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From the editor

At the Gorge Gathering (see more about that later in this issue) I was presented with a plaque celebrating the 50th edition of the TOWLine and dedicated to me. I was flustered and a little embarrassed, but also very proud and thankful. While I was raised better (sorry Mom) I totally forgot to thank Maureen McGuinness for all of the edits of the editor, Amy Fuger for mailing (you wouldn't get this if not for her) and, of course, everyone who sends in articles, pictures, videos, and other things that help us have a healthy newsletter as well as website. We are so successful that I am already getting calendar events for 2016! As of this writing we have four full page advertisers, and 193 Facebook members, seven in the last week.

Call them "Custom Built"

By Marty Boehme

Hi again - I just learned something that will affect all owners of teardrop trailers that were constructed by the owners. For insurance purposes (ask Allen Nelson) it is better to call the self-built teardrop as "CUSTOM BUILT". So, we should be calling our copies of the icons of the past "custom-built". I will be making out my Antique Powerland Campout list of attendees having a "Custombuilt". Everyone should trash/get-rid-of/not use/delete the term "Homebuilt" from now on.

It is important that when an insurance settlement is in the works, the Custom-Built term has more importance than the term Homebuilt.

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Tree carnage at Elks Park

Last winter a big tree fell on the kitchen building at Elks Park, home of the Fall Brigade. The building and the adjoining storage/bathhouse were demolished. When I went the Elks Park for my birthday weekend I saw the damage and learned that they expect to have the building and kitchen back up and running by the last weekend in September, Fall Brigade weekend. Since then Matt Hackney and Marty have both been out to see the damage and Matt went out to help with some of the demolition.

By Marty Boehme

I took the time to drive out to Elks Park this AM. Sandy saw me wandering around and greeted me as an old friend. I was told that the entire structure will be torn down. The kitchen stuff will be saved. However, there are plans for a new walk-in cooler. The new structure will include a cover over the cement slab on the West end. In that area, there will be stage for special events.

The building plans have been completed. The contractor who will be doing the work has told Sandy it will take less than a month to complete!! Good news for the Fall Brigade. One thing I did not ask about was the fireplace. It probably will be saved.

The only thing that is holding up the construction start is for Clackamas County to finish reviewing the plans and issuing the building permits. Everything will be per current codes/specification. They expect to be done by the end of July and ready for Fall Brigade with a new kitchen.



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Marrienne Byrd honored for her accomplishments

By Marty Boehme – TOW pater

At the 5th Gorge Gathering held over the 2015 Memorial Day Weekend, our editor of TOW's quarterly newsletter was honored and recognized for her accomplishments since volunteering to edit the TOW Line these last few years. It was also a celebration of the 50th edition of the TOW Line.

The recognition was engraved on a crystal plaque with the TOW cartoon logo as the heading. Below our TOW logo was inscribed:

MARRIANNE BYRD
in recognition of
your innovation and excellence
as Editor of the TOW Line
Congratulations for the 50th issue
April 2015

WOW!! Accomplishments are many! She has edited articles sent to her and taken the time and effort to embellish the text with photos and images found on the internet. A GREAT addition to any story! Another feature added to make the TOWLine, a great information source for teardroppers the world over, are things like; adding camping hints, campout recopies, new camping products and tools needed to make towing and setting-up a teardrop trailer easier for its owner. All these things makes our TOWLine a great newsletter for everyone.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Marrienne's work is the compilation of all of the events held all over the west coast of our United States. It is professionally presented in every issue of the TOW Line. This schedule has sometimes been called the "glue" that holds teardropping in the Pacific Northwest together. It is a tedious effort that is also part of Marrienne's recognition to help support the costs of software, internet and e-mail distribution services, Marrienne had worked closely with teardrop vendors who are linked to the TOW website [TOW Advertising Page](#). She has helped them construct an attractive presentation of their product. It is a GREAT and inexpensive sales tool for these vendors who pay a quarterly fee.

We have to remember that Marrienne took over the editorship from another editor. That was Gretchen Stahmer-DeMoss who volunteered to single-handedly publish a much improved TOWLine from its 2002 feeble beginnings. The platform which Marrienne inherited was much better than issue number one.

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Gretchen also deserves a GREAT thank-you for keeping the TOW Line going with additional features it never had before.

So, let us all remember that when Marrienne calls for feature articles for the TOWLine, let's send in a story of a campout, travel routes, ideas, your construction updates, campgrounds, best rest stops, parks visited, etc., etc.

Puget Sound Mid-Winter Plate-Lick

by **Trudy Glassett**

About 40 TOW members and guests gathered February 7th for the annual "Plate Lick" at Old Country Buffet in Federal Way, WA. So many of us are old friends so it was difficult to decide where to sit! But new "friends" came and were definitely welcomed and were included in our conversations. TD (and other-types-of-trailer) owners came from around the state to share a meal and discuss the upcoming camping season. As Pat Estes read through the calendar, those with experience at past events gave their input and encouraged others to attend. The events which were new were also discussed and several mentioned attending those.

We had such a great time, that no one even thought about taking photos until very few were left! Thanks to Pat and Jan Estes for again arranging for us to eat and meet once again. If you were unable to attend, watch the TOWLine for the date next February.

Albany Mid-Winter Pot Luck

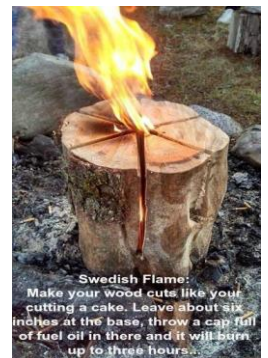
Every year Glenn and Laurie Anderson open their shop area to TOW for our mid-winter pot luck in Albany. The last two years it has been the same weekend as the Newport Wine and Seafood Festival, so I get to make a loop and do the things I like the most all in one weekend. This year we had about 20 people, with all of the things TOW is known for; good food, good friends, and fabulous hosts. Glenn has a wonderful collection of cast iron as well as a Scooby Doo DJ Microbus. Glenn read through the events listing for 2015 and the hosts that were there got to talk about their events.

Gadget

Rumor has it that you can get one of these logs pre-made at Home depot. But if you want to do your own:

On the long grain of the wood

1. Make your wood cuts like you are cutting a cake.
2. Leave about six inches uncut at the base.
3. Throw a cap full of fuel oil in the center and it will burn up to three hours.



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5th Annual Gorge Gathering

The 5th annual Gorge Gathering boasted over 60 trailers in attendance, with very little rain. The Gorge Gathering is open tiny trailers as well as teardrops, and the fiberglass trailers were well represented as well as an Airstream and a 1964 Red Dale travel trailer. Jim and Joyce Bailey put on a great show as always, and even though Joyce had hurt her knee the week before and was in obvious pain, they managed to feed the greater than 110 people in attendance 3 nights and breakfast every day!

As with any trip to the gorge the wind was whipping and a few canopies made their way to the dumpster. Mine managed to hold up, but a couple of the screws that hold the top on the canopy managed to work their way out, thanks to all that helped me get them back in! There were lots of campfires and catching up from the long winter.

Activities included BINGO, a movie, and carnival games that were a hit

with all ages. In the area there is great hiking and the steelhead were spawning under the bridge in the creek. The local shops and restaurants were happy to see us. We had a couple of frequent flyers that drove out for a day stay, and a teardropper who was biking the gorge for the weekend stopped by on her bike to say hello.

Marty presented me with a plaque commemorating the 50th edition of the TOWLine, see more on that elsewhere in this edition.

Over at my camp, Sam the wonder dog came to visit, and as we sat close to the flames of the fire pit we were treated to an aria of intestinal issues that left us horrified for the dog, and giggling like 12 year old boys. The next morning "Someone" admitted to Matt that Sam had actually been the victim of a remote controlled fart machine gag. Apparently "Someone" felt bad that Sam had taken the brunt of their gag, and they felt the need to confess lest Sam be forever blamed for a Pavarotti performance for the ages. (BTW "Someone", I know who you are, and no Matt did not tell me, your past exploits left you flapping in the wind!

Greg Pang has done another fabulous video click here [Gorge Gathering Video](#).

Creswell Gathering

Larry and Zelma Boehme open their fabulous property to teardrops and tiny trailers (with approval) the second weekend in June. This year as in the past Larry set up a scavenger hunt as well as a treasure hunt. The scavenger hunt was to find different coins with presidents on them. The coins were hidden in the field where the trailers were parked, technically "out in the open" (that seems to mean something a little different to Larry than it does to some of us). One of the coins was in the privy! All any of us would have to have done is look up. Another was in a tree, but the sun shined just so on it and gave away the location.

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After the coins were found the winners looked up information for each president on the coin and gave us a little history lesson. It was very cool.

Everyone was a winner as Larry gave away hand-made wood objects de' arte to all that attended, beautiful boxes, napkin holders, and walking sticks were just some of the great goodies we all got to pick from.

Function4Junction car show

By **Mary Corrington**

The Function4Junction car show is held the last Saturday of May each year in Junction City, Oregon. All the money made is used for scholarships for local high school students. All the workers are volunteers. They only give awards for the vehicles, not for trailers or teardrops, and the vehicles must be pre 1976 and show worthy.

I had shown there the two previous years and each time won 1st in the stock truck category. This year I brought my teardrop and set up a display to showcase our teardrop fun.

I had a tremendous response from the public and lots of folks expressed an interest in this kind of camping. Most were surprised as to how much sleeping room there was (queen sized bed), and asked about prices and places to buy one. (I think I was put into the role of teardrop ambassador!)

Since I didn't have my Coleman stove displayed, the biggest question was "Where is the stove?". I even caught a lady trying to open the back cabinets and drawers looking for it! I told them I left it home but that it sat on the shelf attached to the right side of the counter.

There were 3 vintage/classic vehicles with 3 teardrops there and one very nice vintage canned ham. The red teardrop is an original one built in 1936. I love the ice box that you can see on the right side of the kitchen.



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CLEANING HOUSE OF CAMPING STUFF - ASAP

By Marty Boehme – TOW pater

If you see an item you want to buy, please call Marty at [503-997-8425](tel:503-997-8425). Will sell before Aug 8 G-sale. Prices are negotiable. Remember, I live in Tigard, OR just south of Portland.

- 1 – Shade chairs (qty 2) with attached awnings. In a green bag. One is damaged a bit. At \$7.5 each
- 2 – Gallon size H2O clear plastic container with dispensing spout/handle. Have 2 at @ \$1.50 each
- 3 – 2.5 Gal just like above but bigger @ \$2.50
- 4 – Coleman propane lantern in broken plastic case. Needs new thing that lights up.
- 5 – Old fashioned Coleman white-gas stove. A collector's prize. Ask and I will give you a model number.
- 6 – 10 X 10 canopy cover. Good to cover stuff with to keep off dust. Free
- 7- 5 gal insulated water jug with dispensing bib at bottom. Just handles to carry it with - \$4.00
- 8 – 4 gal Styrofoam rectangular ice chest with lid - \$2.00
- 9 – 5 gal Round Coleman insulated liquid container with dispensing bib. Has handle with wheels to tow with - \$5.00.
- 10 – 3 gal aluminum cook pot with two handles - \$1.00
- 11 – 2 gal Rubbermaid insulated liquid container with pouring spout in lid. Bail-type carrying handle. – \$2.00.
- 12 – Coleman camp shower. Bag solar heated - \$2.00
- 13 – Pole bag with tying strings. 5 ft long – \$2.00
- 14 – 4 gal insulated Coleman water jug with bottom bib handle - \$4.00
- 15 – 5 gal Rubbermaid ice chest with folding lift handles - \$4.00
- 16 – Blue canvas folding camp chairs with bags. Have 2 - \$5.00

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About 162,000 U-Haul Vehicle Trailer Hitches Recalled

WASHINGTON — May 23, 2015, 4:01 PM ET

AP

About 162,000 trailer hitches sold at U-Haul outlets are being recalled because of weak steel that could cause the parts to break.

The recall, announced Saturday, covers two types of hitches made by Wisconsin-based Curt Manufacturing between July 2014 and January 2015 and sold under the "U-Haul Power Tow" brand. They were sold only at U-Haul stores and online.

Curt Manufacturing said a Chinese company, Shandong Jiyang Machinery, changed the way it cleaned steel during the hot-rolling process, reducing the steel's strength.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that if owners don't also attach safety chains for the trailers, the defective hitches could mean a trailer breaking away from the vehicle towing it.

The TS1 and TS2 hitches are rated to tow trailers weighing up to 7,500 pounds, but can break near the maximum load, according to a recall report posted on the highway agency's website. The agency said no injuries or property damage has been reported to the manufacturer.

Curt Manufacturing will notify owners and replace the parts free of charge, according to the highway agency.

Geico ad with a teardrop and ZZ Top



<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gGWW8QCrx8M&feature=youtu.be>

A teardrop in Batman (shows up at about the 2 minute mark)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsJYz-Kbut8#t=478\41>

Found by Grant Whipp

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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.

Recipe Reprinted from yellowblissroad.com



One Pan Cheesy Smoked Sausage & Pasta Skillet

Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
 - 1 lb Hillshire Farm Smoked Turkey Sausage, sliced
 - 1 cup diced onion
 - 1 Tbsp minced garlic (about two fresh cloves)
 - 2 cups Chicken Broth
 - 1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes
 - 1/2 cup milk or heavy cream
- 8 oz dry pasta (any small pasta will do)
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper, each
 - 1 cup shredded Cheddar-Jack cheese
 - 1/3 cup chopped scallions, for garnish

Instructions

1. Add olive oil to a 4-5 quart sauté pan over medium high heat. Add onions and sausage and cook until lightly browned. Add garlic and cook for about 30 seconds.

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2. Add chicken broth, tomatoes, milk, pasta, and seasonings. Bring the mixture to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to low. Simmer for about 15 minutes, or until pasta is tender.
3. Turn off the heat and stir in 1/2 cup of cheese. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top and cover for about five minutes to allow cheese to melt. Top with sliced scallions and serve.
4. Makes about 4 servings.

Craft

For teardroppers, when folks come to have a look it is all about the bed, that is the first thing that they see and it takes up the most space. Gretchen Gaydos has made a quilt that takes the prize. Add a stunning cover for a pull down shelf, and there is a real TOELine. *That one never gets old...*



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2015 Event Details



June 26-28 Tillamook, OREGON

Trask River 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 Campfire Girls 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

[Registration Form](#)

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



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July 17 – 19 Garibaldi, OREGON



Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi at the Old Mill RV and Event Center. Campsites are \$20.00 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

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



July 31–August 2 Brooks, Oregon

ANTIQUÉ 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.

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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.

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.

[Registration Form](#)

More information at <http://www.antiquepowerland.com/html/steam-up.html>

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

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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](#)

August 21-23 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

Ocean Tears Ocean City state park. This is a no host event; you make your own reservations. Just come out to the beach and have fun with other teardrop and vintage camp trailer folks. On Saturday evening we get together and have a potluck dinner. Don't forget to bring your kite. Make your reservations early so you don't miss out. Reservations can be made 9 months in advance. We will be in loop 4

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



August 28 – 30 Callahan, CALIFORNIA

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

<http://siskiyoucountycamping.blogspot>

August 29 – 31 Tacoma, WASHINGTON

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. [Registration Form](#)

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

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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](#)

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!

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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 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.

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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
- 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
[Registration](#)

October 2-4 Champoeg Park, Oregon

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

November 5-8 Lake Havasu, Arizona

Havasu Round Up At the Rodeo Ground, 7260 Sara Parkway Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

All vintage trailers come and join us at the Rodeo Grounds for a fun camp out, all vintage trailers welcomed, \$10.00 per night camping fee, large BBQ for our group to use. Meet and greet Friday November 6, 2015, 6:00p.m. (in large building) You may bring things to sell in front of your trailer. Dogs are allowed on lease at all times. Showers and restrooms are available. There are great hiking trails all around our camping area. Pot luck on Sat evening, coffee in the morning in the group area. Wear your best Western Gear for the potluck, prize for the best outfit and a prize for the best or unusual decorated trailer. Camping is \$10.00 per night, jra@cnw.com, please reserve , pay when you arrive, Cherri and Mike Aiken hosts (928) 505-2730 from mid Oct until mid may after that our number

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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.

February 4-7 2016 Lake Havasu City, Arizona

2nd Annual Vintage Trailer Campout What to expect, a gathering of vintage trailers along the beach, a potluck on Sat. evening, coffee in the morning at the group area. Meet and greet 6:00pm at the group area on Friday Feb. 5. You may bring things to sell in front of your trailer. Dogs are permitted with leash on (not on the white sand at the beach)

This is a non-hook up campout, dry camping, there will be a plug in to plug in cell phones, etc. Power available for medical devices, limited amount. We will have showers that are unmetered.

For the hikers there is a nice hiking trail within walking distance of our camp out, with fantastic views. Cactus garden at the park.

Nice beach walks.

Sunday large swap meet nearby, starts early.

Fees are \$18.00 per night camping, \$5.00 per trailer for rally fees.

Cherri and Mike, hosts. [Email](#) please reserve, pay when you arrive. (928) 505-2730 from Mid Oct to Mid May after the number is (360) 595-2611 [Registration Form](#)

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2015 Event Calendar

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

| DATE | EVENT | INFO | HOST |
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| 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 Email Registration Form |
| July 2-5 Marblemount, Washington | <u>Vintage Trailer Campout</u> | Fourth Annual | Mike & Cherri Aiken Email Registration Form |
| July 11 Beaverton, Oregon | <u>Veterans Cruise In</u> | Benefits the Salvation Army and Veterans affairs | Email |
| 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 Email 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 |
| July 31-2 Applegate, Oregon | <u>Moon Over Applegate</u> | The parking lot with a million dollar view | Email |
| July 31-2 Brooks, Oregon | <u>Antique Powerland</u> | Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum | Marty & Katie Boehme Email PowerLand Registration |
| 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 |

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| August 21-23 Gaston, Oregon | <u>Wapato Showdown</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 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 opasang@yahoo.com jln4deafkids@hotmail.com |
| August 28-30 Callahan, California | <u>Jefferson State TearJerkers at Kangaroo Lake</u> | Beautiful setting on a clear mountain lake | Email 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 Email Facebook Page |
| September 11-21 Northern Washington | <u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u> | Drive and camp with the NW TearJerkers along Hwy 20 in Washington | TearJerkers Forum Posting Brian Woods (250) 768-1912 Email |
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