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From the Editor

Marty has found a Car Show that is looking for teardrops to show. If they get 12 they will pay \$75.00 a trailer. You have to leave your rig there and you can't camp, but it is secure. More later in this edition.

TOW has grown a lot this last year, there are lots of new people, so be sure to say hello and introduce yourselves.

There are still events coming up, and we are even starting to see some for 2018 already! Be sure to check the events sections and let your host(s) know you are coming. For those of you up north, don't forget Salamander Point in Sedro-Woolley in early August. We haven't had a gathering in the Seattle area in a long time. This year's Fall Brigade includes a tour of PT-658 at Swan Island.

Creswell Gathering

By Larry Boehme

This year's campout, which was the last one, was one of the best ever. We had 16 trailers and even though it rained at times we had a great time and as someone pointed out, the rain simply brought us together around the fire under the shelter for good visiting. EVERYONE pitched in and helped in setting up for the food, splitting wood etc. With a small campout such as this everyone had a good chance to get to know each other. Makes me want to have campout number 10 but alas it is not to be. Looking forward to more get together so we don't lose track of all the great folks we have gotten to know and love.

Larry and Zelma Boehme

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Traveling Back to our Home-State of Oregon

By Marty and Katie Boehme

Getting Ready

It was time to leave our Tucson home to return to our rental in the Portland Area. It was because we definitely did not want to miss the 2017 Gorge Gathering. It was hard to leave with my Cushman four-wheel mail scooter still not done during the third season spent working on it. I still had lots of inventing, designing and fabricating to do, but these tasks will be something I could look forward to when returning in October.

Planning the Trip

Because we intended to camp on this trip, we selected the route on the east side of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. This was on US Hwy 395 that hugged the mountain range all the way north to the Oregon border. With all the incredible snow pack the mountains got this last winter, we expected to follow snow-peaked mountains all the way. Boy howdy – did that decision pay off!!!!

First Half- Day Out

We took the freeway towards Phoenix on this Sunday expecting no traffic problems. Wrong!! Driving through the main Phoenix area was a breeze. But in a few miles, the freeway was shut down to only one lane for all of us driving towards Los Angeles. Actually, we were planning on driving about 600 miles on this day, so the delay was frustrating. At the next rest stop, Katie starting driving until we stopped for gas (@ \$2.50 per gal). She drove west until we reached the rest stop just before entering San Bernardino. *(BTW, she's a stickler about the AZ speed limit going 80 but NOT wanting to violate California's law limiting cars towing trailers to 55 mph. I'm asking myself – "How many teardroppers have ever been ticketed for going over 55 mph?" If you have, contact the TOW Line editor with explanation)*

Second Half-Day Out.

After we left the freeway and were actually on 395, we started to drive through outskirts communities with stop lights every few blocks. Another frustrating time: - knowing we had a couple hundred miles to go. At this time, our camping spot was to be at a small county park in the small town of Lone Pine. But, even though we had stayed there years ago, I remembered WRONG. Instead, while filling up (@ \$4.00 per gal) I asked about camping. "Go to the only stop light in town and turn west". We found that this road led to a parking lot of the Mt. Whitney summit trail where a coworker and I ventured 45 years ago to climb the highest mountain in the continental United States (14,505 feet).

The Final Push to Camp

We turned at the light and started to climb and climb on a narrow-paved road. Suddenly, the huge east wall of the Sierras came into view. WHAT a spectacular SIGHT!!! Snow covered, steep, all-rock, streamed with melting snow rivulets, narrow clefts in the rock, cracks in the rock faces reaching for the sky and the silence of it all from below. This snow-covered view disappeared as far as you could see to the north. As we got closer to the Tuttle Creek BLM campground, one could see the scale of it all. Lots of campers were scattered below at the very bottom of thousands of feet of mountain. They looked like toys from where we

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first caught sight of them!! They were miniscule compared to the rest of the scenery. We found a level spot at one of the many camping sites and after leveling side-to-side, keeping hooked-up, lowered the tongue wheel and lifted our teardrop to a sleep level position. The camp (it costs \$2.50 a day with a Golden Passport card) consisted of a cement table/bench, a regulation fire pit and, something I've never seen before - an eight foot pole with a hook arm at its top designed to hang a lantern. All of this at one end of the table. It looked like it was designed for tabletop cooking. Right away, we wanted a photo of our teardrop with the high mountainside as a backdrop. What a photo op!!!!

Start of the Second Day

Into Nevada's Reno Area

We missed the freeway bypass of Carson City and were glad we did. It was just after lunchtime, so we found a most unusual restaurant in town. I was Red's Old 395 Grill and featured all antique carriages and horse-drawn harvesting equipment hanging from the ceiling. This collection included a "Gentlemen's" enclosed carriage as well as a horse-drawn open sleigh. After lunch, we found the by-pass freeway at the north end of town, got on it and buzzed past Reno proper. Finally, we were on 395 again about to enter California again from Nevada. Here, we stopped at the Agriculture Inspection Station where we had stopped before on our way back from the 20th celebration of the Shasta Gathering in 2013. I say "back" where you might think, "Why was Marty going north on the way back to Tucson?" It was because in Reno, we had crossed under the freeway for lunch and because all onramps looked the same, headed north instead of south. Oh well – we still made it home to Tucson towing our TD on a car-hauler. But, that's another story.

On to Susanville

Our route would deviate from Hwy 395 at Susanville and head northwest towards I-5. When looking at a map, we saw that if we took the road to Red Bluff, we would pass the southern entrance of Lassen Volcanic National Park. For years, we've always driven past its north entrance, but decided that maybe we could camp in the park this night. We were now traveling away from America's High Desert Country into a more familiar landscape for us Pacific Northwesters. Finally – conifer forest reaching for miles and miles into the mountain distances and towering on both sides of the highway.

Into Lassen Volcanic National Park

While gassing-up in Susanville (@\$3.50 per gal), I started a conversation with a local (a dead giveaway - he was driving a mud-spattered pickup full of firewood and a chainsaw). I asked if he had heard that Lassen Park was open. "I've heard that it was", he answered. So, then our plan was to camp in the park, continue on north through the park and pick up the route north to Oregon. We headed west until we came to the park's south entrance. A sign – "Road through park not open". Oh well, maybe we will find a place to camp anyway. No luck – after driving to the Visitor Center, we found it had closed 10 minutes before we got there. Again, we found the very large parking lot free of snow, but surrounded with 20 to 30-foot-high snowplowed piles. But – no campsite and with the temperature in the 40's we decided not to sleep in the tear because of it being too cold for our two cats. On the other hand, the scenery was beautiful on this very sunny day and we got some very good photos.

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On to Antler's RV Park

We continued west into Red Bluff and then on to Antler's RV Park where we were told that there must have been over 100 teardrop trailers there three weeks ago. We have stopped there at least three times at other times on our way through Northern California to camp because it was familiar to us. The mosquitos were terrible today. But, our camp guy came by after we parked and offered us some "spray-off". It was very welcome. We had a short camp dinner and then went to bed as it was about 10 PM with daylight almost gone. Our camp guide wanted us to pay full price for the night. I explained to him that any teardrop trailer wanting to camp at Antlers had traditionally paid only half price. That was unfamiliar to him, so the next morning I went to the office and made out a check. Later that day, we got a call from someone wanting another \$11. Bummer!! Some GOOD things never last!!!

Pollard Flat USA

After leaving Antlers, we drove north on the freeway for about six miles until we came to the Pollard Flat exit. For years, we've always left the freeway to have breakfast at this truck stop. It's located on the very old and original two-lane highway I remember back in the 1960's before the freeway was built. This truck stop is REMARKABLE!!! It has many auto-related collections with the main dining room walls lined floor to ceiling with license plates from all over the USA as well as a few from the world's foreign countries. Ever see an early 1900's California plate? There are four attached to a doorway – all very rusty and barely readable. There is a collection of paper money from all over the world too. We had entered from the truck parking lot and gas pump area into the store that measured only about 10 X 20 feet. Walking through it to the main dining room, we were greeted by the owner who later sat down to visit with us. It is a very friendly dining area with the customers visiting with one another all the time. Just off the room was a small door with the sign "Toilet" over it. I had forgotten about entering it years ago, but on this occasion, I opened the door and stepped back in amazement. For there was an old-fashioned, claw-footed bathtub with a woman sitting in it. It was, of course, a fully-dressed dummy! This location was purchased from the railroad back in the 1920's from the checkerboard sections awarded to a railroad by the federal government for building a track through federal forestlands. Unfortunately, for those of leaving the Shasta Gathering, this truck stop restaurant is NOT open on Sundays

Into our Home State of Oregon

Our next stop was at our most favorite Rest Stop on the whole length of I-5. It's on beautiful green lawn-swept grass with shady trees on the banks of the Klamath River. It is truly a very beautiful park! This stop is not only invigorating to your body, but also to your tired mind. We continued over Siskiyou Pass, down the grade into Ashland and through the Rouge River Valley.

Driving into Tigard

It was really GREAT to travel over the state's I-5 freeway. We saw things you never see in Southern Arizona. A log truck loaded with a harvest from Oregon's abundant forests. The load we saw was clean, straight and debarked logs that were worth many thousands of dollars. The roadside fields were blooming with crops not seen in Southern Arizona. Cut hay lay in many fields – some already bailed and some just cut lying on the sun-drenched ground. Before long, we buzzed through all the cities we've come to know

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during our travels to teardrop and TTT gatherings. It was like a “count-down” as we got closer to the Portland Area. Finally, we left I-5 and were driving through the streets close to our rental home. What a sight that met our eyes. Even though we’d missed the crocus and daffodils, we were enjoying seeing all the rhododendrons, irises’ and gladioli in full blooms with their reds, purples, yellows flowers of all shapes and sizes. The sun was out, the temperature hovering in the low 80’s. It makes you wonder why we would leave this very, very beautiful area to move to Arizona.

Throwing away Propane Cylinders

By Hiram Stumpjumper

This question came up at a recent trailer rally. The answer is “YES”. The internet can answer all questions regarding the disposal in GREAT detail.

After a typical 16.4 oz tank is COMPLETELY empty, it can be thrown into regular household trash. But, for us who recycle, a steel recycler welcomes these EMPY propane cylinders. So, if you have the option of Trash or Recycle, use the second choice.

Some of us have propane bottles that are almost empty. To completely empty them, put it on something that burns. When the burner quits, the propane has been used up. But, there are smart cautions when doing this. The cautions are for the safety of yourself and others. The most important concern is: do it outside!!

New Teardrop trailer blog

Here is the link to our new blog. Hope you like it. [Teardrop Trailer Travels](#)

Ron Brown

IRG 2016

By Allen Laudenslager

The International Redwood Gathering (of teardrops) was held in its traditional location: Pamplin Grove of the Humboldt State Forest near Carlotta, CA. The IRG was started as a group of friends who met in first in 2004 at the “main” campground just up the road from its current site. For 2004 and 2005 it was in the Swimmer’s Delight area and grew each year, switching to Pamplin Grove in 2006 where it has remained as a bi-annual event until 2016 when it came to an end.

Dean and Joanie have been the event coordinators since its inception and this was their last year. While the event will be missed by many people – some who have attended for years and some of us (me



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included) who came for the first time – after so many years of hard work it’s easy to understand why they have “retired”.

While the first day’s drive was uneventful, it was the most boring part of the trip. We just tootled down Interstate 5 from Seattle to Pass Creek Park in Cottage Grove, OR.

The next day we drove through Grants Pass and followed US 199 to Crescent City, CA. While not a super highway but a winding mostly 2-lane road, with some passing lanes, it does pass through some gorgeous scenery and the beginning of the redwoods.

Turning south from Crescent City on the Pacific Coast Highway (US 101) was probably the most scenic part of the drive with great views of the Pacific Ocean and the mostly unoccupied beaches.

In some places, the 101 is a two-lane road and in others a 4 lane highway down the coast.

Pamplin Grove is east of Fortuna on California highway 36 a two-lane winding road that crosses mostly farmland until the redwood groves start as part of the Humboldt Redwood State Park.

The grove is a group campsite with both camping among the redwoods and an open meadow. We opted to camp near the very back of area among the trees to try and capture the full experience of the forest.

After the week there I think we made a wise choice since most of the traffic and people were between us and the group area, giving us a very quiet and peaceful place to just chill and rest.

We went to several places to just walk through the woods and experience the trees. None of the walks were really long enough to qualify as “hikes” but were truly marvelous.

The forest was broken up into many smaller areas, each with its own designation. Just a few miles down the road from Pamplin Grove was the Cheatham Grove section of the Grizzly Creek State park. The sign told us that part of this grove was used for the “speeder cycle” background from the second Star Wars episode! Many of the trees had bulges or some kind of growth, perhaps from damage? Everywhere we looked we saw some of the most amazing things. Sometimes just the fall of sun and shadow through the trees was almost overwhelmingly beautiful.

Since this was the final IRG and only my 2nd year teardropping I was very glad to have been a part of this, for me, once in a lifetime opportunity.

Bonneville’s Visitor Center is Great

By Hiram Stumpjumper** Of the best experiences to see an example of our nation’s uses of our tax dollars is a visit to the Bonneville Dam visitor center. It is easy to get to from both Oregon and Washington highways. You have to drive through a security gate where you stop to chat with a “homeland security”

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guy in uniform. You actually drive across the dam itself! Even on popular weekends, the center's parking lot is huge with lots and lots of free parking for cars with trailers and big RV's.

Ever see a salmon up close? Well, you can when viewing fish as they migrate up the dam's fish ladder. You can sit comfortably in front of any of the four windows that see into the ladder. On this trip, the water was very murky, but not only fish of all sizes swim past, but you also occasionally see eels that are about two feet long.

In the old days 50 years ago, you could stand behind a woman who was in the process of "counting" fish. This task has been practiced ever since the dam's completion in 1938. The data are used for helping authorities establish fishing regulations on the Columbia River and its tributaries.

***Hiram is TOW's roving reporter from Aumsville, OR*

Recipe

Check out this website for several Dutch Oven recipes.

50campfires.com/35-incredibly-easy-dutch-oven-recipes

Recommendations from the CDC For Heat Stroke/Exhaustion

Heat Exhaustion

- Heavy sweating
- Weakness
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

What You Should Do:

- Move to a cooler location.
- Lie down and loosen your clothing.
- Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of your body as possible.
- Sip water.
- If you have vomited and it continues, seek medical attention immediately.

Heat Stroke

- High body temperature (above 103°F)*
- Hot, red, dry or moist skin
- Rapid and strong pulse
- Possible unconsciousness

What You Should Do:

- Call 911 immediately — **this is a medical emergency.**
- Move the person to a cooler environment.
- Reduce the person's body temperature with cool cloths or even a bath.
- Do **NOT** give fluids.

*104°F taken rectally is the most accurate.

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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: \$9.25, Shipping: U.S. MAIL (packaging & postage) \$5.00

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Gadget

This is something perfect for wild camping without showers or when you're in need of a wash off at the beach after a dip in the sea. Because it's black, if you fill it up with water in the morning and leave it in the sun, then by the evening the water will be warm. You step on the foot pump, press the trigger and have a lovely warm shower.



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2017 Event Details

June 30 – July 5 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! Cost is \$35 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).

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.

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

July 7-9 Garibaldi, Oregon

Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi 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 7-9 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.

July 20-23 Okanagan Valley, B.C. CANADA

Tear Jerkers 4th 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 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.

For Registration or further information, you can post on tnttt, use PM option on tnttt, or e-mail us at woodysrods@shaw.ca

July 15-16 2017 Antique and Collectables Show

(Sat & Sun) Portland Expo Center We have a total of 12 parking spaces. There's a gate very close to your row so moving in should be easy.

A few details that you'll probably want:

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The optimum time to easily park them will be at 5:30-6pm on Thursday, July 13.

The show opens to early buyers on Friday at 8am to the outside vendors, then at 10am the inside opens (a good time to come as a customer since the show is setting up and many of the great deals are sold on that day). I'll provide badges so your owners can take advantage of not paying the \$30 entrance fee.

Public hours on Saturday are 9am to 6pm (with those badges, your folks can come in at 8am if they want to)

Public hours on Sunday are 10am to 4pm (badge holders in at 9am).

There's no charge to park on Thursday or Friday (with badge), but on Sat and Sun, they charge \$8. I'll have a couple of spare parking passes which you can distribute as you see fit to anyone who wants to come on Saturday or Sunday. There's no parking charge after 3pm on Sunday, so picking them up won't be a problem.

When we use vintage cars for this space, we get them out first (it's quite the madhouse when the show is over). That creates space for our vendors to park in for loading out. In your case, you'll have vehicles to hitch up to the trailers, so I'd suggest getting there between 3:30 and 4pm and we'll see if we can maneuver you out first. We do have traffic control in the outside selling area but what they can do is somewhat limited by the influx of vendor vehicles all anxious to get their vehicles in so they can load out. This show of only teardrop trailers will result in you receiving money to participate. Their restriction is "FREE" entrance to the show via a pass you will receive when you show up on late Thursday PM (5:30 – 6:00) to park your trailer. (NO LATE ARRIVALS) You have the option of parking your teardrop any time after noon on that Thursday, July 13. If we have 10 trailers, each owner will receive \$75. Pick up after 4:00 PM Sunday. The site is secure and patrolled.

July 14-16 Post Falls, Idaho

3rd Annual Puddy Duddy Cruisers Vintage Trailer Rally & Open Show Friday check-in starts at 12 NOON Saturday Open house 1 AM to 4 PM for viewing of the trailer Open to the Public, plus Swap Meet. Saturday evening Potluck, Sunday Friendship dinner(Potluck) after church. Pack up day. Music and old-time movies during the weekend!

Come and share your Vintage Trailer and Tear Drops they can be restored or a work in progress! So fun to share what we are working on as well the finished projects. Have a burger or milkshake and meet new friends.

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River of Life Friends Church 3263 E 12th Avenue Post Falls, ID 83854

Linda omasgarden42@gmail.com or Pete [208-659-7285](tel:208-659-7285)

More information at: www.phuddyduddies.org

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August 4-6, Brooks, Oregon



Powerland Steam Up All teardrop and vintage travel trailers are welcome at this annual event held at Antique Powerland (now known as Powerland Heritage Park). The “park” is a collection of 16 vintage style museums that’s located near the town of Brooks, Oregon. It is only 8 miles north of Salem and 35 miles south of Portland at I-5 exit 263. Every year the Park’s famed “Steam-Up” is held on two consecutive weekends.

The first weekend is always the last complete weekend of July. The next weekend is a continuation and has invited all teardrops, vintage TTT’s (Tiny Travel Trailers) and vintage cars to campout on the very lush show field of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. The Friday you show up, you get FREE entrance to the park when you are identified at the front gate as a camper.

Our campers can wander the grounds seeing collections of wonderful old machinery, vintage farming demonstrations and all sorts of vehicle museums (the biggest being the Pacific Northwest Truck Museum). One feature is the GREAT swap meet. (It’s best to show up very, very early the first weekend for the best selection).

This year of 2017, we will NOT require any preregistration. Just show up!! Our biggest event is the Saturday night supper and will be an “old-fashioned” potluck. Campers are to bring their own meat to grill and a side dish. We will have a donation jar that will cover the cost of ice, water and some decorations. 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.

Again, this year of 2017, we will NOT be requiring per-registration. And, please bring your own protein to cook. We might have a donation jar set out to cover such things as ice, water, propane, etc. Again - this will be a special event where anyone is invited including vintage travel trailers as well as teardrops.

For this TOW event in 2018, we will have a new host. It will be Dan Fuger who is retiring this year and has volunteered to run this campout for all of us to enjoy. So, expect some possible changes – it will be Dan’s gig!

The camping fee will be the same as before at \$15 per night. Contact Marty/Katie Boehme at teardrops@bctonline.com for more information. [Registration](#)

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August 4-6 Sedro-Woolley, Washington

Salamander Point Gathering Lots of Activities or just go for a walk to the river. Saturday we are having an everything Blackberry Potluck, entrees and desserts! Cornbread, blackberry glazed meat, etc. The blackberries will be ripe and plentiful on the property.

Other activities are available: golf course around the corner, casino at the top of the hill, go for a drive on our scenic backroads, get lost in the maze, or go wading in the river (walking on the wild side) RSVP your space soon, 12 spots available. Call:360-391-5620 or 360-707-1474 or email:

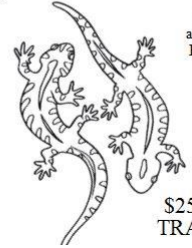
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August 4-6 Livingston, Montana

5th annual Fiddlers Picnic Vintage Trailer Rally Join us at the Old Mercier Ranch for the 5th annual Fiddlers Picnic Vintage Trailer Rally. This is dry camping on the bank of the Yellowstone River on the South edge of Livingston MT, the gateway to Yellowstone National Park

This is in the midst of a 500 picker jam that is over 40 years old. Social hour, potluck and pancake breakfast. \$25 contribution to Picnic covers it all

Contact Dal Smilie dalsmilie@aol.com for more information

August 18-22 Shaniko, Oregon (This event is on waitlist only)

Shadows over Shaniko 2017 will include a full Solar Eclipse, and we have an amazing venue: The "ghost town" of Shaniko, Oregon.

Located in the upper swath of the eclipse path, Shaniko will be in full eclipse for 1 minute, 27 seconds, with approximately 2 minutes on each side while the moon is moving. Shaniko is on the high desert of Oregon and we will be able to see the mountains go into the shadows. Best yet, Shaniko has very little cloud cover, so we have a great chance to have clear skies for the event.

Viewing glasses will be included in your event fee and we are working with the town to set up other events such as a tour with the town historian, and the Sarsaparilla bar will be open. There is quite a bit to see in Shaniko, and a lot of history.

Now for the bad stuff:



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August 25-27 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

7th 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 25-27 Gaston, Oregon

Wapato Showdown

The Wapato Showdown is a car event that has expanded to Vintage trailers. The crowd really loves the trailers, and the show coordinators are 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 is had by all. Contact Marianne Byrd for more info. [email Marianne](mailto:marianne@teardroptrailers.org)



August 25-27 Tacoma, Washington

TOW at the LeMay Marymount Open House Last Chance to Camp at LeMay. That's right. This year's LeMay gathering will be the LAST time TOW will be camping on the LeMay Marymount Campus. It all started here in 1998 with the very first teardrop campout gathering in the Pacific Northwest. This LAST one will be the 20th.

If you want to see a fabulous collection of automobiles and auto-related memorabilia, you just got take part in this LAST gathering.

This collection of automobiles is solely owned by the LeMay Family and is housed in South Tacoma. It is not affiliated with America's Automobile Museum in Tacoma proper.

One is amazed at the number of cars on display or in storage. The storage building measures 300 X 100 feet with a ceiling about 80 feet. Only the floor storage has cars that can be viewed directly. The two tiers above have the fronts of all cars showing. It's just like a huge bookcase with each shelf holding 50 cars. Another building has the most interesting selection of cars spaced in serpentine rows starting with a replica of the 1886 Benz and ending with a 2013 modern car. As one walks the aisles, you see cars arranged in year-by-year chronological order. For those worshipping Detroit Iron, only two are a foreign make. Besides the Benz, there is a 2008 Japanese hybrid. This arrangement is a great educational tool when viewing the Brass Era cars, the Classics, pre WWII mass production cars and finally cars designed as "muscle" and then "green" designs as demanded by the US government restrictions.

To see the Marymount collection along with the family's private collection located on the LeMay family home grounds you will have to take part in the TOW campout at the annual "Open House". It's held only once a year and that's on the very last Saturday of August. Buses take you from one location to the other.

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September 1-17 Hells Canyon and Beyond

Tear Jerkers 3rd Annual Fall Crawl *Note: Itinerary is subject to change.

[Brian Woods](#)

Sept 1 to Sept 17th.....Washington, Idaho, Oregon! Contact me if are interested and I will add you to my Fall Crawl information list.

Good Roads

Brian & Sandi

September 1-4 Newport, Washington

2nd 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 7-10 Lynden, Washington

17th Annual Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally Annual Vintage Trailer Rally held every year the weekend after Labor Day at the NW Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden, WA. The official rally is Sept 7-10, 2017 but you can arrive as early as the 5th. This is field camping with no assigned spots. You pay and register upon arrival. (Cash, check or credit card) Showers, restrooms and a RV dump station are on site. Power and water is abundant and available for most everyone with extension cords and water splitters. Cost is: \$25 per night and one-time rally fee of \$15. (Add 3% for credit card payments). All are welcome to attend. Those trailers that aren't Vintage or "in The Spirit of Vintage" will just be asked to park in a designated section along the perimeter.. [TinCan Tourists Web page](#)

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UNCONFIRMED September DATE TBD 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. 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)

September 15-17 Unionville, Nevada

Twain and Tears. Announcing a gathering in Unionville, northern Nevada. The gathering will be at a small park on the grounds of a shack where Mark Twain lived while prospecting in the boomtown of Unionville. Unionville is a tiny hamlet boasting @ 20 full time residents in Buena Vista Canyon, about 20 miles off I-80 between Lovelock and Winnemucca. It is about 150 miles from Reno. We will camp in a county park mid-village called "Moeha Walker Memorial Park." The park is free, with water and porta-potty. No electricity or showers. Camping will be group informal and family style, this is not a campground but a park which we have permission to use. The canyon is about 500 feet higher in elevation than Lovelock, so a bit cooler, should be great in September. And it is quiet, quiet, quiet. One road in and out. No cell phone coverage, although there are land lines so emergency service is available at a local home or the inn. Park will hold maybe 15-20 trailers maximum. Oh, and it is FREE!

If you don't want to camp, but want to join us, there is my favorite bed & breakfast in the world here, Old Pioneer Garden. <http://www.virtualcities.com/ons/nv/c/nvc41011.htm>

More about Unionville, go here : http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unionville,_Nevada

Pics: <http://www.ghosttowns.com/states/nv/unionville.html>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kenlund/48.../lightbox/>

Directions: To get to Unionville, take the Mill City/Unionville exit off Interstate 80 onto Nevada State Highway 400. Drive about 17 miles on paved road, then look for the Unionville sign on your right as the

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highway turns into a well-graded gravel road. The village is located about three miles up the road into the canyon. Keep going until you spot the park on the right. There is only one road in and out of the village.

PLEASE PM ME TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING. There is a maximum of 15 trailers.

PM Debbie Pontius (nevadatear) on tnttt.com

Debbie (with Randy looking over my shoulder)

September 29 - October 1 Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade This gathering of our family of TOW friends wraps up the TOW camping schedule for the year. 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 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. This year's Saturday tour will be the [PT-658 Wikipedia Article](#)

[Fall Brigade Team Registration](#)

October 6-8 Champoeg Park, Oregon

5th Annual Champoeg Park Gathering ROVT Event, reservations through Reserve America. Continental Breakfast and a great lunch Pot Luck on Saturday.

October 19-22, Catalina State Park, Arizona

Spooktacular 2017 Where: Catalina State Park just north of Tucson on Highway 77: Warm to hot days, cold nights (bring a heater, bring a jacket). I want to thank the dozens of people who turned out for our 2016 event despite the fact this October, per the evening news last night, was the hottest EVER recorded in southern Arizona. I had considered moving it to the last week, as it was at one time, but we had 7 record breaking hot days and all of them fell between Oct 21 and 29...so ...no better. Let's hope 2017 is back to normal and a cooler fall.

When: Thursday October 19 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.

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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](#)

October 21-23, Feather River Canyon

Fall Finale Campout It's our anniversary and last year's camping was epic! The canyon is legendary for it's fall colors...the North Fork campground at Caribou off Hwy 70 was redone a couple years ago with showers etc. Several sites have electricity. All the sites are right on the creek. The weather should be crisp at night but pleasant during the day. Sites are \$23 night. No reservations; last year we had a dozen trailers and room for more!

More details to come soon. We will a potluck and on Sat. Last year we had a great time, ukuleles, zentangle, dutch ovens and more! [Facebook Page](#) It was an awesome way to wrap up the season. Hope you join us!

Campground Info <http://goo.gl/NAECHh> [More details Here](#)

April 13-15, 2018 Nogales, Arizona

Patagonia State Park Gathering

SITES 41 – 51. Best to reserve NOW – Sites go FAST. This is a “NO HOST” teardrop trailer and TTT (Tiny Travel Trailer) gathering. An “Old Fashioned” Potluck for Saturday supper.

By the Tucson TOW'ers Marty/Katie Boehme

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2017 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
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 7-9 Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	The parking lot with a million- dollar view	Email
July 7-9 Garibaldi, Oregon	<u>Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi</u>	Held at the Old Mill Conference Center and RV Park	RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055
July 14-16 Post Falls, Idaho	<u>3rd Annual Phuddy Duddy Cruisers</u>	Vintage Trailer Rally & Open Show	Pete: 208.659.7285 Website Email
July 20-23 Okanagan Valley, B.C., CANADA	<u>B.C. Canada Chapter TearJerkers' Farm Gathering</u>	At the Woods Family Farm	TearJerkers Forum call 250.768.1912 Email
August 4-6 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme Email Registration
August 4-6 Sedro Woolley Washington	<u>Salamander Point</u>	Only 12 spots so sign up soon!	Mike McCalib 360-391-5620 or 360-707-1474 Email
August 4-6 Livingston, Montana	<u>5th Annual Fiddlers Picnic and Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	On the bank of the Yellowstone River	Email
August 18-22 Shaniko, Oregon	<u>Shadows Over Shaniko</u>	2017 Solar Eclipse right in the totality path	Bob Gentry 503.314.8055 Wait List Email

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August 25-27 Tacoma, Washington	<u>Le May</u>	An annual event on the grounds of the LeMay Museum	Pat and Jan Estes <u>Email</u> , <u>Alternate Email</u>
August 25-27 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato Showdown</u>	Car and Vintage Trailer show	<u>Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info</u> <u>email Marianne</u>
September 1-4 Newport, Washington	<u>2nd Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"</u>	Held in conjunction with "Bob's Car Show"	<u>Facebook Page</u>
September 7-10 Mt Baker, Washington	<u>Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally	Brian Morrow 253.431.9709 <u>Email</u>
September 1-17 Locations in Idaho and Beyond	<u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u>	Drive and camp with the NW TearJerkers	Brian or call 250.768.1912 <u>Email</u>
September TBD Union Gap, Washington	<u>Trailers and Tractors</u>	Union Gap (Yakima) Washington, open to teardrops AND vintage trailers	<u>AG Museum Website</u> <u>Email</u>
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<p>April 13-15, 2018 Patagonia State Park Nogales, Arizona</p>	<p><u>Patagonia State Park Gathering</u></p>	<p>For those of you wintering over in Arizona</p>	<p>Marty & Katie Boehme Email</p>