

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

February 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

Hello ORCA friends!

It's February already, and almost time to get those RV's out of storage for camping season! Be sure to check out everything thoroughly, so that your first outing is carefree. With possible snow in the forecast this coming week, and recent low temperatures, make sure your pipes have not frozen!

We are really anxious for the Roundup in McMinnville this year. John and Holly Monahan have worked hard to make it an enjoyable first event for 2025. If you have not already registered, you may wish to check with them first. Due to limited space in the clubhouse, the event may be full. They usually get a couple of cancellations last minute, however, so don't give up! This park is next door to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, home of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose", so you may want to carve a little time out from the rally to visit there.

See you soon!

Barb and Bill Taylor, State Directors

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Please contact State Director at ORCADirector@outlook.com if you need to contact any of the Assistant Directors

Happy
Valentine's
Day!





CHAPTER CRAFT RAFFLE

WHERE: ORCA RALLY, RICKREALL, OREGON

WHEN: June 25 – 29, 2025

WHY: This is an opportunity for your chapter to earn funds to cover operating costs or to donate to your favorite charity.

- RULES:**
1. No more than two raffle items per chapter are allowed.
 2. All raffled items must be homemade.
 3. Cost for tickets will be \$1.00 each, or six tickets for \$5.00.
 4. Tickets, bucket for tickets, cash for change, and other items needed to raffle your items must be provided by your chapter. Raffle hours to be determined prior to rally.
 5. Drawings will be held the last evening of rally.
 6. You must be present to win.



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 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

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 Don 503-702-5293

February 9th - 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 22-25 - 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 1st - Buster’s BBQ, Tigard, OR

December - Nothing, too close to Christmas

THE WEEKENDERS Contact Tim 630-551-5029

February - Lum Yuen Restaurant, Salem

March 15 - Country Cottage Restaurant - at Woodburn Estates in Woodburn, 1 pm

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

April 25, 26, 27 – Armitage Park Campground, Coburg

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 Colecotts and make your reservations. It's 38.82 per night.

June 25-29 - ORCA Rally in Rickreall

July 17, 18, 19 – Richardson Park, Fern Ridge Reservoir

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

August – Dates TBA, 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

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

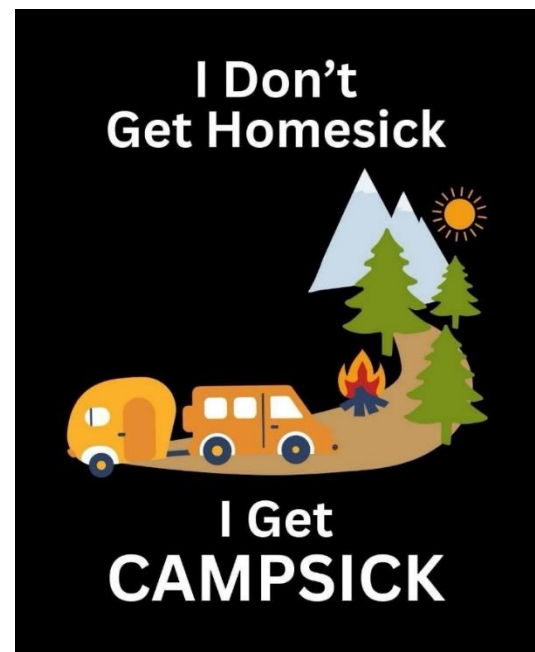
August – August 21-24, PowWow Rally, Hood River Fairgrounds

September – tba

October – tba

November – tba

December - tba





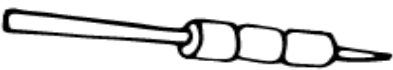
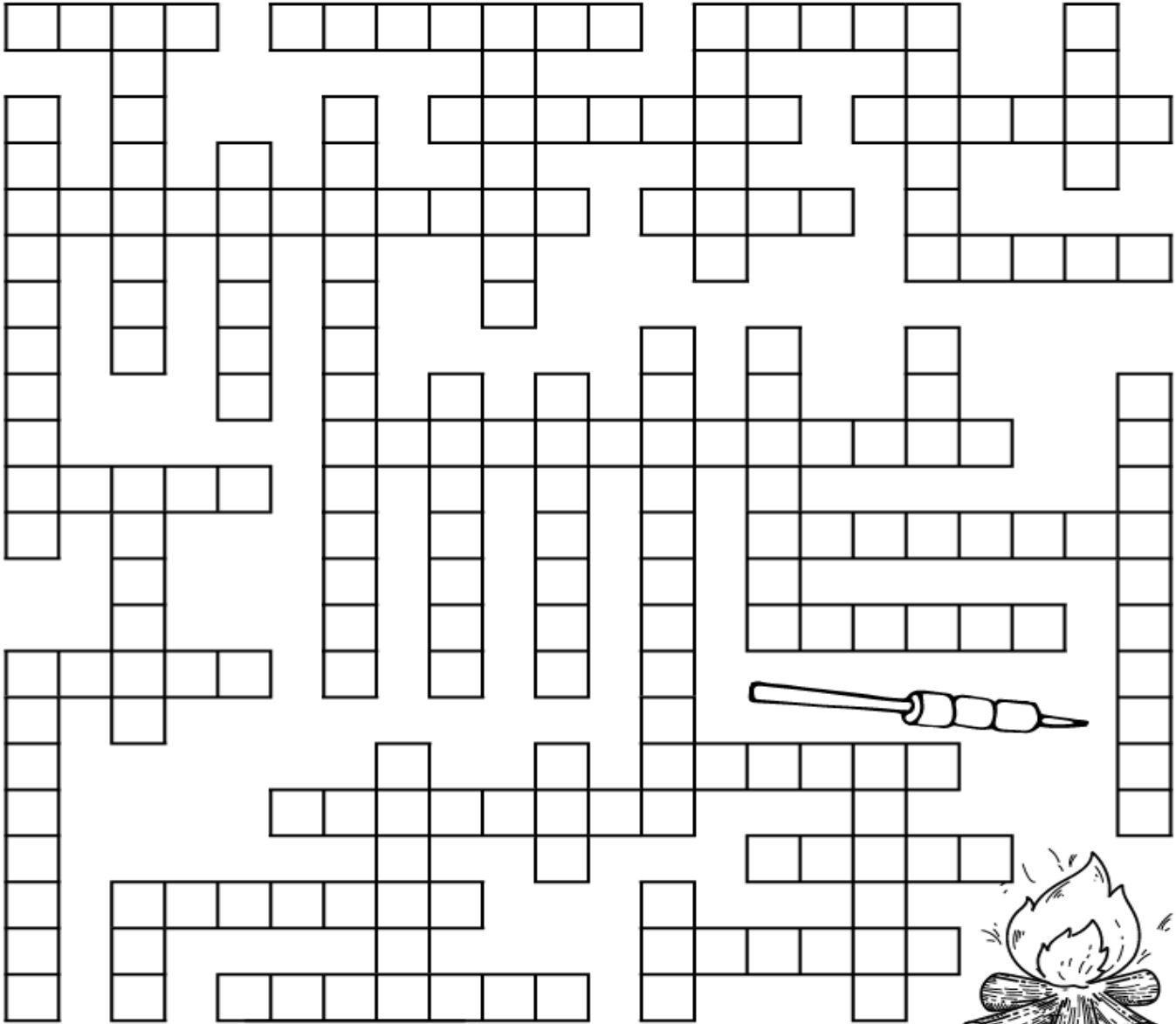
CAMPING TRIVIA

(answers on page 11)

1. What is "Glamping"?
a. Glow camping b. Glitter camping c. Glamorous camping d. Glacier camping
2. You can calculate the temperature outside by listening to which insect?
a. Bees b. Mosquitos c. Butterflies d. Crickets
3. What is the most visited National Park in the United States?
a. Yosemite b. Great Smoky Mountains c. Yellowstone d. Arches
4. When did camping start in America?
a. 1860's b. 1880's c. 1900's d. 1920's
5. What's the median age of RV owners in America?
a. 50 b. 55 c. 60 d. 65
6. What is better known as "Cowboy Camping"?
a. Camping in Texas b. Camping in the desert c. Camping without shelter d. Camping with a horse
7. When were S'Mores invented?
a. 1925 b. 1939 c. 1945 d. 1956
8. Who invented the S'Mores?
a. Martha Stewart b. Julia Child c. Boy Scouts d. Girl Scouts
9. What year was the first portable camping stove invented?
a. 1889 b. 1913 c. 1923 d. 1935
10. What is the most common type of tree found in North American campgrounds?
a. Western Juniper b. Ponderosa Pine c. Hemlock d. Grand Fir

Here is a crossword challenge without numbers! You have to figure out what goes where so that everything fits just like a normal crossword puzzle. Good luck!

CAMPFIRE



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| 3 letters | 4 letters | 5 letters | 6 letters | 7 letters | 8 letters | 10 letters | 11 letters | | |
| ash | burn | flame | chairs | snores | blanket | matches | campfire | campground | marshmallow |
| axe | camp | night | embers | snacks | hotdogs | outside | firewood | sing alongs | pocket knife |
| log | heat | smoke | forest | summer | lantern | raccoon | kindling | | 13 letters |
| pit | | stars | guitar | teepee | lighter | stories | memories | | graham cracker |
| | | trees | nature | tinder | | | | | roasting stick |



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 # _____

***** PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE A WAIT LIST FOR THIS EVENT *****



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 (no 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 _____

THE WILD WEST COSTUME PARADE

We will be holding a costume parade during the ORCA Rally. Two prizes will be awarded ... 1) to the best single costume, and 2) to the best couple's costumes. Use your imagination and your knowledge of the "Wild West" and get 'yer duds planned now!



Answers to Camping Trivia

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| 1. Glamorous camping (c) | 6. Camping without shelter (c) |
| 2. Crickets (d) | 7. 1925 (a) |
| 3. Great Smoky Mountains (b) | 8. Girl Scouts (d) |
| 4. 1860's (a) | 9. 1923 (c) by W.C. Coleman |
| 5. 55 (b) | 10. Ponderosa Pine (b) |

Silver/Golden Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony 2025



Will you be celebrating your 25th or 50th 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

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

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~ 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

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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 25th.
Articles/news/pictures received after this date will be included
in the following months' newsletter. Thank you !!

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**New seatbelt design:
45% less car accidents!**

