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From the Editor

Summer is winding into fall, but what a year it has been so far! The Gorge Gathering not only had sunshine all weekend, but it was actually HOT! Nope I am not kidding, we were thankful for the little wind there was. The last Creswell Gathering was full of friends as well as amazing woodwork to take home from Larry Boehme. TOW won another "TOWphy" in the Tillamook Parade (pretty sure those PT Cruiser people are starting to hate us), Sunsets and Crabs also had great weather, as well as a lavender sunset. We finally got to "Float the Pentiction Channel" during the Farm Gathering. The Seattle area got in a great event at Salamander Point, and Sunsets Over Shaniko was an event not many attendees will forget. Thank you to all the hosts!

We still have Fall Brigade ([registration](#)) coming up, so the year is not over yet! Also, you might notice that 2018 is starting to book up for those of you that are in AZ during the winter, as well as a new event Graffiti Weekend in Roseburg over the 4th of July.

This was the year of the drone, be sure to go to www.teardroptailers.org to see all the amazing videos.

Unfortunately, this was also the year of the tire blowout. Be sure to make a stop by your favorite tire store and have those tires checked! Can't remember when the last time that the wheel bearings were done? Go get them done. Usually it is less than \$100.00 and it beats the heck out of being stuck on the side of the road!

Oregon Camping

By Hiram Stumpjumper*

I picked up a book I've never seen before. It's called "Oregon Camping – A Complete Guide to Tent and RV Camping". It's written by Tom Stienstra who

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has researched all of the campsites listed in the book by actually visiting them.

This book is amazing – it lists hundreds of campsites just in Oregon. Many are state parks, but most are sites provided for the public by federal, county and local agencies. Some are so very remote that without a clue where they were, you'd never ever stumble onto them by accident.

Thumbing through the pages, one sees a "scenic rating" attached to every site. They are rated with the highest at "10". In fact, if you are most interested in this rating, you will find the 10 most scenic sites on a list at the front of the book. This "Best Campgrounds" chapter also lists the best "Waterfalls" too.

The first 72 pages describe camping hints with one section titled "Catching Fish, Avoiding Bears and Having Fun". Then the rest of the book is divided into six (6) sections, each with a map you'd look at depending in what part of Oregon you're aiming for. It looks like the Oregon Coast and Southern Cascades together list the most campsites with almost 400 shown on their 11 detailed maps. Each site has a detailed description of its various amenities that a camper would want to know.

Ever hear of Birch Creek Historic Ranch? Its scenic rating is a nine (9) and is described as "one of the most emote campsites" in Oregon. Even though the five sites are just the right size for a teardrop trailer, all water has to be hauled-in, garbage hauled-out and leave only your deposits in the one pit toilet. This is only one of the many, many campsites provided by our country's Bureau of Land Management

**Hiram is TOW's roving reporter. He's from Aumsville

All American Vintage Trailer Rally

By Debbie Day

We were told we should go to this event to show off our teardrop and see some restored vintage trailers. We planned out our long Fourth of July weekend accordingly. We really didn't know what to expect so I looked the event up on the Powerland Heritage Park website. I was surprised to find that we would be sharing the event with a Civil War rally! Well now. We have never been to one of those! That sounded like fun.

We pulled into the event in Brooks OR on Friday evening. We got a good laugh when we were directed to our location by a sign saying, "Trailer Trash" with an arrow pointing the way. Our warm and welcoming host met us at the event information table with a sign-in sheet. We were given a sign to tell people if we were "Open" or "Closed" to giving people a tour of our trailer. We found a spot on the grassy field and set up camp. There was power available and even a water hose if we wanted one and free showers in the bathhouse. The event was open to trailers 1980 and older in style. Even under construction trailers were welcome. There were already a good number of trailers set up and welcoming visitors as the event had officially started on Thursday. We were the first teardrop to arrive and attracted some attention because of it.

There were a wide variety of trailers of every kind I could think of. There was even one with an upstairs room! (I believe that one belonged to our host.) Most were decorated with different themes and had a

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variety of props to go with them. One trailer even had a beauty parlor chair out front!! We won't talk about the one with the psycho gnomes.

Everyone was very friendly and happy to show us their vintage babies. Mel says they were like jukeboxes you can sleep in. The people who owned them showed great insight about how to fix up and travel with them.

On Saturday, we were joined by our friends Dave & Jody DeRosso who at the last minute decided to bring their 1977 Scamp instead of their teardrop. Together we looked at trailers for a while and then we wondered over to take in a Civil War battle on the far side of the park. There was marching and shooting and cannon fire and cavalry on horseback. Very impressive!

The re-enactors had a full camp set up with period style tents and cook gear and everything that made it fun visiting them and learning about Civil War history.

Later in the day after the park closed to visitors the lines of time began to blur. We were fed free pizza and invited to stay for a dance put on by both groups. There was a square dance and line dance and a dance in a big circle followed by a 50's style Hop. People with clothes fitting both time periods were participating regardless of the style. Very fun! Later in the evening there was an opportunity to sit, visit and share stories with the vintage trailer group around a propane fire.

We were most amused by having a Confederate army nurse and her husband (a doctor), visit us and ask lots of questions about our teardrop. They thought it would be a great way to get from one event to another.

Mel and I greatly enjoyed going back and forth from visiting trailers and the Civil War camp and battle field. The park opened up a museum that housed some very large and very old engines that they fired up and ran for us. They even ran the miniature train for us to ride after dark!

We enjoyed the event so much we are looking forward to taking it in again next year. Maybe some more of you, our teardropping friends should consider joining us!

A-Z's of Shadows Over Shaniko

By Karen M. Lupo

A – anticipation, antiques, (silent) auction, “Allen! Allen! Allen!”

B – bucket list, breakfast, books, brisket, bicycle

C- camping, constellations, corona, (eclipse) cookies, coffee, coloring, coolers, camaraderie, conversation, chairs, cameras, (antique) cars

D- dry camping, dinner, dinner bell, dancing in the street, drone, dogs, diamond ring

E- eclipse, evacuation plan, egg potato sausage scramble

F- fun, friends, French toast, Fire Dept., fire hazard

G- ghost town, (eclipse) glasses, grill, griddle, games, gravel, general store, gluten-free

H- hitch, happy, hotel, hungry, hammock, help, hugs, hot

I - ice, ideas, ice cream

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J- jail, jicama
 K- kielbasa, kite, knife sharpening
 L- laughter, library
 M- moon, misters, memories, margaritas, music, Mt. Hood, museum, me
 N- night, nap, nametag
 O- Oregon, once-in-a-lifetime, oatmeal
 P- pancakes, pulled pork, porta potty, parole officer, photos through telescope, Population 25
 Q- quilt raffle
 R- Route 97, reading, relax, recycle
 S- Shaniko, sun, stars, shadows, solar eclipse, spotting scope, spaghetti, salads, school, sing
 T- T.O.W., teardrops, trailers, tray tables, town tour, toy museum, trash, telescope, TOTALITY!!!
 U- umbra
 V- vacation, (eclipse) viewing, video, vegetables
 W- water, walk, water tower
 X- xenial
 Y- yellow fields, yard sales, yummy, yarn, yabber, you
 Z- zodiac

Converted Indian Springer

By Dal Smilie

That's about a 1938 V-Twin Indian springer used in that conversion. There is some serious history right there!! We went to Roslyn where they had over 100 trailers. I thought this 1938 Indian with a traffic car chassis conversion was very interesting. A camping we can go!



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4th Annual Farm Gathering

By Brian Woods

Well our 4th annual Farm Gathering is in the history books now.

Sandi and I would like to THANK all of this year's attendees for being such wonderful guests!

We had a wonderful time with all of you at this Tear Jerkers sponsored event, and after everyone was gone, our Farm looked as if you had never even been here.

Thanks again for respecting our grounds and facilities.

Those of you that were unable to attend this year's FG, I would like to tell you were truly missed by everyone in attendance. It was like having a loved one absent from the Christmas dinner table.

We hope that you will add our event to your Camping Calendar for 2018.

There will be a 5th!

George has mentioned T Shirts to commemorate the first 5 years of our Canadian Gathering.

I just hope we get more Canadians at next year's event.

So now it is time for the PNW Tear Jerkers to move our focus to the 3rd Annual Fall Crawl Sep. 1 -17th.

We have had a good number of TJ Members Pre Register for this event and it looks like it could be our best attended FC ever.

Looking Forward to seeing you all again soon!

Good Roads

Brian & Sandi

PS

I personally would like to Thank All of You once again for the respect and interest you showed each other during our "Show 'n Brag" session at the FG.

This is an event that started here at the Farm and is unique in its implementation to our Event!

Addendum from Marianne: This year eight of us went south to Penticton and floated the channel between lakes Okanagan and Sakha. The water was running high and cold, but what an experience! Due to the water conditions, the concession that rents floaties and provides rides back to the starting area was closed, but Susan Day acted as chauffer and brought the drivers back to their cars after the float. The channel looked like a floating trailer park with all the floaties and people out enjoying the weather and water. Before we even got out we were talking about next year.

My First Cross Country Trip

By Amy Fuger

I'm writing an article about my first cross-country trip with my trailer. Personally, this is a big step for me for a couple of reasons. Most of my travels as a child, were to the Oregon and Washington coast. There was



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one cross-country trip to Texas, but no teardrop. After high school, my travels were done by planes, to a military base around the world, but mostly Iraq. But this time, I wanted to get out of these two states. A friend invited me on a weekend excursion in Fountain, Colorado, and I decided that since I have a car that gets amazing gas mileage, and can pull my teardrop without problems, why not drive? I started asking around for tips and ideas, looking at weather reports and different routes to take. I bought a large print Road Atlas, and put together a tool bag with things I might need. One friend even hooked me up with a \$25 gift card from Subway for the road trip. I budgeted about \$250 for Gas alone (roundtrip). Gas Buddy is an amazing app for finding cheap gas!

Tuesday, July 25th. The time came to hit the road. I fueled the car, bought a coffee, and hooked up my trailer. I left Vancouver on July 25th at about 11am. Ate Subway in Biggs Junction, and refueled in La Grande, Oregon. Traffic wasn't bad, the weather was warm and the Gorge was beautiful. I crossed into Idaho at 6:30pm, and when I did, I was excited to see the speed limit was 80mph! As the night arrived, lightning in the distance lit up the sky. That's also when the rain started... and I KNEW my trailer was going to get water in through the doors. I pulled over, and noticed I had some damage by the galley hinge. The wood under the aluminum siding was exposed. Duct Tape! I taped down what I could before the rain and the storm got closer. Got back on the road and down came the rain, which poured for about 30 minutes. About an hour later, I pulled into Travelers Oasis truck stop in Eden Idaho around 10pm, fueled the car, and found a parking spot to catch some Zzzz's.

Wednesday July 26th. I'm sure some people will say that 6 hours isn't enough sleep, but I have done a lot more on a LOT less sleep. I went inside and grabbed a Starbucks Vanilla Doubleshot and 6 pack of Krispy Kreme doughnuts (breakfast of champions!). Crossed into Utah and drove straight through to Laramie, Wyoming at about 1pm and hit up a pilot truck stop (\$2.02 / gal!). What did I see when I got there? A military convoy lining up to fuel... for a brief second, I thought I was in Biggs Junction filling up rigs to go to Yakima. After refueling, I drove the next 4 hours into Colorado (Oh, and thank google maps for "avoid tolls" option!). I had arrived!

Thursday, July 27th. Drove up to Cheyenne for Frontier Days. Looked around for a little bit, but the main reason we were there was to see Thomas Rhett. The show kicked off with Dan + Shay (another country rock band) and before Thomas took the stage, Navy Seals jumped from a C-130 and parachuted in while AC/DC's Thunderstruck rocked in the background. It was AWESOME!

Friday, July 28th. Since getting my own teardrop, I have learned to downsize the stuff I need when I go camping. I need to teach my friend this, because most of the stuff we took with us, was his. It's all good though, because his extra stuff came in handy. This excursion, was a large group of like-minded people hanging out for a weekend. There were activities set up, meals, and informational classes all weekend. Friday was spent getting snacks and things moved around in my trailer so that there was room for him and is amazing service dog in my car. We get to where we are going, got set up by tying a tarp from the trailer to my cars roof rack. That night, the rain was light, but the wind was crazy. It blew the tarp off the car, which my friend ended tearing off and climbing into my car to sleep.

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Saturday, July 29th. After most of the day spent talking and meeting with new people, we went back to the campsite. My friend was looking out in the distance, and started to notice the clouds. We wanted to stay until Sunday, but when the clouds above us grew to dark grey and began to swirl? It was time to pack up and go. Once everything was packed, all I needed to do was hook up. We decided to go into the gathering area for dinner before leaving. As we were in line to eat, the rain had arrived with lightning and thunder. It didn't stop, for what seemed like, forever. We grabbed dinner, waited to see if the rain would let up before deciding to leave. Some deliberation later, I made the trek to the car to hook up the trailer while my friend and his service dog waited inside. There was so much rain, I was soaked to my knees by the time I reached my trailer. There is at least 6"-8" of standing water from the rain (not kidding) and it was still coming down. Luckily, this time of year in Colorado, the rain isn't freezing cold, especially after a 93-degree day, it felt good! I got hooked up and drove out of the field where we were staying. My friend and his dog loaded up and we left. Listening to the weather report, it continued raining for about another 2 hours. We arrived back at his friends place and just left the unpacking of the car and trailer until the next day.

Sunday, July 30th. When I did open the doors on the trailer and car, I was taken back by the smell, and it did not smell good! Opened the doors to the car and the trailer and let them both air out. I threw away the mattress after there was mold and tons of tiny bugs crawling on the underside of it. Washed and dried everything that needed it and enjoyed the rest of the week. I heard there was a heatwave back home, but I enjoyed the nice low 80s in Colorado. Went and saw dragon boat races in Denver, ate lunch at the View House Eatery, Bar & Rooftop, and even helped my friend move into his new apartment. Then it was time to go.

Friday, August 4th. The trip home was good. Hit a few showers on the way home and knew that the trailer was going to get wet. I did use Gorilla tape to hold the area by the galley hinge down and cover the exposed wood from the siding that was pulling away. My friend even bought me a roll of T-Rex tape which is amazing. Grabbed Subway for lunch in Rawlins, Wyoming and was told that some friends would be in Salt Lake about the same time I would be going through... so we decided to meet up for dinner. Headed north and took a 3-hour nap just inside of Idaho, and another 3-hour nap at a rest stop in Bliss Idaho. I guess the first one wasn't enough.

Saturday, August 5th. I crossed into Oregon about 10 am and was making my way to Baker City, when I ran out of gas. I thought I could make it, but I misjudged the distances by about 20 miles. I called my sister, and then remembered I have roadside service with my insurance agency. They called around, brought me a couple of gallons and followed me to the nearest gas station to fuel. Shout out to Oregon Dept. of Transportation and the Oregon Highway Patrol for both stopping by to check on me.

Finally fueled up, my sister and I decided to meet up at Subway in Pendleton for dinner. She was already on her way when I remembered I had emergency roadside services. Got the trailer home about 8pm, parked, and secured at my dads' house, then I headed home to my place. My cat spent 30 plus minutes telling me about her week, but she was glad to see me, even left me a 'stinker', I think she missed me.

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It was a fun trip, I learned a lot about myself and can't wait to do it again. There are pictures of this trip and the Shaniko Oregon Eclipse trip at www.facebook.com/XCountryAdventures

Antique Powerland, Great Oregon Steam Up, Brooks Oregon, August 4-6 (well sort of)

By Kirsten Edwards



For the past 15 years Teardroppers and vintage trailers have been invited to show their trailers as part of the NW vintage car and motorcycle museum. However, this year was forecast to be around 106 degrees during set up so Marty made the decision to cancel the event. That didn't



stop Dan Fuger! Plus, the dire forecast didn't come to fruition. The rest of us only came to show on Saturday (not pictured: Mike Pirini came later in the day). We had many comments from viewers expecting a larger crowd of trailers, they enjoyed looking at our teardrops. Hopefully we will be back in force next year. Kirsten and Tom enjoying some of the pudding Popsicles they made to share during set up on Friday. Now we must eat them all on our own.

Shadows Over Shaniko

By Bev Showacy

Two years ago, Ed finished building our teardrop. We were looking forward to comfortable camping. Little did we know we'd find a wonderful group of fellow adventurers and some of the most creative people we've ever met!

Our best TOW trip ever was this past August in the little town of Shaniko in Central Oregon. 33 trailers met in the old school yard for a weekend of festivities in preparation for the total eclipse on the 21st. The school was built in 1901 and remained open until 1951. It now houses a toy museum which many of us toured.

The town of 25 opened its arms to us. We were offered tours of the town both Saturday and Sunday. Several of us danced to a rock and roll band at a street dance on Sunday. The fire chief and her husband joined us for breakfast and a few other townspeople and travelers were invited for meals, including a professional photographer who took our official group picture for us before the eclipse.



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Marrienne and Bob planned this major event well and were great hosts. They set up a huge visiting, eating, cooking area that was constantly full of conversation and laughter. We had a tv tray decorating contest, which was won by our talented Susan, Greg and Liz. We had music for cooking and eating, provided by both TOW and the guy across the street, who had flashing blue lights to go with the music.

The meals were awesome! Marianne and Bob broke us into teams for breakfast and dinners. We had the challenge of planning a meal for 58 with 8-10 other the people over the Internet! It was great fun to finally meet our team members in person. And the food was wonderful! We had Mexican night, Italian night and amazing breakfasts including fresh made French toast from your choice of bread. Bob had ice for us every morning and water was plentiful, which was very helpful for Central Oregon.

The proceeds from our margarita night and brisket lunch were \$658 which we donated to the town of Shaniko.

Monday morning was magical. People were up early setting up seating strategically away from the lights. After breakfast and our group picture, we settled into seats in different places around the school and watched an amazing piece of nature unfold. The totality was amazing and brought tears to my eyes in its beauty.

The totality ended far too quickly and those of us who were leaving Monday started readying to leave. A couple of stragglers stayed to watch until the sun was whole again. It's now Monday afternoon. Half of our group headed home, hopefully to easy traveling. The rest of us are napping, visiting and talking about other TOW activities - both past adventures and those yet to come.

TOW Name Badges

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: \$14.25, including shipping. Send all email requests for badges to: Attention Terry: weigel123@comcast.net

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Recipe

Chick Pea Breakfast Hash with Veggies

PREP TIME: 5 MINUTES COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES TOTAL TIME: 20 MINUTES

MAKES: 2 SERVINGS CALORIES: 379 KCAL AUTHOR: FRESH OFF THE GRID

A protein packed gluten free and vegetarian breakfast hash perfect to start your day while camping or at home!



INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 summer squash or zucchini sliced into 1/2-inch half moons
- 1 small red onion sliced into 1/4-inch half moons
- 3 mini sweet peppers cut into 1/4-inch slices, or 1 bell pepper
- 1 (15 oz) can chickpeas drained
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon coriander
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt plus more to taste
- 2 eggs

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the oil in a skillet over your campfire or camp stove on medium-high heat until hot and shimmering. Add the onions, peppers, and zucchini and saute until beginning to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the drained chickpeas and spices and cook until the veggies and chickpeas are cooked through and browned in spots, about 10 minutes.
2. Move the veggies & chickpeas to the sides of the skillet to create a well in the middle of the pan. Add a little oil if the bottom of the pan is looking dry. Crack two eggs into the well and cook to your liking.
3. Pull the skillet off the heat and serve.

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2017 - 2018 Event Details

September 1-17 Hells Canyon and Beyond

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

Fall Crawl will officially be 17 days long for those that are with us for the "Full Pull".

We will be visiting 3 States, with fairly short travel days (averaging about 90 miles per day) on the most scenic byways we could find in the areas we plan to visit.

The Route has been laid out to include events at each end of the FC, and the selected Campgrounds are varied.

To Date: we have the 23 trailers registered (all included on our email list for FC updates).

If you think you might want to join us, Please PM me or send email to woodysrods@shaw.ca and I will add you to our mailing list.

Tentative Itinerary (subject to change) is as Follows:

Day 1 Fri. Sept 1 First "Official" day of 2017 FC at "Camp Runamuck Trailer Rally" Newport Wa.

Day 2 Sat. Sept 2 Continue Rally in Newport Wa.

Day 3 Sun. Sept 3 Depart Rally and travel to overnight in Plummer ID.

Day 4 Mon. Sept 4 Travel thru the Palouse and visit Falls on route to Overnight at Hells Gate SP in Lewiston ID.

Day 5 Tues Sept 5 Travel south thru Joseph to overnight at Minam SP

Day 6 Wed. Sept 6 Short drive day to Joseph to Wallowa Lake SP or Privat Campsite TBA

Day 7 Thurs Sept 7 Explore town of Joseph or Day off in camp at Wallowa Lake

Day 8 Fri. Sept 8 Enter Hells Canyon for 3 day stay at Idaho Power Campground (Base Camp) Copperfield?

Day 9 Sat. Sept 9 Rest in Canyon or Participate in planned day trip to Hells Canyon Dam

Day 10 Sun. Sept 10 Camp Day or Day Trip to Idaho Ghost town.

Day 11 Mon. Sept 11 Move Camp to OxBow Dam and day trip to Council ID.

Day 12 Tues. Sept 12 Travel Thru Baker OR. to Clyde Holiday SP west of John Day

Day 13 Wed. Sept 13 Travel west visiting the Painted Hills on route to overnight at Cove Palisades SP in Culver Or.

Day 14 Thurs Sept 14 Travel north to Columbia River to visit Stone Henge before overnighing at Brooks Memorial SP

Day 15 Fri. Sept 15 Travel north Union Gap Wa. for Tractors & Trailers Gathering at Ag. Museum

Day 16 Sat. Sept 16 Day at Ag Museum enjoying the "Gathering"

Day 17 Sun. Sept 17 Last "Official" day of 2017 Fall Crawl heading out N-S-E &W for home or points beyond!
Remember you can "join in" or "get off" this Crawl at anytime along the way!

For those who pay the \$20.00 Participation Fee, you will receive a complete Fall Crawl Package containing a more detailed Itinerary, route maps, campground details & costs, points of interest brochures, shopping opportunities, etc.

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Daytime excursions by groups, and evening meal agenda is usually decided each morning or preceding night by FC Participants.

Remembering that we are all adults able to make our own decisions, this is a loosely structured event organized for the sole purpose of having

CAMPING FUN while enjoying the company of our Teardrop Friends.

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Brian & Sandi

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](#)



September 15-17 Union Gap, Washington

The "Trailers N Tractors Gathering" (TNT) will be held in Union Gap WA (Yakima) Sept. 15-17 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.

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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/](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 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 some power 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 lodge.

Saturday dinner will be a Pot Luck followed by a Dutch Raffle. Breakfast will be served on Sunday.

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

- Showing up
- Making your bed if the raffle team notices
- Paying early
- Walking around

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- Telling a good joke
- Telling a bad joke

Everyone brings at least one thing that someone might want (again someone has to take it or YOU take it home) in front of each item is a bag. The raffle tickets go in the bag, want something badly? More tickets. Don't want something don't put any tickets in that items' bag. On Saturday night, we will go through the bags and pull out a ticket for each item. It is fast and fun. [Registration](#)

This year's Saturday tour will be the [PT-658 Wikipedia Article](#)

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 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. 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.

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](#)

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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](#)

February 8-11, Why Arizona

Valentines Campout Coyote Howls is dry camping with bathrooms and paid showers (bring quarters) available. Pick a spot in the desert around host Bill Konechny's trailer and plan to have a fun filled weekend. Friday night couples and singles can attend the annual Sweetheart Dance at the community center- only blocks away- or just hang out around the bonfire. Saturday the community center holds an indoor flea market with tables only \$5 to rent (see the office to reserve one). Hamburger lunches are sold in the kitchen as a fund raiser for the community center. That afternoon bring chairs and sit around Bill's trailer for a live music festival and enjoy fresh homemade lemonade. Keep your chair there for the evening pot luck and attendance drawing. This is a no fee event; your drawing number is the number by your name when you sign in. In order to enjoy the peace of the desert, trailers that require generators will need to park where the office directs them and obey the 1-3 Siesta quiet hours as well as the normal evening quiet rule. This year, to honor Charlotte Konechny, there will be a memorial service by Bill's trailer at a time to be announced later.

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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July 4-8, 2018 Roseburg, Oregon

The Graffiti Gathering

we know that we have an unlimited amount of space. We have indoor bathrooms and a dining room/kitchen we can use. Camping will be on grass and will be mostly level. We are still working on the cost and some of the other details.

This is an early heads up so you can mark your calendars. Because of the size of the grounds we are not limiting it to just teardrops or TOW. www.graffitiweekend.com

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2017 - 2018 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
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 Email
September 1-17 Locations in Idaho and Beyond	<u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u>	Drive and camp with the NW TearJerkers	Brian 250.768.1912 Email
September 15-17 Union Gap, Washington	<u>Trailers and Tractors</u>	Union Gap (Yakima) Washington, open to teardrops AND vintage trailers	AG Museum Website Email
September 15-17 Unionville, Nevada	<u>Twain and Tears</u>	Bi Annual event	PM Debbie Pontius (nevadatear) on tnttt.com
September 29- October 1 Mulino, Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade</u>	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park	Fall Brigade Team Registration
October 6-8 Salem, Oregon	<u>6th Annual Champoeg Park Rally</u>	ROVT Event. This one will sell out early	ROVT Website ReserveAmerica.com
October 19-22 Catalina State Park, Arizona	<u>Spooktacular 2017</u>	Teardrops and Vintage trailers	Park's Facebook Page Email
October 20-23 Feather River Canyon, Idaho	<u>Fall Finale</u>	North Fork campground at Caribou off Hwy 70	Facebook Page
April 13-15, 2018 Patagonia State Park Nogales, Arizona	<u>Patagonia State Park Gathering</u>	For those of you wintering over in Arizona	Marty & Katie Boehme Email

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February 8-11, 2018 Coyote Howls East Why, Arizona	<u>Valentine Campout</u>	Starts on Thursday	<u>Facebook Page</u>
July 4-8, 2018 Roseburg, Oregon	<u>Graffiti Gathering</u>	Graffiti Weekend in Roseburg Oregon	Ray 541-670-7479 <u>Email</u>