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From the Editor

Get in your sign up for the **Fall Brigade** ([Registration](#)) and **The Trask River Gathering** ([Registration](#)) right now! The hosts need to know how many are coming. The Elks have done a lot to the campground, and it is cleaner than I have ever seen it. If we have enough campers we may even get both clubhouses, great if it rains. Trask is the end of the Fall Crawl, so a good chance to catch up with people from points north that you may have missed this year.

Event Host(s) needed

Looking at the calendar for next year, June and August (except for the second weekend – Sedro Woolley, a great event!) are wide open and just waiting for someone to host an event! There are lots of different ways to host.

Going in easy:

Pick a great spot that you know of, make reservations, tell others you are going, have them make their own reservations. Maybe have a pot luck one night – Ocean Tears is a great example as is a gathering at Champoeg the last weekend in April (Remember that State Parks book out as much as 9 months in advance, so you have to get word out as soon as you know you want to take it on).

Going in a little at a time:

Find a venue that you like (There is a great park just out of Lincoln City <https://www.wapitirvpark.com>, hint hint) People pay for the sites themselves, pay you ahead of time, or when they get there. Negotiate a rate with the Campground if you can. Serve soup, hotdogs or something else (don't get crazy) on Friday night, have a pot luck on Saturday, serve something Sunday morning. Charge an event fee to cover expenses.

Sunsets and Crabs is an example of this.

Going all the way:

Find a venue that you like. People pay you ahead of time, or when they get there. Negotiate a rate with the Campground. Maybe get a building. Serve soup, and have an appetizer potluck on Friday night, organize a

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field trip for Saturday (World of Speed, PT Boat, special museum tour, parade participation. Lots of options). Pot luck on Saturday, maybe some other activity (Dutch Raffle, tasting of some sort). Serve something for breakfast Sunday morning. Charge an event fee to cover expenses. Fall Brigade, past Trask River Gatherings as examples.

Losing your mind:

Shaniko for the eclipse is an example. [Video here](#). We expected no power, no water, no running to the store, no ice for ~20 miles, winds in excess of 15 mph, dry conditions, possible fires. *But hey, there was an amazing eclipse!* We set up meal groups to manage cooler egress, brought in ice part way through, had designated cooking and cleaning areas. Control Freaks only. The International Redwoods Gathering was another example [Video Here](#)

Discounts in September and October at Oregon State Parks

A special pilot program offering discounted rates for electrical and full-hookup RV campsites is now available at selected state parks during September and October. Starting today, campers can apply a special online code to receive a \$7 discount off the nightly RV campsite rate, bringing the current rate from \$24-33 down to \$17-26.

From September 4-30, the discount applies to reservations made Sunday nights through and including Thursday nights. Oct. 1-31, the discount is valid all days of the week.

Only reservations made online on or after Aug. 22 are eligible for the discounted rate. Campers must use a special code at checkout—FallFun7—to receive the discount.

[Listing of discounted parks and more information](#)

Pranks and Wind at the Gorge Gathering

Compiled by Marianne Byrd

Chuck and Jane Fun with Jane this weekend at Stevenson Wa. Jane set off the alarm in their pickup and I noticed it makes the same sound as mine. So, after she got it quieted, I remotely set off mine which was parked close to theirs. It was fun seeing her trying shut hers off with no luck. I only tortured her for a short time. She can be fierce when provoked.

Steven and Jack

Jack was going to cut a wire on one of the fans on Kens fan. I told Ken we needed to lay on the horn as Jack cut the wire. It worked great, Jack was startled. The look on his face was priceless

Jack... and just about everyone

Being a member of the Bloody Mary Men group along with Steve B, John C, and Ken M, the pranks are always on the table with the celery and olives just waiting for the right time.. You probably heard that Ken had an electric fan issue on his car that I was able to rewire to correct by reversing a couple of wires. When I cut the first wire, the horn started to honk. Baffled me for a second then heard Steve G, Bob G, and Ken

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laughing. A gotcha moment. I don't remember specially if or how I got Steve G back but if you heard something let me know. I did get back at Ken. He was going to check the water in his radiator and as he took the cap off, I made a loud ppsstt noise and he jumped a little. Then when I drove his car to the store with him, when we came out of the store, I asked him for the keys, which were in my pocket at the time, and he checked his pockets and got the uh oh look on his face. So, with this group, fun and frivolity is just around the corner.

Marriane and Susan

Susan, thinking I was asleep, went into the Butt-Hutt to get her chair. When she came through the door of the Butt-Hutt, I opened the door of my trailer and yelled: "HEY!" She jumped and then called me a rat.

Denise Bosh

The Gorge was windy per usual, but this year seemed worse, maybe because there wasn't ANY last year. Denise and Rick Bosh were taking down their canopy on Monday when Denise was literally picked up by the wind under the canopy! She landed on her behind, but luckily was unhurt (you can bet Wicked Witch of the West jokes would be in her future, but she didn't get far).

Recipe

BBQ Dutch Oven Chicken and Potatoes Recipe Author: Katie Clark

Ingredients

- 3-4 large chicken breasts
- 1 package of bacon
- 5 small potatoes sliced into 1/4 - 1/2-inch slices
- 1 red onion chopped
- 1 lb. butter (optional)
- 1 bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce
- 26 coals

Instructions

1. Make sure your coals are burning nicely. Place Dutch Oven on top and put bacon in Dutch Oven.
2. Cook bacon until cooked. Drain most of the excess grease (you want to keep probably 1/4 cup in the Dutch Oven)
3. Add onions, potatoes, chicken breasts and BBQ sauce into the Dutch Oven.
4. Cover with lid and make sure there are 14 coals underneath the Dutch Oven and 12 on top.
5. Cook about 35-50 minutes, or until the chicken is done.

Recipe Notes



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This can be made in a slow cooker. Just precook the bacon and onions, and then throw everything in the slow cooker until the chicken is done - about 3-4 hours on high, 4-5 on low.

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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

Send all email requests for badges to: Attention Terry: weig123@comcast.net

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



Gadget(s)

[Coleman Instant Screenhouse](#)

From Amazon.com: *"The Coleman Back Home Instant Screenhouse assembles in three minutes in just three steps to create a shady, bug-free area outdoors. This screen tent features telescoping poles with pinch-free Comfort Grip technology that allow you to set it up quickly, creating 90 square feet of shade with an 8-foot 4-inch center height. Once set up, the screen walls offer bug-free lounging,*

while two large doors provide easy entry in the front and at the back. I have had a couple of these, they are super easy to put up, but you have to be careful with them as they are a little less forgiving than a standard popup. Great for those campouts where you know the bugs will be (ha ha) thinking YOU are dinner. Shop around, prices and sized vary. As with anything, don't use the stakes that came with it.

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2018 Event Details

September 4-9 Lynden, Washington

18th 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. 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 7-23 Western Oregon

2018 Fall Crawl

This Year's Fall Crawl will start at Silver Falls State Park in Oregon, and on to parks by Crater Lake, the McKenzie River, and other places to be determined. You can join for as long or as short as you like. If you want to join them at Silver Falls, be sure to get your reservations in early.

The Silver Falls stay will be hosted by Matthew Sbot. We are in spaces all over the A loop. There will be a pot luck, group hike, cocktail competition, games, and more. Questions? Want to help? [email](#) or msg on FB. Hope to see you there!

The Fall Crawl will continue from Silver Falls to points to be determined, but rumor has it that Brian is eyeing Crater Lake and the McKenzie River. Ends at the Trask River Gathering but stay out at the coast for a week longer and come to Fall Brigade.

September 21-23 Tillamook, Oregon

Trask River Gathering

A new date! Tillamook, Oregon...home of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze, and the end of the Fall Crawl, welcomes YOU! The Trask River Gathering will be held among the beauty that is God's country at a rustic Girl Scout camp along the Trask River. There are two indoor areas if the weather is bad, and Randy knows how to burn stuff up. The time around the firepit is known as the slinky, the circle moves back and forth as the fire grows higher and burns down, then repeats. This year the Trask River Gathering is also the final stop on the Fall Crawl. Contact: Randy Gottier 503.842.5609 [Email Registration](#)

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September 28–30, 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 noshes 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 must 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
- 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](#)



October 5-7 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 18-21 Catalina State Park, Arizona

Spooktacular 2018 Where: Catalina State Park just north of Tucson on Highway 77: Warm to hot days, cold nights (bring a heater, bring a jacket)

Once again, vintage trailers will be meeting at scenic Catalina State Park just north of Tucson Arizona, for the annual Halloween campout. Teardrop trailers and fiberglass trailers of any age are also welcome. Plan to pay the park for your actual camping fees and then pay a separate \$10 event fee when you sign in. The large Gila Monster group area is reserved from Thursday 5 am until noon on Sunday to accommodate our

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Early Birds. We have the adjacent Flycatcher campsite from Friday 5 am until Sunday noon as well. This is dry camping with group electric for our movies, morning coffee, Halloween inflatables, and a shared phone charging station. The large, luxurious bathrooms also have electric outlets for shavers and hair dryers. Please decorate (we offer prizes) and feel free to bring crafts to sell and camping or vintage flea market items to set out to swap or sell. We traditionally have an outdoor movie Friday night, trailer tours and flea market Saturday, and a potluck Saturday night. If you have questions, please email Gail Leggett at [Email](#).

October 18-21 Feather River Canyon, California



Fall Finale Campout Finale Campout 2018, in the Feather River Canyon the weekend of October 18-21. It's our anniversary and last year's camping was epic! The canyon is legendary for its 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 \$25 night. Senior discount can be applied. No reservations; last year we had a dozen trailers and room for more!

More details to come soon. We will a potluck 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! [More details Here](#)

November 1-4 Lake Havasu, Arizona

Havasu Round Up

Rodeo Grounds Sara Park 7260 Sara Parkway
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

Come join the fun!!

All vintage trailers come and join us at the Rodeo Grounds for a fun camp out, all vintage trailers welcomed, \$10.00 per night camping fee, dry camping.

Meet and greet Friday November 2, 2018, 6:00p.m. (in large building) Bring a hors d'oeuvre (snack) to share and your own beverage. (for campers)

Dogs are allowed, on leash **at all times**. Showers and restrooms are available. There are great hiking trails all around our camping area.

Pot luck on Sat evening, 5:00pm (for campers)



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Coffee in the morning in the group area.

Wear your best Western Gear for the potluck, prize for the best outfit and a prize for the best or unusual decorated trailer, Saturday after pot luck.

Can come from Thursday Nov. 1st from 11:00am on and stay until 2:00pm Sunday.

Public can check us out, it is free to come and see us, from 10:00am until 3:00pm Friday and Saturday.

Camping is \$10.00 per night, [Email](#), please reserve, pay when you arrive, Cherri and Mike Aiken are the hosts, their number is (928) 505-2730

January 31 – February 3, 2019 Lake Havasu, Arizona

5th Annual Vintage Trailer Campout and Rally Bring your bike for the Bike Parade! (There is a prize for the best decorated bike/rider combination) Bike Parade 8:00 AM Saturday, Swap Meet from 8:00 – 12:00 on Saturday also, at the group area.

Lake Havasu State Park

(Windsor Beach-Over Flow Lot)

699 London Bridge Road

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Sign up early, limited amount of spaces!! Beautiful setting on the beach!

Come join the fun!! First timers are always welcomed! No dues, no meetings. All vintage trailers are welcomed.

What to expect, a gathering of vintage trailers along the beach, a potluck on Sat. evening, coffee in the morning at the group area. Please reserve, pay when you arrive. Meet and greet 6:00pm, (bring a snack to share and BYO) at the group area on Friday Feb. 1st.

Potluck on Saturday, Feb. 2nd 5:00pm.

Open house for the public, from 10am until 3pm on Friday and Saturday.

(Park cost \$3.00 per person to come into the park)

Dutch oven cooking demonstrations and care for Dutch ovens Friday and Saturday afternoon(s).

Dogs are permitted on leash (not on the white sand at the beach)

This is a non-hook-up campout, dry camping, there will be a plug in to plug in cell phones, etc. Power available for medical devices only. There are showers and restrooms available.

For the hikers there is a nice hiking trail within walking distance of our camp out, with fantastic views. Cactus garden at the park. Nice beach walks.

Cherri and Mike, hosts

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February 7-10, 2019 Why, Arizona

Event: Why Gathering

Where: Coyote Howls East Park - 255 South Hwy 86, Why Arizona

Description: Tear Drop and Vintage Trailer Gathering

Fees: \$8.00 a night dry camping with Bathrooms and Pay Showers

Special Event: Sweetheart Dance Friday Night.

Specific Contact Information: Hosted by Bill Konechny - Phone (602) 317-4462. Questions, please contact [Email](#)

Special Information: Annual Valentine's campout. There is a Sweetheart dance on Friday night and a craft sale/swap meet in the community center on Saturday. Rent a table for \$2.00. Nearby Ajo usually has an annual arts and crafts event in their central plaza the same weekend. Local musicians play on the stage in front of Bill's trailer and a pot luck starts at 4:30 - you need to bring your own chairs.



April 11-14, 2019 Patagonia Lake State Park, Arizona



All Vintage Trailer Roundup All vintage trailers Big and Small.
Patagonia Lake State Park

White Elephant BINGO on Friday evening, Pot Luck with DO 's
Supper on Saturday

RESERVATIONS --- Arizona State Parks 877-697-2757 – or – 520-586-2283 - #2

Sites 39 to 61 (they will go fast). Power, water fire pit and table available

***What to bring – One really nice BINGO gift** But not expensive!*

Register via e-mail to [Email](#) Check-in required at site #43

Host contact – Marty/Katie Boehme @ 503-997-8425

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2018 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
September 4-9 Mt Baker, Washington	<u>18th Mt Baker</u> <u>Vintage Trailer</u> <u>Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally	Rene Perret Facebook Page
September 7-23 Western Oregon	<u>PNW TearJerkers</u> <u>Fall Crawl</u>	Starts at Silver Falls the 7 th – 9 th ending at the Trask River Gathering	Email Brian or call 250.768.1912
September 21-23 Tillamook, Oregon	<u>6th Annual Trask</u> <u>River Gathering</u>	New Date this year	Randy Gottier 503.842.5609 rbgottier@yahoo.com Registration
September 28-30 Mulino, Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade</u>	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park	Fall Brigade Team
October 5-7 Salem, Oregon	<u>7th Annual</u> <u>Champoeg Park</u> <u>Rally</u>	ROVT Event. This one will sell out early	ROVT Website ReserveAmerica.com
October 18-21 Catalina State Park, Arizona	<u>Spooktacular 2018</u>	Teardrops and Vintage trailers	Park's Facebook Page Email
October 26-28 Location TBD	<u>Last Gasp</u>	Tearjerkers annual event	Email Brian or call 250.768.1912
October 18-21 Feather River Canyon, California	<u>Fall Finale</u>	North Fork campground at Caribou off Hwy 70	Facebook Page
November 1-4 Lake Havasu, Arizona	<u>Havasu Round Up</u>	Rodeo Grounds Sara Park 7260 Sara Parkway Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406	Cherri and Mike, hosts Call (928) 505-2730, or Email

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February 7-10, Why, Arizona	<u>Why Gathering</u>	Coyote Howls East Park - 255 South Hwy 86, Why Arizona	Bill Konechny (602) 317-4462 Questions, please contact Email
April 11-14, Patagonia Lake State Park, Arizona	<u>All Vintage Trailer Roundup</u>	Reservations --- Arizona State Parks 877-697-2757 – or – 520- 586-2283 - #2	Email Marty and Katie Boehme