

# OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

January 2025 Newsletter

## *"The Drifter"*



"Our mission is to promote in Oregon an RV/Camping organization that creates friendships and education for members as well as goodwill and charitable experiences in our communities."

**Check out our website: [camporca.org](http://camporca.org)**

Hello ORCA friends!

Wow! That year went by so fast that our heads are spinning. It's funny ... when you're employed and working, the days just drag on. However, when you're retired, the days go by so fast that we can't keep track of what day it is! It's a good thing that I ordered a bedside clock that tells me these things ... the time, the room temperature, the day of the week, the month and date, and the year!

We are gearing up for a fun year of camping and socializing. The Roundup is just around the corner, and we have a beautiful new venue for it. We are really looking forward to getting our RV out of its winter sleep mode and getting some use out of her.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers; Gene Nedrow, who recently suffered a stroke, and Jeanne Skellenger and Rod Paul who are both battling cancers. We wish them all strength, hope, healing, and our love.

See you in McMinnville!

Barb and Bill Taylor, State Directors

# ~ BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~

State Directors – Barb and Bill Taylor [ORCADirector@outlook.com](mailto:ORCADirector@outlook.com)  
Barb 503-810-7585 Bill 503-740-5147

State Secretary – Steve Moist  
Assistant Secretary/ State Rally Office Manager – Marion Gilkey  
State Treasurer – Connie Morrill  
State Photographer – Dee Veenendaal  
State Newsletter Editor/Publisher – Barb Taylor  
State Rally Ground Coordinator – Tom Gilkey  
State Sound Director – Tom Hansen  
State Chaplain – Clyde Ault  
Past State Directors – John and Holly Monahan  
State Historians – Don and Carol Nedrow  
State Webmaster – Gene Hancock



## Assistant Directors –

John and Holly Monahan ... The Westerners  
Howard and Connie Morrill ... Wy'East Pioneers  
Dale and Dee Veenendaal ... Southern Oregon & SW Valley Coasters  
Tom and Robyn Hansen ... Central Oregon  
Steve and Mabel Moist ... The Capital Gang  
Randy and Loretta Wells ... Country Cuzzins

MAL (Members At Large) contact – Dee and Dale Veenendaal

Please contact State Director at [ORCADirector@outlook.com](mailto:ORCADirector@outlook.com) if you need to contact any of the Assistant Directors



# Chapter Campouts

We are publishing all chapter campout information that is shared with us for 2025. Often times, other chapter members may wish to join you, so this is why we list dates and locations. Once you have your campouts scheduled, please submit the information to [orcadirector@outlook.com](mailto:orcadirector@outlook.com) so that we can include you. This is an important aspect of our organization, so please send your schedule just as soon as possible. In addition, when your “tba’s” are filled in, please let us know so that we can update it.

## LAYOVERS      Contact Kathy 503-267-9081

JANUARY- Langdon Farms Golf Course luncheon at noon

FEBRUARY- Claim Jumper Clackamas Town Center at noon

MARCH- tba

APRIL – ROUND UP 24-27

MAY - Winchester Bay, arriving May 6th leaving on the 9th. Please call the Resort @ 541-271-0287

JUNE –ORCA RALLY 25-29

JULY - CROOKED RIVER 31- AUG 4

AUGUST- POW WOW 21-24

SEPTEMBER- tba

OCTOBER- tba

NOVEMBER- tba

DECEMBER - tba

## SPRUCE RUNNERS      Contact Gene 503-710-2237

(this is their “proposed” schedule)

January - Nothing Planned

February 9<sup>th</sup> - Golden Valley Brewery & Restaurant Beaverton [off Hwy 26]

March 6-9 - LL Stubb Stewart State Park, Buxton OR

April 24-27 - Westerners Roundup, Olde Stone Village McMinnville OR off Hwy 18

May 4-6 - Champoeg State Park group area \_ up to 10 RVs at no charge, Chapter pays for building?

June 25-29 - ORCA State Rally, Rickreall

July 10-13 - Waterloo Linn County Park, 5 mile east of Lebanon

August 21-24 - Wy-East Pow Wow, Hood River Fair Grounds, Odell OR

September 11-14 - Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City

October - Blue OX RV Park, Albany OR

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Black Bear Restaurant, Wilsonville OR

December - Nothing, too close to Christmas

## THE WEEKENDERS      Contact Tim 630-551-5029

January - January 18th at 12:00 noon - Joan Harrison's home, 7991 Liberty Rd So, Salem. She will have a potluck. Joan will provide Chili and asks that everyone else bring a side dish or dessert that will go with it. Please let her know if you will or will not be coming.

February - Lum Yuen Restaurant

March - date to be determined. Country Cottage Restaurant - at Woodburn Estates in Woodburn

April 25, 26, 27 – Armitage Park Campground, Eugene, OR

May 15, 16, 17 - Stub Stuart State Park. You will need to make your reservations on November 15. We are trying for Dairy Creek Camp East spaces 80, 83, 85, 87, 67, 65, 63

June 12-15 – Elkton RV Park They have reserved nine sites plus a park model. We will also get the gazebo. If you are going you need to call Elkton Rv Park and tell them they are under Colescotts and make your reservations. It's 38.82 per night.

June 25-29 - ORCA Rally in Rickreall

July 17, 18, 19 - Fern Ridge Reservoir - subject to change

August - Milo McGiver park

Sept 4-7 - Lake Merwin, Washington. This is a private park that has some sites for guests.

October - tba

November - tba

December - tba

## McKENZIE RIVER DRIFTERS      Contact Dee 541-913-6994

January – January 17, business meeting/lunch 2pm

February – February 14, business meeting/lunch 2pm

March – March 14, business meeting/lunch 2 pm

April – April 24-27, Roundup at Olde Stone RV Resort

May - May 5-9, campout with the Layovers, Winchester Bay RV Resort

May – May 9-15, Annual Quilter's campout, Woahink Lake RV Resort

June – June 25-29, ORCA Rally, Rickreall

July – July 31 thru August 4, Campout hosted by the Layovers, Crooked River Ranch

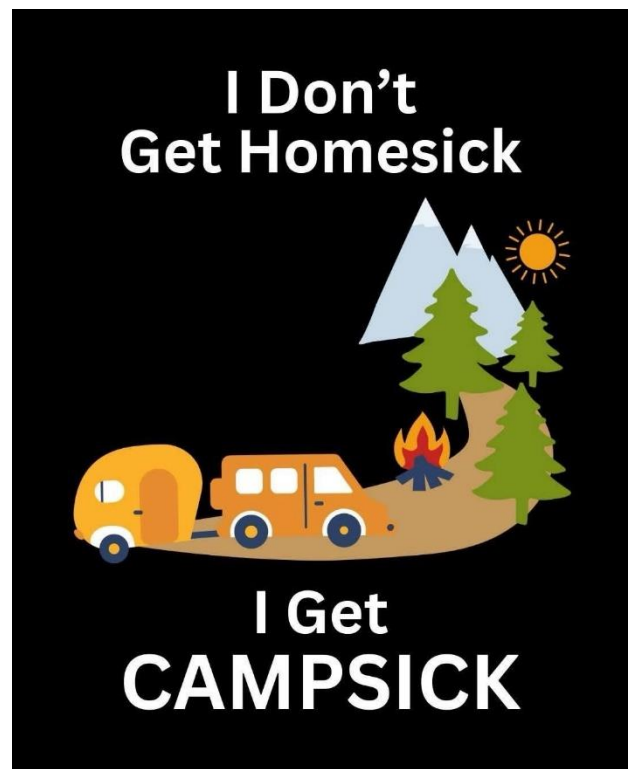
August – August 21-24, PowWow Rally, Hood River Fairgrounds

September – tba

October – tba

November – tba

December - tba



# Happy New Year!

AULD LANG SYNE

BABY

BALL

BALLOONS

CALENDAR

CELEBRATION

CHAMPAGNE

CLOCK

CONFETTI

COUNTDOWN

DANCING

DECEMBER

EVE

FATHER TIME

FIRECRACKER

FIRST

FLUTE

GAMES

G	N	T	I	B	R	A	D	N	E	L	A	C	L	O	C	K	K	A
U	O	R	O	D	E	X	U	T	O	U	I	G	O	F	H	C	T	X
A	I	A	T	B	S	X	B	V	P	A	R	T	Y	I	M	I	O	W
T	T	D	V	Q	O	A	W	A	R	Y	F	F	T	R	M	S	T	G
Z	A	I	A	U	L	D	L	A	N	G	S	Y	N	E	T	U	L	F
I	T	T	F	L	U	R	E	M	A	E	R	T	S	C	F	M	M	N
O	I	I	O	C	T	Y	E	C	F	T	X	S	S	R	G	N	C	W
N	V	O	F	E	I	B	P	K	D	I	Q	U	I	A	N	W	O	G
C	N	N	B	E	O	A	A	P	A	U	R	K	K	C	I	V	U	C
S	I	F	N	D	N	B	L	G	A	M	E	S	C	K	C	T	N	W
I	H	Q	J	O	B	B	F	R	F	H	E	H	T	E	N	B	T	S
N	O	I	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	A	S	M	R	A	V	D	E
Z	U	D	L	F	N	L	V	Q	G	M	A	T	I	G	D	Q	O	W
V	R	L	K	K	K	U	E	M	P	O	D	C	D	O	Q	V	W	C
P	G	G	R	R	V	R	A	A	T	T	E	I	N	J	N	P	N	F
R	L	Y	A	F	L	U	G	R	U	E	T	V	I	S	Q	R	L	S
L	A	P	A	K	E	N	Q	N	Y	E	W	M	G	V	H	Q	C	H
E	S	E	D	D	E	C	E	M	B	E	R	G	H	F	T	S	E	C
A	S	R	L	W	X	E	M	I	T	R	E	H	T	A	F	M	F	M



GOWN

HAPPY

HAT

HOURLASS

INVITATION

JANUARY

KISS

MIDNIGHT

MUSIC

NOISE MAKER

PARTY

RESOLUTION

SPARKLER

STREAMER

TIMES SQUARE

TOAST

TRADITION

TUXEDO

VOW

YEAR



# NEW YEAR i-SPY

HOW MANY?



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



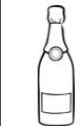
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_



# Westerners Annual Roundup 2025

New Location this year: Olde Stone Village



**Where:** Olde Stone Village RV Park, 4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR

**When:** April 24-27, 2025

**Costs:** Camping fees - self register directly with:

**Olde Stone Village (503) 472-4315 using ORCA as the group name for discount.**

Rally fees will be \$25 **per person** attending the rally. Rally fees entitle each attendee to meals and onsite activities. Ice Cream social, breakfast on Friday and Saturday, continental breakfast on Sunday, and potluck dinners Friday and Saturday evenings; main dish will be provided. Each rig will be asked to provide a salad or vegetable (A-M) on Friday and dessert or side dish (N-Z) on Saturday.

**Activities:** Pinochle, Hand and Foot and Cribbage tournaments. Card Bingo (each participant brings 10 quarters). Each camping rig is asked to provide a new item for our charity auction (suggest at least \$15 value). Raffles and 50/50 drawings.

Please make checks payable to: John Monahan (roundup coordinator) and mail to:

**John Monahan, 21717 NE 22nd Ave, Ridgefield, WA. 98642-2500.**

Questions/concerns contact **John at (360) 984-4620** or email: **Jmonahan4620@gmail.com.**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/MAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees: \$25 per person = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellations for camping directly with park. Cancellation for rally fees contact John/Holly by 4/17/25.

Office use: Date received \_\_\_\_\_ CK # \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_





**ORCA Rally 2025**

**"The Wild West"**

**June 25 – 29, 2025**

**Polk County Fairgrounds**

**Rickreall, Oregon**

**WANTED**

**ALL  
ORCA  
MEMBERS!**

**\*REWARD\***

Howdy Partners! Quit horsin' around and get this on your calendar now! We're already rustlin' up some great new ideas, and we're going to lasso some fun! We're pullin' out the big guns to paint the town red and plannin' quite the hoedown. Git out your boots and Stetson's and git your inner cowboy on!



**Cookoff:**  
**Bean soup (not chili) for men**  
**Biscuits for women**







# "THE WILD WEST"

## OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION (ORCA) RALLY

**JUNE 25 – 29, 2025**

**LOCATION: POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 520 S. PACIFIC HWY WEST, RICKREALL, OREGON**

**PARKING COSTS: ON GROUNDS CAMPING FEE IS \$20.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG. RALLY IS A 4-NIGHT EVENT.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION**

**MAIL TO: CONNIE MORRILL, ORCA TREASURER, PO BOX 434, ESTACADA, OR 97023**

\* EARLY BIRD/LATE DEPARTURE IS \$25.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG, PAYABLE TO THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.  
DO NOT INCLUDE WITH THIS REGISTRATION.

**DETACH HERE AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH TOTAL FEES FROM THIS PAGE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ NOT IN A CHAPTER? ARE YOU A GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ (or) MEMBER-AT-LARGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU A 'FIRST TIMER' OF THIS RALLY? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

HANDICAP PARKING: Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE BUILDING

**RALLY BEGINS** at 1:00 pm Wednesday afternoon and **ENDS** approximately 9:00 pm Saturday.

Please check the activity schedule provided at Registration.

**Rally registration per person**



Number of nights parking \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (13 & older) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total funds enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ARRIVAL DAY: TUE WED THUR FRI SAT**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received by Oregon RV Campers Association (aka ORCA) 14 days prior to the start of the ORCA Rally to be eligible for a refund. Wednesday, June 25, 2025, is considered the start of the rally. Cancellation deadline will be Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

The undersigned accepts full responsibility for their RV and all persons within it while attending the Oregon RV Campers Association Rally and holds the Oregon RV Campers Association and its designated officials harmless for personal injury or damage to any camping or driving unit.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## Silver/Golden Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony 2025



Will you be celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary sometime between now and the ORCA Rally in June 2025? Your ORCA family would like to help you celebrate! The form you need to submit is on the following page!





## SILVER WED / GOLDEN WED / DIAMOND JUBILEE REGISTRATION



ORCA RALLY SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Couples married 25 years through December of this year are eligible to take part in the Silver Wed Ceremony. Any couple married 50 years through December of this year are eligible to take part in the Golden Wed Ceremony. Any couple married more than 25 or 50 years who have not been honored previously are eligible for recognition.

Couples married 60, 65, 70 or 75 years through December of this year (or not previously honored) may register for the Diamond Jubilee recognition.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
(His first name) (Her First Name) (Last name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ORCA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Member-at-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Select correct line: Silver Wed 25 years \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Wed 50 years \_\_\_\_\_

Diamond Jubilee 60 years \_\_\_\_\_ 65 years \_\_\_\_\_ 70 years \_\_\_\_\_ 75 years \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* We provide an escort service during our recognition ceremonies. However, if you prefer to have a special person(s) act as your escort, please list the name(s) and relationship below (daughter, son, grandchild, friend, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests (not attending the Rally) \_\_\_\_\_ If you are camping on the Rickreall Polk County Fairgrounds, pay your camping fees by filling out the 2025 OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION (ORCA) registration form.

**Hosted dinner to follow honoring the Golden/Silver Wed couples.**

\*\*\*\*\* Detach and Mail to Address Shown Below \*\*\*\*\*

Mail above information and direct questions on the ceremonies to:

Marion Gilkey PO Box 20478 Keizer, OR 97307

Phone: 928-920-2729 Email: [tomarion@juno.com](mailto:tomarion@juno.com)

**Mail form before June 3, 2025.** When you arrive at the fairgrounds, please check in with Marion Gilkey so she knows you have arrived. Choice of attire is your preference.

The Polk County Fairgrounds are located at 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W. Rickreall, OR 97371

Congratulations on your many years of marriage. We look forward to seeing you at the ORCA Rally.

~ MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION FORM ~

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

\* We welcome a solo photo of the deceased and a short obituary for The Drifter

SEND FORM TO: DEE VEENENDAAL, OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

38452 JASPER-LOWELL RD., FALL CREEK, OR 97438 541-913-6994

Or email: ORCADirector@outlook.com

.....

~ NEW CHAPTER MEMBER FORM ~

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (member 1): \_\_\_\_\_

CELL (member 2): \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED TO CHAPTER BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND FORM TO: DEE VEENENDAAL, OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

38452 JASPER-LOWELL RD., FALL CREEK, OR 97438 541-913-6994

Or email: ORCADirector@outlook.com



If there is anything your chapter would like to include in  
The Drifter, our cut-off day each month is the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Articles/news/pictures received after this date will be included  
in the following months' newsletter. Thank you !!

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

