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From the Editor

2017 was the year for T@B trouble. We lost two T@Bs in one year! If you see a clamshell without a bathroom, let Chuck and Darleen know.

It is a good time to talk about tires and bearings. Have your tires checked out every year before the season starts. Les Schwab will check them out for free. It is amazing the amount a damage a tire can do to your rig. One of the T@Bs was a TOTAL LOSS from a tire blowout. Bearings also need to be checked on a regular basis. Some people say they should be greased every year. Certainly, if you are running 14" or smaller tires those bearings are doing a lot of work over the season and deserve a good checking out or greasing or replacing. If you have a T@B and need to know the part number for the bearings call the people at [nucamp](#).

Since I am on a tear about things going wrong, remember that your "normal" auto insurance will NOT tow your rig if you break down, or if you lose a tire. You have to have RV insurance as well. I personally have AAA plus RV, but there are plenty of others.

Not all of the registration forms are up to date yet, be sure to check our events listing at [www.teardroptrailers.org](#)

The Winter Plate Lick in Federal Way, and the Pot Luck in Albany are coming up fast, so get on the calendar and let the "hosts" know you are coming. Both have events posted on [Facebook](#).

Tiny Christmas Campout

See more at [this Link](#)

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Teardrop Memories

By Dan Fuger

While showing my Teardrop at the Antique and Collectables show at the Portland Expo Center this past summer, a family strolled up to take a look. Mom, dad, son about 12 and daughter about 10. Mom looked in and said how cozy it looked. Daughter agreed and said it was cool. Then the boy took a look and said "It would be hard to take a dump in there". The dad looked at him and said, quietly, "That'll be another week". Then they all, except the boy, smiled and walked away.



History of the Nitey Mite Teardrop Trailer

By Marty Boehme

We ran into the publication Marty and Katie put out for the 2001 LeMay Open House Campout and Trailer Display. There are only two or three of us still hanging in there with the opportunity of attending the 20th anniversary of our involvement with the LeMay Family. That started with the very first teardrop gathering in the Pacific Northwest in 1998.

Don and Jan Ennis attended the 2001 gathering. In the story about his experience and trailer, Don shed some light on the plans made for a trailer registered as a 1941 Nitey Mite. He found the original in Idaho, dragged it home to Bothell, WA and started a slow restoration. It was finished in 1996 with many of his friends admiring it and pestering him to sell it. Don explains, "What the heck, I will just build another. So, I did; and another and another and another. Before I knew it, I was building teardrop trailers full time". Then people were asking him for plans, so he kept track of building one in a step-by-step manner. His oldest son got on his computer and made up plans he sold as Desert Teardrops. Ask Jack Jacobson about building the trailer that got wrecked by a hit-and-run car on his last Arizona trip.

20th Annual LeMay Teardrop Gathering

By Ken Masden

August 25th through the 27th, 2017 found some 17 or so TOW souls again at the LeMay Annual Open House in Spanaway, WA. This gathering was bittersweet in that it was the last of the LeMay TOW gatherings. We were given a very nice place to camp just west of the main gate in the shade along the north side of the tree line. Shade most of the day and the car show came to us! We were lined up on the south end of the field where folks come to show their collector cars (a bonus as LeMay has some 2500 or so cars to view). Thus, a very nice location. The weather was beautiful, and the field filled up with interesting vehicles on Saturday. Lots of eye candy for us old car fans.

Our hosts Pat and Jan Estes did a great job leading us to Kelley's restaurant on Friday evening (great burgers and root beer floats) and to Farrelli's Pizza on Saturday evening (I highly recommend the Supreme

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Calzone). On Saturday and Sunday mornings Pat and Jan arrived early with Starbucks coffee, hard boiled eggs, sweet rolls, bagels, yogurt and fruit. All the makings for a great continental breakfast.

Many of the TOW folks volunteered with LeMay doing various tasks like enforcing the no smoking and no touching the vehicles rules. Volunteers extraordinaire, Nancy and Steve Bagley spend most of their summer helping the LeMay folks get ready for the open house and auction. They were our go to folks for support as the LeMay folks trust them with the gate keys after hours, etc...

Rod and Trudy Glassett blew a tire on their way down to the event and it did damage to their trailer so they did not make it... Rod of course has the damage nearly repaired and we expect to see them at the next event.

Of special note, Marty and Katie Boehme were present. In 1997 Marty and Katie met with Harold and Nancy LeMay and negotiated the very first LeMay teardrop gathering. This was the beginning of TOW and the start of many 20-year friendships. Our TOW "Family of Friends" continues to grow as new folks are welcomed into our group. The first few years we were in the breezeway to the east of the senior center. As the number of trailers increased each year, we outgrew that location and moved to the grassy area south of the chapel. Each year, many of us volunteered, enjoyed all the old cars, inspected each other's trailers and had a great time visiting. I remember Marty hosting a fun game of Sockawanna one year. Gordie playing a fun joke with the 2-way radios we were using another year. Something about fake dog do-do (I think Jack Jacobson had something to do with that). One year some of our group found an original 40s teardrop trailer that belonged to LeMay squirreled away in one of the buildings. They pulled it out to make it visible and set it up for display. Each year found some new fun and new exciting vehicles to view... Once they started the auction, several of us went home with more vehicles than we came with. Anyway, it has been a great event for 20 years and we thank Marty and Katie for getting it started, the LeMay folks for allowing the event and everyone who hosted the event over the years.

The annual TOW gathering at LeMay may be over, but the LeMay open house (and auction) continues the last Saturday in August each year. Many of us will likely still participate.

Our 2017 Eclipse Journey and a Reunion for Li'l Bear #1

By Mary Church

Saturday morning, August 19, 2017 found the Church family packed and ready to go on the road. Li'l Bear was loaded, the truck was loaded, Heidi's trailer was loaded, and we were on the freeway headed to Oregon shortly after 9 AM. We encountered the usual slowdowns at Centralia and again at the Oregon border on the Interstate 205 bridge over the Columbia. Otherwise, it was pretty smooth sailing! My sister Ellen had flown in from Germany on Friday afternoon, and was traveling with us part of the way. We parted at the border, she to go on to her home in La Grande, and the Churches to continue on down the freeway to Lebanon, Oregon to spend the night at Roger's brother's home. We had been watching all the hype regarding traffic woes and were certainly prepared to have a long day on the road. Surprisingly, there was very little traffic after we cleared the bridge backup. Go figure! Stopped for a quick lunch in Wilsonville and

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made it to Lebanon about 2:30. Roger's brother has a place just off the Santiam River, where we could park our trailers for the night, and visit with family there. We put ourselves to bed early, knowing that our wake-up call would be 4:30 AM. We wanted to be on the road by 5 AM, as our destination for our eclipse camping was John Day, Oregon, normally a 6-hour drive from Lebanon. We were prepared to meet with some traffic along the way and figured if we made it in 8 hours we'd be happy. Kate and Mike Burch and my sister Ellen were to meet us in John Day on Sunday afternoon at the Grant County Fairgrounds. We had reservations for 3 nights there.

We pulled out of the drive way in Lebanon only 15 minutes later than planned, made a quick stop in Sweet Home for breakfast on the road, and headed up the South Santiam Pass. We figured we would beat most of the traffic by getting on the road early. Little did we know, we WERE the traffic! Cresting the hill at the top of South Santiam, we began to experience a lot of smoke from the fires, and again were expecting to have to slow down or stop for traffic and fire crews. We made it down the hill to Sisters about 7:30 AM and stopped briefly to see my sister Kathryn, who was staying put on her property for the eclipse. Visibility in Sisters was less than a quarter mile from the Milli Fire complex and we could not view the Three Sisters or any other Cascade peaks at all. After a cup of coffee and potty break, we headed on through Redmond and again expected the traffic to increase. It never did. Once again, we WERE the traffic! Made it safely to John Day a little after 1:00 PM, and got settled in. Kate and Mike showed up about an hour later, as did my sister Ellen. We had a flat campsite in the overflow parking for the fairgrounds, along with about 100 other people in a variety of tents, campers, and RV's. The fairgrounds provided porta-potties, hand washing stations, and showers if we were willing to walk into the fairgrounds. They also had vendors on site for food and coffee, but we had brought everything we needed with us! The only real issue we had there was the cheat grass seeds that were a constant concern in our dogs' feet. These seeds twist into the skin between the pads and can cause pain and infection, so we made sure to check their feet multiple times during the days we were there.

Monday morning dawned clear and bright, and everyone was up early to get breakfast out of the way in time for "first contact". Our neighbors had a telescope with an inverter on it, so we could watch the progress on their scope, and of course we had our lenses, so we could track it ourselves. It was fun to see all the people and the different ways they planned to view the event. One rather innovative method was to hold a colander up to the sun and let the rays shine through to a white surface! We had a full circle of many little eclipse patterns with it. As it began to grow darker, knowing that totality was only minutes away, the entire field got amazingly quiet as people waited for the diamond ring effect. I took many pictures of before and after but was unfortunately not able to capture the diamond ring or any pictures during totality. Instead, I did what all the websites encouraged, and just enjoyed the experience. Amazing, incredible, unbelievable...there really are no words to adequately describe it. This event must simply be experienced! There was clapping, cheering and hollering, and some howling during totality, and some just sat in awe and wonder. And before we knew it, the sun was back, and it was half-way over! That had to have been the shortest two minutes of my life! The temperature had dropped some 20 degrees just before totality, but it

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didn't take long to warm up after! We were rather surprised that many of the people camping there started packing up and moving out just after totality ended. We sat and watched it until the very last moment when the moon's shadow was completely gone. It seemed to hang on forever, as though it were just not ready to give up! But finally, it did, and we cheered again. A night without a day, and a day without a night! After it was completely over, we walked over to the fairgrounds and bought our lunch from a vendor who happened to be my sister's classmate, and then enjoyed the rest of the day visiting with our neighboring campers. We also did a short visit to a Chinese museum interpretive center that was not far from the fairgrounds.

Tuesday morning found us saying goodbye and safe travels to my sister, who had been away from home for nearly a month and had to get home to take care of things. The Burches and Churches got ready for a trip on the road to visit the John Day Fossil Beds Interpretive Center, which was about 25 miles west of John Day. This is a fascinating and well organized interpretive center at the Sheep Rock Unit of the national monument. Dogs are welcome on a leash outside of the building but are not allowed to come inside. So, we took turns going through the exhibits and everyone got to see it. There were many people there! The rangers all said that the usual "crowd" was 3 or 4 people at a time. We decided we will go back earlier next summer so we can spend more time there. We had a picnic lunch on the grounds at Cant Ranch, the original site of the interpretive center and headquarters for the national monument, and then drove a loop of highway through some incredible rock formations on the "Journey Through Time Scenic Byway". I highly recommend it! We stopped at Monument, a little town along the way, for ice-cream and a brief run through the sprinklers at their city park. What fun! Then it was back to John Day for dinner. We took a look at a really nice Oregon State Park near John Day, which we thought would make a nice "base camp" for our next trip to the Fossil Beds. When we returned to camp, our three little trailers were the only ones left on site! As we were eating dinner, a motor home drove through and around the field a couple of times, and finally stopped to ask if we had seen what happened to their "stuff". They had left their awning, chairs, tables and other camping equipment when they went to go sight-seeing and came back to find it all gone. Unfortunately, it was gone before we had returned, so their only recourse was to call the police and file a report. We hoped that some of their stuff would be found, but the officer said it wasn't likely. We were just very thankful that nothing was taken from our site.

After dinner, we took down our awnings and got as much loaded into our vehicles as we could so that we could get on the road early the next morning. We had reservations in Washington near Randle, and our plan was to stop and see the Painted Hills Unit on our way north. We had planned to leave by 8:30, but had some minor delays, and ended up stopping in town to order some shirts at the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber opened at 9 AM, and by 9:30 we were on our way to the Painted Hills, about 70 miles west of John Day. Once again, some fabulous scenery and hill formations that are not to be missed! We pulled in to the small visitor center to see whether we could take the trailers up into the viewpoints, and were assured that we could indeed, or we could unhook and leave them, which ever worked best for us. We decided to take them, and as we were walking back to where we had parked, I noticed a tall, thin gentleman walking very purposefully toward our trailer. I said to Heidi, "Looks like we are being checked out!" I started to ask

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the man if I could answer any questions, and he said, "You must be the Churches!" Heidi wanted to know how he knew that, and I said, "Yes, I'm Mary Church. And you are....?" At that point, he put his arm up on Li'l Bear in a very familiar, loving, and somewhat possessive gesture, and said, "I'm the man who...." At that point I recognized Grant Whipp, called him by name, and gave him a huge hug! I'm not sure who was most surprised, him to see his first build trailer, or us to see him, but it was a great reunion! Roger came up at that point and recognized Grant immediately. It was great fun showing him what we had done to "spruce up" our Li'l Bear #1. He seemed genuinely pleased that we've left it mostly original, just doing new upholstery and new laminate and paint in the galley. He took pictures, we took pictures, his wife took pictures, his friend took pictures, and he asked that we send him some copies, as he has very few pictures of his first build. As he left, he told us he was really glad to see it on the road, and that we were enjoying it. We hope to run into him again and have some time to sit down and really chat and swap stories.

After our "reunion" it was time to get back on the road north, and the day was slipping away. We drove north on another section of the "Journey Through Time" scenic byway and stopped for lunch at a small town called Stage Creek. There was a little café that advertised it had the best food in Service Creek. It had to be the best, because it was the only place to eat in Service Creek! But the advertising lived up to its word, and we had a nice lunch with lots of cold ice water and a waiter with a great sense of humor! They had outdoor seating under canopies, so we could have the dogs with us and not worry about them being in hot cars. Mike got a great picture of an old barn that was built in 1900, which appears to be just barely hanging on to the side of the creek bank. After lunch, we needed to push on, as the day was rapidly slipping away, and we still had to get across the border into Washington, and then up over White Pass to our campsites at Iron Creek Campground. It was a push, but by ordering ahead to the Cruiser's Pizza in Packwood, we were able to have dinner and still make it to our campsites by 9:00 PM. We were very tired after a long day on the road, but it was so much fun, and we saw so many interesting things along the way. And of course, our meeting up with Grant was for us the highlight of the day!

On Thursday morning, we had a leisurely breakfast and did a quick walk-about in the campground. A nice older campground that has large sites and lots of green trees to give the sites nice privacy. We'll definitely camp there again. But it was time to leave for our last destination of the trip, Ocean Shores, for the Ocean Tears Gathering. We always try to go a day early to have plenty of beach time. As we headed down Highway 12 toward the freeway, we suddenly found ourselves in the first real back-up of the entire trip! They were doing road repair and had one-lane traffic through the repair zone. We thought it ironic that we had zero traffic backups all along the way, and here at nearly the end of our trip we had to wait in a repair backup! But we were soon back under way, and Ocean Shores was calling us. We were the first teardrops to arrive and were very happy to be there.

Ocean Tears was small this year, only 6 or 7 trailers, but it was a sweet ending to our journey. We relaxed in the cool ocean breeze, enjoyed the company of good friends, and said, "It doesn't get much better than this!" On Friday evening the "Church and Burch Crew" had dinner at an authentic Irish Pub in Ocean Shores, The Galway Bay. They serve authentic Irish pub food and feature live entertainment many nights. Our

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entertainment of the evening was a folk-singer who had been performing there for some 24 years, and he was fabulous! Saturday evening was our Ocean Tears Potluck, and it was great to catch up with all the travels of the rest of the group. So, here's to a fabulous vacation trip with many exciting things seen and done, and a safe return home to plan our next big Teardrop Adventure! Happy Trails!

Recipe

[21 Foil Wrapped Camping Recipes](#)

TOW Name Badges

Save someone from calling you Tina when your name is Julie. Nice hard, plastic name badges are available for ordering. They use a strong magnet rather than a pin to attach to your clothing. You need to supply your first and last names and your home town. Cost per badge: \$9.25, Shipping: U.S. MAIL (packaging & postage) \$5.00

Send all email requests for badges to: Attention Terry: weigel123@comcast.net

Note: if more than two badges ordered at one time, ask in advance for shipping charges, they could be more

Gadget(s)

Submitted by David H Malin This amazing flash light you can find for around 16 to 18 dollars. The back end is magnetic. The light has multiple of settings with the brightest being about 400 lumens. It also has a flashing red light. The battery will last long because it is CREE LED Lights. Amazon usually sells these at great prices. I put one in every vehicle that I own. [Link](#)

Autowbrake

Autowbrake is a trailer mounted electric brake control that is seeing increased customer interest when purchasing a teardrop trailer installed with electric brakes. Tow vehicle have a new option available for them. Install the brake controller on trailer where it belongs.

Great for builders who do not want any type of brake controller mounted in the vehicle. Easy to use, Sleek design, easy mount to trailer, smooth braking. Any questions? Please email me

at Carlton@autowbrake.com

Our website is www.getautowbrake.com

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2018 Event Details

February 8-11, Why Arizona

Valentines Campout Coyote Howls is dry camping with bathrooms and paid showers (bring quarters) available. Pick a spot in the desert around host Bill Konechny's trailer and plan to have a fun filled weekend. Friday night couples and singles can attend the annual Sweetheart Dance at the community center- only blocks away- or just hang out around the bonfire. Saturday the community center holds an indoor flea market with tables only \$5 to rent (see the office to reserve one). Hamburger lunches are sold in the kitchen as a fund raiser for the community center. That afternoon bring chairs and sit around Bill's trailer for a live music festival and enjoy fresh homemade lemonade. Keep your chair there for the evening pot luck and attendance drawing. This is a no fee event; your drawing number is the number by your name when you sign in. In order to enjoy the peace of the desert, trailers that require generators will need to park where the office directs them and obey the 1-3 Siesta quiet hours as well as the normal evening quiet rule. This year, to honor Charlotte Konechny, there will be a memorial service by Bill's trailer at a time to be announced later.

February 24 11:30, Federal Way Old Country Buffet, Washington

Washington Plate Lick Lots of choices and no clean up! This year's mid-winter buffet will be held at the Old Country Buffet in Federal Way.

1816 360th St, Federal Way, WA

11:30 PM, \$10.00 per person (all ages), which includes use of room, beverages, and tip

February 25, Albany Oregon

Albany Mid-Winter Potluck at our barn in Albany. Start arriving: 12:00 pm, Eat: 1:00 p.m.

We will provide:

Plates	Chairs
Napkins	Cold pop
Tables	Hot coffee - cream, sugar
Decor	We do have an oven and warmers to keep dishes hot.

Please bring your own serving utensils.

If you come and join us here at the Gathering Place your name will be entered in a prize drawing! We have a lot of neat, old things around our place and you never know what we might choose!

So, get cooking and we'll start looking!

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Oh, one more thing.... Early arrivals are most welcome! :-)

Blessings, Glenn and Laurie Anderson

DIRECTIONS

To get there, exit # 233 off I-5 heading to US Hwy 20 West. Drive about 0.5 miles until you come to Waverly Drive. At that point, turn Left and go 1.2 miles until you come to Grand Prairie Rd. Turn Right. Go another 0.4 mile and turn Left onto Chicago. This street dead-ends into a cul-de-sac, so go to the end and look Right. You will see a barn in this mostly urban neighborhood. It's grey with white trim and a black roof. The barn address is 2656 Chicago St, Albany, Oregon. If you have any trouble finding it, the number at the barn is **541-967-3479**. Glenn's Cell is **541-619-2179**. They will send out a search party! Laurie would like a head count, so please give them a call or drop them an email if you plan to attend.

March Apache Junction, AZ

5th Annual Spring Clean This will be our fifth Spring Clean and how the time has gone by. I look forward to this as much as I did our first one.

Location: Lost Dutchman State Park, 6109 N Apache Trail, Apache Junction AZ

Directions: From 60, go north at Idaho Rd, which becomes Apache Trail and follow to the state park

Camp Fees: \$15.00 per night and can be paid at the gate (NOTE, price as of 9-21-16)

Campground contact info: <http://azstateparks.com/Parks/loDU/index.html>.

We will be at the group camp site. There are no individual plug-ins however there is power at the Ramada if you need to charge any appliances, water is available at the Ramada too. There are also bathrooms with showers. We will have coffee for everyone in the mornings, a fire to take care of any early morning chill or evening coolness. Saturday will be a pot luck at 5:00 pm. As I said earlier, this is our fifth organized event (and I use the term organized very loosely) and we welcome any suggestions or ideas. Any questions can be directed to me or Melissa via a PM at tnttt.com. If you could let us know that you are coming, it would help in anticipating the amount of people we can expect. Thank you.

Till then Mikey

April 13-15 Nogales, Arizona

Patagonia State Park Gathering

SITES 41 – 51. Best to reserve NOW – Sites go FAST. This is a “NO HOST” teardrop trailer and TTT (Tiny Travel Trailer) gathering. An “Old Fashioned” Potluck for Saturday supper.

By the Tucson TOW'ers Marty/Katie Boehme
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April 20-22 Biggs, Oregon

The On Your Way Gathering Deschutes River Park. On your way to the Shasta Gathering from parts north? If you are on your way or can't go all the way to Shasta, and would like to join us.....drop me an e-mail. The more the merrier!!

[Email](#) Brian or call 250.768.1912

April 27-29 Salem, Oregon

4th Annual Champoeg Teardrop Gathering Reservations are available now for the 4TH annual Champoeg Gathering in campground A.

Make your reservations with Reserve America, the campground is filling up fast.

This is a no host/club gathering so bring your own food and enjoy a relaxing weekend in the beautiful Champoeg State Heritage area near Salem, Oregon. The campground has flush toilets, hot showers, a bike tire pump station, firewood & ice sales. The showers are in individual, private, locking shower rooms, no quarters or tokens required. We will have a pot luck Saturday night.

Bring your bike if you like as there are paved bike/walking trails. Frisbee Disk Golf course for those who play. This year we're centered near campsite A36.

[Reserve America](#)

April 26-29 Lakehead, California

3rd Shasta Lake Gathering The rates will be \$15/night/trailer for hookups, \$11/night/trailer for dry sites. Rates are per trailer; however, we can squeeze in however we like (within reason). More details will emerge as I figure them out. For now, be there or be square! Tears, TTTs, Tents, all are welcome.

Antler's office can be reached at 530-238-2553 or 1-800-238-3924. Please check out the Jefferson State TearJerkers' Facebook for updates. I'll also be updating info on the Tnttt forum and TearJerkers forum as developments happen.



May Crooked River Ranch, Oregon

Heritage House Rally It will be dry camping, NO HOOK UPS! We will be allowed to use the bottom floor of this beautiful 100-year-old house which includes the kitchen, dining and living rooms, and a bathroom. We will be parking on the gorgeous front lawn. The cost of this rally has not been determined yet, we are

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waiting to hear from the insurance company, then we will let everyone know the cost. Please check out the Heritage House group site and let us know if you would like to join us!!

Sue Rhoades Heritage House Rally

[Facebook Page](#)



May 24-28 Stevenson, Washington

Seventh Annual Gorge Gathering Memorial Day Weekend. Jim and Joyce always put on a great show! This event is open to tiny trailers as well as teardrops. It will be held at the Skamania County Fairgrounds just up river from the Bridge-of-the-Gods in Stevenson, Washington. This beautiful site provides a grassy campsite right in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge. Each

unit has access to power (via extension cords) and centrally located water bibs. There are heated men's & women's bathrooms with coin operated showers. The 6000 sq. ft. event hall is also heated and has a large kitchen and floor to ceiling glass "garage" doors that overlook the mountains. This gorgeous location offers much to explore including the close-by Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, the Hood River Air and Auto Museum, the famous Skamania Lodge, and numerous Gorge waterfalls and trails. [Registration](#)

June 1-3 Cheyenne, Wyoming

Terry Bison Ranch the Ranch is a Wyo." Disney Land", activities for all ages. Go to web site to get full spectrum. More than bison, trains and camels.

When making reservation, notify you're with TCT, vintage or modern and head count for optional buffalo dinner on Saturday pre-evening \$13.00 adult, children discounts available). Bring your own plate, cup, roller napkins, etc. Dinner is paid correct cash, (dollar close), at TCT H.Q. on check in at Space A-1.

Early Arrivals are OK. Rally fee of \$20.00 per space. Open to non TCT folks.

CUT OFF RESERVATION DATE; MAY 25TH.

Loose schedule:

Friday; show up, sign up, set up. Pre-sunset pot luck, meet and greet, settle in.

Saturday; Open House 10 am to 5 pm. Flea market items encouraged, bring your unwanted vintage goodies.

Saturday evening. Buffalo dinner, bon-fire, (if permitted). Meeting to get input and suggestions for next rally. Plan something for Sunday morning.

Notes:

The dry camp area will be the meeting area. Porta toilets will be on site. Plan is to set up

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dry camp spaces in a crescent shape, open end facing North.

The vintage tractor folks will be joining us on Sat. Confused? Call/text/email me @ 434-730-3840, [Email](#)

And I asked; No camels or buffalo in camp (Ins. requirements), I tried.

July 3-8 Brooks, Oregon

All-American Vintage Trailer Rally the All-American rally celebrates Independence Day, great folks, neat old travel trailers and Americana. This is an all-inclusive event and all vintage trailer enthusiasts are welcome to attend and join in the fun.



The rally is held at Antique Powerland, located right off I-5 just north of Salem, Oregon. The site has numerous on-site museums, an operating trolley, and a 1:8 scale railroad that is big enough for the whole family to ride! Cost is \$35 per night. There is no additional rally-fee, so your total cost is the nightly rate multiplied by however many nights you stay. This fee covers camping, ROVT's insurance, and entrance to the museums. Pay with cash, or with a check made out to APMA (Antique Powerland Museum Association).

No reservations required! There is room for everyone! There is no pre-registration. If you want in, you are in...just show up. The rally is open to all vintage trailers defined as those built before 1980, or those built later with the same style and spirit of the vintage classics. Homebuilt teardrops are also welcome to attend, and we love vintage motorhomes and conversion buses so bring them out and enjoy the fun. No worries if your trailer is still a "project in progress", we'd love to see it.

<http://www.all-american-rally.com/> Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. usn@comcast.net or 503-999-6626

July 4-8 Roseburg, Oregon



The Graffiti Gathering

we know that we have an unlimited amount of space. We have indoor bathrooms and a dining room/kitchen we can use.

Camping will be on grass and will be mostly level. We are still working on the cost and some of the other details. This is an early heads up so you can mark your calendars. Because of the size of the grounds we are not limiting it to just teardrops or

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June 28- July 1 near Ruch, Oregon

Moon Over Applegate with potlucks almost every night and teardroppers who come back most every year, Moon Over Applegate has become a staple of Southern Oregon. The stars and rising Moon are gorgeous and the lake activities spectacular. The region boasts 11 wineries and numerous hiking trails and is within a two-hour drive to Crater Lake. 25 minutes away is historic Jacksonville. Guy books out the entire RV area so all you have to

do is email him say you're coming and he finds you a spot. [Email](#)

July 13-15 Garibaldi, Oregon

Sunsets and Crab at Garibaldi at the Old Mill RV and Event Center. Campsites are \$60 for the weekend. Beautiful sunsets looking out into the bay, no power except for medical needs. We will try to catch some delicious Dungeness crab from the dock. If you have trap or rings bring them, if we don't catch any ourselves, we can pick up cooked crab in town for dinner on Saturday, prices will be determined by market value at the time. Breakfast will be provided on Sunday. Please RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055



July 12-15 Mackinaw City, Michigan

TearStock 2018 All RV Types Are Welcome! Traditionally, Tearstock has been a rally for small trailer enthusiasts. The "tear" in Tearstock is for "teardrop trailers" – the style of camper Little Guy Trailers is famous for. Over the years, Tearstock has expanded and evolved into a rally for all types of campers – and for folks who just want to hang out and have a fun weekend. All types of campers, and all types of people, are welcome! [Website](#)

July 13-15 Post Falls, Idaho

4th Annual Phuddy Duddy Cruisers Vintage Trailer Rally & Open Show Friday check-in starts at 12 NOON Saturday Open house 1 AM to 4 PM for viewing of the trailer Open to the Public, plus Swap Meet. Saturday evening Potluck, Sunday Friendship dinner(Potluck) after church. Pack up day. Music and old-time movies during the weekend!

Come and share your Vintage Trailer and Tear Drops they can be restored or a work in progress! So fun to share what we are working on as well the finished projects. Have a burger or milkshake and meet new friends.

Bring your Vintage Trailers and Classic Cars to: Vintage Trailers and Classic car Night at 8625 N Government Way, Hayden, Idaho 83835

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Mondays: June 5th, July 10, and August 7 5 PM

River of Life Friends Church 3263 E 12th Avenue Post Falls, ID 83854

Linda omasgarden42@gmail.com or Pete [208-659-7285](tel:208-659-7285)

More information at: www.phuddyduddies.org

July 26-29 West Bank, B.C. Canada

Tear Jerkers 4th Annual Canadian Teardrop Gathering

Location: Woods Farm 3544 Elliott Rd. Westbank B.C.

Hosts: Brian & Sandi Woods. This event is officially sponsored by the B.C. Chapter of the Tear Jerkers.

Our Gathering is a relaxed and laid back event, where participants are encouraged to go out and explore the numerous attractions and activities that the sunny Okanagan has to offer.....Or.....Just you can just chill out with your feet in the pool or under a shade tree, while enjoying a cold beverage or a good book.

The "Gathering Format" includes the following:

A Meet & Greet "Ice Cream Social" on Thursday night.

After a relaxing Friday, some may choose to participate in the Dutch Oven "Apricot" Dessert Challenge, with the "taste off" at the evening Hotdog Barbeque c/w pot luck salads and snacks.

Saturday sees our now famous "Show 'n' Brag" in the late morning, and after more relaxing or exploring, there will be a "Pot Luck Supper" that evening.

Sunday morning there will be a "Farewell Pancake Breakfast" for those that want to get on the road home early.

Here at the Farm we have a large communal Fire Pit that is away from our "Camping Area" where we encourage "Evening Socializing" under the stars (if there is no Fire Ban in effect) and a small Saloon for those who might want to listen to a little music.

For Registration or further information, you can post on tnttt, use PM option on tnttt, or e-mail us at woodysrods@shaw.ca



August 3-5 Brooks, Oregon



Powerland Steam Up

All teardrop and vintage travel trailers are welcome at this annual event held at the Antique Powerland Museum collection of wonderful old machinery, farming demonstrations and all sorts of vehicle museums.

Powerland is a collection of 16 vintage style museums all located near the town of Brooks, Oregon. It is only 8 miles north of Salem at I-5 exit 263. Every year, these museums operate the famed "Steamup". It is always the last complete weekend of July as well as the

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following weekend. We camp on the very lush lawn of the Car Show Field for the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum. Our biggest event is the Saturday night supper that features grilled hamburgers with all the fixings.

It is dry camping with no hookups except for those needing power for medical reasons. Meanwhile, all visitors wander the grounds viewing the many things to see in lots of buildings.

We might have a donation jar out to cover such things as water, propane, etc. This will be a special event where anyone is invited including vintage travel trailers as well as teardrops. The camping fee will be the same as before. See next issue for more details.

August 17-19 Ocean City, WASHINGTON

8th Annual Ocean Tears Ocean City state park. This is a no host event; you make your own reservations. Just come out to the beach and have fun with other teardrop and vintage camp trailer folks. On Saturday evening we get together and have a potluck dinner. Don't forget to bring your kite. Make your reservations early so you don't miss out. We will be in loop 4. <https://washington.goingtocamp.com/OceanCityStatePark>

August 24-26 Gaston, Oregon

Wapato Showdown

The Wapato Showdown is a car event that has expanded to Vintage trailers. The crowd really loves the trailers, and the show coordinators are very accommodating to us, even allowing us to keep our tow rigs with the trailers during the show. Camping is dry, but a good time is had by all. Contact Marianne Byrd for more info. [email Marianne](mailto:marianne@wapato.com)



August 31-September 3 Newport, Washington

3rd Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"! Rally is open to all vintage (pre-1980) trailers, teardrops, campers, motorhomes, and RV's "built in the spirit of vintage". This is field-style camping with limited power and water available.

Being held in conjunction with "Bob's Car Show" that will take place on Labor Day in Newport, WA. All proceeds from the rally and car show will go to "Shepherds for Lost Sheep", a non-profit organization that trains and connects service dogs with/for Veterans by Veterans. For more info on this awesome cause, go to: www.shepherdsforlostsheepinc.org or on Facebook

at <https://www.facebook.com/ShepherdsforLostSheepInc/>

More info to follow - just wanted to get this event invite out there so you can get this rally on your 2018 calendar!

Register at the event. \$15 per night plus a \$15 one-time fee to help pay for incidentals like event insurance, facilities rental/permit, garbage disposal, portable toilets, etc.

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Rally is being hosted by Doug and Teresa Johnson of Retro-Rides Vintage Trailers.
509-638-6117 email: musclequilt@hotmail.com

September 4-9 Lynden, Washington

18th Annual Mt Baker Vintage RV Rally Annual Vintage Trailer Rally held every year the weekend after Labor Day at the NW Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden, WA. You pay and register upon arrival. (Cash, check or credit card) Showers, restrooms and a RV dump station are on site. Power and water is abundant and available for most everyone with extension cords and water splitters. Cost is: \$25 per night and one time rally fee of \$15. (Add 3% for credit card payments). All are welcome to attend. Those trailers that aren't Vintage or "in The Spirit of Vintage" will just be asked to park in a designated section along the perimeter..

[TinCan Tourists Web page](#)

September 7-23 Western Oregon

2018 Fall Crawl This Year's Fall Crawl will start at Silver Falls State Park in Oregon, and on to parks by Crater Lake, the McKenzie River, and other places to be determined. You can join for as long or as short as you like. If you want to join them at Silver Falls, be sure to get your reservations in early. The Silver Falls stay will be hosted by Matthew Sbot. We are in space 9. There will be a pot luck, group hike, cocktail competition, games, and more. Questions? Want to help? [email](#) or msg on FB. Hope to see you there!

September 21-23 Tillamook, Oregon

Trask River Gathering

Tillamook, Oregon...home of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze, and the end of the Fall Crawl, welcomes YOU! The Trask River Gathering will be held among the beauty that is God's country at a rustic Girl Scout camp along the Trask River. This year the Trask River Gathering is also the final stop on the Fall Crawl.

Contact: Randy Gottier 503.842.5609 [Email](#)

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September 28–30, Mulino, Oregon

Fall Brigade This gathering of our family of TOW friends wraps up the TOW camping schedule for the year. This site is located about 15 miles South of Oregon City (part of the greater Portland Metropolitan area). The Oregon City Elks Lodge owns this campground. It's a "dry" camp with some power available. Remember to bring your outdoor extension cord if you need power. Friday night there will be 8 can Taco Soup and an noshes pot luck, followed by good times in the lodge. Saturday dinner will be a pot luck followed by a Dutch Raffle. Breakfast will be served on Sunday.



What is a Dutch Raffle you ask? Aside from it being a great way to get rid of decent stuff you don't want anymore (remember if no one wins it YOU must take it home) it is a fun way to "bid" for things with your raffle tickets. You get raffle tickets for:

- Showing up
- Making your bed if the raffle team notices
- Paying early
- Walking around
- Telling a good joke
- Telling a bad joke

Everyone brings at least one thing that someone might want (again someone has to take it or YOU take it home) in front of each item is a bag. The raffle tickets go in the bag, want something badly? More tickets. Don't want something don't put any tickets in that items' bag. On Saturday night, we will go through the bags and pull out a ticket for each item. It is fast and fun. [Registration](#)

October 5-7 Champoeg Park, Oregon

5th Annual Champoeg Park Gathering ROVT Event, reservations through Reserve America. Continental Breakfast and a great lunch Pot Luck on Saturday.

October 18-21 Catalina State Park, Arizona

Spooktacular 2018 Where: Catalina State Park just north of Tucson on Highway 77: Warm to hot days, cold nights (bring a heater, bring a jacket)

Once again, vintage trailers will be meeting at scenic Catalina State Park just north of Tucson Arizona, for the annual Halloween campout. Teardrop trailers and fiberglass trailers of any age are also welcome. Plan to pay the park for your actual camping fees and then pay a separate \$10 event fee when you sign in. The large Gila Monster group area is reserved from Thursday 5 am until noon on Sunday to accommodate our

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Early Birds. We have the adjacent Flycatcher campsite from Friday 5 am until Sunday noon as well. This is dry camping with group electric for our movies, morning coffee, Halloween inflatables, and a shared phone charging station. The large, luxurious bathrooms also have electric outlets for shavers and hair dryers. Please decorate (we offer prizes) and feel free to bring crafts to sell and camping or vintage flea market items to set out to swap or sell. We traditionally have an outdoor movie Friday night, trailer tours and flea market Saturday, and a potluck Saturday night. If you have questions, please email Gail Leggett at [Email](#).

October Feather River Canyon

Fall Finale Campout It's our anniversary and last year's camping was epic! The canyon is legendary for it's fall colors...the North Fork campground at Caribou off Hwy 70 was redone a couple years ago with showers etc. Several sites have electricity. All the sites are right on the creek. The weather should be crisp at night but pleasant during the day. Sites are \$23 night. No reservations; last year we had a dozen trailers and room for more!

More details to come soon. We will a potluck and on Sat. Last year we had a great time, ukuleles, zentangle, dutch ovens and more! [Facebook Page](#) It was an awesome way to wrap up the season. Hope you join us! [More details Here](#)

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2018 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFO	HOST
April 13-15, Patagonia State Park Nogales, Arizona	<u>Patagonia State Park Gathering</u>	For those of you wintering over in Arizona	Marty & Katie Boehme Email
February 8-11, Coyote Howls East Why, Arizona	<u>Valentine Campout</u>	Starts on Thursday	Facebook Page Coyote Howls Campground Just show up and pay!
February 2-5 Lake Havasu City, Arizona	<u>2nd Annual Vintage Trailer Campout</u>	(928) 505-2730 from Mid-Oct to Mid-May after the number is (360) 595-2611	Cherri and Mike Email Registration Form
February 24 Federal Way, Washington	<u>North Winter Plate Lick</u>	Reconnect after the long winter	11:30 am Old Country Buffet in Federal Way
February 25 Albany, Oregon	<u>Oregon Winter Pot Luck</u>	A chance to reconnect and get ready for the season in Albany	Glenn & Laurie Anderson Glenn's Cell 541-619-2179
March 1-6 Apache Junction, Arizona	<u>Tear Jerkers Arizona Spring Clean Gathering</u>	Shakedown event to get ready for summer	Lost Dutchman State Park AZ State Parks
April 20-22 Deschutes River Park Biggs, Oregon	<u>The "On our way Campout"</u>	Deschutes River Park Brian has rented spaces, talk to him	TearJerkers Forum Email Brian or call 250.768.1912
April 26-29 LakeHead, California	<u>Lake Shasta Gathering</u>	Jefferson State Gathering	Antlers Park Website
April 27-29 Salem, Oregon	<u>4th Annual Champoeg Teardrop Gathering</u>	No Host, look for a site near A36	Link to reservations

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May * not confirmed Crooked River, Oregon	<u>Heritage House</u>	Dry Camping no hookups	Facebook Page
May 24-28 Stevenson, Washington	<u>7th Annual Gorge Gathering</u>	99% confirmed. A Great Way to kick off the Summer!	Jim & Joyce Bailey 541.400.0393 Email Registration
June 1-3 Cheyenne, Wyoming	<u>Terry Bison Ranch</u>	Wyo.” Disney Land”, activities for all ages	Email
June 7-10 Kings Bowl, Idaho	<u>Land of Mordor</u>	Dirty roads abound	Information on tnttt.com
June 28- July 1 Applegate, Oregon	<u>Moon Over Applegate</u>	People come back every year best stargazing around	Email
July 3-8 Brooks, Oregon	<u>All-American Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	At Antique Powerland	Jacyn & Bob Gallagher. Email or 503.999.6626
July 4-8 Roseburg, Oregon	<u>Graffiti Weekend</u>	3500 Diamond Lake Blvd, Roseburg Oregon 97470	Contact Ray Perry 541-670-7479
July 12-15 Mackinaw City, Michigan	<u>TearStock 2018</u>	All types of campers, and all types of people, are welcome!	Website
July 13-15 Garibaldi, Oregon	<u>Sunsets and Crabs at Garibaldi</u>	Held at the Old Mill Conference Center and RV Park	RSVP to Bob 503.314.8055
July 26-29 West Bank, B.C., Canada	<u>B.C. Canada Chapter TearJerkers’ B.C. Farm Gathering</u>	At the Woods Family Farm	TearJerkers Forum Email Brian or call 250.768.1912

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July 13-15 Post Falls, Idaho	<u>4th Annual Phuddy Duddy Cruisers</u>	Vintage Trailer Rally & Open Show	Pete: 208.659.7285 Linda: Email Website
August 3-5 Brooks, Oregon	<u>Antique Powerland</u>	Held on the campus of the Northwest Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum	Marty & Katie Boehme Email
August 10-12 Sedro Woolley Washington	<u>Salamander Point</u>	Only 12 spots so sign up soon!	Mike McCalib Email
August * not confirmed Livingston, Montana	<u>5th Annual Fiddlers Picnic and Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	On the bank of the Yellowstone River	dalsmilie@aol.com
August 17-19 Ocean City, Washington	<u>Ocean Tears</u>	Washington state park page Ocean city state park	WA State Reservations
August 24-26 Gaston, Oregon	<u>Wapato Showdown</u>	Parade, Car and Vintage Trailer show	Wapato Showdown Vintage Trailer Info email Marianne
August 31- September 3 Newport, Washington	<u>3rd Annual "Rally at Camp Runamuck"</u>	Held in conjunction with "Bob's Car Show"	Facebook Page
September 4-9 Mt Baker, Washington	<u>18th Mt Baker Vintage Trailer Rally</u>	The Pacific Northwest's largest vintage trailer rally	Rene Perret Facebook Page
September 7-23 Western Oregon	<u>PNW TearJerkers Fall Crawl</u>	Starts at Silver Falls the 7 th – 9 th ending at the Trask River Gathering	Email Brian or call 250.768.1912
September 21-23 Tillamook, Oregon	<u>6th Annual Trask River Gathering</u>	New Date this year	Randy Gottier 503.842.5609 rbgottier@yahoo.com

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October 5-7 Salem, Oregon	<u>7th Annual Champoeg Park Rally</u>	ROVT Event. This one will sell out early	ROVT Website ReserveAmerica.com
October 18-21 Catalina State Park, Arizona	<u>Spooktacular 2018</u>	Teardrops and Vintage trailers	Park's Facebook Page Email
October 26-28 Location TBD	<u>Last Gasp</u>	Tearjerkers annual event	Email Brian or call 250.768.1912
October Feather River Canyon, Idaho	<u>Fall Finale</u>	North Fork campground at Caribou off Hwy 70	Facebook Page