

# OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

## September 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 everyone and happy Fall !!

I apologize for the late delivery of your September "Drifter", but Bill and I enjoyed a 2-week cruise and land tour of Alaska recently, taking place the last week of August and the first week of September. Our trip was fabulous, starting off with a relaxing cruise on the Norwegian Jade cruise ship which left Vancouver, BC. The weather was unbelievably nice, and we got to spend a lot of time on our stateroom's balcony. We enjoyed Trivia games on the ship, a Wine and Cheese Pairing session, trying out the different restaurants onboard, meeting people from all over the world and spending time with them, and unbeknownst to me, catching Covid before I left the ship.

Once we debarked, I was still feeling fine, but two days into our luxury bus tour, I started to experience a sore throat and cough. I could still taste my food, however, so I just assumed it was a cold coming on (both times I've had Covid since 2020, I couldn't taste food for days). Not to let a slight sickness keep me down, we did and saw everything that was offered on our land tour ... a fabulous afternoon in an Anchorage museum; an overnight stay in the tiny, funky clapboard storefronts village of Talkeetna; a visit to "Dog Gone It", a sled dog breeding and training facility where we got to play with husky puppies (too fun!); a bus tour of Denali National Park, where we stopped to listen to an authentic Alaska native speak about his ancestors; bears, moose, and other animal sightings; a fun dinner theater where salmon and ribs were served family style with a great musical show afterwards; a stop at the famous Alaska Pipeline, and overnight in Fairbanks, where we were treated with the best show of all ... the Northern Lights! We were woken at 1am by hotel staff and quickly threw on a coat over our pajamas and joined several other guests in a dark park across from the hotel parking lot. By the time we got on the plane to fly home from Fairbanks, I was not feeling well and was wearing a mask. I have now been suffering with a barking, nasty cough that is keeping me awake at night, but I would do it all over again if I had the opportunity. We experienced so much more than I can list here, but Alaska was more than amazing ... it was breathtaking, beautiful, and stunning, and we want to go back!

Barb and Bill Taylor

# ~ 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

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

## Update on John Monahan:

John had his Aortic Valve replaced recently and also a pacemaker put in. He came home the next day and is doing great! Now it's wait for time to pass so he can get his hip replaced! Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

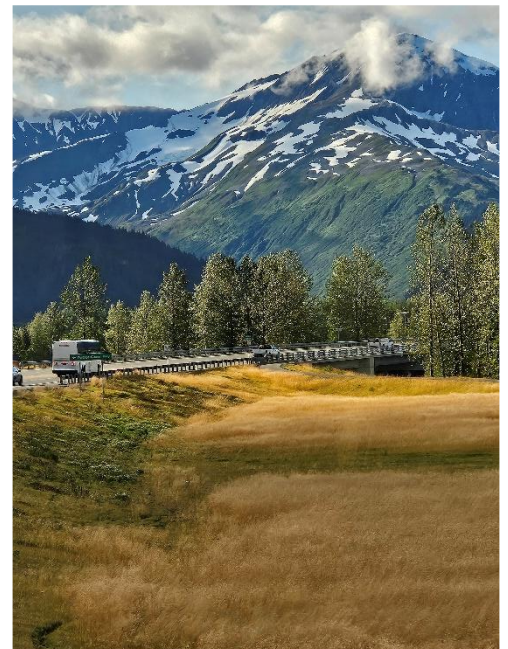
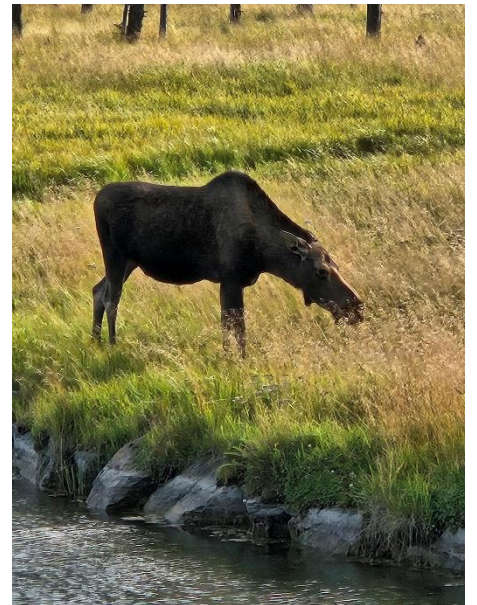
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Note from Barb: John, please continue to heal and get well. Can't wait to see you jumping around soon like a 10-year-old with your new "parts". You know we all love you and wish you the best!





## Bill & Barb's Alaska Adventure





# ATTENTION ORCA MEMBERS!

The time has come and Barb & Bill Taylor's 4-year term as ORCA State Directors will soon be ending.

We will need to select a new State Director to take over in 2026.

## Election Procedures of State Director:

- a. State Director Nomination Forms must be emailed to each Chapter President by September 30th and returned to the State Treasurer emailed no later than October 15th. Any nominations received after that date are null and void. Each Chapter is allowed to nominate up to three people.
- b. The State Treasurer will contact each nominee to see if they will accept the nomination. If yes, then a Qualifications Form will be sent to them and required to be completed. It will need to be returned by October 30th.
- c. The Nomination Announcement will be made through the November Drifter and an announcement sent to the Chapter Presidents by sending the nominee's completed qualifications form to them. The Official Ballot will also be sent at the same time by the Treasurer. All returned ballots need to be postmarked no later than November 30th. Any ballots posted after that date will be considered null and void.
- d. Tallying of the ballots will be done by the State Treasurer. An announcement will be made to the present State Director and the Executive Board and then sent to the Chapter Presidents. The new State Director will be introduced through The Drifter and confirmed at the next State Committee meeting.
- e. If the nominee for State Director is unopposed up to two weeks before the scheduled time for the State Treasurer to send ballots to the Chapter Presidents, the State Treasurer will call the election satisfied. That nominee will automatically be designated the next State Director. Notification of that decision will go out to the Chapter Presidents.
- f. The State Director is elected and takes office on the even numbered year for a two-year term (beginning January 1, 2026).

**Dee Veenendaal's name will be added to the nomination form. She has voiced an interest in becoming State Director.**

Dee and Dale Veenendaal



# 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

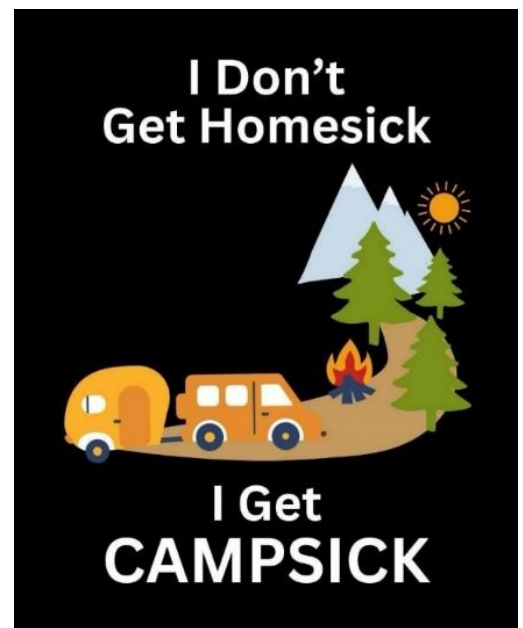
CASCADE CRUISERS    Contact Stan 503-364-6500

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





## LAYOVERS “Sewing Team”

Campout at Crooked River Ranch in July





## Just a few memories from PowWow – August 2025



Everyone's favorite new card game is "SWIPE".

### Costume Contest "Sailing The Seas"



Mabel & Steve Moist  
WINNERS!



Rod & Mary Jane Paul



Howard & Connie Morrill



Dee & Dale Veenendaal



D'Ann & Karl Kirchner





Bill & Barb Taylor



Susan Mulloy



Kathy Danforth



TREASURE!



Outdoor games – Opening a giant ball of saran wrap containing prizes (had to use garden gloves)



Corn Hole



Pow Wow was a big success. We had 30 rigs, and everything went off without a hitch. We had casino night with three blackjack tables, 4-5-6, and horse racing. We raised \$400.00 for Fort Kennedy in support of homeless veterans.





# 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 250<sup>th</sup> 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 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!**

An 80-year-old lady was getting married for the 4<sup>th</sup> time.

A reporter asked about her previous husbands and what they did for a living. She smiled and said, "Each husband had a purpose. My first husband was a banker, then I married a theater producer. The next husband was a preacher, and now in my 80's, I'm marrying a funeral director."

When asked why she chose men with these careers, she explained: "Simple ... one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings, and a man engages the hands-free speaker. Everyone else stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello."

WOMAN: "Hi honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shops and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$2,000 – is it ok if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the latest models. I found one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "It was \$90,000."

MAN: "Ok, but for that price, I want it with all the options and accessories."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing ... I was just talking to a realtor and found out the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it. If not, we can go the extra eighty thousand if it's what you really want."

WOMAN: "Ok! I'll see you later. I love you so much!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too."

The man hangs up the phone. The other men in the locker room stare at him in total shock. He turns and asks ...  
"does anyone know whose phone this is?"