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From the Editor

It has been a YEAR since the last TOWLine! Remember when you are out there this year to take pictures and send in articles, your fellow teardroppers want to hear from you. As you will notice, there are not a lot of events this year, but the ones left are good ones. Consider putting on a gathering. We are always here as a resource for you.

Goodbye to Zelma Boehme

By Kim Black as spoken at Zelma's memorial.



I first met Zelma 9 years ago when by chance my husband, Ray and I stumbled at the annual tear drop gathering at their house. We were welcomed like family, which is how I think Zelma greeted everyone. She always made an effort to talk to everyone. She made us feel so welcome, we returned the following year and brought our trailer. That year I taught pine needle basketry to anyone who wanted to join in. Because Zelma was busy cooking and making sure everything was running smoothly, she did not get a chance to finish her basket. Caring for others was always important to her. So, I came back later to help her finish her basket. I would come 1 or 2 times a week and we would share stories of our lives as we wove. That was the beginning of a friendship that I will cherish forever. I always looked forward to coming to spend time with Zelma. It was always such a special time. She had such a zest for life that was infectious. I of how many baskets Zelma made, but she was always talking about who she wanted to make the next one for. Zelma loved and appreciated art. She was an incredible artist as

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evidenced by the beautiful paintings she did. She often spoke about wanting to get back to painting. I wish that had been a possibility, as I would have loved to have had her teach me. But failing eyesight made that too much of a challenge.

Zelma also loved to knit and sew. I am sure Larry can tell you how many hats she made for the homeless and all the children's clothing she made for the less fortunate. She loved helping others and found great joy in giving.

I never heard Zelma say a harsh word about anyone. She was one of the kindness most easy-going people I think I have ever met. And one of the things I loved about her was her feisty spirit. She wasn't afraid to speak her mind when the topic was important to her.

Zelma was a wonderful cook and loved to garden. Her apple pies were famous with the teardrop crowd. We would compare notes on how our gardens were doing, and swap recipes. One regret I have is we ran out of time before she taught me how to make sauerkraut. Guess that will fall to you now Larry. Zelma faced many health challenges that would have left many of us feeling defeated. Despite all of them, she always persevered and never complained. When things looked really challenging, I would ask her "How are you doing?" The answer was always the same... I am doing ok. She was an exceptional role model on how to face such challenges with grace.

Zelma was definitely family to me. She used to call me "kid" ... like she did so many others as well. It was an honor to know her. She had a kindness of spirit that will be more than missed.

Recipe (s)

One Pot Cheesy Italian Pasta & Chicken



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Find more details [HERE](#)

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Send all email requests for badges to: Attention Terry: weigel123@comcast.net

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

Camping Resources

[Campsite Assist](#)

<https://www.campsitephotos.com/campsite-assist/>

Event Resources

[Facebook Arizona Roundup](#)

[Facebook Canada West Teardroppers](#)

[Facebook Colorado Teardrops and Tiny Campers](#)

[Tearjerkers Calendar](#)

[Facebook NON-ROVT Sponsored Vintage Trailer Rally Events OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST](#)

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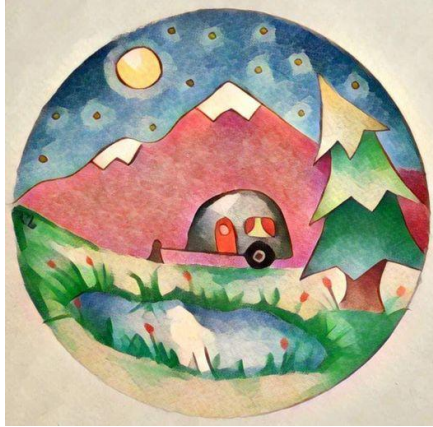
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2021 Event Details

April 22-25 Shasta Lake, California

Shasta Lake Gathering Hello fellow Teardroppers of Jefferson! We are excited to finally be able to update you on the status of this year's Shasta Lake Gathering and the good news is, it is ON! Socially distanced life has highlighted the importance of getting outdoors and we all know teardropping is one of the best ways to do that!



Our 2021 gathering will take place as usual at Antler's Resort on beautiful Lake Shasta from April 22-25 with some modifications. If you had reservations last year, you were probably contacted about rolling them over to this year. If not, no problem! . Please book your reservation with Antler's Resort directly at 530-238-2322 or <http://www.antlersrvpark.com/> They are charging \$12-15/night depending on whether or not you have hook-ups. Make sure you tell them you're with the teardrop gathering so they give you the special rate. Most of the group will be in the lower loop, so you may want to request to be there too.

Here are some COVID specific modifications:

We will not be organizing any group activities. There will not be evening potlucks or socials. Hopefully, they will return in 2022.

Mask wearing in public areas is strongly encouraged; this allows us to enjoy our event instead of cancelling. What happens at your own campsite stays at your campsite, lol! Smaller groups who feel comfortable socializing together can certainly do so.

Wandering and checking out each other's rigs is part of the teardrop experience and will certainly happen. However, be respectful of each other's level of comfort. Wear your masks and keep your distance.

With these modifications in place, it looks to be a safe and awesome start to a more normal camping experience for 2021!

June 26-28 Lincoln City, Oregon

2nd Annual Wapiti campout

Now, some don't know about Wapiti but at one time a family owned it and turned it over the Elks club. Over time the group disbanded and reverted to the original family who run it now. It is a private campground. There are two loops for larger trailers with water and electricity available (no sewage dump). It has several very large meadows where some with small trailers, tents, cars/trucks, and teardrops made camp. There is one small restroom with a shower in the women's and the men's side. Another shower

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house is by the office. The grounds are well kept. It is about a mile or two from the coast highway 2118 Drift Creek Rd.

July 2-5 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/>



July 9-11 Garibaldi, Oregon

Sunsets and Crabs 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



July 30 – August 1 Livingston, Montana

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Annual Fiddlers Picknick Rally Join us for the Annual Fiddlers Picnic Vintage Trailer Rally on the grounds of the Old Mercier Ranch, just south of Livingston MT. The rally is during the annual Fiddlers Picnic. A joyous gathering of 500 pickers and their friends on the banks of the Yellowstone River.

The Picnic supplies the meat portion of a potluck lunch and a pancake breakfast. It's dry camping but close to amenities. Event decal to

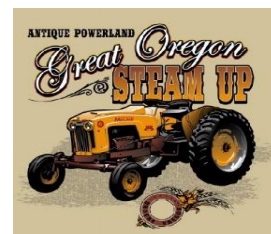
participants. \$25 per trailer which goes to support the Picnic. Bring your instrument or just come and tap your toes.

August 6-8 Brooks, Oregon

Powerland Steam Up

All teardrop and vintage travel trailers are welcome at this annual event held at the Antique Powerland Museum collection of wonderful old machinery, farming demonstrations and all sorts of vehicle museums. Powerland is a collection of 16 vintage style museums all located near the town of Brooks, Oregon. It is only 8 miles north of Salem at I-5 exit 263. Every year, these museums operate the famed "Steamup". It is always the last complete weekend of July as well as the following weekend. We camp on the very lush lawn of the Car Show Field for the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. Our biggest event is the Saturday night supper that features grilled hamburgers with all the fixings. It is dry camping with no hookups except for those needing power for medical reasons. Meanwhile, all visitors wander the grounds viewing the many things to see in lots of buildings.

We might have a donation jar out to cover such things as water, propane, etc. This will be a special event where anyone is invited including vintage travel trailers as well as teardrops. The camping fee will be the same as before. For details contact Marty & Katie Boehme [Email](#)



August 12-15 Mossy Rock, Washington

The Jubilee Gathering

Two years ago, Tracy and John found the Morton Logger's Jubilee. Parade, flea market, lawn mower races, a Queen and her Court, just what a small-town Jubilee should be. Look around the 2021 Jubilee website [Here](#). We will be at Taidnapam, only a few minutes to Morton. Book sites around 13, 16 and 19-32.

This is a book your own site event, you must book through Self-Registration with Tacoma Power Parks. [Reservation Site](#). All trailer types are welcome. We are asking for a \$10 event fee to cover dinner on Friday, and breakfast on Sunday. [More details about the park](#)

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August 20-22 Ocean City, Washington

Annual Ocean Tears The spots fill up fast. <https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark>. This is a no host event, and everyone must make their own reservations.

August 27-29 Gaston, Oregon

Wapato Showdown This event is an underestimated gem. Randy Gottier and Dan Fuger have been regulars for years. I have gone three times, and it is always a blast. This event, held in Gaston Oregon, about 20 minutes east of Forrest Grove, is a car AND vintage trailer show. Teardrops count as they are "Vintage Style", and the trailers get to camp. Modern cars can stay with the trailers. Friday Night – Optional Parade (Dan has never seen a parade he didn't want to be in)

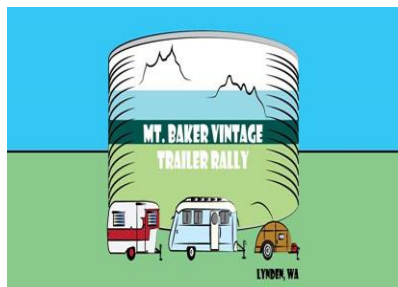
- Some sort of "Feed" (Additional cost, benefits the local schools)
- Live Music under the stars, the ballfield lights are left on and it is very nice
- Saturday – Cars start coming in around 6 AM
- Pancake feed (Additional cost, benefits the fire department)
- Car and trailer show
- Judging
- Food booths and a beer garden all day
- Steak Feed (Additional cost, benefits the local schools)
- Gaston High all class reunion and live music
- Sunday – Pack and leave

Join us this year, camping is ~\$30.00 for both nights and the entry fee, where else can you find 2 nights of live music, a car show and a vintage trailer show for this low fee? [Signup](#)



September 7-13 Lynden, Washington

Annual Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally



21st Annual Mt. Baker Vintage Trailer Rally. Washington State's Largest Annual Vintage Trailer Rally held every year the weekend after Labor Day at the NW Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden, WA. 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 are abundant and available for most everyone with extension cords and water splitters. Cost is: \$35 per night plus a \$15 onetime rally fee. (Add

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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. [Website](#)

September 17-19, 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.

NOTE In the past the Park has closed food concessions for the season before our event. They are open now until the end of September. Good news, there will be burgers and other food available on Friday night and a breakfast feed on Sunday morning (there is a fee for each meal). The Fall Brigade team is working on an activity Saturday night in the big kitchen look for a survey about doing a Potluck. We are also looking to do a field trip to a local farm, stay tunned. Camping is \$25.00 per night, and a \$10.00 event fee will be charged.

[Registration](#)



October 1-3 Champoeg Park, Oregon

Annual Champoeg Park Gathering ROVT Event, reservations through Reserve America. Make reservations early as this one will sell out.

October 29-31 Clinton, Washington

Last Gasp Near Clinton, Washington on Whidbey Island. Nice warm shop to hang out in and if you are lucky you will get one of "Fish-On-John"'s famous Lobster Rolls. People drive to the island just for them all summer long. Press apples to make cider, wander the island, watch the World series if you want, and indulge in hot spiced wine (if you want, but I hear it is pretty good). Contact Tracy and

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2021 Event Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
April 22-25 Lakehead, California	<u>Shasta Lake</u> <u>Gathering</u>	Antlers Campground	Antlers Campground Antlers RV Park
June 26-28 Lincoln City, Oregon	<u>Wapiti Campout</u>	Out of the ocean fog belt in Lincoln City	RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055
July 2-5 Brooks, Oregon	<u>All-American</u> <u>Vintage Trailer</u> <u>Rally</u>	At Antique Powerland	Website
July 9-11 Garibaldi, Oregon	<u>Sunsets and Crabs</u> <u>at Garibaldi</u>	Held at the Old Mill Conference Center and RV Park	RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055
July 30-August 1 Livingston, Montana	<u>Annual Fiddlers</u> <u>Picnic and Vintage</u> <u>Trailer Rally</u>	On the bank of the Yellowstone River	Email
August 6-8 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique</u> <u>Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	For details contact Marty & Katie Boehme Email
August 12-15 Morton, Washington	<u>The Jubilee</u> <u>Gathering</u>	Taidnapam campground, sites in main loop, and we have some spill over into the other loop	Self-Registration with Tacoma Power Parks Reservation Site
August 20-22 Ocean City, Washington	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page Ocean city state park	WA State Reservations This one books FAST sign up now!
August 27-28 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato Showdown</u>	Parade, Car and Vintage Trailer show. Come in on Thursday if you like	Parade Sign up Email

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September 7-13 Mt Baker, Washington	<u>21st Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally	Rene Perret Facebook Page
September 17-19 Mulino, Oregon	<u>Fall Brigade</u>	Held at the Oregon City Elks Park	Fall Brigade Team Registration
October 1-3 Salem, Oregon	<u>Annual Champoeg Park Rally</u>	ROVT Event. This one will sell out early	ROVT Website ReserveAmerica.com
October 29-31 Clinton, Washington	<u>Last Gasp</u>	Whidbey Island	Tracy and John's house Tracy's email address