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From the editor

2015 was a year of growth for TOW. The Gorge Gathering and Fall Brigade posted their highest number of attendees ever, the Facebook group has over 250 members, and this publication goes out to over 600 subscribers! We now have six builders that advertise on teardroptrailers.org.

There are some changes in the teardrop world as well, Jefferson State Tearjerkers has a new Director (more about that later in this edition). Welcome, Lydia! The Dam Gathering is changing under Lydia's leadership and is now the Shasta Lake Gathering, same location, same weekend, see the events section for more details. Moon Over Applegate is looking for a new host, or co-host, more details later in this edition.

There are a few events that do not have dates yet, but I am sure we will have them by the time the Spring edition goes out (late April), but the events page always has the latest information. A link is located on the teardroptrailers.org homepage.

If you do not already have one, now is a great time to get ready for all of those new people you are going to meet in 2016 and order a new name tag ([how to order instructions here](#))

Progress at Elks Park

By Marty Boehme, your TOW Pater

We had a chance to tour the building site at our TOW Fall Brigade teardrop camping gathering.

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The structure will have two parts all under one continuous roof. The first part is as large as the original building that includes a kitchen and dining area. The second part is on the west end of the building and is an open area under the roof with a small stage located against the back wall.

We noticed a “notch” in the roof’s eaves on the back side where a fireplace will be placed - just like in the original building. The fireplace chimney will rise above the building at the “notch” location. The general construction is like a “pole” building with large pressure-treated supporting posts set in concrete. Trusses are in place with a finished metal roof installed. Not much is left to finish the building’s “first” phase. The next phase will be pouring the concrete floor and the foundation for the fireplace. Then the inside will be insulated, wired and plumbed before sheet rock is finally nailed in place. It will be a GREAT place for camping gatherings.

Interested in Jefferson State (Northern California, Southern Oregon) Events?



The Jefferson State Tearjerkers has a new Director, Lydia McElroy! She has set up a facebook page for all of your Jefferson State needs.

[Click Here for their Facebook Page](#)

Powerland Steamup 2015

By Nancy Bagley Teardrop and Vintage trailer rallies always bring opportunities for new adventures. This year’s Powerland 2015 campout continued to



carry out this tradition. Steve and I went to the Powerland campout as novices. We found it to be a very “hot” event in more ways than one! Marty and Katie were great hosts of the teardrop/vintage trailer event. They provided an ice cooler of bottled water for campers and on Saturday, with Dan Fuger’s help, they barbequed hamburgers with salads and cookies for dinner. 22 people attended the event.

It was amazing how many demonstrations, events, and museums were in one place! There were a couple of swap meets going on within the event. Vendors provided everything from household antiques to vehicle parts. There was even a building of vendors selling their art. We were fortunate to view the truck and vintage car museum. We were able to experience the parade of antique tractors and military vehicles. It was interesting to see how early tractors were powered with steam and needed to be stoked with wood to run. After the parade there was a tractor pull event. We also viewed a demonstration harvesting wheat with steam machines. We had a delicious homemade ice cream cone which was made by utilizing steam machines and pulleys.

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We found that we could not experience Powerland in one weekend. We heard each that year Powerland is becoming a bigger event. We plan on going back. It will give us the opportunity to experience “early Americana” as well as visiting with old and new friends. We recommend this event to everyone!

TOW Name Badges

Save someone from calling you Tina when your name is Julie. Nice hard, plastic name badges are available for ordering. They use a strong magnet rather than a pin to attach to your clothing. You need to supply your first and last names and your home town. Cost per badge: \$8.50, Shipping: U.S. MAIL (packaging & postage) \$5.00

Send all email requests for badges to

Attention Terry: (weigel123@comcast.net)

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

LeMay 2015

By Mary Church



The 2015 LeMay Campout was interesting in several aspects. Shortly after the beginning of August, Jan Estes called and asked for our help. It seemed that Pat was needing to have some knee surgery, and it was scheduled right before the campout. Jan told me that everything was ready to go, but would Roger and I just take over the hosting duties that weekend so she could focus on Pat and his recovery?

We were happy to do what we could, and said yes, of course, we would take on the job of hosting. Then Jan said that they really needed to step back from hosting in the future, and would we consider taking on this event. GULP! That needed time to digest before we could commit! Campout weekend arrived with a bang...or a whoosh rather, and a downpour! Then another downpour! Followed by wind! The weather certainly didn't want to cooperate with us! But 12 to 15 hardy TOW members braved the weather and came out to set up on the lawn at Marymount.

Trudy and Rod Glassett got a lot of questions and great comments about their unique Oxygen trailer. Not many people had seen it, so it was a treat to have them there. Newcomer Allen Laudenslager also joined us. It was his second campout with TOW, having been to the Trask River Gathering in June, but he had never been to LeMay. He set up his home-built woody next to us, and we had a great time chatting about his build and some great stories he had to share.

Saturday morning was rainy and windy, so the crowds were considerably thinner than what they have been in the past. The weather moderated somewhat by mid-morning and the rain slacked off, but the wind really

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kept us watching. At one point there were branches coming down by the place we had parked our extra car, and I decided to move it out from under the trees. Just a few minutes later we heard a cracking noise, and then a sickening “thump!” A good sized branch came down right on top of Dan Fuger’s trailer and hit the galley hatch. Dan was off at his volunteer post, so we sent word to him that he really out to come take a look at his trailer. It made a lot of noise, but fortunately the damage was minimal, and Dan said he would be able to repair it without too much trouble. Thank goodness no one was standing there at the time.



A few brave souls decided to spend the night Saturday night, and although it was damp and chilly everywhere, at least we had a few hours without rain. Most of the group went to dinner in Parkland at Farrelli’s Woodfire Pizza, and had a great time eating and talking with the group. Jan came and gave us an update on Pat’s recovery, and we passed along our get-well-soon wishes to him. Returning to Marymount, there was time to sit and chat by the warmth of a couple of propane heaters, and then off to bed to get warm and some sleep time. Then came Sunday morning, and time to pack up, say our goodbyes, and head for home to dry everything out! Looking forward to hopefully better weather next August!

By the way, Roger and I decided that hosting that event wasn’t too difficult, and assured Jan and Pat that if they would mentor us, we would take over the hosting duties for LeMay. I know that all of you who have been to this event and have helped out where ever needed, will continue to do so in the future. Sign-up and more information will be in the next edition of the TOW Line.

Tractors and Tears

By Mike Burch Teardrops and Tractors event was fantastic! The camping area was awesome with manicured grass and plenty of shade trees. The tour of the farm museum (17acres) given by Doug was very informative and fun. Weather was absolutely perfect. We met some new people including Dave and Maria in the maiden voyage of their just-completed teardrop. We definitely enjoyed the wine and cheese tasting around the campfire. Doug once again provided informative and authoritative entertainment concerning each wine, chocolate, and cheese. Kate and I would highly recommend including the farm museum camp out on your calendar next year.

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TearJerkers Fall Crawl

By Brian Woods

I would like to report that it surpassed all of our expectations for a new and untried event here in the Pacific Northwest.

Upon departure day we had officially signed up 15 teardrop trailers (14 of which actually participated in this year's event).

This alone was seen as a major feat for a 1st ever event that took place over a full 10 day period and covered a great many miles.

We managed to have participants from Washington, Idaho, Montana, & B.C.

The entire Crawl consisted of 9 nights in 7 different Campgrounds going from the West coast of Washington across scenic Hwy. 20, ending in Post Falls Idaho.

We started on the Pacific West Coast participating in a Vintage Trailer Rally in Lynden Wa. where we spent 2 nights. There were a total of 9 teardrops in for the first night and 11 the second night. From there we traveled to our 3rd night destination at Swift Creek Campground on Baker Lake where we had reserved a group loop. After picking up 2 more Crawl participants in Sedro Woolley, our number had grown to 13 for our night at this beautiful campground.

The next day we traveled over the scenic Cascade mountains, stopping at many of the lookouts and points of interest along the way, before arriving in the Western Theme town of Winthrop in the Methow Valley. There we stayed 2 nights at the Pine Near Campground just a short walk from town. Campground owners Anna & Glenn made this stop very affordable for us and have a wonderful campground facility. There were 13 of us for the first night and 12 for the second (we had lost one participant after Baker Lake but gained another at Winthrop before losing another participant on the second day) * Please note: We did not really lose anyone on the Crawl....some had to leave us along the way due to other commitments!

For night number 6 we traveled over to the Okanogan Valley to Conconully State Park where we were seriously outnumbered by the deer in the camping area, but we did have 12 trailers stay at this beautiful campground.

After saying goodbye to 2 more of our group we had a short drive the following day which took us thru Tonasket Washington, where we all enjoyed a tasty Mexican lunch at Rancho Chico's (Sandi's favorite restaurant in all of Washington State) then on to Bonapart Lake where we stayed in a majestic rustic setting of a Forest Service campground right on the lake. Most participants said this was their favorite campground of all!

After a night of laughter in the 30 ft. teepee-styled tent that Inman's had brought with them, we left for

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Lake Gillette east of Colville Washington. Ten of us arrived at a prearranged Beaver Lodge where we set up camp right on the waterfront.

We had a wonderful dinner in the Lodge, then Larry Inman took us for an evening Pontoon Boat cruise thru 3 of the lakes in this 4 lake chain. It was a clear cool crisp night with a wonderful moon.

The next morning we said goodbye to 2 more of our group before heading out on the last official leg of our journey to Post Falls Idaho, where we were greeted by other Teardrop Trailer and Car enthusiasts at the 1st annual Phuddy Duddy Car, Bike, and Vintage Trailer Show.

In all we had 8 trailers that made the "Full" pull, and 20 wonderful people attending this year's Fall Crawl! Each location and each night offered us something different, as we got together for our nightly campfire (propane, due to the Fire situation that was just ending in the area of the Crawl).

We had potluck dinners, community breakfasts, wine & cheese nights, dinners out, happy hour afternoons (some well spent time making "Montana Margaritas in the newly purchased \$4.00 Binford 600 Pro Blender) and shared many interesting stories with our new found Teardrop Friends. I am sure some lifelong friendships were established during this event and some new outlooks on life were formulated along the way.

For those of us that organized the 2015 Fall Crawl, I am sure we all came away satisfied that it was a successful and worthwhile adventure into Teardrop Camping, due to the enthusiasm shown by all of those that attended. 100% of which said they would be back next year and go "Wherever" we wished to lead them!

After suggestions and input from the 2015 group, tentative plans are already in the works for the 2016 Fall Crawl.

Hope you will consider putting us on your 2016 Camping Schedule!

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Brian & Sandi

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Fall Brigade

By Allen Laudenslager

I was on the Fall Crawl with a group from the Tearjerkers and decided that driving all the way from Post Falls Idaho back to Renton WA, then down to Mulino would be the long way around. I camped a few days on my own and then went down on Thursday September 24th to spend an extra night. Miss Piggy showed up the same night along with several other new friends from the TOW group.

The gathering was large enough that we filled the grassy area on both sides of the clubhouse and while I tried to make new friends it was impossible for me to meet everyone.

Friday afternoon, the 25th, as the teardrops started arriving we started gathering around one of the portable propane fire rings to share some snacks before dinner and make new friends or greet old ones. Dinner Friday night was a group feed with a marvelous Taco soup provided and appetizer-type potluck items.

The Elk's Park clubhouse seemed quite large but once people started finding places to eat dinner it filled up fast. I won a Coleman propane lantern and a scissors jack at the Dutch Raffle, both of which I needed. The jack will make a great leveling device since and was on the list of things I discovered I needed during my first summer with the teardrop.

One of the neat things about camping with a group is the side trips that "someone" can suggest. In this case, Marty had made prior arrangements for us to see the Ken Austin private car collection.



New Director of Jefferson State TearJerkers

By Lydia McElroy Director just sounds so formal... How did I grow up enough to be deemed



"Director"? Wowza...

Well... Many of you know me as Ladybug, some know me as Lydia. I've been part of the teardrop world since I built my tear back in 2006 for my Senior Project in High School.

I have a fulltime job with limited vacation, so I'll be a little more limited on range and time for gatherings. First off will be the Shasta Lake Gathering (replacing the Dam Gathering) April 28th – May 1st, 2016. Second on my list of "to do's" is the biggest Yard Sale Event of the Year! I know many of us are junkers, hoarders, opportunist... or "collectors". This is the weekend where almost everyone in Scott Valley (Etna, Fort Jones, Greenview, Callahan and all the ranches in between) open their yards, barns, garages to offer up their

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stuff. Everything from door knobs to tractors, vintage bed frames to new toys. It is the ultimate yard sale extravaganza! I'll be working with Etna to procure the park campground. No showers, but there are flush toilets and running water. Soon as I work out details with the city, I'll put them out through the Jefferson State TearJerker facebook, TearJerkers forum and Tnttt. If you're not into yard sale-ing, the Pacific Crest Trail is only 8 miles out of town, as are many spectacular views, several lakes that are ½ mile or less strolls through the woods, or just hanging in the campground and watching the ruckus of the yard salers will be plenty of fun.

If anyone has suggestions for more gatherings in the Northern California/Southern Oregon area, shoot me a message! My email or facebook are typically the fastest way to reach me

lmcelroys@hotmail.com for facebook.com/lmcelroy87.

I am honored to be called Director and hope I can do this seat justice. I won't be able to do it without everyone's support though – so we're all in this together! Can't wait to see everyone at the SLG and beyond!

Silver Falls State Park

By **Steven & Gretchen Gaydos** [Silver Falls Web Site](#)

We recently went to Silver Falls State Park campgrounds and had a wonderful time.

We stayed in the tent sites because we did not need any hookups.

The campground setting is under the trees. The sites were close together and there



was enough vegetation between them to keep them separate. The bathroom and showers were separate from each other and they both were clean. The showers were big enough if you had little kids you can shower in private. The handicapped showers are large enough for a party. The showers were not coin operated, you can take as much time as you want without worrying about plugging another coin into the slot. The campgrounds were a short walk to the Silver Falls. There is a short 3.5-mile bike trail and a swimming area. Even though it rained the camp sites did not have standing water.



I was told the tent sites close for the winter but the RV sites are open. We did a walk around the RV sites and most of them are deep and secluded. If you bring your Teardrop try and get close to the showers/bathrooms.

We are planning on returning to this campground in the near future.

Steven & Gretchen

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2016 Event Details

January 22-24 Lake Pleasant, Arizona

There is a T@B gathering Jan. 22-24 at Lake Pleasant, AZ. So far about a dozen T@Bs are coming. Info can be found on the T@B FORUM under the heading Any T@B Gatherings Planned

February 4-7 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](#)

February 6, 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 tip

February 21, Albany Oregon

Albany Mid-Winter Potluck at our barn in Albany. Start arriving: 12:00 pm, Eat: 1:00 p.m.

We will provide:

Plates

Napkins

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Tables

Decor

Chairs

Cold pop

Hot coffee - cream, sugar

We do have an oven and warmers to keep dishes hot.

Please bring your own serving utensils.

If you come and join us here at the Gathering Place your name will be entered in a prize drawing! We have a lot of neat, old things around our place and you never know what we might choose!

So get cooking and we'll start looking!

Oh, one more thing.... Early arrivals are most welcome! :-)

Blessings,

Glenn and 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.



February 12-15 Why, Arizona

Valentine's Campout at the Coyote Howls Campground in Why, Arizona. This is dry camping with restrooms and showers available. This year there will be a pot luck after the music on Saturday afternoon instead of finger food during the music. The

campground hosts a Sweetheart Dance on Friday night and the town of Why has their annual arts and crafts (indoor) sale within walking distance of the campground. Nearby Ajo also has a larger arts and crafts fair scheduled in their central plaza. Join the group for stunning desert scenery and possibly enjoy a quick day trip to Organ Pipe National Monument. There are no reservations, just show up and pay at the campground. Let them know you are with Arizona Roundup.

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February 12-15 Warrenton, Oregon

A no-host get together. **President's day weekend,**

Astoria/Warrenton KOA [KOA Website](#) Winter rates apply

IF THE WEATHER IS GOOD. We will be dusting off the trailer and heading to the KOA. If anyone wants to come to the coast in the winter come join us. Again WEATHER DEPENDENT!!!!!! Steve Gaydos

March 3-6 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 fourth shot at putting together a Tear Jerker event. So here is all the information needed to get prepared for the Spring Clean, 2016.

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 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.

March 24-27 Lake Perris, California



Fifth (and last) 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/>

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April 30 - May 3 Lakehead, California

1st ever Shasta Lake Gathering Hello All!

The 1st Annual Shasta Lake Gathering is coming! This event is taking the place of the long running Dam Gathering on April 28th – May 1st, 2016. As the new director of the Jefferson State Chapter, I'll be following a similar model as the Dam (if it ain't broke, why fix



it?). I've worked everything with Antler's RV and Campground so that on their end, things will remain the same. Please contact their office directly for reservations. The rates will be \$15/night/trailer for hookups, \$11/night/trailer for dry sites. Rates are per trailer; however, we can squeeze in however we like (within reason). More details will emerge as I figure them out. For now, be there or be square! Tears, TTTs, Tents, all are welcome.

Antler's office can be reached at 530-238-2553 or 1-800-238-3924. Please check out the Jefferson State TearJerkers' Facebook for updates. I'll also be updating info on the Tnttt forum and TearJerkers forum as developments happen. I can be reached at lmcelroys@hotmail.com or by telly at 530-598-2294 (preferably after 5pm). If anyone would like to coordinate activities during the gathering, let me know! I'll help get the word out! As it stands, plan for potluck nights Friday and Saturday.

Can't wait to kick off the 2016 camping season with my favorite group! See you all soon!

May 20-22 Union Gap, WASHINGTON

Play the Gap The Event is outside on museum grounds located at Fullbright Park, 4508 Main Street, Union Gap, WA, 98903. (There is an entry fee to play in the fiddle contest.) Some of the activities happening are Informal Acoustic Jamming (highly encouraged like "Stickerville") Community Dance, Fiddle Contest, Evening Concert(s), Dutch Oven Cooking, Vintage Trailer Rally, Clogging, and the "Fiddle Kids" Spring Show.

There is dry camping on the grounds (see more info under camping), and the number of campers allowed on the grounds is limited (preregistration is recommended). A completed Campers Registration Form & confirmation sent back to you by email, will assure you have a space. If you just show up, you run the risk the grounds will be full.

Arrival after 12:00 noon on Friday (20th); Departure before 11:00 am Sunday (22nd)



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Informal jamming all weekend (like Stickerville) Fiddle Contest: Appalachia, Northwest & Regional Styles Encouraged (Saturday) Preregistration is highly encouraged & appreciated Food: Available for purchase on the grounds (Saturday) Dance: Opportunity to dance and join a band (Saturday) Clogging & Evening Concert(s): (Friday & Saturday Evenings) Vintage Trailer Rally: Showing off their beauty all weekend Some might have a swap meet Dutch Oven Cooking: Demonstrations and samples (Saturday) This Event is run solely by volunteers and donations. Please consider volunteering a little of your time to help. Donations are welcome and gladly accepted to help offset some of the costs. More information @

<http://www.playthegap.com/>



May 26-30 Stevenson, WASHINGTON

Sixth 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.

May 25 - 30 Carlotta, California



IRG 6.0 The Grand Finale Pamplin Grove, California. This event is so great that it only happens every other year. Set in the redwoods of Humboldt County, this up to six-day event features everything from a rubber ducky race to a light parade. Some of the best pot luck food ever, and the chance to spend time with folks from all over the country. I have heard numbers of up to 120 trailers, and while that sounds like a lot of folks the location is spread out enough that you are not under everybody's feet. Sign up early, this one will sell out.

<http://www.pamplingrove.com/GFRegform.html>

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June 10-12 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 Roslyn, Washington (Teardrops older than 1970 only)

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 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 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

[Registration Form](#)

June-ish Land of Mordor

Land of Mordor Expedition

I have been thinking about something that is not quite a gathering but more of an expedition. Just north of where I live is an undeveloped area of the Snake River Lava Plain. Much of it is the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

PS. Much of this will be in the Craters of the Moon National Monument but not the old section that has been developed and you have to pay to get in. Where I go there are no tolls. Don't worry it is good.

For more information, follow Randy's post @ tnttt.com

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July 1-5 2016 Brooks, Oregon

All-American Vintage Trailer Rally the All-American rally celebrates Independence Day, great folks, neat old travel trailers and Americana. This is an all-inclusive event and all vintage trailer enthusiasts are welcome to attend and join in the fun.

The rally is held at Antique Powerland, located right off I-5 just north of Salem, Oregon. The site has numerous on-site museums, an operating trolley, and a 1:8 scale railroad that is big enough for the whole family to ride! You can arrive as early as Tuesday, June 28th and stay as long as Wednesday, July 6th. If you need more days let me know, I am sure I can work it out.

Cost is \$30 per night. There is no additional rally-fee so your total cost is the nightly rate multiplied by however many nights you stay. This fee covers camping, ROVT's insurance, and entrance to the museums. Pay with cash, or with a check made out to APMA (Antique Powerland Museum Association).

If you'd like to reduce your camping cost and support a very worthy organization at the same time, become a member of Antique Powerland Museum Association at the family rate of \$45 and your camping price is reduced to \$25 per night. For information on joining APMA, click here

No reservations required! There is room for everyone! There is no pre-registration. If you want in, you are in....just show up. The rally is open to all vintage trailers defined as those built before 1980, or those built later with the same style and spirit of the vintage classics. Homebuilt teardrops are also welcome to attend, and we love vintage motorhomes and conversion buses so bring them out and enjoy the fun. No worries if your trailer is still a "project in progress", we'd love to see it.

Important note about visiting the rally: Antique Powerland is an active museum site. Admission to the grounds is \$6 per person for any visitors or anyone coming out to tour the vintage trailers. Registered campers do not have to pay this \$6 daily fee.

This is field-camping. That is, there aren't designated camp spots, it is all willy-nilly on the grass. Park where you want, bring friends, set up in a circle.... whatever suits you. There is quite a bit of shade under the trees, or you can get out in the sun if you like.

There's electric and water available, but no full hook-ups and no black-water dump station. There are some gray-water dump stations, but access is limited to portable tote-style holding tanks. Electric and water are available, but it may limit your parking options due to spigot and outlet locations on the grounds. Bring plenty of extension cord, hose and "tee"s.

There are a number of restrooms around the facility, along with showers

<http://www.all-american-rally.com/> Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. usn@comcast.net or 503-999-6626

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July 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 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](#)

July 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. This event may be looking for a host as Guy has moved back east to be with family.



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August 5 – 7 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 Just East of Bend.

J Bar J Ranch, 62895 Hamby Rd, 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 personalized branded permanent event nametag with preregistration, window placard and an "event" open/closed sign. \$50 registration includes camping. Contact Dal Smilie (dalsmilie@aol.com) with questions.



August 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. Contact Marianne Byrd for more info. [email Marianne](#)

August 12 – 14 Sedro-Woolley, Washington

Salamander Point Gathering Lots of Activities or just go for a walk in the river. Saturday Dinner in an everything Blackberry Potluck, entrees and desserts. RSVP your space soon, 12 spots available. We have made arrangements with a square dance caller to call a dance just for us Saturday afternoon. [Facebook Event](#)

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August 19 - 21 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

6th Annual 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. We will be in loop 4. <https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark>

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. [LeMay Website](#). There is a lot to see and enjoy at this event. This year Roger and Mary Church will take over the hosting reins. There will be more information later in year.

Tear Jerkers 3rd 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



September 6 - ? SE British Columbia

Tear Jerkers 2nd Annual Fall Crawl *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 the route. 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,

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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

September 6 – 11 Lynden, Washington

Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally We had 207 trailers at the 2015 event let's see if we have room for a few more. The official rally is the 9-11th but you can arrive as early as the 6th. Power and water are available for most everyone. This is field camping no assigned spots. You pay and register upon arrival. Showers, restrooms and a rv dump station are on site. We will again have our Saturday swap meet and open house. Both are open to the public at no charge. Cost for attending is \$20 per night and one-time rally fee of \$15. More details to follow later. [Facebook Page](#)



Late September Union Gap, Washington

TNT (Trailers and Tractors) 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.

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September 23-25 Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade This gathering of our family of TOW friends wraps up the camping schedule for the year. For the first time we will be in the new building. 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 campground. It's a "dry" camp with power for medical reasons available. Remember to bring your outdoor extension cord if you need power.



Friday night there will be 8 can Taco Soup and an Appetizer Pot Luck, followed by good times in the lovely lodge. Saturday will likely have some sort of tour or group event for those that like that kind of thing, there is antiquing in the city of Aurora. Dinner will be a Pot Luck followed by a Dutch Raffle.

What is a Dutch Raffle you ask? Aside from it being a great way to get rid of decent stuff you don't want anymore (remember if no one wins it YOU have to take it home) it is a fun way to "bid" for things with your raffle tickets. You get raffle tickets for:

- Showing up
- Paying early
- Telling a good joke
- Making your bed if the raffle team notices
- 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

September 30 – October 2 Champoeg Park, Oregon

4th Annual Champoeg Park Gathering ROVT Event, reservations through Reserve America. Continental Breakfast on Saturday, and a great lunch Pot Luck.

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2016 Event Calendar

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

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
January 22 - 24 Lake Pleasant, Arizona	<u>T@B Gathering</u>	T@B's Only	T@B FORUM under the heading Any T@B Gatherings Planned
February 4-7 Lake Havasu City, Arizona	<u>2nd Annual Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	(928) 505-2730 from Mid-Oct to Mid-May after the number is (360) 595-2611	Cherri and Mike Email Registration Form
February 6 Federal Way, Washington	<u>North Winter Plate Lick</u>	Reconnect after the long winter	12:30 pm Old Country Buffet in Federal Way
February 12 - 14 Why, Arizona	<u>Annual Valentines Campout</u>	Take your Sweetheart to the Dance	Coyote Howls Campground Just show up and pay! Facebook Page
February 21 Albany, Oregon	<u>Oregon Winter Pot Luck</u>	A chance to reconnect and get ready for the season in Albany	Glenn & Laurie Anderson Glenn's Cell 541-619-2179
March 3-6 Apache Junction, Arizona	<u>Tear Jerkers Arizona Spring Clean Gathering</u>	Shakedown event to get ready for summer	Lost Dutchman State Park AZ State Parks
March 24-27 Lake Perris, California	<u>Lake Perris Gathering</u>	Teardrops only	Website
April 28-May 1 LakeHead, California	<u>Lake Shasta Gathering</u>	New Host!	Antlers Park Website
May 20-22 * Union Gap, Washington	<u>Play the Gap</u>	Fiddles, Dutch Oven Cooking, and Vintage Trailers Clogging and Free Camping	www.playthegap.com Email 509.949.2100

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May 27 - 30 Stevenson, Washington	<u>6th 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
May 25 - 30 Carlotta, California	<u>IRG 6.0 The Grand Finale</u>	The last International Redwoods Gathering	Click here for registration form
June 10-12 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
NOT CONFIRMED Summer Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million dollar view	Email
NOT CONFIRMED June Tillamook, Oregon	<u>4th Annual Trask River Gathering</u>	Think about showing the county your "rig" by participating in the parade	Randy and Riki Gottier 503.842.5609 rikigottier@yahoo.com
NOT CONFIRMED July Marblemount, Washington	<u>Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	Fifth Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken ira@cnw.com
*July 1 - 5 Brooks, Oregon	<u>All-American Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	At Antique Powerland	Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. usn@comcast.net or 503-999-6626
July 9 Beaverton, Oregon	<u>5th Annual Salvation Army Cruise In</u>	Benefits Homeless Vets	Lynn Kirwan Email
July Garibaldi,	<u>Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi</u>	Held at the Old Mill Conference Center and RV Park	RSVP to Bob 503 314 8055

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Oregon			
August 5-7 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 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato Showdown</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info email Marianne
August 12-14 Sedro Woolley Washington	<u>Salamander Point</u>	Only 12 spots so sign up soon!	Mike McCalib FaceBook Event
August 19 - 21 Ocean City, Washington	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page Ocean city state park	WA State Reservations
August 26-28 Tacoma, Washington	<u>Le May</u>	An annual event on the grounds of the LeMay Museum	Mary Church Email Mary
August 11 - 15 Bend, Oregon	<u>Bend Classic, Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The same weekend as a HUGE car show in Bend	Dal Smilie Email
September 1 - 5 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA	<u>B.C. Canada Chapter TearJerkers' B.C. Farm Gathering</u>	At the Woods Family Farm	TearJerkers Forum Email Brian or call (250) 768-1912
September 6 - ? Locations in the SE British Columbia	<u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u>	Drive and camp with the NW TearJerkers	Email Brian or call (250) 768-1912
September 6-11 Mt Baker, Washington	<u>Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally	Brian Morrow 253-431-9709 Email
Late September Union Gap, Washington	<u>Trailers and Tractors</u>	Union Gap (Yakima) Washington, open to teardrops AND vintage trailers	AG Museum Website Email Doug Clark

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*September 30 – October 2 Salem, Oregon	<u>4th Annual</u> <u>Champoeg Park</u> <u>Rally</u>	This one will sell out early	ROVT Website ReserveAmerica.com