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Meeting your maker

By Greg Pang At the end of my 2week vacation, I happily connected with Mr. Mel Sandberg. Mel is the owner of Three Feathers



Manufacturing in La Grande, maker of the Pinecone and a smaller teardrop





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version the Tumbleweed. On my way to join the Fall Brigade, I got a chance to take Pinecone back to its birthplace and reunite with its maker.

Upon arriving, Mel gave a hearty smile and handshake and said "Welcome to Mecca!" After a tour and lots of talk about teardrop trailers and events, Mel invited me to join his family for dinner and I gladly accepted! Here are some of the things I found out in the course of our time together.

GP: How long have you been in the RV business?

MS: I've been in the RV construction business for 45 years, and in business for myself for the past 11 years. I'm now 75 years old.

GP: How many employees do you have working for you?

MS: I have about 5 or 6 at any given time. Several of my employees are recovering from substance abuse and have a checkered past. The employment I provide them is a way to give them a hand up after some very difficult circumstances in their lives.

GP; What is your most popular product?

MS: The Pinecone has been the most popular. I've shipped about 600 units and half of them were Pinecones.

GP: How do people find out about you? MS: The internet. The internet is amazing.

GP: What is the most distant sale you've had? MS: We shipped a Pinecone all the way to Florida.

GP: Given your decades of RV experience, why did you decide to build small travel trailers? MS: I didn't want to compete with the large factories that are cranking out hundreds of RV's a month. I believe there is a whole population of people who are tired of tent camping and/or have young families and want to be able to get into an RV without having to buy a new tow vehicle.

GP: What sets apart Three Feathers travel trailers from others? MS: Two things 1) quality, 2) weight. My trailers are personally inspected by me before they leave the factory. Second, I use lightweight high quality materials so the Pinecone only weighs 850 pounds.

GP; How many person-hours does it take to assemble a Pinecone? MS: It depends on the features we are customizing but it is 130-150 hours in general.

Mel and I agreed that there is a movement toward simplicity and downsizing that will mean growth in the teardrop manufacturing industry. I told Mel about all the fanatical teardroppers in TOW and he had no idea that there was such an active group in the Pacific Northwest. Mel asked for a tour of my Pinecone and his favorite feature was the flashing colorized lights and the pinecone-themed touches I've put in. I was

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glad he liked all the customization I put into it, I probably put as many hours into customizing Pinecone as he put in to build it!

If Pinecone could talk, I believe it would express gratitude for being able to visit its birthplace and to meet its maker. For myself, I found Mel to be an honest, generous, and hospitable man whom I can now call a friend. I thanked Mel for what Pinecone has provided me in my life; new friends/family, relaxation, flexibility, comfort, and stress reduction.

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Weddings in a Teardrop

Looking for a wedding that can go anywhere? <u>Flora Pop</u> may be just what you are looking for. Located in the Las Vegas area, this business will bring a teardrop trailer and an officiant to you. The pictures are amazing.

First Annual Tearjerkers Fall Crawl

By Allen Laudenslager The first annual Tearjerker Fall Crawl started at the 2015 Mt. Baker Vintage Trailer



rally at the Lynden WA fairgrounds. Many of the teardrops showed up on Friday afternoon and evening. Both the Tearjerkers and TOW were represented at the rally with a lot of crossover since many of us belong to both groups and were "doing the crawl" the TOW contingent was parked in a different area and not as a single group. Since I was "doing the crawl" I parked with the Tearjerkers and didn't manage to get a photo of the TOW trailers even though several were planning on joining the crawl after the Lynden rally.

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We parked back to back and my cell phone camera wouldn't get a decent picture of all the trailers at one time so this is only about half the group. We were joking around about making frozen margaritas and discovered that no one had brought a blender. We found this for FOUR BUCKS on a table on the vintage trailer side of the fairgrounds and jumped on it like a kangaroo!

Leaving Lynden, we camped at Baker Lake campgrounds. While we could glimpse the lake through the trees, the designated camping spots were not right on the water. A short walk brought me to the boat launch and this view of the lake. The next morning the caravan broke up as people stopped for gas, to do a little antiquing, or just grab a snack. When I stopped at the Mt. Baker forest visitor's center several people were there ahead of me and I got a kick out of seeing all the trailers in the parking lot.

The second and third nights we stayed at the Pine Near Campgrounds, a private campground in Winthrop WA. One of the attractions was a herd of deer that were so used to the campers that they would almost, but not quite, eat out of your hand. Several people got them to come very close but I was too afraid of scaring the deer off to try and get close enough to get a good picture.

The next stop was Conconully State Park where we took the group photo. As you might expect, gathering this independent group for the photo presented some challenges. Anyone ever herded cats? Each spot had a unique look and the weeping willows with the hanging branches at Conconully, cut short to make room for the campsites were amazing.

Day seven took us down the road to Bonaparte Lake and a department of forestry campground. The daytime temperatures were short sleeve shirts and in some cases even shorts. Nighttime was a different story. Larry and Babby Inman had a huge teepee style tent with lots of mesh areas for group socializing in the evenings and we covered the mesh sections with tarps, table cloths and whatever was handy to give the propane fire ring a fighting chance to make the high 30s comfortable for hanging out. With everyone inside and the fire ring at full heat it was a fun evening. Striking the tent the next morning turned into a group effort with a lot of kidding.



The last night was at Lake Gillette and Beaver Lodge. We were camped on a lower level, right on the lake with this spectacular view. The trailers were parked in a double line and socializing was at picnic tables right on the lake. The lodge had a few cabins and FREE SHOWERS!!! Dinner reports from the restaurant were universally good and breakfast was generous portions watched over by the lodge's namesake. As one of the early risers in the group I was greeted with this sunrise and the mist on the waters on the waters. What a way to drink my morning coffee and end the trip.

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Why, Arizona Trailer Rally

By Marty Boehme We showed up on Friday afternoon at the Coyote Howls campground, checked in and found a space on the dirt big enough to squeeze our teardrop trailer between the waist-high brush that abounds in this campground. It is really a "dry" camp costing \$8.50 a day. But not all is lost. There are two buildings housing restrooms with hot free showers. Drinking water is via a hose attached to a bib on the side of the building.

After setting up camp, we started to tour the surrounding acres to meet the campers in vintage trailers and teardrops. We were part of a 39 trailer group. This year, the ratio of trailers was about half teardrops. Low and behold, two Mini-Coopers drove past our camp towing teardrops. We found that they were from Tucson!! It was explained to us that they are a sub-culture group towing teardrops with Mini's. According to them, the "culture" is just simply owning a teardrop.

Actually, this group has an interest of camping by themselves with us as guests to an unusual National Monument located in the SE corner of Arizona. Maybe this will be the beginning of the Tucson TOWers!!?? The daytime temperatures were only in the 90-degree range, but as soon as the sun sets, the wind slows down and it gets cold real fast. Extra blankets helped keep us warm and when we got up at sunrise, we had to put on coats. But when the sun started to get blazing hot, we took them off within minutes.

The Mexican border is about 70 miles south of Why and is also the border for the Organ Pipe National Monument. We had to see this place and found out that the desert is occupied with a cactus that looks like the pipes of a church organ. Because of drug trafficking and a border patrol guard being killed a few years ago, this monument was closed and just recently opened again. The half-dozen border patrol guards have now been replaced by 300.

We arrived at the monument's visitor center and saw the film presentation that was very well done (according to Katie as I napped in the dark and soothing cool room). After cleaning what we wanted from the gift shop, we decided to take the 21-mile loop-drive up into the hills. It was on a well-kept road with some stretches actually paved. The mountain views were spectacular. At one point, we noticed a natural bridge atop a mountain where you could see blue sky under and through it. A bit farther, we drove past a parking lot full of cars where a trail took off to hike to the bridge.

Why is a place in Arizona where there is a "T" in the road. In pioneer times, this junction was simply called the "Y". A small town started to grow, and as it grew larger, people wanted a post office. When the name of "Y, Arizona" was asked for, the government stated that all post office names had to have at least three letters. Thus, this very small community located miles from nowhere chose to name their town - - - .

Things seen at Why, AZ

<u>By Marty Boehme</u> Hi all! - Saw a couple of things at the Why gathering I want to share with you.

1 - There is a cover for a roof vent called "MAXAIR" that allows the roof vent to remain open during a rain storm. In Arizona, it is commonly used while the trailer is on the road. The vent stays open so the inside temperature doesn't heat up. In Oregon, we would use it to keep out the rain.

2 - I saw a sun shelter that is a GREAT idea. It's an open-faced canopy about 8 feet long and is only about 4

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feet high. It is on a rectangular fold-out base measuring about 8 X 5 feet and is staked to the ground. It's ends (sides) are curved and are made of a netting material so that a breeze can flow though to help keep campers cooler when sitting inside the shelter in their camp chairs. It's available in lots of sports stores and when on sale costs about \$40. Cabala's sells them for \$120 but that price is not worth it according to the owner of the one I saw.

3 - I saw a trailer canopy attached to the trailer's side that had long guy-ropes staked to the ground to keep it steady. A swimming pool round noodle had the rope threaded through it. The ones I saw were a bright green and are easily seen to keep people from tripping on the guy-ropes.

4 - When using a cook table in camp, cover the things on the table with a tarp or used canopy cover when leaving camp to see local sights. Most fellow campers with not be tempted to "liberate" your favorite irreplaceable coffee cup.



2016 Puget Sound Plate Lick

By Jeff Richardson There were 31 TOW members and guests at the 2016 Puget Sound Plate Lick on February 6th. Once again, Pat and Jan Estes arranged for us to have our own meeting room at the Old Country Buffet in Federal Way. Most of the attendees live locally but some came from as far as Chehalis, Anacortes and Burlington. After eating our fill, Jan read the list of events for the coming camping

season. Those that had additional information about the events added what they knew. Mike McCalib talked about the Salamander Point Gathering he is hosting in August. Thanks again to Pat and Jan for arranging the meeting place and leading the meeting. It was good to see everyone. We are all looking forward to another year of teardrop and tiny trailer camping with our friends.

Idaho Gathering



By Rob Fisher For the second year in a row Teardroppers across Southern Idaho have put together an impromptu winter gathering of Tears. By nature of our Idaho winters the effort to get together comes with little notice. Whenever a break in the weather looks promising someone suggests a campout and within a few days a plan comes together, a place is chosen, announcements are made on the Northwest site of tnttt and Facebook and off we go.

This year Idaho Power's Scout Campground at the base of CJ Strike Dam was chosen for the no host event. Scout won the toss because of central location, paved road, and heated restrooms. Four teardrops showed T.O.W. Line TEARDROPPERS OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON

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up Friday Feb19, 2016 and six hardy souls enjoyed quiet camping with good friends. Friday was quite breezy but temperatures were not too bad with the added bonus of no rain. Saturday was partly cloudy but the sun was out enough to make for a good day.

One of the best things about teardrop camping is the ease of use. Our trailers can be kept on the ready, and when the weather breaks off you go to a great weekend adventure.

2016 Albany Pot Luck

By Marrianne Byrd This year we were invited back to Laurie and Glenn Anderson's lovely barn in Albany. They do a lot of work to get ready to host us, and it was appreciated. The crowd numbered about 20 with newbies and the usual suspects alike. As always the food and company were superb and got all of us looking forward to the season! Thanks Glenn and Laurie!

Teardrop Trailer Rentals

Base Camp Adventure Rentals, located in Seattle. Rents teardrops

From their website:

Our teardrops are fully stocked with the gear to make a quick getaway. Each trailer is set up for two people, but can easily accommodate more with some of the convenient add-ons, see below. The following comes standard with each teardrop trailer:

- One queen size mattress with mattress sheet
- Two folding chairs
- One folding table and one table that connects to the back of the teardrop in the galley for food prep
- One 10' by 10' pop up canopy to provide partial coverage from the elements or sun
- One deep cycle battery to run lights and fan
- Two burner propane stove with 10 lb propane tank
- Pots, pans, and utensils
- Cooler
- Essential spices (salt, pepper, sugar, garlic powder, Italian spices)
- Cups, mugs, and coffee press
- Roof rack with gear basket or cargo box
- Shore power and 25-foot extension cord for use if hookups are available at campgrounds
- Fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and carbon monoxide alarm
- Spare tire
- Fresh water tank





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Recipe BBQ Chicken Potato Foil Packet #Camping Meal <u>Click Here for Details</u>



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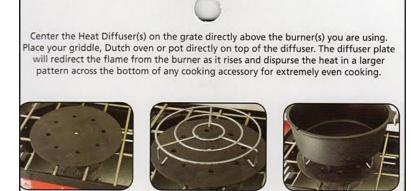
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Recommended by Lorelei Vaughn Jossart

The Camp Chef Heat Diffuser. The diffuser helps keep from burning the biscuits or whatever. Works splendidly with cast iron, and I don't use anything else to speak of. There is also a trivet (see picture).



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2016 Event Details

April 22-24 Yakima, Washington

<u>The On Your Way Gathering</u> On your way to the Shasta Gathering from parts north? We have lined up a Washington Campout on the journey to Shasta Apr. 22 – 24th in Union Gap. This will be the same weekend as a vintage truck show, so there will be lots of things to look at on Sunday. So far it looks like we have at least 11 teardrops joining in on that weekend.

If you are on your way or can't go all the way to Shasta, and would like to join us.....drop me an e-mail. The more the merrier!!

Email Brian or call 250.768.1912

April 28 - 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 <u>Imcelroys@hotmail.com</u> 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!





April 29 – May 1 Salem, Oregon

<u>Second Annual Champoeg Teardrop Gathering</u> A no host gathering, public campground, walking, biking trails, Disk Golf course, several private room showers on the outside of the wood grained cement bathrooms, etc.

Same weekend as the Shasta Dam gathering but considerably closer.

Check in time is 4pm Friday, check out time is Monday at 1pm, if you stay all 3 nights. Near Salem Oregon.

If you wish to go, make your reservations near camp site A 27 HERE

Champoeg features a unique combination of history, nature, and recreation. This is the site where Oregon's first provisional government was formed by a historical vote in 1843. Situated on the south bank of the scenic Willamette River, Champoeg's acres of forest, fields, and wetlands recreate the landscape of a bygone era. Tour the park's visitor center, Newell House, and Pioneer Mothers Log Cabin museums to discover pioneer life at Champoeg. Take a guided walk to learn what happened to the bustling pioneer town of Champoeg, and how the Donald Manson Barn was built. An 1860s-style garden lies behind the visitor center.

The park also includes the Historic Butteville Store founded in 1863. It is considered the oldest operating store in Oregon. The store is the last commercial vestige of the once thriving Willamette River community of Butteville.

May 19th-22nd close to Kimama, Idaho



Land of Mordor Expedition 2016 The week before IRG. It is an easy two-day drive to IRG from here.

What is it? We will be in the Southern Part of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in Southern Idaho and areas close by. We will camp in different places each night. Lots of lava landscape. Lava flows, The Great Rift. Big South Butte. Hiking on

lava. Oregon Trail. Sheep herders.

Plan to meet at Kimama, Idaho 12 noon May 19th to head out. From there it will be gravel, dirt roads with some rocks for about 100-150 miles. 4x4 not really needed just ground clearance. If you do not want to take your trailer out there tenting is perfectly okay. I live close to Kimama and can leave trailers and vehicles at my place. Close as a Western term means. Do not need to stop for gas or eats. 10 miles actually. I will try to have maps for every vehicle of the desert.

Any one is welcome. Not just for teardrops. Just as long as your vehicle can make it or you can get a ride with someone. I will probably be able to take 2 passengers with me. Other people may be able to offer a ride.

Facilities..... LOL.....

There are no facilities out there. Bring it or do without. There are no entrance fees in this part of the

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Monument. No camp ground fees, no camp grounds.

What to bring. One gallon of water for each day. More if you plan of washing anything. Warm clothing. Even if it is a warm day this is high desert and nights are cool. Frost is still possible. As there are no tables out there a folding table might be nice for some. Hiking staff. (not only for hiking) Trash bags. I do hope this will be a leave no trace event. FSR Radios. A real shovel if you have one already. Don't run out and buy one, I have one and not everyone will need a shovel. I will have at least 5 gallons of extra gas so no real reason for anyone else to pack around a jug unless you really want to. If you have a diesel rig let me know and I will get a 2.5-gallon jug filled. (don't worry I have a tractor I can use it in)

Dangers, Yes there are some. This is not a developed area. Rattle snakes, ticks, black widow spiders, scorpions, mountain lions, badgers, injuries from hiking. A deep feeling you want to return. A deep feeling you want to use your hiking stick on me. This is a desert and it occasionally kills but mostly the very stupid. At least mosquitoes should not be a problem.

Dog friendly. But if you see some large white long haired dogs about it could be wise to put your dog on a leash. There are sheep guard dogs.

Deer, antelope, elk, fox, coyotes, jack rabbits, cotton tails, sage grouse, snipe (bring your snipe bag and stick for the snipe hunt) mountain lion, bob cats. sage brush that goes on and on and on.

Cell phones probably will not work for most of the trip. I will have a 2-way radio with me that I probably will be able to reach people with in case of emergency.

If it rains who knows what will happen.

I have one Porta Pot and 2 privacy shelters. More would probably be nice if you have them to share. Last chance for gas and supplies will be Paul and Shoshone Idaho.

It really is not that hard of a drive. But not meant for a street car. Will be dusty, boring. But what I find to be some really cool volcanic sites. Some history. And a great place to get away from people.

A long description but this is not your usual, park it and gab and eat for the weekend campout.

PM me (Randy AKA Wolffarmer) on tnttt or email rphillip@pmt.org and put Mordor in the subject line. More details @ http://www.tnttt.com

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 <u>Towlinenewsletter@teardroptrailers.org</u> <u>www.teardroptrailers.org</u>



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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) 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 27-30 Stevenson, WASHINGTON

<u>Sixth Annual Gorge Gathering</u> 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. <u>Registration Form</u>

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

<u>Creswell Camp Out</u> 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 <u>airfloe24@yahoo.com</u>

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 24-26 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 three years, and in 2015 there were more than five trailers in the Parade in Tillamook that weekend. the theme of the dairy parade, according to the Chamber of Commerce, it is "Dairyland Treasures". Be sure to think about that when you are packing! Contact: Randy Gottier 503.842.5609 Email Registration Form

July 1-5 2016 Brooks, Oregon

<u>All-American Vintage Trailer Rally</u> 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,

All-American Vintage Trailer Rally July 4th weekend, 2016 Brooks, Oregon

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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
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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. www.all-american-rally.com/ Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. www.all-american-rally.com/ Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. www.all-american-rally.com/ Jacyn & Bob Gallagher.

July 1-5 Marblemount, WASHINGTON

<u>Vintage Trailer Gathering</u> What to expect, 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.

Nehalem this wonderful company owned town just up the road, 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.

<u>http://www.seattle.gov/light/tours/skagit/</u> (tours to the dam need reservations) <u>http://www.seattle.gov/light/printdocs/Newhalem.pdf</u> (walking tour of Newhalem)





Along the way up or back, there is a honey stand and a wine tasting farm, and Cascadian Farms have wonderful ice cream, worth stopping for.

If there is no fire burn ban going on, there will be a fire going for roasting marshmallows and conversation. Meet and greet Friday evening, Saturday evening Potluck.

Saturday and Sunday we will have a swap meet going on in the rv park, so bring anything you might like to sell or trade.

Sunday morning, there is a church in Marblemount if anyone would like to attend, starting at 1:00pm on There are showers (no cost), restrooms and laundry room (washer and dryers).

Must call or e-mail for reservations, by June 15, 2016, limited space, jra@cnw.com or call (928) 505-2730 until Mid-May after call (360) 595-2611, Cost \$15.00 a night for hook ups and \$10.00 for no hook ups, dry camping.

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

July 9 Beaverton, Oregon

5th Annual Veterans & Family Veterans Cruise In 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: Valley Catholic School 4275 SW 148th Ave. Beaverton 97007

The 5th Annual Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center Cruise In features over 250 classic cars and motorcycles, SWAT Car, Police, Fire and Military Vintage and active vehicles. Classic Tracks DJ and Corral Creek Blues Grass Band will be there and we will have a BBQ, Vendors, Raffle, Kids Activities, and Trophies. Fun for the whole family! All proceeds will directly benefit the 105 homeless veterans and their families at the Center. There is an ongoing fund for an ADA (American Disabilities Act) room, kid's needs, bus tickets, toiletries and overall basic needs.

If you would like to register a vehicle email lynnkirwan1@comcast.net. Lots of shade and grass.

An early registrant may win a 3day/2night Oregon Coast get-away.

Contact: Lynn at 503.780.4679 lynnkirwan1@comcast.net

July 14–17 Okanagan Valley, B.C. CANADA

Tear Jerkers 3nd Annual Canadian Teardrop Gathering

Location: Woods Farm 3544 Elliott Rd. Westbank B.C. Hosts: Brian & Sandi Woods. This event is officially sponsored by the B.C. Chapter of the Tear Jerkers.

Our Gathering is a relaxed and laid back event, where participants are encouraged to go out and explore the numerous attractions and activities



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that the sunny Okanagan has to offer......Or.....Just you can just chill out with your feet in the pool or under a shade tree, while enjoying a cold beverage or a good book.

The "Gathering Format" includes the following:

A Meet & Greet "Ice Cream Social" on Thursday night.

After a relaxing Friday, some may choose to participate in the Dutch Oven "Apricot" Dessert Challenge, with the "taste off" at the evening Hotdog Barbeque c/w pot luck salads and snacks.

Saturday sees our now famous "Show 'n' Brag" in the late morning, and after more relaxing or exploring, there will be a "Pot Luck Supper" that evening.

Sunday morning there will be a "Farewell Pancake Breakfast" for those that want to get on the road home early.

Here at the Farm we have a large communal Fire Pit that is away from our "Camping Area" where we encourage "Evening Socializing" under the stars (if there is no Fire Ban in effect) and a small Saloon for those who might want to listen to a little music.

Our new "Shower House" will be up and running and there is electrical power for those that wish to have it. There will also be "Porta Pottis" spotted around the Farm for your convenience.

A \$25.00 Registration Fee will be collected upon your arrival at the Farm, and an "Official Registration List" will be posted on tnttt.

For Registration or further information, you can post on tnttt, use PM option on tnttt, or e-mail us

at woodysrods@shaw.ca

We look forward to you joining us in 2016!

Good Roads

Brian & Sandi

B.C. Chapter Director & Event Hosts

July 15-17 Garibaldi, OREGON

<u>Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi</u> at the Old Mill RV and Event Center. Campsites are \$60 for the weekend. 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, prices will be determined by market value at the time. Breakfast will be provided on Sunday. Please RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055



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July 15–17 Post Falls, Idaho

<u>2nd Annual Puddy Duddy Cruisers Vintage Trailer Rally & Open Show</u> The Phuddy Duddy Cruisers are an informal group of classic car enthusiasts who live in the Idaho Panhandle. We are not a formal club, so there are no officers or dues. We do have weekly gatherings at local drive-ins, auto body shops and restaurants during good weather. We also make arrangements to attend local car shows as a group and we have our own car show. Friday check in is at noon, pot luck dinner Saturday night, and Friendship Dinner after church on Sunday. River of Life Church, 3263 12th Ave, Post Falls, ID. Free.

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.



August 5–7 Brooks, Oregon



Powerland Steam Up WE'RE IN A PARADE AT THE POWERLAND CAMPOUT! All teardrop and vintage travel trailers are welcome at this annual event held at the Antique Powerland Museum collection of wonderful old machinery, faming demonstrations and all sorts of vehicle museums. Powerland is a collection of 16 vintage style museums all located near the town of Brooks, Oregon. It is only 8 miles north of Salem at I-5 exit 263. Every year, these museums operate the famed "Steamup". It is always

the last complete weekend of July as well as the following weekend. This year, Friday August 5th is the beginning of this annual TOW campout.

We camp on the very lush lawn of the Car Show Field for the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. Our biggest event is the Saturday night supper that features grilled hamburgers with all the fixings.

It is dry camping with no hookups except for those needing power for medical reasons. Meanwhile, all visitors wander the grounds viewing the many things to see in lots of buildings.

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Every day of the weekend features a parade. Teardrops will be entered this year with two entries. One will be Bubbles the Clown. Such fun!! You will not want to miss this gathering! No entry fee is charged for teardroppers. We pay \$15 per night to camp. Registration cost only \$10. Contact Marty Boehme at <u>teardrops@bctonline.com</u> for more information.

August 10-14 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 12–14 Sedro-Woolley, Washington

Salamander Point Gathering Lots of Activities or just go for a walk in the river. Saturday Dinner in an every-thing 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

August 19-21 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

<u>6th Annual Ocean Tears</u> 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. <u>https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark</u>

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August 26-28 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 Marrianne Byrd for more info. <u>email</u> <u>Marrianne</u>

August 26–28 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. Registration Form

September 2-18 SE British Columbia

Tear Jerkers 2nd Annual Fall Crawl *Note: Itinerary is subject to change.

The 2nd Annual Fall Crawl will be coming to Canada in 2016. This year's Fall Crawl will be held Sept. 2 to 18th in B.C.'s Beautiful East Kootenay Region, following the route known as the Selkirk Loop ending at the TNT (Trailers n Tractors) Gathering in Union Gap WA. Sept. 16 - 18th.

With an "Optional Week" to take in T.O.W.'s Fall Brigade in Mulino OR Sept. 23 - 25th.

If you are not familiar with the concept of a "Crawl" you can check the 2015 Fall Crawl Thread, either here or on the Tear Jerkers Forum.

Registration information will be posted on the British Columbia site under "2016 Fall Crawl" 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 <u>Towlinenewsletter@teardroptrailers.org</u> <u>www.teardroptrailers.org</u>

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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 <u>Brian Woods</u> Good Roads

Brian & Sandi 2016 Fall Crawl Hosts

September 3–5 Newport, Washington

<u>1st Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"</u> This will be field-style camping with power and water available to a limited number of spots. Rally is open to all vintage RV's, teardrops, and trailers built in the spirit of vintage.

This rally is held in conjunction with "Bob's Car Show" that takes place every Labor Day in Newport, WA. All proceeds from the rally and car show will go to "Shepherds for Lost Sheep", a non-profit organization that trains and connects service dogs with Veterans by Veterans. For more info on this awesome cause, go to: <u>www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org</u>

Please feel free to tell others about our rally - the more the merrier! More details to follow, so check the <u>Facebook site</u> often! Rally is being hosted by Doug and Teresa Johnson

September 6–11 Lynden, Washington

<u>Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally</u> 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. <u>Facebook Page</u>



September 16-18 Union Gap, Washington

The "Trailers N Tractors Gathering" (TNT) will be held in Union Gap WA (Yakima)Sept. 16-18th at the Agricultural Museum grounds. This event is organized and hosted by Doug & Betsy Clark as a Tear Jerkers PNW Chapter event.

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Event itinerary is very laid back and relaxing, surrounded by America's Agricultural History and Machinery. It will also be the "Final Stop" on the 2016 Fall Crawl (sponsored by the British Columbia Chapter). Although the event is primarily aimed a Teardrops, other tiny trailers are invited to join in. For further information or to register Contact <u>Doug Clark</u> <u>TNT (Trailers and Tractors)</u> 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 <u>centralwaagmuseum.org</u> and download the directions there. Otherwise, go to Union Gap and follow the signs as you head south out of town.

September 23-25 Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade This gathering of our family of TOW friends wraps up the TOW 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 new lodge. Saturday will likely have some sort of tour or group event for those that like that kind of thing, there is antiquing in the city of Aurora. Dinner will be a Pot Luck followed by a Dutch Raffle.

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

- > Showing up
- > 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.

On Sunday there is an optional stay over with a trip planned to the Evergreen Aviation Museum TOW is hosting a group tour of the Evergreen Aviation Museum (home of the Spruce Goose) on this date. This invitation goes out to all your local friends, relatives, in-laws, outlaws, neighbors, co-workers. The cost is \$10 per person.

September 25-26 Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade-The Caboose We will tour only the museum containing the Spruce Goose. For campers at the Fall Brigade we will be leaving Elks Park at 9:00 AM for the 75-minute drive to the site near McMinnville. So, plan on arriving by 10:30 AM. The complete tour lasts about three hours.

An IMAX theater on the site usually shows an interesting film. The Space Museum at the site offers individual tours. A café is available on-site also. Check the internet for more information.

For Fall Brigade campers, TOW has the option of renting the big dining hall on Sunday evening. Plans are to gather for a no-host supper and breakfast in the hall. This offers a GREAT place to fellowship out of any inclement weather around the hall's fireplace. Campers will be responsible for paying a fee of \$15 to our on-site campground hosts for Sunday night's stay.

Contact: FallBrigade@teardroptrailers.org

September 30 – October 2 Champoeg Park, Oregon

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

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6th Annual Roslyn Check the rules! Facebook Page

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Washington	<u>Rally</u>		
NOT CONFIRMED Summer Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over</u> <u>Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million dollar view	<u>Email</u>
June 24-26 Tillamook, Oregon	<u>4th Annual Trask</u> <u>River Gathering</u>	Think about showing the county your "rig" by participating in the parade	Randy Gottier 503.842.5609 <u>rbgottier@yahoo.com</u> <u>Registration Form</u>
July 1-5 Marblemount, Washington	<u>Vintage Trailer</u> <u>Campout</u>	Sixth Annual	Mike & Cherri Aiken jra@cnw.com
*July 1-5 Brooks, Oregon	<u>All-American</u> <u>Vintage Trailer</u> <u>Rally</u>	At Antique Powerland	Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. <u>usn@comcast.net</u> or 503.999.6626
July 9 Beaverton, Oregon	<u>5th Annual</u> Salvation Army <u>Cruise In</u>	Benefits Homeless Vets	Lynn Kirwan <u>Email</u>
July 14-17 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA	<u>B.C. Canada</u> <u>Chapter</u> <u>TearJerkers' B.C.</u> <u>Farm Gathering</u>	At the Woods Family Farm	TearJerkers Forum Email Brian or call 250.768.1912
July 15 - 17 Garibaldi, Oregon	<u>Sunsets and Crab at</u> <u>Garibaldi</u>	Held at the Old Mill Conference Center and RV Park	RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055
July 15-17 Post Falls, Idaho	2 nd Annual Phuddy Duddy Cruisers	Vintage Trailer Rally & Open Show	Pete: 208.659.7285 Linda: <u>Email</u> <u>Website</u>
August 5-7 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique</u> <u>Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme <u>Email</u> <u>PowerLand Registration</u>

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Bend,	<u>Vintage Trailer</u>	car show in Bend	Email
Oregon	<u>Rally</u>		
August 12-14	<u>Salamander Point</u>	Only 12 spots so sign up soon!	Mike McCalib
Sedro Woolley			FaceBook Event
Washington			
August 19-21	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page	WA State Reservations
Ocean City,		Ocean city state park	
Washington			
August 26-28	<u>Le May</u>	An annual event on the	Mary Church
Tacoma,		grounds of the LeMay Museum	Email Mary
Washington			Registration Form
August 26-28	<u>Wapato Showdown</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	Wapato Showdown Vintage
Gaston,			Trailer Info
Oregon			email Marrianne
September 3-5	<u>1st Annual "Rally at</u>	Held in conjunction with	Facebook Page
Newport,	<u>Camp Runamuck"</u>	"Bob's Car Show"	
Washington			
September 2-18	PNW TearJerkers	Drive and camp with the NW	Email Brian or
Locations in SE	<u>Fall Crawl</u>	TearJerkers	call 250.768.1912
British Columbia			
September 6-11	<u>Mt Baker Vintage</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest	Brian Morrow 253.431.9709
Mt Baker,	<u>Trailer Rally</u>	vintage trailer rally	<u>Email</u>
Washington			
September 10	Winthrop Vintage	Check the Rules	Web Page
Winthrop,	Wheels Show		
Washington			
September 16-18	Trailers and	Union Gap (Yakima)	AG Museum Website
Union Gap,	Tractors	Washington, open to teardrops	Email Doug Clark
Washington		AND vintage trailers	
September 23-25	Fall Brigade	Held at the Oregon City Elks	Fall Brigade Team
Mulino,		Park	Email

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Oregon			
September 25-26	<u> Fall Brigade – The</u>	Tour the Evergreen Aviation	Marty Boehme
Mulino,	<u>Caboose</u>	Museum, then stay over	Email
Oregon		Sunday night at Elks Park	
*September 30 –	<u>4th Annual</u>	This one will sell out early	ROVT Website
October 2	<u>Champoeg Park</u>		ReserveAmerica.com
Salem,	<u>Rally</u>		
Oregon			