

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

August 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 to all,

We just completed camping trip #6 so far this summer; The Roundup, Winchester Bay RV Resort, Champoege State Park, South Beach State Park, the ORCA rally, and the Cove Palisades State Park. Looking forward to the PowWow later this month, Barton Park, and Memaloose State Park in October. Our motorhome, which we now call "The Lemon", gave us a hard time again at the Cove; this time, the toilet flush valve broke, so we had to add a boatload of chemicals and leave the lid down to tolerate the problem. Bill has since replaced the toilet, this time with an upgrade that includes a "swirl-jet cleaning action" and "slow close lid". Hahahaha! As many of you know, Bill has done so many petty repairs and larger ones to our coach, to the point where we jokingly considered selling her. But he is now saying, "I'm not going to let this dang motorhome beat me!" After all that's been done, it's going to be brand-new before long, and she's only a little over two years old!

Later this month, Bill and I are taking a two-week cruise/land tour to Alaska. We'll be on the Norwegian Jade ship for a week and then will be spending a week touring the Fairbanks area and Denali National Park via a glass-domed train, and hopefully we'll see wolves!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the PowWow!

Barb and Bill Taylor

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

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

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 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-17th - Spirit Mountain Casino Campground
OCTOBER 6th-9th – 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 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~~ **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 1st - 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

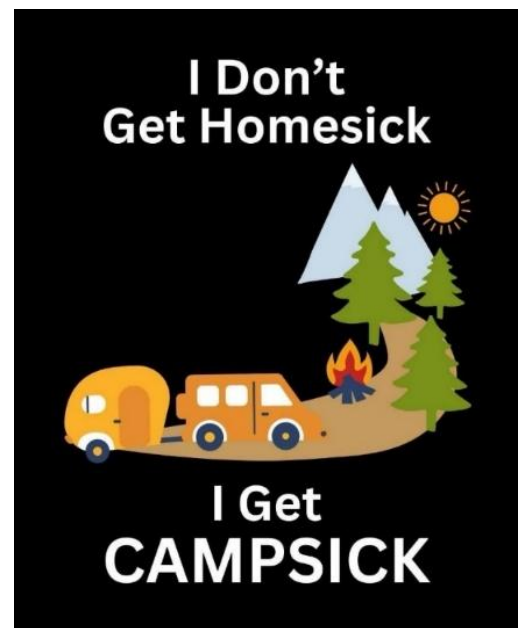
CASCADE CRUISERS Contact Stan 503-364-6500

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



Westside Wanderers at Timberlake Campground, Stevenson, Washington



Want to see *your* chapter in our newsletter?
Just send us photos from your campouts!
orcadirector@outlook.com

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 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 hcmorrill@yahoo.com or Kathy Danforth at 503-267-9081 or email at wd4kd4@msn.com.

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? 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!!!

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SAVE THE DATES !!

The Westerners Roundup

April 23-26, 2026

Olde Stone Village RV Resort, McMinnville, Oregon

Call now to get reservations for your site 503-472-4315

The ORCA Rally

June 24-28, 2026

Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon

Next year's theme will be:



in celebration of our country's 250th birthday on July 4, 2026

There *will* be a costume contest!

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

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

