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From the editor

Where is the summer going? There are only a few more events between now and Fall Brigade. Next up is Powerland, Marty and Katie are hosting, then LeMay, with new hosts this year Mary and Roger Church. Wapato Showdown is that same weekend in Gaston Oregon. Then there is the TearJerkers Fall Crawl, which will go across BC Canada, and end up at the Fall Brigade. There is still some time to make up for lost camping, so sign up for something and let's see you on the road!

On another note, if you travel to Arizona in the winter I recommend that you check the Arizona Round-Up Facebook page. They have lots of events: [Facebook Link](#)

While you are making plans for the rest of the summer, please remember that clicking going on a Facebook Event Page is not the same thing as RSVP'ing. Filling out the registration forms and letting the host(s) know you are coming is very important. An event just cancelled, because the 3 trailers that told me they were going didn't tell the hosts, and the host had to cancel because they didn't know anyone was planning on attending. Also a note about potlucks: When you leave, take your dish and your serving ware with you. While TOW puts on the best potlucks EVER, no matter how great your dish was, if you are leaving, it is unlikely that anyone is going to finish it, and the hosts are stuck with managing the cleanup or leaving it out for animals. It truly isn't churlish, or selfish to take your dish when you leave, it is the right thing to do for the host(s).

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TearJerkers Arizona Spring Clean Gathering

By Bud Stratford

"Hello, I'm Bob! Nice to meet you..! Hello, I am Bill, nice to meet you!, Hello! I am Mark, and this is my wife Mary, nice to meet you...! Hello, I am Wayne! Nice to see you! So, tell me about your camper!"

I don't remember things quite like I used to. Blame my underwhelming lack of initial short-term memory. Or, my rapidly advancing age. Or, my ability to get confoundingly confused and overwhelmed at a moment's notice, for no apparent reason at all. Whichever you choose, the unfortunate fact remains that... as far as this event is concerned... a lot of it ultimately became an impressively enjoyable blur of fascinating people, quaint campers, excellent food, and pleasurable times. But sadly, the details have long since eluded me. The elusion started almost immediately upon arrival, and has not managed to let up since. I apologize profusely for this horrible inconvenience.

The event was held at Lost Dutchman State Park. That much, I remember quite vividly. I'd never been there, of course. And neither had my ex-girlfriend, for that matter. Granted, Lost Dutchman State Park is only about an hours' drive west of Phoenix... maybe less, if you find a creative and circuitous way to avoid our hellacious rush-hours. Although it's quite close to The City Proper, it's also far enough out into the boonies that it remains truly tranquil, and visually colorful and sprawling, with lush, palette-colored sunsets reflecting off the bottoms of swirling cirrus clouds that are punctuated by the prickly arms of Saguaro cactus, and the pointed toots of the historic steam-engine that departs regularly from nearby Goldfields Ghost Town. This is "The Wild West", as closely recreated as possible in a 2016 universe, and in an avid camper's receding recollections.

The Superstition Mountains are ominous, foreboding, and steeped in mystique and mystery dating back several hundred years. My ex-girlfriend was convinced that they were dominated by forces freely manipulated by Satan Himself, and thus, would have nothing to do with even approaching their foothills. Let alone, going for a motivated hike among their towering spires. But they did provide a glowing, burnt-amber backdrop to the weekend's festivities, which cast a bright, luscious luminosity over our group campground all weekend long. Turns out, most of our fellow campers avoided the clearly conspicuous effort of hiking as well. Everyone seemed to be just fine with relaxing the weekend away, the ex-girlfriend included.

The diversity of the camping contingent was extremely notable, and clearly deserves its own paragraph. There were about thirty to forty campers, total, of all types, shapes, sizes, and ages represented. Classicly-restored vintage Shastas, a variety of slick teardrops, cleverly engineered modern marvels, and highly inventive homebuilts were in abundance, which made the "Campsite Tour" a pretty lively and engaging experience. The various camper-owners were an exceedingly friendly bunch of fine folks from all over the

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southwest who took obvious pride in not only their individual campers, but also in their participation in the event as a whole. “Quiet”, “friendly”, “inquisitive”, and “respectful” are the four words that came to mind, regarding The Camping Contingent. The Ex and I had many, many visitors over the course of the weekend... many becoming fast friends... and we reciprocated by making several trips around the campgrounds ourselves, marveling at the other campers’ creations. All of which were absolutely outstanding, in some manner or another. And all of which had an entertaining story to be told by their proud-parent owners. Those stories filled, quite literally, hours of our evenings. It was the most enjoyable time of the whole trip, comparing notes on our comfortable contraptions. Well, it was for me, at least. The Ex, of course, had other enjoyments in mind.

As I referenced earlier, “relaxing” was Job Number One for both The Ex, as well as the majority of The Camping Contingent. Thankfully, their respectful natures insured mellow, easygoing, and quiet down-time for all involved. We slept a lot that weekend; we slept comfortably in the crisp, cool air; and we slept refreshingly well as a result. If you’re looking to party hearty, I might recommend... even, encourage... a different event, elsewhere. But if you’re looking for quiet solitude amongst fast friends, then this might just be the venue for you.

Saturday evening was scheduled for a group pot-luck dinner in the central ramada. The Camping Contingent certainly can cook...! That was tastefully obvious as The Ex and I gorged ourselves on all types and manners of smoked sausages, pulled pork, meatballs, yams, green beans, pasta salads, and a thousand-and-one varieties of pies, cakes, cookies, and tarts for dessert. Seconds, thirds, even fourths had to be sampled and savored in some cases... yes! I lie to you not, my friends and foes; this was some damn good eatin’, right here. If you cannot find any reason at all to make your way to one of these events, then let “The Camper Contingent potluck” be the one compelling reason for you to promptly pencil it into your weekend-planner. You will never be disappointed. I can assure you of this from firsthand experience.

I’d like to thank all of the names that I’ve long since forgotten for their overarching kindness and hospitality. To whoever organized this enjoyable excursion, you can expect my enthusiastic attendance again next year. And for those that didn’t make it, I offer my emotive apologies for missing out on one darn good time. Cheers, everyone...! Until next time...!



First TearJerker campout at the AG Museum (AKA The On Our Way Gathering)

By Allen Laudenslager We met on Thursday afternoon with teardrops arriving from early afternoon to around 5 PM. The field was nicely covered in grass with some strategically placed shade trees. Trailers continued to arrive on Friday with a total count of 15 teardrops. There were three custom built trailers brought by the builders on their first camping trips.

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Unfortunately, I missed getting pictures of every trailer. The museum has huge outdoor storage areas with tractors, farming implements and many other farm, orchard and industrial equipment and vehicles. The real stars of the collection are displayed under cover and is fascinating if you are at all interested in “how it used to be done” before farming became the agribusiness. Or if you happen to be a machinery geek like me! There was a Shepherd’s wagon that captured my attention in one of the display areas. Could this have been one of the first teardrops?

On Friday night, Marianne made chili and Brian and Sandi brought tamales for a group feed. The butt hut was in full swing on Friday waiting for the rest of the group to arrive. By Friday night the party was on.

Greg lit off his Traveling Light Show in a head-to-head competition with Tracy’s Amazing Laser Lights. Unfortunately, the photos of moving or flashing lights just show spots of light or streaks so – no photos.



The first Shasta Dam Gathering

The first Shasta Dam gathering hosted 79 trailers. With people coming from as far north as Canada.

IRG 6.0 Grand Finale 2016, Teardrop Trailer Gathering, International Redwood Gathering

Saying good bye to IRG is so difficult. Thank you Dean and the Teardrop Nanny for all of your work over the years.

[Link to IRG Video](#)

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Antelope Canyon Tour

By Marty and Katie Boehme There's a geological feature in Northern Arizona that we've heard about from family and friends for many years. It is frequently featured on calendars because it so amazing- they are called "slot canyons" and the one we toured was in Page, Arizona (located next to Lake Powell).

Our tour started early in the morning with a demonstration of the famed Navajo Ring Dance performed by a limber youth for the first flock of tourists. We then boarded a jitney-type truck for the ride out to the canyon. The driver was also a young Navajo native who led our group through the canyon. He was very helpful explaining the features we were seeing and taking photos of us with our camera.

A slot canyon is usually a very narrow gulch that allows water to flow through it. Most slot canyons see water only during the famed "flash" floods that happens when a horrific downpour occurs in the mountains. The sudden accumulation of rainwater over a large landmass area has a definite effect on the terrain when running downhill. The canyon area may be in sunshine but the surrounding area produces the flood from its storm.

This is what has happened in Antelope Canyon for many, many years. At Antelope Canyon the sudden torrent of water has carved unusual features in a space about 800 feet long and averages 80 feet high. And, geologically speaking, it's still a "work in progress" even today. Sometimes the Navajo tours are cancelled because of a recent rain storm, but the next day they begin again.

The canyon's unusual form is wonderful to see. When entering, you are overcome with awe at its beauty; it feels like you are entering a cathedral or sacred place. As you move through the canyon you become part of a living sculpture and you are caught up in the shapes and rhythm of the rock flows carved by the rivers of time.

It's very hard to express our feelings about this place, for its beauty is out-of-this-world and something that has to be experienced.

The Gorge Gathering

Once again Jim and Joyce put on an amazing event. The weather was everything from sunny to raining, with some rainbows so pretty it took my breath away. Even with the last IRG the same weekend, 67 trailers turned out to start off camping season with three days of good times, good food and good people. I recommend this event to everyone, Jim and Joyce feed us every night, and there is breakfast every morning. Saturday night carnival is always a hit, with great stuff on the gift table for winners and losers alike. I don't know where Joyce gets the corn chowder, but yum!



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The Creswell Campout

By Kim Black

Twelve teardrops from Oregon, Washington and California enjoyed the 8th Annual Creswell Campout the second weekend in June. While the weather initially looked threatening, the few, light passing showers didn't dampen the fun and camaraderie everyone enjoyed.

We started out the weekend with a challenge from Larry and Zelma. Technology was not allowed to help solve the questions. It was time to turn off the cell phones, talk to each other and just enjoy. There were some new attendees, so it was a great way to meet and greet everyone.



Bill and Milly gave gifts of handmade teardrop salt and pepper shakers. And Larry gave us all teardrop piggy banks. They are pieces of art! A brother and sister each found one of the coins Larry had skillfully hidden on the property and received a beautifully handcrafted hardwood box for their super sleuthing skills. Saturday nine people joined Kim Black to learn the art of pine needle basket making. Everyone finished their basket and had a wonderful time sharing stories as we stitched the day away. Before we knew it, it was Saturday evening and time for the potluck dinner. This group has some outstanding cooks and everyone enjoyed a deliciously hearty meal. A large covered building provides a great place to gather and eat. Each morning Larry had a big pot of fresh coffee and the fire going for us to warm ourselves as we enjoyed his beautiful, private country setting. I hope more of you can come next year and enjoy a truly special experience.

Trask River Gathering

This year's Tillamook Dairy Parade theme was Pirates. With a pirate ship teardrop, how could TOW possibly lose? Back at camp Randy took on the event by himself as Rikki was on mission in Mexico, and he did her proud! 15 trailers including a dome-drop (fancy way to say tent), and an egg. The weather was wonderful, in the high 70's and Randy can build a fire like no one's business. Randy also had a drone that he was flying around, at least until he flew it into a tree. Things were pretty entertaining after that as all of the campers kept wandering about looking up into the tree and trying to figure out a way to get the drone down. Some folks even went tree fishing to try and get it down, but no luck before we left. Thank you for another wonderful event Randy!



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Truck stops

Truck stops are an oasis of services spread across the country. Just like with the big rigs, truck stops expect to make their money from fuel, food, and other supplies you purchase, rather than charging you to park in their lot overnight.

These are some of the major truck stop chains with travel centers covering the entire country:

- Flying J
- Pilot Travel Centers
- Travel Centers of America
- Rip Griffin Travel Centers

Regardless of where you are on the interstate highway system, you are seldom more than 100 miles away from at least 1 or 2 of these truck stops or travel centers.

Beyond fuel and a free place to park for the night, many truck stops also offer free dump sites to empty your waste tanks, full scale restaurants, and convenience stores to restock your supplies.

Because they are catering to the trucking industry, they also carry small 12-volt appliances that are useful to RVers. You can also find some repair parts and other gadgets that you can't often locate in normal retail outlets.

If you need to catch up on your laundry, or take a nice long hot shower, truck stops can accommodate you for a reasonable charge. Their whole business is based on people just passing through.

Slow cooker to Dutch Oven conversion

Found @ <http://www.onlineread.org/slow-cooker-to-Dutch-oven-conversion/>

SLOW COOKER	DUTCH OVEN
12 hours/Low	3 hours/325° F
10 hours/Low	2 1/2 hours/325° F
8 hours/Low	2 hours/325° F
6 hours/Low	1 1/2 hours/325° F
5 hours/Low	1 hour, 15 min./325° F
4 hours/Low	1 hour/325° F
4 hours/High	2 hours/325° F
3 hours/Low	45 min./325° F
3 hours/High	1 1/2 hours/325° F
2 hours/Low	30 min./325° F
2 hours/High	1 hour/325° F
1 hour/Low	15 min./325° F
1 hour/High	30 min./325° F

Kathleen Purvis of the Charlotte Observer once wrote an article on converting cooking times from a slow cooker to a Dutch oven. Although the math is pretty straightforward, I thought that some of you might appreciate a quick [cheat sheet](#), so I created one based upon Kathleen Purvis' suggestions.

Slow cookers are wonderful things. Just throw in the

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ingredients, set the temperature, and let it go. However, as any cast iron aficionado will understand, sometimes you just prefer to break out the black iron.

Most recipes (with a few exceptions) can be cooked in cast iron. This is especially true of slow cooker recipes since a slow cooker is really nothing more than an electric Dutch oven if you think about it.

However, some conversion of cooking time is required.

A recipe that is cooked on the low setting in your slow cooker will take about a quarter as long in a Dutch oven in a 325-degree oven (if it cooks for 8 hours on low, it will take two to three hours in the Dutch oven).

A recipe that is cooked on high setting will take about half as long. But remember, that's only an estimate, so leave yourself a little extra time.

None of the above times will be exact, so pay attention to the food cooking in your Dutch oven that you don't undercook it or overcook it. Kathleen Purvis also suggests adding more liquid to food cooked in Dutch ovens because she says that more steam escapes from them than from a slow cooker. However, my experience has been just the opposite—the heavy lid of a Dutch oven will sometimes hold in too much moisture. But your experience may vary, so be sure to watch out for this.

Finally, what about the obvious advantage that slow cookers have over Dutch ovens when it comes to portability? Taking food in a Dutch oven to the church potluck may not stay warm as long without the added heating element. Well, there is a solution for this; you can simply use a portable single burner such as the one from GE pictured below:

These single burners run a little less than \$20 and can be used in the kitchen as an extra burner or even while camping (assuming you have access to electricity). Don't expect them to get as hot as a burner on a stove, but they function well to keep things warm to hot, much like a slow cooker.

Earlier this week, we had about 15 people over to the house for dinner, and I needed to make room on the stove. As part of the meal, we were having Taco Soup. I had made it in advance, and it would have been very appropriate simply to transfer it to a slow cooker since I needed the space on my stovetop. However, I kept the soup in my new red enameled Dutch oven I cooked it in, and simply moved it to the counter, sitting it on top of the single burner.

This worked out perfectly, and demonstrates quite well what you can do if you want to show off your cast iron at the next potluck, but keep it warm, too. In fact, as we were getting ready to eat the other night, one of our guests looked at my Dutch oven sitting on top of the single burner and asked, "Is that some kind of new fancy Crock Pot?"

Source: cookingincastiron.com

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Recipe

Creamy Sweet Onions

By Susan Day

- 5 large onions, thinly sliced
- 2 ¼ cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups cider vinegar
- 1 ½ cups water
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon celery seed
- Salt and pepper to taste



Place the onions in a large bowl. In a sauce pan combine the sugar, vinegar, water, and salt. Bring to a boil, pour over onions. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Drain onions, discarding liquid. In a bowl combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, celery seed, salt and pepper. Mix well, add onions, and toss to coat. Yields 4 cups

A beautiful handcrafted cutting board in the shape of a Teardrop trailer (see <http://vintagecampinggear.com/product/vintage-trailer-cutting-boards-teardrop/> and attached photo)

A set of wood coasters shaped like a Teardrop (see <http://vintagecampinggear.com/product/vintage-camping-gear-wood-coaster-sets/>)

Make fire with a lemon

<http://www.faithtap.com/6240/when-life-gives-you-lemons-you-make-fire/?t=1>

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Gadget

GPS Tracker for your teardrop

[Amazon Ad](#) (I do not recommend this brand as such, this is for idea purposes)

Many of us are worried about theft. A GPS tracker might give you some peace of mind. These devices can be installed directly into your wiring. Using your cell phone, you can call the device and as long as you are somewhere you can get service, it will send the GPS coordinates of your teardrop to your phone. Worth looking into.

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2016 Event Details

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, farming 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.

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 teardrops@bctonline.com 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.



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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 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](#)

August 26-28 Gaston, Oregon

Wapato Showdown

The Wapato Showdown is a car event that has expanded to Vintage trailers. The event is held in a large sports complex with lights all around. Friday night starts with a parade and later there is a steak feed (no host, but decently priced) and live music. Saturday morning a pancake breakfast benefits the Gaston Fire department and after the car show, the all-class Class Reunion for Gaston High also has live music. All proceeds go to the Gaston Oregon Pythians. [email Marianne](#) for more information.



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September 2-18 SE British Columbia

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

Here is a brief sneak preview of what you are to expect if you choose to participate in the B.C. Chapter Tear Jerkers sponsored "2016 Fall Crawl"

The itinerary is still tentative as not all campgrounds have been booked or confirmed.

This is what I have to Date:

Crawl will start in two locations: Westbank B.C. at the Farm for group #1 & Sandpoint Idaho or close by for Group # 2 on Friday Sept 2nd.

We will stay 2 nights at those locations leaving Sunday Sept 4th.

Sunday night will be spent at Gold Panner's Campground near Cherryville B.C. for Group # 1, and Creston B.C. for Group # 2

Monday Sept 5th group one will overnight in Nakusp and Group # 2 in New Denver.

Tuesday Sept 6th Group one will day trip south to meet Group #2 in New Denver and tour to Silverton & Sandon, with both groups traveling back to Nakusp for to overnight for the first time together in Nakusp.

Wednesday Sept 7th we travel to Revelstoke for 2 nights (Sept 7th & 8th)

Friday Sept 9th we travel to Golden and will overnight there.

Saturday some of our group may head east to see Lake Louise and Banff while others go down the west face of the Rockies to Invermere to overnight.

Those going east will travel down Hwy 93 to Radium to rejoin us on either Saturday night or Sunday night (this part may change???)

We will be in Invermere for two nights Saturday Sept 10th and Sunday Sept 10th.

Monday Sept 11th we travel to overnight in Creston or Moyie Lake.

* Some may get off here and head east or south east.

Those continuing for Week Two: will head West on Hwy 3 to Fruitvale then south on Hwy 31 to Metaline Falls or Lake Gillette to overnight on Tuesday Sept 13th.

Wednesday Sept 14th we will travel over Hwy 20 to Kettle Falls to overnight.

Thursday Sept 15th we travel down Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake through Grand Coulee Dam to Dry Falls and the Sun Lakes SP.

Friday Sept 16th we travel south through Soap Lake and down to Union Gap for the "Trailers & Tractors Gathering" where we stay to the 18th or 19th.

Optional Week Three: Will take us South and west through Oregon arriving in Mulino for T.O.W.'s Fall Brigade Gathering arriving Thursday Sept 22nd.

As I said, there may be some revisions to this itinerary depending on the availability of all planned campgrounds.... but it is close!

Please let me know what your thoughts are and if you would like to be included on this year's registration list.

Remembering that you can participate in as much or a little of this Crawl as you prefer. We would love to see you for even one or two nights along the way. Go to the Tear Jerkers Forum (B.C. Chapter) to see who

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has already registered or to have your name added to the list. This has all the makings of a Teardrop Trip that you will long remember!

Hope you can add it to your 2016 Camping Schedule.

[Brian Woods](#)

Good Roads

Brian & Sandi

2016 Fall Crawl Hosts

September 3–5 Newport, Washington

1st Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"! 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: www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org

Please feel free to tell others about our rally - the more the merrier!

More details to follow, so check the [Facebook site](#) often! Rally is being hosted by Doug and Teresa Johnson

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](#)

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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.

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 [Doug Clark](#) **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.

DIRECTIONS: Go to centralwaagmuseum.org and download the directions there. Otherwise, go to Union Gap and follow the signs as you head south out of town.

September 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 some power available. Remember to bring your outdoor extension cord if you need power.



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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.

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.

September 25-26 Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade-The Caboose 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.

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: teardrops@bctonline.com

September 30 – October 2 Champoeg Park, Oregon

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

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October 20 – 23 Catalina State Park, Arizona

Spooktacular 2016 Where: Catalina State Park just north of Tucson on Highway 77: Warm to hot days, cold nights (bring a heater, bring a jacket).

When: Thursday October 20 at 5 am to -Sunday October 23 at 10 pm. Currently park reservation fees are based on half days. We took full days on Thursday through Sunday at the Gila Monster site and Friday through Sunday at the adjacent Flycatcher site to handle overflow camping and guest parking.

Dry Camping- Park and camp where you want and with whom you want. Water is available near the group ramadas. The bathrooms have electric outlets and the park is letting us set up a group table with electricity for morning coffee and a power strip to recharge your phones.

Fees: \$15 camping per night, pay at the gate. Sign in and pay the \$10 event when you arrive at the group area. The event fee goes towards the reservation cost and event expenses.

Park Description: Mountain views, numerous mesquite trees, spacious modern bathrooms, hiking and biking trails. Horses are available to rent just outside the park. A Super Walmart grocery store is directly across the highway along with camping stores and more.

Special Events:

Please decorate for Halloween and feel free to bring things to sell to fellow campers.

Thursday: Unstructured. Early birds may choose bonfire or watch outdoor movies.

Friday: PM: Meet and greet after dinner with hot mulled cider and a fire. Outdoor movies after dark.

Saturday: Trailer tours after breakfast. Swap meet, craft sale OK at your trailer. Potluck dinner and awards in group area at 4 pm. Bonfire.

Sunday: Relax or go explore local attractions, thrift stores, quilt shops- we have both sites until 10 pm. If you want to stay extra, please arrange that with the park officials

Specific Contact Information: [Email](mailto:Towlinenewsletter@teardroptrailers.org)

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2016 Event Calendar

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

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
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 10-14 Bend, Oregon	<u>Bend Classic, Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The same weekend as a HUGE car show in Bend	Dal Smilie Email
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 Registration Form
August 26-28 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato Showdown</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info email Marianne
September 3-5 Newport, Washington	<u>1st Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"</u>	Held in conjunction with "Bob's Car Show"	Facebook Page
September 2-18 Locations in 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
September 10 Winthrop, Washington	<u>Winthrop Vintage Wheels Show</u>	Check the Rules	Web Page

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September 23-25 Mulino, Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade</u>	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park	Fall Brigade Team Email
September 25-26 Mulino, Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade – The Caboose</u>	Tour the Evergreen Aviation Museum, then stay over Sunday night at Elks Park	Marty Boehme Email
*September 30 – October 2 Salem, Oregon	<u>4th Annual Champoeg Park Rally</u>	This one will sell out early	ROVT Website ReserveAmerica.com
October 20-23 Catalina State Park, Arizona	<u>Spooktacular 2016</u>	Teardrops and Vintage trailers	Email Park's Facebook Page