

#### Hello to all,

We'd like to extend a huge "thank you" to John and Holly Monahan for yet another wonderful Roundup! Our new location at Olde Stone RV Resort worked out beautifully and everyone is anxious to go back next year. Speaking of next year (in the event you haven't heard), John and Holly will be stepping down as organizers of the Roundup due to a couple of surgeries John has scheduled. He's getting a few new body parts so that he can run around like a teenager again! Graciously, Steve and Bonnie August, along with Jeff Simons (son of our beloved Bob Simons), have offered to take over for John and Holly. We are grateful to have such loyal members that are willing to help out!

I think everyone had a great time at the Roundup ... no mud or puddles to avoid (we still loved Wapiti, regardless), and we lucked out with beautiful weather. They cleaned the pool while we were there, and I seriously thought it was for us, but it was still closed for the season. Hahaha! John has already reserved the park again for next year. I believe the dates will be April 23-26, 2026, so get it on your calendar! Reservations can be made with the park now, using "ORCA2026" for the discount.

Looking forward to seeing all of you, and many more, at the ORCA Rally in Rickreall in June! You don't want to miss this one, either!

Barb and Bill Taylor

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WARNING: DO NOT give Rice Krispies to young children. I ate them as a kid. Now when I stand up, I Snap Crackle & Pop!



# Not to be outdone by these kids, we senior members now have our own short-hand texting codes.

ATD - At the Doctor's

BFF - Best Friend's Funeral

BTW - Bring the Wheelchair

BYOT - Bring your own teeth

CUATSC - See You at the Senior Center

DWI - Driving While Incontinent

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

FYI - Found Your Insulin

GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

GHA - Got Heartburn Again

LOL - Living on Lipitor

TOT - Texting on Toilet

TTYL - Talk to You Later

WTP - Where are the Prunes?

Hope these help ... GGLKI! (Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking In)

Submitted by Bill Bench

#### **GPS TRACKERS**

You may or may not have heard of GPS Trackers. They are a small device that looks like a key chain. They can be added to anything you own: your luggage when traveling, another person's clothes to track them if they wander away from you. Same with your pets that may run away from you. This worked when Denice, our daughter, traveled to Europe for her work company. Her lost luggage did not get transferred to her last airplane transfer. She was able to tell the airline where her luggage was located. Here is another valuable use: hide one in your RV and/or car. You can track where the above items are at the present time and could notify authorities if needed. I came about this device by accident after returning on a trip to the John Day Oregon area. When restoring items under our dinette we found a key ring with a small round part attached to it. We mentioned it to our daughter; she smirked and told us it was a GPS Tracker. Being we were traveling by ourselves, she could tell where we were at. If we were out of signal she would know where it was last located and could send help to find us. When a signal came back she would know we were OK. We have added the GPS Tracker to hidden places in our motor home and car. If stolen, you can tell where they are to the authorities through your cell phone App. This may help you if you lose your valuables, maybe even your spouse. The GPS Trackers are available from many places including Amazon with many different types and prices.

Submitted by Don & Carol Nedrow

## 2025 Roundup "Highlights" - McMinnville, Oregon



















42 rigs!



John and Holly would like to thank all those that helped in different capacities to make the Roundup a success, which includes members that helped in the kitchen, with games, with 50/50 ticket sales, with the auction, and those that stayed to clean up the clubhouse on Sunday. The list of helpers was long!

what are other words for much appreciated?



thanks, thank you, many thanks, thanks very much, thanks a lot, thank you kindly, much obliged, bless you, thanks a million



#### Several people asked for Holly's "Cowboy Beans" recipe, so here it is!

- 1 lb Bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 tbsp Bacon drippings
- 2 cups diced ham
- 1 lb Ground beef
- 3 15 oz cans Kidney beans
- 3 15 oz cans Pinto Beans
- 3 Onions, chopped
- 3 15 oz cans Pork and Beans
- 3 15 oz cans White beans
- 1 cup Ketchup
- 1/2 cup Molasses
- 3 tbsp Yellow Mustard
- 1 cup light Brown sugar

#### Directions:

- While cooking meat and onions, prepare the sauce; ketchup, molasses, mustard and brown sugar.
- In a large skillet, cook bacon and crumble. Drain fat, but reserve 2 Tbsp bacon drippings. Cook ground beef and onions until the beef is just brown. Drain fat.
- Drain and rinse the kidney, pinto and white beans. Using the pork and beans, save liquid from one can and drain the other two cans. Combine all beans, bacon, ham, ground beef, onions, and remaining ingredients to a large dutch oven.
- Cook in oven 325° until hot, stirring occasionally. The longer it cooks, the better the flavors. I cook mine at least 2-3 hours.

Submitted by Holly Monahan

# **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 <a href="mailto:orcadirector@outlook.com">orcadirector@outlook.com</a> 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 12th- Old Spaghetti Factory, Clackamas Town Center 1 pm 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 15th-17<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Mountain Casino Campground

OCTOBER 6th-9<sup>th</sup> - Barton Park

NOVEMBER-tba

DECEMBER – Date to be determined. Appetizer party at Bill & Barb Taylor's, 1 – 4pm

#### SPRUCE RUNNERS Contact Don 503-702-5293

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 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 Colescotts 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

#### WESTSIDE WANDERERS Contact Dave 971-409-4721

April - April 20-24, Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort, Salem, OR

April - April 24-27, McMinnville, OR

May - May 12-16, Kampers West, Warrenton, OR

June - June 15-19, Sunnyside Park, Linn County, Foster, OR

June - June 25-29, ORCA Rally, Rickreall

July - July 20-24, Timber Lake RV, Stevenson, WA

August - August 16-20, River Mill RV Park, Estacada, OR

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

September - September 14-18, Heceta Beach RV Park, Florence, OR

September - September 18-22, Netarts Bay Garden RV Park, Tillamook, OR

October - October 19-23, Old Mill on the Bay, Garibaldi, OR

November – November 16-20, Olde Stone RV Park, McMinnville, OR

December - tba

#### CASCADE CRUISERS Contact Stan 503-364-6500

April - April 24-27, Round Up at Old Stone RV Resort - McMinnville

May - May 20-24, Stargazers RV Resort - Goldendale, WA

June - June 25-29, ORCA Rally - Polk County Fairgrounds - Rickreall, OR

July - July 14-18, Netarts Bay Resort RV - Tillamook, OR

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

Sept - September 15-19, Bend/Sisters Garden RV Park - Sisters, OR

Oct - October 16, Luncheon 11:30am at FJ Buffet, 11930 SE Division St STE A - Portland, OR

Nov - November 20, Luncheon 11:30am TBA

Dec - December 18, Luncheon 11:30am TBA

#### 2026 May Fun Run (3 Weeks) to Southern Idaho

#### 79ers - Contact Karl 503-333-8936

Jan - Jan 9 Lunch meeting Elmers

Feb - Feb No Meeting

Mar - March 20-23 Hee Hee Illahee Salem, OR

April - April 10-13 Cannon Beach

April - April 24-27 Westerners Roundup

May - May 19-22 Cascade Meadows RV Resort LaPine OR

June - June 5-8 Silver Cove RV Silver Lake WA

June - June 23-25 Neskowin RV

June - June 25-29 ORCA Rally - Polk County Fairgrounds - Rickreall, OR

July - July 6-10 Winchester Bay

Aug - Aug 17-20 Peach Beach Host: Murray

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

Sept - Sept 11-13 Elk Meadows RV Trout Lake WA

Oct - Oct 16-18 Netarts Bay RV Tillamook OR







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:

For Men: Bean soup or Baked beans (<u>no chili, please</u>)
For Women: Biscuits

Items available for lunch, \$1.00 each





#### "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, <u>PAYABLE</u> 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:	APTER: NOT IN A CHAPTER? ARE YOU A GUEST		A GUEST (c	(or) MEMBER-AT-LARGE		
ADDRESS:		CITY:	S	TATE	ZIP	
PHONE:	AF	RE YOU A 'FIRST TIMER' OF T	HIS RALLY? YES		NO	
EMAIL :						
HANDICAP PARKING: Y/N	HANDICAP PARKING: Y/N WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE BUILDING					
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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						









# **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.







## 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!



#### Reminder of cookoff contest:

Any bean soup or baked bean entries for men

Any biscuit entry for women

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We will also have our yearly drive for the Food Bank. Please bring non-perishable items to donate, which could include canned goods, boxed cereal or oatmeal, powdered milk, instant potatoes and gravy mixes, macaroni and cheese, crackers, etc. As a non-profit organization, we pledge to help those in need.

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The wedding vow ceremony will be open to friends or family, regardless of ORCA membership. Please invite them to participate in renewing their vows with us.

## 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	<del>-</del>
Phone Number:	Email:	
ORCA Chapter:	Mem	ber-at-Large
Date of Marriage//	City:	State:
Select correct line: Silver Wed 2	25 years Golden We	d 50 years
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The Polk County Fairgrounds are located at 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W. Rickreall, OR 97371

have arrived. Choice of attire is your preference.

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

Mail form before June 3, 2025. When you arrive at the fairgrounds, please check in with Marion Gilkey so she knows you

As a courtesy, please register no later than August 11, 2025

Where: Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell, Oregon

When: August 22 through the morning of August 24.

**Directions**: Interstate 84 to Hood River Exit 64, South to Hwy 35 to Odell cut off, turn right through town, follow the road to the left then right, then left following the road signs to the fairgrounds.

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person for Friday and Saturday night which includes water, electricity (use a surge protector to protect your RV) and use of the dump station upon **departure.** 

The Meal fee entitles you to Thursday Early Bird Surprise Dessert, three breakfasts, and two dinners. Day passes for those not camping on the fairgrounds are \$5.00 per person, per day and does not include meals.

Costume: On Saturday night we suggest you wear a costume appropriate to the theme. A prize will be given for best costumes.

All fees are payable by mail when sending in the registration below. Please pay by August 11th.

Make checks payable to Marion Gilkey. Address: PO Box 20478 Keizer, OR 97307

For questions, call or text Connie Morrill at 503-913-2671 or email at <a href="https://hemorrill@yahoo.com">hemorrill@yahoo.com</a> or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at <a href="https://www.hemorrill.org/mcathur.com">hemorrill@yahoo.com</a> or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at <a href="https://www.hemorrill.org/mcathur.com">hemorrill@yahoo.com</a> or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at <a href="https://www.hemorrill.org/mcathur.com">hemorrill@yahoo.com</a> or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at <a href="https://www.hemorrill.org/mcathur.com">hemorrill@yahoo.com</a> or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at <a href="https://www.hemorrill.org/mcathur.com">hemorrill.org/mcathur.com</a>.

Refund requests must be made to Marion Gilkey and will be handled on an individual basis. Email: tomarion@juno.com or call at 928-920-2729

Detach and mail registration form with registration fees				
NAME/S		CHAPTER		
ADDRESS		CITY/STATE	ZIP	
PHONE	Email			
Special parking	accommodations? YesNo Length of Rig	30 or 50 AMP		
Upon arrival, let the parking crew know if you require special parking and they will do their best to assist you.				
CAMPING FEES	: Friday and Saturday = \$70.00	\$		
	Early Bird Wednesday = \$25.00	\$		
	Early Bird Thursday = \$25.00	\$		
	Day pass at \$5.00 a day #daysX people	\$		
MEALS:	Adults 16 and up # \$35.00 each	\$		
	Children 6-15 #\$25.00 each	\$		
	TOTAL	\$		

#### $\sim$ MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION FORM $\sim$

NAME OF DECEASED:				
SPOUSE:				
CHAPTER:				
DATE OF BIRTH (if known):				
DATE OF DEATH:				
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SEND FORM TO	O: DEE VEENENDAAL, OREGON RV CA	AMPERS ASSOCIATION		
38452 JASPER-LOWELL RD., FALL CREEK, OR 97438 541-913-6994				
	Or email: ORCADirector@outlook.	com		
	~ NEW CHAPTER MEMBER FORM			
CITY:	STATE	ZIP CODE:		
HOME PHONE:	E PHONE: CELL (member 1):			
	CELL (member 2): _			
REFERRED TO CHAPTER BY:				
SEND FORM TO	O: DEE VEENENDAAL, OREGON RV CA	AMPERS ASSOCIATION		
38452 JASF	PER-LOWELL RD., FALL CREEK, OR 974	138 541-913-6994		

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 !!



# THE ONLY SQUAT I'M DOIN' IS DIDDLY