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## From the editor

Towline #50? Really? Yes, here we are, and just in time for our spring edition. There are some great rallies this summer, and we need to mentally stop and thank our hosts.

### **THANK YOU HOSTS and HOSTESSES!**

I really want to call out the event in Union Gap (Yakima) May 15-17. There is a LOT going on at the Agricultural Museum that weekend, including Kids Fiddling show and lots of displays of vintage farm equipment. They have a working sawmill on site, and the grounds are beautiful, grassy, and treed. That time of year the weather can be pretty wet over here in the valley, but that area is practically guaranteed to be at least dry, if not sunny. I am sure it is cold at night, but propane fire pits can take care of that. See more info in the event details section. The Ag Museum has a [Facebook site](#)

Another New event is Sunsets and Crabs at Garibaldi in July. This one runs the same weekend as the TearJerkers 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Canadian Gathering, so if you are not planning to go to the great Northland, be sure to check out this event.

If you haven't gotten your registration in for the Gorge Gathering there are links in this issue, and you are running out of time. Vintage and Tiny trailers are invited to the Gorge Gathering and Powerland as well, so those of you that are no longer teardropping can attend too! There are lots of other events so this issue is your chance to plan your summer.

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## New trailer fenders seen at GoodGuys

**By Marty Boehme**

I was wandering around the more than 2000 classic cars being shown at the Scottsdale, AZ Goodguys event when in the swap meet area I stumbled onto a new enterprise centered in the Phoenix area. It was a guy selling a teardrop shaped Mullens-type trailer. He sells it as a kit.

His fiberglass trailer body has a lid that hinges up in the front. It is about 4.5 feet long and 4 feet wide. He builds it on the 4 X 4 Harbor Freight (sometimes called Hobo Fright) trailer chassis. His sample at the swap meet was carpeted inside, an extra that the new owner of his kit can add. It comes with all the lights, wiring and lift hardware for the teardrop-shaped lid.

However, the most intriguing thing I saw were his own fiberglass fenders for which he has made molds. They come in two models. One is like the Grant Whipp style that is universal and can fit on both sides of the trailer. He has an expansion form where he can make a pair of wider fenders for wider tires. He told me that he was not satisfied using fenders already on the market, so he copied a motorcycle fender had has a small ridge feature running the length of the fender. That feature gives them a very "cool" look.

Another feature is his use of the teardrop tail lights from the '38 – '39 Ford. They are placed sideways below the bottom of the lid. Another option at this point in time is that you can order the trailer as a complete build model.

This business has only started in January of this year 2015. So it's in its infancy. The website is [www.glass-action.com](http://www.glass-action.com) at 928-420-1296 Phoenix area time.

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## First adventures of a second generation Teardropper

**By Heidi Church Lakewood, WA**

My teardrop trailer has been a “work in progress” for longer than I care to admit, but the real work started in July 2012. After unexpected delays and complications, Dad and I set a deadline: a sleep-able trailer by Memorial Day Gorge Gathering 2014.



Are we gonna make it? That was the question on our minds as Dad and I worked to get my trailer road ready. We

had our trials and issues but we made it!! (Sort of) It was nowhere near done but at least my trailer was weather resistant enough to sleep in with a BBT (big blue tarp) as insurance! I had even purchased a mattress for my trailer before there was a cabin to sleep in so I was ready when the cabin was enclosed. As I pulled out of the driveway on that rather damp Friday morning, I was excited and ready to camp. We hadn't finalized what I wanted to use as edge trim yet and the doors were not sealed yet, so it was sealed for the trip to Stevenson with heavy duty packing tape/masking tape. We attracted even more attention with 2 trailers at the local gas station, on the road and every stop we made. My mom laughed at me as I was bouncing in my seat chanting “I'm going camping! I'm going camping!” I don't think I had been that excited about camping since I was little and the idea that I was towing and sleeping in my new trailer was even better. Even if it wasn't ready to sleep in I was bringing the teardrop. That first weekend getting to sleep in my trailer was probably one of the best camping weekends I have had in a long time. I have always enjoyed tent camping and after watching my parents enjoy their teardrop, I couldn't wait to build one too. Now that it's in progress I can hardly wait to finish it. You can only really enjoy sleeping on an air mattress in a damp tent for so long! Sleeping in my teardrop was HEAVEN! I slept better that first night than I ever have on a trip. I was very comfortable, warm and dry. I have attended 3 of the last 4 Gorge Gatherings and several other events as a member of TOW. I have always felt like part of the group but that weekend cemented it for me. I finally got to give tours of my own trailer and say “Yes, I am building it (with help). Even though I have no power, shelves or real galley (yet- all are in the plans) I can't imagine camping any other way in the near or far future. My next adventure was towing it south to Sisters, Oregon for my family's annual reunion. The look on my cousin's face when he bet me that I couldn't back it in and then

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watched me do just that with only a little adjustment made me feel great. I told him “Just tell me I can’t do something and then watch me do it anyway!!” We had a great reunion and when it was time to pack up and head for home I had to step in and tell my uncle that yes I can hook up my own trailer. I got it all hooked up and ready to go. GO ME!

Adventure number three was the Ocean Tears Gathering at Ocean City State Park. I really had to do the entire hook up myself as I was heading out a day after my parents left for the same event. It wasn’t as easy as I hoped it would be but I was very proud of myself as I headed out for that weekend and enjoyed a relaxing beach weekend. I wished it lasted longer, but back to reality I went. I would love to tell you more adventures, but those are yet to come. My trailer is very much a work in progress, with exposed insulation on the inside and random drafts at night, but I don’t think I could have waited any longer to use it. On every adventure I’ve had so far, my faithful “fur baby” Mallory has been right there with me. She also prefers the teardrop to tenting. I can only imagine the adventures that are waiting for us. I have all kinds of ideas for my first long trip out once the trailer is done, hard to pick just one!

## Looking for a cool way to fasten your shelter to your tear?

**By Marty Boehme**

Years ago, I built a “privacy shelter” that attached to the doorway to our teardrop’s sleeping cabin. The shelter provides a way to get dressed in the morning while sitting in the doorway. Dressing horizontally inside can be a real task!

I built a frame for the shelter using half-inch PVC tubing. It was first attached to the side of the tear using bungee cords. I wrapped the cord around the frame’s bottom and fastened it to the trailer frame underneath. All well and good - except I had to crawl under the trailer to complete the task.

When I remodeled and updated my tear, I happened to come upon what’s called a “robe hook” that’s available at any of the DIY big box stores. It’s a one piece “two-hook” thing that’s supposed to mount on a wall so that you have two hooks to hang clothes on. I found that when you mount the hook vertically, it accepts the half-inch round PVC tubing easily by just banging the tubing in place. Now, when I get my shelter frame ready to attach to the side of my TD, I just “clip” the tubing to the robe hook that I installed near the bottom edge of the trailer. It looks real cool because it’s made of bright stainless steel.

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## Back to the world of stooey-crawly

**By Carol Seifert**

You were asking why I was returning to the crawly world after my adventures in the world of standy. Well, they are varied and many. I do love both. My short chunky loaf of bread trailer, Little Betty, is awesome to be sure, and it will probably take me a bit to decide to sell her. But I got to thinking that gee, I have never cooked inside Little Betty, why do I need an inside kitchen. I also got to thinking that it would be awesome to have my trailer at home with me, inside the garage, rather than at some storage facility down the road that I have to pay rent to every month. Little Betty is too tall for my garage. Also, I just love the look of the little teardrops. Having had one before I know exactly what I want and don't want. I want a simple thing of beauty. Not a lot of bells and whistles. That zen-like "less is more" thing. I found Mike LaCroix at O-Rama trailers and after visiting his place in Olympia to see the trailers being made, decided it was time to take the leap back. I may take Betty out a few more times on a farewell tour, but then I will likely be finding her a new home. I'm back!



## The Ken Austin Car Collection – Tour at Fall Brigade

**By Marty Boehme**

Our Fall Brigade special attraction for 2015 will be a tour of the Ken Austin Car Collection. This collection contains vehicles that the Austin family has actually owned. All are very vintage with perhaps the oldest being a Ford produced before the famed Model T. It is so fragile that even Ken is not allowed to sit in it.

One of the more modern cars is the actual official Queen's Court 1939 Ford convertible used in Portland's Rose Parade. There are quite a few other Fords too. You will see the actual Street Rod that Ken constructed in high school. Nowadays it would be called a "Rat Rod". His interest in cars carried over from high school into his studies at Oregon State College. Of interest to all "gear heads" is a cut-away of Ken's invention of fuel injection system for a six-cylinder engine. Ken constructed this innovation while still in college.

The collection numbers about 30 vehicles. We've arranged for Ken to be our tour guide. He has a wealth of information about cars in general and is an entertaining host as well. This tour is something special to look forward to.





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flyer and information if this is something you would be interested in. It would be great to have your group there this year. Contact: [lynnkirwan1@comcast.net](mailto:lynnkirwan1@comcast.net)

*Editor's note: While this is not a campout, it would be a great way to help the vets and show off your tear, especially if you have a vintage car. If you want to get a group together please contact Lynn, she is looking for someone to "wrangle the tears"*

## A Great Arizona Teardrop Gathering

**By Marty Boehme (roving TOW Line reporter)** Well, Katie and I just returned to our Tucson home from a GREAT gathering sponsored by the Arizona TearJerkers Chapter. The head guy, Mike Kitchen from Kingman had everything arranged at the Lost Dutchman State Park (located just east of Phoenix). We saw old friends from the three previous gatherings we attended last year as well as made new friends that camped near us in the gathering's overflow "annex".

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It's amazing that everyone is so friendly. You don't have to worry about joining a group of teardroppers that are visiting in camp. Instead of driving off to see other nearby Arizona sights, we stayed in camp all day Friday and Saturday meeting and greeting other campers.

The park is in the shadow of what is called "Superstition Mountain". The peak rears out of the ground about a half mile from camp and reaches many hundreds of feet into the sky. In fact, we are so close to its west side that the sun takes a long time to reach camp after daybreak. We are in the mountain's shadow for a couple of hours. Looking west from camp, you can see sunshine on all the mountains in the distance. The mountain is just awesome, looming over the park and looks very steep and rugged. We can see specs that are humans climbing its western slope. Like last year, when it got dark you could see lights from climbers who didn't make it all the way down before sunset. Like last year, we had a mix of teardrops and vintage trailers as well as two modern RV's brought by old-time teardroppers who no longer can handle a small teardrop, but did not want to miss out on seeing old friends from past teardrop gatherings. They were just as welcome as if they still were towing their "Icons" from the past. Of the 33 units attending, 19 of them were teardrops. The rest were vintage tiny travel trailers (sometimes called "walk-ins"). It was an interesting mix of manufactured teardrops and "home-builts" with 90 percent being built by their owners.



We had one couple who purchased a new Airstream, but like the other two RV'ers, didn't want to miss out seeing old friends. So Ken, put a hitch on your '36 Oldsmobile and join us with your new retro walk-in. After hosting the Carnation Fourth teardrop gathering for 10 years, you sure qualify to join this great group of Arizona teardroppers.

Of interest was a couple that attended last year, went home and in a year built their own. Seeing it, I thought of Danny, because it had Danny's stove located in the same place in the galley. The owner told me he spent three weeks polishing it. It just gleamed!! It was so very bright and beautiful. Another interesting happening was from a Pennsylvanian Snow Bird that mentioned that in the mid 1990's, he bought a teardrop from Oregon from someone who had my same last name. It was one of Larry's Tears. He uses it in the East during the summers and has a small "crawl-in" trailer he uses during the Arizona winters. We're sure looking forward to our next Arizona teardrop gathering.

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**Tow member's pirate ship trailer makes the cover of Cool Tears magazine** [Cooltears.com](http://Cooltears.com) Joining the likes of Miss Piggy (built by Brian Woods), Steven and Deb Price's pirate fantasy teardrop made the cover of Cool tears, a largely digital magazine dedicated to Teardrops and tiny campers. You can sign up and have it delivered to your email box at the link above. Be sure to check your junk mail if it doesn't show up right away as it ended up in my junk folder first and I had to tell my email client it wasn't. Funny how "opportunities" from Nigeria make it through the filter, but teardrops get flagged? I am baffled.



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## This tribute to Marty and Katie didn't make it in last time

✚ Ken and Marty Masden

Marty and Katie are fantastic people... They have been most influential in many of us being introduced to the teardrop trailers and as a result making life-long friends. Our shared love of teardrops and tiny trailers has been the one thing that we have in common with many of coming from very different walks of life. We have become a "family of friends" as a result. Marty started the TOW line which was (and remains) the glue that keeps us together... We pour over it both savoring the articles often featuring our friends (many of which were written by Marty or Katie) and have used it extensively to plan our summer trips (although always remembering to double check the dates) ... Marty also met with the LeMay folks years ago now and got the wonderful event there going. Most all of us have enjoyed camping at LeMay and enjoying their fantastic collection all as a result of Marty and Katie's work year ago. Marty also does the PowerLand event and puts in long hours volunteering at the fine museum(s) there. Even though we were almost broiled alive there one year when it was so hot, we always enjoy the event and museum(s). Here's to a long, happy and healthy life for Marty and Katie! Ken and Marty Masden

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## 2015 Event Details

### 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 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 4-6 Near Brooks Oregon, Champoeg State Park

**A Low-key, no-host get-together** So far there's 3 teardrops that will be camping in the lower part of the A campground at Champoeg State Park Oregon, This is a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

We decided the Dam Gathering was way too far to travel so we will be camping together there.

Champoeg is a beautiful park with hiking and biking trails and private room coin operated showers.

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It's a no host (no one is in charge of anything & we want to keep it that way) pay for your own campsite through <http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/champoeg-state-heritage-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=OR&parkId=405213>. If anyone is interested they should bring along a canopy as it more than likely will rain. We plan on having at least one pot luck at someone's teardrop. Also we will respect the 10PM no noise curfew that the park has.

## 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 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.





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## 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.

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## 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 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). Randy and Riki Gottier

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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](mailto: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

**ANTIQUE POWERLAND**, If you want to see our great country's past, the place to visit is Antique Powerland. It's located about six-miles north of Salem, Oregon. TOW will be hosting a campout for teardrops and TTT's the first weekend of August during the great show put on by all of Powerland's 16 vintage-style museums during the two annual Steamup weekends.

You want to see engines as big as a small house? There are a couple on display. They are owned by those who are "tinkerers" challenged by getting these very antique engines to run! Also, on shaded grassy areas, there are many very small engines used in the "old days" on rural farms before electricity to power washing machines, water pumps, corn huskers and anything needing power to make the farmer's life a bit easier. These engines are puffing and chugging away all day long with the chance to visit with their owners of this very unique hobby.

One thing you will see is the remains of a Portland factory that made "drag-saws" which were replaced by the modern chain saws used today to cut logs and firewood. This factory is powered by a "line shop" that was created during our country's industrial revolution. Usually a waterwheel was used to power a long shaft located in the factory's rafters. All the machines used to make the drag-saw parts were powered from above via wide belts. A replica of this shop has been built at Powerland.

Ever wanted to know how lumber is made? Powerland has a steam-driven sawmill that spectators can see cutting logs into rough-cut lumber right before your eyes. Attached to this sawmill is another line-shaft shop used to drive woodworking machines. It's still under construction.

There are many individual museums to visit. John Deere has one, So does Caterpillar. A trolley or train museum? Powerland has both. With Oregon producing the nation's first big trucks that could scale our western state's challenging mountain passes it's natural that the Pacific Northwest Truck Museum is at Powerland.

But, best of all, you can visit the car and motorcycle museum whose grassy show field is used by TOW for the campout. This museum features a large display building, a vintage 1930's Texaco gas station as well as a shop devoted to "high-risk" high school students who build Model T "speeders". These kids develop and learn the various crafts of metal, wood and fabric used to build these cars.



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Every day, there is a parade of steam-tractors, vintage gas tractors, trucks and cars. Usually, the US Army has their stuff on display and are part of the parade. The parade lasts about an hour with spectators sitting in shaded stands.

With many food booths on the grounds, you never run low on food or beverages during the time it takes to wander around from one place to another. TOW campers can buy a good breakfast every day. Our Saturday BBQ is the highlight of us getting together as a group. This year, you will also see along with our collection of vintage trailers is the Larry Boehme Aeroflot, a 1930's trailer replica he recently completed.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!** Official Event of the Tear Jerkers Pacific North West Chapter.....Sept 11 to 20th. This is a Teardrop Tour across scenic Hwy. 20 in Northern Washington from West to East. Tentative schedule is as follows:

- 11th & 12th Lynden at the Vintage Trailer Rally
- 13th Baker Lake, Swift Creek Campground
- 14th & 15th Winthrop, at Pine Near Campground
- 16th Conconully, at State Park
- 17th Bonapart Lake, Forestry camp or RV park TBA
- 18th Curlew Lake, State Park
- 19th Lake Gillette, Beaver Lodge
- 20th Optional night...Beaver Lodge or other destination TBA.

\*Note: Itinerary is subject to change.

The format of the Crawl will be relaxed and simple. Participants can travel in groups or by themselves enjoying the many sites and attractions along Hwy. 20 (list and brochures will be made available) Campground activities and meals (pot lucks etc) will be decided daily by the participants. Participants may join in for as many or as few nights as they choose. Campgrounds have been booked for group use at a group rate. Camping costs will be divided equally by the number of Trailers and collected each night. REGISTRATION, There is No Registration Fee, but we ask that you get your name on the Registration list posted on the Tearjerkers Forum or the TnTTT or e-mail Brian Woods at woodysrods@shaw.ca 250 768-1912

We look forward to a very successful turn out and anticipate this "Crawl" to become an Annual event featuring a different route each year!



## 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)

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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](http://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 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. Remember to bring your outdoor extension cord if you need power.

Our Fall Brigade special attraction for 2015 will be a tour of the Ken Austin Car Collection. This collection contains vehicles that the Austin family has actually owned. All are very vintage with perhaps the oldest being a Ford produced before the famed Model T. It is so fragile that even Ken is not allowed to sit in it. One of the more modern cars is the actual official Queen's Court 1939 Ford convertible used in Portland's Rose Parade. There are quite a few other Fords too. You will see the actual Street Rod that Ken constructed in high school. Nowadays it would be called a "Rat Rod".

His interest in cars carried over from high school into his studies at Oregon State College. Of interest to all "gear heads" is a cut-away of Ken's invention of fuel injection system for a six-cylinder engine. Ken constructed this innovation while still in college.

The collection numbers about 30 vehicles. We've arranged for Ken to be our tour guide. He has a wealth of information about cars in general and is an entertaining host as well. This tour is something special to look forward to.

Friday night there will be 8 can Taco Soup and an Appetizer Pot Luck, followed by good times in the lovely lodge. Saturday, after spending time in Aurora, going to the Ken Austin car collection, both, none, whatever, there 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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➤ Making your bed if the raffle team notices

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- Paying early
- Telling a good joke
- Walking around
- 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](mailto: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
April 16-19 Pahrump, Nevada	<u>Spring Fling @ Pahrump</u>	<a href="http://www.wineridgervr.esort.com">http://www.wineridgervr.esort.com</a>	775-751-7805 and ask for Lynn
April 30-May 3 LakeHead, California	<u>The 22th Dam Gathering of the Tears</u>	Now an official JSC TearJerkers event	<a href="http://www.antlersrvpark.com">http://www.antlersrvpark.com</a> More info from <a href="mailto:info@teardrops.net">info@teardrops.net</a> or by calling 530-242-6452
May 4-6 Champoeg State Park, Oregon	<u>No-host get-together</u>	Make your own reservations on A Loop	<a href="http://www.reserveamerica.com">http://www.reserveamerica.com</a>
May 15-17 Union Gap, Washington	<u>Central Washington Agriculture Museum Antiquities Faire</u>	Union Gap (Yakima) Washington, open to teardrops AND vintage trailers	<a href="http://centralwaagmuseum.org/">http://centralwaagmuseum.org/</a> <a href="mailto:Email Doug Clark">Email Doug Clark</a>
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 <a href="mailto:jcbailey@gorge.net">jcbailey@gorge.net</a> <a href="#">Registration Form</a>
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 <a href="mailto:larrycadt@yahoo.com">larrycadt@yahoo.com</a>

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June 19-21 <b>Roslyn,</b> Washington	<u>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Roslyn Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	Swap meet with vintage stuff!! And "open house"	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1575079762723348/">https://www.facebook.com/events/1575079762723348/</a>
June 19-21 <b>Niagra,</b> Canada	<u>Border Crossing gathering</u>	A long way from the Pacific Northwest, but what stories would come from this one	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/782090621852124/">https://www.facebook.com/events/782090621852124/</a>
June 26-28 <b>Tillamook,</b> 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 <a href="mailto:rikigottier@yahoo.com">rikigottier@yahoo.com</a> <a href="#">Registration Form</a>
July 2-5 <b>Marblemount,</b> Washington	<u>Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	Fourth Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken <a href="mailto:jra@cnw.com">jra@cnw.com</a> <a href="#">Sign up form</a>
July 11 <b>Beaverton,</b> Oregon	<u>Veterans Cruise In</u>	Benefits the Salvation Army and Veterans affairs	<a href="mailto:lynnkirwan1@comcast.net">lynnkirwan1@comcast.net</a>
July 16-19 <b>Okanagan Valley,</b> B.C., CANADA	<u>B.C. Canada Chapter TearJerkers' B.C. Canada Gathering</u>	At the Woods Family Farm.	<a href="http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=113&amp;t=6694">http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=113&amp;t=6694</a> woodysrods@shaw.ca or Brian Woods (250) 768-1912
July 17-19 <b>Garibaldi,</b> 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 @ <a href="#">Old Mill Reservations</a>
July 31-2 <b>Applegate,</b> Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million dollar view	<a href="mailto:guymazzeo@gmail.com">guymazzeo@gmail.com</a>

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Aug 7-9 <b>Brooks,</b> Oregon	<u>Antique Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme <a href="mailto:towteardrops@comcast.net">towteardrops@comcast.net</a>
August 7-9 <b>Bend,</b> Oregon	<u>Bend Classic, Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The same weekend as a HUGE car show in Bend	Dal Smilie <a href="#">Email Dal</a>
August 21-23 <b>Gaston,</b> Oregon	<u>Wapato</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	<a href="#">Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info</a>
August 21-23 <b>Ocean City,</b> Washington	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page- Ocean city state park	Steve Gaydos <a href="mailto:sggaydos@charter.net">sggaydos@charter.net</a> Kevin Nickel <a href="mailto:knickel@hotmail.com">knickel@hotmail.com</a> <a href="https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx">https://secure.camis.com/WA/Home.aspx</a>
August 28-30 <b>Tacoma,</b> Washington	<u>Le May</u>	An annual event on the grounds of the LeMay Museum	Pat and Jan Estes registration form: <a href="http://www.teardroptrailers.org/LeMayRegistration.PDF">www.teardroptrailers.org/LeMayRegistration.PDF</a> Contact Information <a href="mailto:opasgang@yahoo.com">opasgang@yahoo.com</a> , <a href="mailto:jln4deafkids@hotmail.com">jln4deafkids@hotmail.com</a>
August 28-30 <b>Callahan,</b> California	<u>Jefferson State TearJerkers at Kangaroo Lake</u>	Beautiful setting on a clear mountain lake	<a href="mailto:kayperkay@msn.com">kayperkay@msn.com</a> <a href="http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=10&amp;t=7193">http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=10&amp;t=7193</a>
September 11-13 <b>Mt Baker,</b> Washington	<u>Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally Come as early as the 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Morrow 253-431-9709 or <a href="mailto:maxandchip@aol.com">maxandchip@aol.com</a> <a href="#">Facebook Page</a>
September 11-21 <b>Northern Washington</b> Along HWY 20	<u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u>	Drive and camp with the NW TearJerkers along Hwy 20 in Washington	<a href="http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=113&amp;t=6694">http://www.tearjerkers.net/new_forum/viewtopic.php?f=113&amp;t=6694</a> woodysrods@shaw.ca or Brian Woods (250) 768-1912

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September 25-27 <b>Mulino,</b> Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade</u>	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park	Fall Brigade Team <a href="mailto:fallbrigade@teardroptrailers.org">Fallbrigade@teardroptrailers.org</a> <a href="#">Registration Form</a>
*Oct 2-4 <b>Salem,</b> Oregon	<u>3rd Champoeg Park Rally</u>	This one will sell out early	Contact Ralph or Sherry Hall <a href="http://www.rovt.org/events.htm">http://www.rovt.org/events.htm</a> Reservations at <a href="http://ReserveAmerica.com">ReserveAmerica.com</a>
November 12-15 <b>Pharump,</b> Nevada	<u>Grape Turkey 2.0</u>	<a href="http://www.wineridgervr.esort.com">http://www.wineridgervr.esort.com</a>	775-751-7805 and ask for Lynn The reservation code is Grape Turkey