

# OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

## July 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 to all,

Another fun rally in the books! I hope everyone that attended enjoyed our "Wild West" rally at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Everyone made such a wonderful effort to provide enough potluck dishes this time for their members, and boy, we did not go away hungry! The weather was beautiful which benefited our outdoor field games and Senior Olympic games. We also had Pinochle and Cribbage tournaments, a challenging Wild West Trivia game, Bunco, a terrific cook-off, and two couples renewed their wedding vows in our Silver/Golden Wed ceremony. We also had a new addition this year ... live entertainment. The Crush Band played for us Saturday night, specializing in 60's, 70's, and 80's music. A few brave souls even got up to dance! We were also pleased to see so many get involved in our costume parade!

We are now gearing up for the Wy'East PowWow to be held August 22-24 at the Hood River Fairgrounds. "IF" our rally gets canceled again by the fairgrounds because of nearby fires, we have a backup plan this year to move to the Polk County Fairgrounds. We will let everyone know just as soon as possible! Regardless, both fairgrounds have buildings for our use that have air conditioning, so don't let a little hot air deter you! It's going to be a lot of fun as usual, and this year's theme is "Sailing the Seas". We're invited to wear costumes again, so use your imagination. You can be anything that involves the sea ... pirate, sailor, cruise ship passenger, Titanic captain ... or anything else you come up with! We hope to see a big crowd!

Barb and Bill Taylor

# ~ BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~

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

**Hmmm...really seems like  
Billy Joe McAllister should  
have survived that jump**



# 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

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~~ **CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR, HOPE FOR 2026**  
August 21-24 - Wy-East Pow Wow, Hood River Fair Grounds, Odell OR  
September 11-14 - ~~Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City~~ **CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF SPACES AVAILABLE**  
October 9-12 - Blue OX RV Park, Albany OR  
November 1<sup>st</sup> - Buster’s BBQ, Tigard, OR **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**  
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

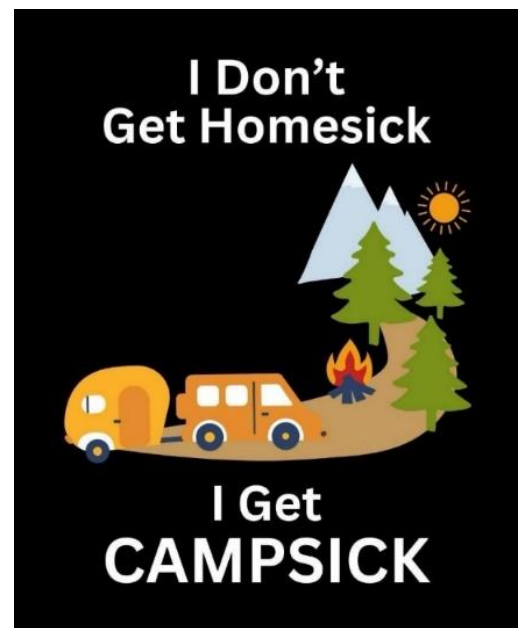
CASCADE CRUISERS    Contact Stan 503-364-6500

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





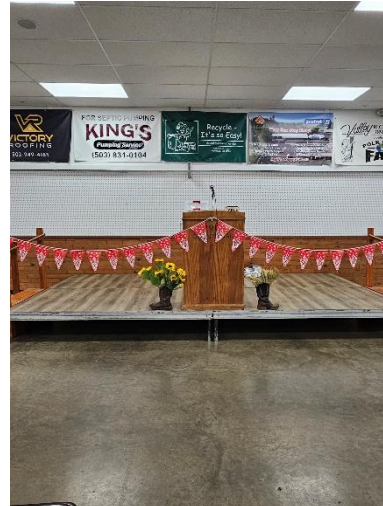
## Photos from the Wild West Rally



Cook-off  
Bean recipes for men  
Biscuits for women



## The Crush Band



## Table decor











ORCA Silver/Golden  
Wed Vow Renewal  
Ceremony



Stan and Sandi Gregory  
25 years

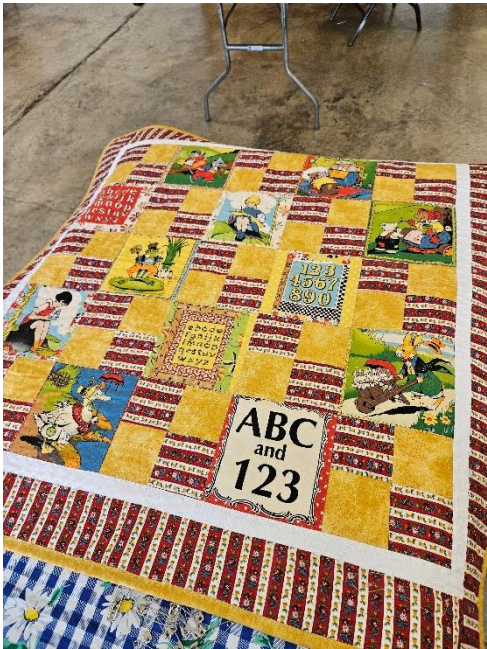


Don and Carol Nedrow  
65 years



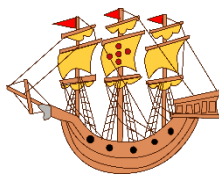


Some of the beautiful lap quilts made by our members at the rally, to be donated to a children’s charity and veteran’s home.





SAILING



THE SEAS

## 2025 POW WOW

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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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 [hcmorrill@yahoo.com](mailto:hcmorrill@yahoo.com) or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at [wd4kd4@msn.com](mailto:wd4kd4@msn.com).

Refund requests must be made to Marion Gilkey and will be handled on an individual basis.  
Email: [tomarion@juno.com](mailto: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? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ 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 #days \_\_\_\_\_ X people \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS: Adults 16 and up # \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children 6-15 # \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# Sailing The Seas

## 2025 POW WOW



Some of the activities:

Silent auction

Pow Wow Under The Trees

Bean Bag Baseball Tournament

Card Bingo and  
Card Games

Casino Night

Gold Nugget Hunt

Costume Party! Please wear your favorite costume related to the theme – prize for the best!

Check out Hood River: WAAAM (Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum), Alcohol Free and Alcohol Distilleries, Wind Surfers, and The History Museum, to name a few attractions Hood River has to offer.

FOOD!

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# **"SAILING THE SEAS" INFORMATION!**

We will be holding a silent auction. Members and chapters are asked to provide an item valued at a minimum of \$20.

Handmade/homemade/store bought are all highly acceptable.

No food items however, please.

We will also be collecting new socks and/or underwear for both men and women veterans. All donations will be helping homeless veterans at Fort Kennedy, which was developed to build a transitional housing facility for homeless Veterans. This has been a very successful drive for ORCA in the past and is one way for us to help those in need in our community.

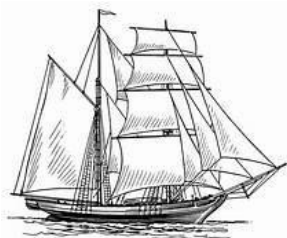
Food will be provided, so there will be no potlucks. Members are asked to bring desserts, however, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-M please bring dessert for Friday night

N-Z please bring dessert for Saturday night

Prize will be awarded for best costume.

Please bring 8 quarters and a \$1.00 bill in order to participate in Card Bingo.





# SAILING THE SEAS

## 2025 POW WOW

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025** Please wear your name badges.

- Free Day
- Meals on your own

**Thursday, August 21, 2025**

- 8:00am Buildings and restrooms open. Your help setting up will be appreciated!
- 9:00am Community Center Building opens and includes the information table.
  - Pow Wow Check in Sheet
  - Sign-up sheets for various activities
  - Silent Auction Tables
  - New Sock and New Underwear Drive Table
- 12:00 noon to 4:30 pm 50/50 Ticket Sales
- 1:30 -3:30pm Survivor Games Connie Morrill
- 4:00 pm POW WOW (Under the trees, bring a chair.) Welcoming Words from Connie Morrill, Wy-East Asst. Director, and a group activity. This is a time for mingling, announcements to discuss the day's activities or share stories. You can leave your chairs in the Community building designated area for safe keeping.
- Meals on your own.
- 6:30 pm Early Birds will be treated to an Early Birds Surprise in the Community Building. The first 50/50 drawing will be held (must be present to win). Building will be left open for games, puzzles, etc.

**Friday, August 22, 2025** Please wear your name badges.

- 7:00am Coffee Corner opens in the Community Building  
(Bring your own cup) Gene Nedrow
- 7:00am Search for Fool's Gold Nuggets Kathy Danforth
- 8:00 – 9:00 am Pancakes, ham, fruit, butter and syrup. Bring your own setup and beverage. Steve Moist and crew cooking
- 9:00am – 4:30pm 50/50 sales Sooz Barnes
- 9:30am Cornhole Tournament Dale Veenendaal  
Kathy Danforth

- 11:00am Group Trivia Game Barb Taylor
- 12:00pm Lunch on your own
- 1:30pm Day 1 Bean Bag Tournament Steve Moist  
Kathy Danforth
- 3:30pm Nugget Weigh-In Kathy Danforth
- 4:00pm POW WOW under the trees. Bring a chair
- 5:30pm Friday Night Dinner - French Dip Sandwiches with salad and chips. Cathi & Lee McKee  
Kathy Danforth  
If your last name begins A-M please bring a dessert to share.  
Bring your own place settings and beverage.
- 7:00pm Card Bingo- Bring 8 quarters and a \$1.00 bill.  
Connie Morrill

**Saturday, August 23, 2025** Please wear name badges.

- 7:00am Coffee Corner open in the Community Center.  
Bring your own cup Gene Nedrow
- 7:45-8:30 am Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit  
Larry & Leilani  
Lou & Palma Gigliotti
- 8:30-10:30 Pinochle Tournament Tom Gilkey
- 10:30am-12:00 Cribbage Tournament Dave Herinckx
- 12:00 Noon Lunch on your own
- 1:30pm Day 2 Bean Bag Tournament Steve & Kathy
- 3:30pm Silent Auction Closes
- 4:00pm Pay and pick up silent auction items Marion Gilkey  
Mabel Moist
- 5:30pm Saturday Night Dinner. Evelyn Herinckx  
Judy Verboort  
Baked Potatoes with all the toppings  
Chicken Caesar Salad  
If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert to share.
- 6:15pm Tournament winners will be awarded.  
The final 50/50 drawing will be held. (Must be present to win.)



- 7:00pm                      FUN NIGHT: Horse racing, 4 blackjack tables, 4.5.6 Table  
Please wear your favorite costume related to the theme:  
SAILING THE SEAS. There will be a prize for the best  
Costume.  
Pictures will be taken.    Dee Veenendal

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

- 7:30am                      Continental Breakfast – Rolls and Fruit  
Bring your own cup                      Dale & Dee Veenendaal
- 9:00am                      Clean-Up - All help will be appreciated!!!

All activities will take place in the community building unless otherwise notified.  
Schedules and events are subject to changes as necessary. Locations of activities may be moved depending on weather.

Please do not forget to turn in your CRITIQUE SHEETS. Your suggestions are very helpful.

Proceeds from fundraisers to be divided amongst various charities, and the POW WOW fund.

Thanks to the parking crew: Judy Verboort, Larry Chartier

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!

Revised 6/25/25

~ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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!**

