



The Chatter--April 2018

Clackamas Campers, Chapter of Oregon Good Sam Club
2017 Good Sam Miracle Makers Happy Tails Award



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Dan's \$.02 April 2018

Congratulations Clackamas Campers, we made it through our first campout of the year in Salem March 22-24 at Hee Hee Illahee. It was a little windy, rainy, and cold (actually, lots of the above), but the flowering cherry trees were in full bloom and the Clackamas Campers persevered. All 15 of us fit into a back room of a restaurant around the corner of the park on Thursday.

Even without access to a rec hall, we had a great time at a progressive dinner (instead of the regular Saturday night potluck), that was coordinated on the fly, by Co-Hosts Oregon-State-Beavs vs the U-of-O Ducks Hansons and DeGraws. Happily, everyone fit into the Hansons, DeGraws, and Grahams big rigs. A group of us had an informative guided tour down the memory lanes of the Pacific NW Truck Museum and their 1.5-million-dollar conference center-- a must-see museum--.

A trip to Spirit Mountain didn't go too well though, yours truly spent \$4 and went home with \$2, for a loss of 50%. And, being Spring Break, the Friday night seafood buffet was a bust, it would have been a 2-hr. wait (the block-long lines of people 2-3 deep gave me a little cruise-ship PTSD too).

But the Clackamas Campers didn't give up the ship and some of us ended up in a comfortable Dallas family restaurant. With the Pres., Vice Pres, Sec. and Treas. ending up sitting at the same table, we decided by executive committee decision, to cancel the Saturday night meeting due to lack of interest (opps, I mean lack of a rec hall!).

Looking forward to seeing y'all in Warrenton in a couple of weeks.

MARCH 2018 Minutes March 24, 2018:

Due to 2 rigs needing to high-tail it home on Saturday March 24 March 24m, and lack of a warm rec hall, the March Clackamas Campers meeting was cancelled.

Attending the Salem first-of-the year campout were: Joan & Ray Borgen, Carol & Burt DeGraw, Sue & Gary Graham, Dee and Art Hanson, Johnie McGuire, Carol & Howard McLaughlin, Teresa & Dan McGivern, Kathy & Bob Schuckman. \$80 was collected for the DFD raffle.

Communications: a congratulatory letter to the Clackamas Campers was received from the Dogs for Better Lives organization (headquartered in Central Point Oregon). Formerly known as the Dogs for the Deaf, the organization serves the nation with hearing assistance, program assistance, and autism assistance dogs rescued from animal shelters.

The letter stated that our chapter has won the national **Good Sam Miracle Makers Happy Tails Award for generously donating \$2,942.75 in 2017. This is the third highest award** (donation bracket of \$2,500-\$4,999). **Congratulations everyone!**

Clackamas Campers Secure Web Site:

Be sure and check out the www.oregongoodsam.com Clackamas Campers secure web site for minutes and more!

go to "Login" (on Left menu)
go to "Clackamas Campers"
enter Username and Password as follows:
Username: **thechatter**
Password: **happytail\$**

Pictures of our March 22-24, 2018 Campout Adventure: (there is a beaver for Art in a pic)

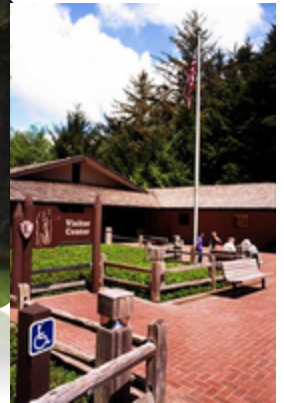


APRIL Campout: April 12-14, 2018 - Kampers West, 1140 NW Warrenton Drive, Warrenton, Oregon 97146. Phone: (503) 861-1814. – Hosts: McLaughlins and McGiverns. First night's reservation **has been prepaid** by Clackamas Campers, so you will need to reimburse the treasurer. We will caravan from the I-5North rest stop in Vancouver, WA at 10:00 am. Saturday night's dinner will be a baked potato bar. We will supply the potatoes and sour cream. Please bring the toppings for the potatoes. Ideas are not limited to cheddar cheese, taco meat, guacamole, salsa, bacon, chopped green onions. (brownies, whip cream...oops might not taste too good...).

Please email Carol with the topping choices you will bring. This way we will avoid duplicates.

5 ½ miles and 12 minutes from Kampers West:
Fort Clatsop Visitor Center and Fort Clatsop Replica
Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$5 per person or Use your Senior Pass
Lewis and Clark National Historical Park
92343 Fort Clatsop Road
Astoria, OR 97103 **Phone:** (503) 861-2471



Must see is movie in the visitors center

Netul Trail Walk: Take an approximately 1 mile walk along the Netul River, and see the historical, and natural resources of the area around Fort Clatsop.

Also: Sunday April 15, 2018-1 PM at Fort Clatsop: Guest Speaker Steven McClure - Lewis and Clark's Discovery of the Willamette River: "Recent Findings of Their Secondary Mission".

7 miles or 16 minutes from Kampers West

Astoria River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Dr., Astoria OR, 97103,
phone 503-325-2323, **Open daily 9:30 am to 5 pm.;** seniors \$12.00

4 miles or 8 minutes from Kampers West:

Fort Stevens State Park Off US 101, 10 miles W of Astoria

100 Peter Iredale Road, Hammond, OR 97121 Phone: 503-861-1671

Fort Stevens State Park requires a day-use parking permit year-round to park in the Coffenbury Lake Day-use Area and at the Historic Military Site.

7 miles or 14 minutes from Kampers West
Sunset Beach State Recreational site

Sunset Beach Ln, Warrenton, OR 97146, 503-861-3170
Sunset Beach has direct **access to driving on the beach** with expansive views from Cape Disappointment to the north and Ecola State Park to the south.
This 120-acre park offers paved parking for 21 vehicles; an information station and an ADA accessible boardwalk leading to the beach

Tide Chart: <http://tides.mobilegeographics.com/calendar/year/6867.html>

Happy Birthdays: Carol McLaughlin, April 6; Bonnie Gardner, April 8th; Shirley Cullison, April 13th, Betty Ely, April 14th and Bea Conroy, April 16th.
Happy Anniversary to Carol and Howard McLaughlin on April 1st.

Wagon Master's Report—Bill Shearer

Our first campout of the 2018 season is only one month away so be thinking about de-winterizing your rig, check the tires, fill your propane tanks and get ready for a fun season of camping and comradery. A reminder that the March campout has been changed to Hee Hee Illahee in Salem 3/22-24 and the April campout will be at Kampers West in Warrenton, OR 4/12-14.

Note Planning Meeting Dates:

- 1) At our Jan. meeting I was directed to form a committee to address concerns relating to our **Nov. auction. I plan on holding a meeting at our April campout** to hear concerns and determine how we might address them. If you have concerns, please bring them to the meeting. **If you are not able to be there**, please let me know what they are so that we can bring them up. My email address is: shearer.bt@gmail.com.
- 2) **At our May campout I will hold a 2020 Planning meeting.** If you know of some good campground that we haven't been to or haven't been to for a while, please bring them to the meeting. Again, if you can't be there, email me with your suggestions.

One last item. **If you are a Host for one of the 2019 campouts**, if you haven't already done so please call the campground and make reservation for the Clackamas Campers.

Volunteers bringing raffle gifts for our Dogs for Better Living drawing on Saturday night are Ridlons, Hansons, Gardners and Dave Paulson. Thank you for supporting us!!!

