Way Old Country Buffet, Washington

Washington Plate Lick Lots of choices and no clean up! This year's mid-winter buffet will be held at the Old Country Buffet in Federal Way.

1816 360th St, Federal Way, WA

12:30 PM, \$9.50 per person (all ages), which includes use of room, beverages, and tips

February 22, Albany Oregon

Albany Mid-Winter Potluck Gather at Noon and Eat at 1:00 PM. As always we have room for you to park. See you there... Glenn & Laurie Anderson

DIRECTIONS

To get there, exit # 233 off I-5 heading to US Hwy 20 West. Drive about 0.5 miles until you come to Waverly Drive. At that point, turn Left and go 1.2 miles until you come to Grand Prairie Rd. Turn Right. Go another 0.4 mile and turn Left onto Chicago. This street dead-ends into a cul-de-sac, so go to the end and look Right. You will see a barn in this mostly urban neighborhood. It's grey with white trim and a black roof. The barn address is 2656 Chicago St, Albany, Oregon. If you have any trouble finding it, the number at the barn is **541-967-3479**. Glenn's Cell is **541-619-2179**. They will send out a search party! Laurie would like a head count, so please give them a call or drop them an email if you plan to attend.

March 5-8 Apache Junction, Arizona

Tear Jerkers Arizona Spring Clean Gathering Time to shake out those CABIN FEVER BLUES and no better way than gathering together with a bunch of like-minded folks in teardrop or vintage travel trailers. This will be our third shot at putting together a Tear Jerker event. So here is all the information needed to get prepared for the Spring Clean, 2015.

Location: Lost Dutchman State Park, 6109 N Apache Trail, Apache Junction AZ

Directions: From 60, go north at Idaho Rd, which becomes Apache Trail and follow to the state park

Camp Fees: \$17.00 per night and can be paid at the gate

Campground contact info: <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/loDU/index.html> We will be at the group camp site. There are no individual plug-ins however there is power at the Ramada if you need to charge any appliances, water is available at the Ramada too. There is also newly built bathrooms with showers. We will

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have coffee for everyone in the mornings, a fire to take care of any early morning chill or evening coolness. Saturday will be a pot luck at 5:00 pm. I will be posting additional information as we get closer however if anyone has any questions please feel free to post up. As I said earlier, this is only our third organized event (and I use the term organized very loosely) and we welcome any suggestions or ideas.



March 26-29 Lake Perris, California

Fourth Annual Teardrop time gathering at Lake Perris SRA, 17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA, 92571. Prepare your teardrops and join us for a teardrop only gathering in Southern California. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner Saturday evening at 5:00. Camping fee is \$23.00 per night, to be paid in advance by March 6, 2015 with registration form and \$28.00 per night after March 6, 2015 with registration form. Each site has

water, electric, table, and fire-ring. For a registration form, please visit the website for full details: <http://teardroptime.weebly.com/>

April 16-19 Pahrump, Nevada

Spring Fling @ Pahrump Come join the NV TearJerkers for our annual Spring Fling. This year's will event will be held at the Wine Ridge RV Park, in Pahrump, NV. Nearby is Death Valley, and 55 minutes from Las Vegas. A waffle breakfast is available on Friday morning courtesy of the winery. Please bring your own coffee cup. Wine tasting Thursday -Sunday.

The Pot luck will be served at 3 pm in the club house on Saturday April 18th.

The Jacuzzi will be warmed and ready for us to use. There is a billiard room, pickle ball courts, and horseshoes available for our use.

All sites include water and electric 30 & 50 amp. Flush toilets and showers are available near the campsites. WiFi is also available. Please bring own folding table and chairs. Picnic tables are only in the common areas near the activities.

<http://www.wineridgervresort.com>

Reservations should be made directly with Winery Ridge. The cost per night is \$ 22 per site.

For those who do not want to camp there are cabins available to reserve. The cost is \$70-90 per night.

One night deposit is required when making the reservation. The reservation code for the event is SPRING FLING. Please call 775-751-7805 and ask for Lynn.

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April 18-19 Portland, Oregon

2nd Annual Tiny House Conference Every year I put on a conference about Tiny Houses, which are very small homes built on trailers. A lot of the people who are into tiny houses, also happen to love tear drops! I was looking to have a few tear drops come to our event to show and talk about them with folks attending the conference. We are willing to pay mileage (within reason) and offer a free ticket to the conference.

There is a lot of overlap of design between tiny houses and tear drops since they are typically wood structures built on trailers and have similar setups in terms of water, heating, cooling, electrical, etc. I figure this would be a good place because I meet so many people who like both.

Anyway, we'd love to have some of you attend. If you have questions you can email me directly Ryan [at] thetinylife.com or apply at <http://tinyhouseconference.com/bring-a-tiny-house/>



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:

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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 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 22-25 Stevenson, WASHINGTON

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

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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 11-14 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](#)

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, 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.

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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

June 19-21 Niagara, CANADA

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

June 19-21 Roslyn, Washington

Roslyn Vintage Trailer Gathering Join us for the 6th annual Roslyn Vintage Trailer Rally hosted by Kim Ross! Arrive anytime Friday after 10am and leave by 4pm Sunday. There will be a Saturday open house and "swap meet" outside your trailers. This is dry camping no water or power. Very limited garbage service. The pack it in, pack it out rules apply. There will be a donation required to attend to cover insurance & permits.

Please plan on joining us for a great weekend! Please invite your friends!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1575079762723348/>



June 26-28 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 Girl Scout camp along the Trask River. TOW has participated in the parade for the last two years, and in 2014 won a TOWphy (trophy). Randy and Riki Gottier 503.842.5609 rikigottier@yahoo.com

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[Registration Form](#)

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July 2-6 Marblemount, WASHINGTON

Vintage Trailer Gathering 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)

[Sign up form](#)

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 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](#)

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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:** Google Hart-tish Campground



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 21-23 Gaston, Oregon

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 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. [Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info](#)

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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://siskiyountycamping.blogspot>

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.

September 11-13 Lynden, Washington

Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally Our 2014 event was a huge 171 trailers. How can we top that? It will be hard for sure, but we will give it a shot. Cost of the 2015 event will be \$20.00 per night and a rally fee of \$15.00. Power and water are available for most everybody. Bathrooms, showers, and an RV dump station are on site. Pets are allowed as long as they are on a leash. We will have our Saturday morning swap meet again and our Saturday open house. Official dates are September 11 – 13, but you can arrive as early as Tuesday the 8th. Other details and activities will be listed later. This rally is held at the Fairgrounds in the beautiful little Dutch town of Lynden, Washington which is about 20 miles North of Bellingham. [Facebook Page](#)

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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 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.

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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
- Making your bed if the raffle team notices
- Paying early
- Walking around
- Telling a good joke
- Telling a bad joke

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 2-4 Champoeg Park, Oregon

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

November 12-15 Pahrump, Nevada

Grape Turkey 2.0 Come join the Las Vegas Dutch Oven Enthusiasts and NV Tear Jerkers for our annual Grape Turkey 2.0 This year's will event will be held at the Wine Ridge RV Park, in Pahrump, NV. Nearby is Death Valley, and 55 minutes from Las Vegas.

A waffle breakfast is available on Friday morning courtesy of the winery. Please bring your own coffee cup. Wine tasting Friday and Saturday. The Pot luck will be served at 2 pm in the club house on Saturday. The Jacuzzi will be warmed and ready for us to use. There is a billiard room, pickle ball courts, and horseshoes available for our use.

All sites include water and electric 30 & 50 amp. Flush toilets and showers are available near the campsites. WiFi is also available. Please bring own folding table and chairs. Picnic tables are only in the common areas near the activities. <http://www.wineridgervresort.com>

Reservations should be made directly with Winery Ridge. The cost per night is \$ 22 per site.

For those who do not want to camp there are cabins available to reserve. The cost is \$70-90 per night.

One night deposit is required when making the reservation. The reservation code for the event is Grape Turkey. Please call 775-751-7805 and ask for Lynn. Let me know if you are attending so that I can have a running count of trailers. We have a max space of 60 sites.

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2015 Event Calendar

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

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
February 5-8 Lake Havasu, Arizona	<u>1st Annual Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	A gathering of vintage trailers along the beach, a potluck on Sat. evening, coffee in the morning at the group area	Fees are \$18.00 per night camping, \$5.00 per trailer for rally fees. jra@cnw.com for reservations
February 7 Federal Way, Washington	<u>South Seattle Winter Plate Lick</u>	Reconnect after the long winter	12:30 pm on Saturday February 7th at Old Country Buffet in Federal Way 1816 South 320th Street, Federal Way, WA 98003
February 22 Albany, Oregon	<u>Oregon Winter Pot Luck</u>	A chance to reconnect and get ready for the season in Albany	Glenn & Laurie Anderson 541-967-3479 Glenn's Cell 541-619-2179
March 5-8 Apache Junction, Arizona	<u>Tear Jerkers Arizona Spring Clean Gathering</u>	Shakedown event to get ready for summer	AZ State Parks
March 26-29 Lake Perris, California	<u>Lake Perris Gathering</u>	Teardrops only	http://teardroptime.weebly.com/
April 18-19 Portland, Oregon	<u>2nd Annual Tiny House Conference</u>	Teardrops are invited	Ryan at thetinylife.com or apply at http://tinyhouseconference.com/bring-a-tiny-house/
April 16-19 Pahrump, Nevada	<u>Spring Fling @ Pahrump</u>	Wine Ridge RV Resort	775-751-7805 and ask for Lynn

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April 30-May 3 Lakehead, California	<u>The 22th Dam Gathering of the Tears</u>	Now an official JSC TearJerkers event	http://www.antlersrvpark.com More info from info@teardrops.net or by calling 530-242-6452
May 15-17 Union Gap, Washington	<u>Central Washington Agriculture Museum Antiquities Faire</u>	Union Gap (Yakima) Washington, open to teardrops AND vintage trailers	http://centralwaagmuseum.org/ Email Doug Clark
May 22-25 Stevenson, Washington	<u>5th Annual Gorge Gathering</u>	A Great Way to kick off the Summer! Let's make this the biggest event in the Northwest	Jim & Joyce Bailey 509-427-5835 jcbailey@gorge.net Registration Form
June 11-14 Unionville, Nevada	<u>Twain and Tears</u>	On the grounds of a shack where Mark Twain lived while prospecting in the boomtown of Unionville	PM Debbie Pontius (nevadatear) on Facebook for more info
June 12-14 Creswell, Oregon	<u>Creswell Campout</u>	A good time with good friends	Larry Boehme 541-895-2754 larrycadt@yahoo.com
June 19-21 Roslyn, Washington	<u>6th Annual Roslyn Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	Swap meet with vintage stuff!! And "open house"	Facebook Page
June 19-21 Niagara, Canada	<u>Border Crossing gathering</u>	A long way from the Pacific Northwest, but what stories would come from this one	Facebook Page
June 26-28 Tillamook, Oregon	<u>3rd 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

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July 2-5 Marblemount, Washington	<u>Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	Fourth Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken jra@cnw.com Sign up form
July 16-19 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA	<u>B.C. Canada Chapter TearJerkers' B.C. Canada Gathering</u>	At the Woods Family Farm.	TearJerkers Forum woodysrods@shaw.ca or Brian Woods (250) 768-1912
July 17-19 Garibaldi, Oregon	<u>Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi</u>	Held at the Old Mill Conference Center and RV Park	RSVP to Bob 503 314 8055 Make reservations @ Old Mill Reservations
July 31-2 Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million dollar view	guymazzeo@gmail.com
Aug 7-9 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 7-9 Bend, Oregon	<u>Bend Classic, Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The same weekend as a HUGE car show in Bend	Dal Smilie Email Dal
August 21-23 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info
August 21-23 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 WA State Reservations
August 28-30 Tacoma, Washington	<u>Le May</u>	An annual event on the grounds of the LeMay Museum	Pat and Jan Estes registration form: LeMayRegistration Contact Information opasgang@yahoo.com ,

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August 28-30 Callahan, California	<u>Jefferson State TearJerkers at Kangaroo Lake</u>	Beautiful setting on a clear mountain lake	kayperkay@msn.com Tearjerkers Forum
September 11-13 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 Facebook Page
September 11-21 Northern Washington Along HWY 20	<u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u>	Drive and camp with the NW TearJerkers along Hwy 20 in Washington	http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=113&t=6694 woodysrods@shaw.ca or Brian Woods (250) 768-1912
September 19-21 Union Gap, Washington	<u>Trailers and Tractors the Sequel</u>	Union Gap (Yakima) Washington, open to teardrops AND vintage trailers	http://centralwaagmuseum.org/ Email Doug Clark
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*Oct 2-4 Salem, Oregon	<u>3rd Champoeg Park Rally</u>	This one will sell out early	Contact Ralph or Sherry Hall http://www.rovt.org/events.htm Reservations at ReserveAmerica.com
November 12-15 Pharump, Nevada	<u>Grape Turkey 2.0</u>	http://www.wineridgervr.esort.com	775-751-7805 and ask for Lynn The reservation code is Grape Turkey

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