

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

February 2023 NEWSLETTER

"The Drifter"



Hello ORCA members!

Welcome to the new Oregon RV Campers Association! We are thrilled that you are joining us and that you wish to continue as a member. Friendships are too valuable to throw away, and we hope that this new organization will give you added opportunity to meet new people and to enjoy our shared love of camping in the great outdoors.

We'll be kicking off this years' camping season with our annual Westerners Round Up at Wapiti RV Park near Lincoln City. Please see the attached registration form and get yours sent in right away, as there are only 40 available sites, and reservations are first come, first served.

Please send your registrations in to John Monahan ... NOT THE PARK! The park cannot help you with reservations.

We would like to include a page or two next month with camp-out dates from all our chapters for this year. If you would like to invite other chapters to join you, please forward your 2023 schedule to ORCADirector@outlook.com just as soon as possible and we will get it published in this newsletter. Spruce Runners, Layovers, 79ers and the Cascade Cruisers would like to join together and invite other chapters to join them in campouts. We feel that it's a great idea to join others.

Happy camping, and we hope to see you at the beach! Barb and Bill, ORCA State Directors



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OUR NEW LOGO !!!



Please contact Barb Taylor at ORCADirector@outlook.com to get a .jpeg, .png or PDF file of the logo to use in your chapter newsletters, name badges, patches, stickers, apparel, etc.



Types of RV

Class A Motorhome

SIZE: 21-40 ft
COSTS: From \$60,000 to \$500,000+
SLEEPS: Up to 6



Whether you are a seasoned camper, or are just starting out, there is the perfect RV for you. **Class A** motorhomes are fabulous for long distance due to the spacious interior and comfort. Many snowbirds have Class A motorhomes, due to features like full-size appliances, king beds, washer/dryers, and walk-in closets.

Class B motorhomes are perfect for two people and are easily maneuvered in parking lots and congested streets. Of course, if you don't need space and really only need a bed, a Class B may be just for you. Ceiling height could be an issue.

Class C motorhomes are known for their affordability and ease of Ford/ Chevy engine maintenance. Women think it's easier to drive. They have almost the same amenities as the Class A, just a little less space. The overhead bunk is great for grandchildren.

Class B Motorhomes

SIZE: 16-22 ft
COSTS: From \$60,000 to \$130,000
SLEEPS: Up to 4



Travel Trailers are easily the most popular of all camping units. A small one can be pulled by a VW Beetle, and some of the largest may need a one ton pickup. Variety and floor plans are unlimited. Great for families or for two that need an extra vehicle to get around.

5th Wheel trailers have a split-level design that creates separate living spaces and added privacy. Kitchen islands and fireplaces are found in most models. By design, the 5th wheel has a hitch that can only be pulled by a pickup and offers better maneuverability than the travel trailer. Some may have two separate bathrooms.

Class C Motorhome

SIZE: 21-35 ft
COSTS: From \$43,000 to \$200,000+
SLEEPS: Up to 8



Travel Trailer

SIZE: 12-35 ft
COSTS: From \$8,000 to \$95,000
SLEEPS: Up to 10



Popup Trailer

SIZE: 8-24 ft
COSTS: From \$6,000 to \$22,000
SLEEPS: Up to 8

Fifth Wheel

SIZE: 21-40 ft
COSTS: From \$18,000 to \$160,000
SLEEPS: Up to 6



Truck Camper

SIZE: 8-20 ft
COSTS: From \$6,000 to \$55,000
SLEEPS: Up to 6

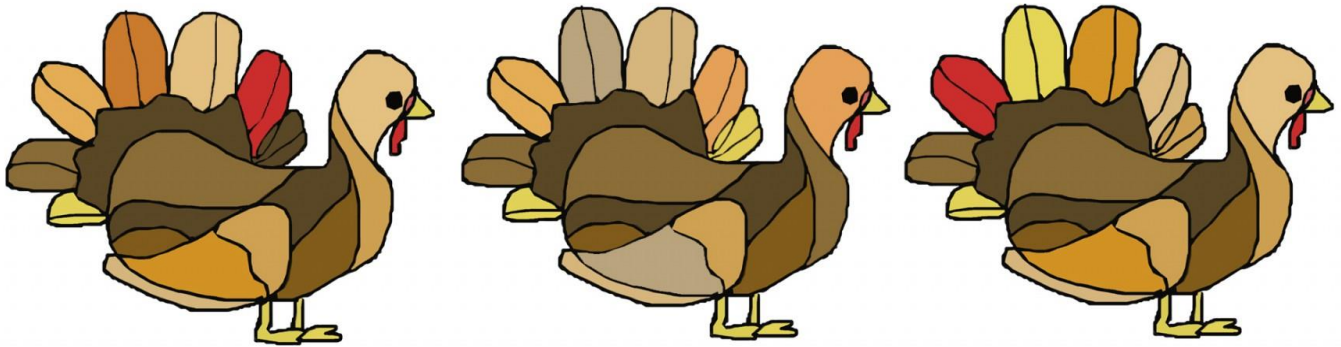


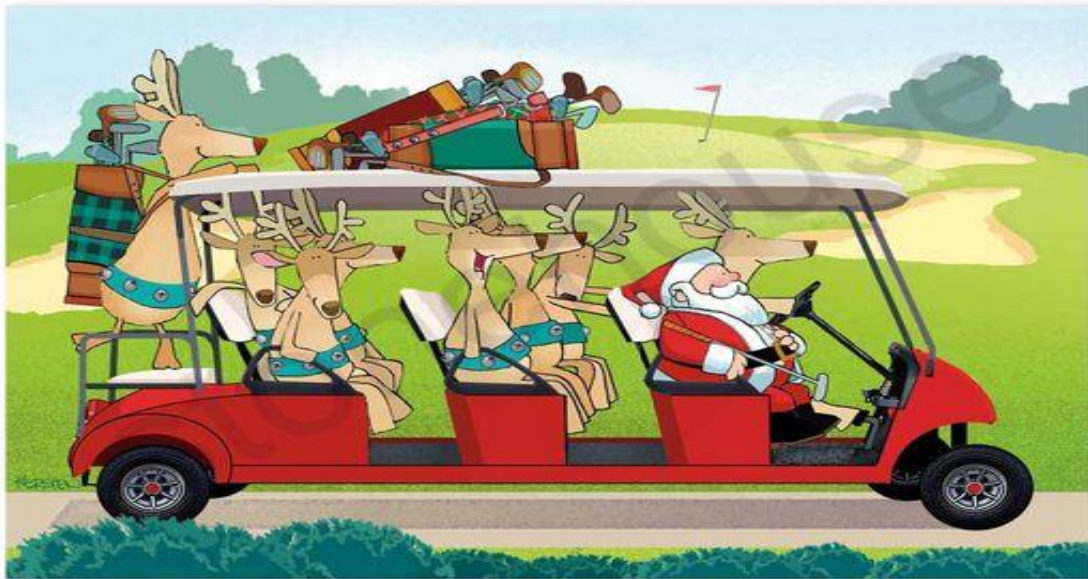
Popup Trailers are useful to those that only have a car to tow it. They are very light-weight, easy to pull, easy to set up, and can sleep four comfortably. Space is limited.

Truck Campers can have up to three slide-outs to increase space. The overhead bunk is spacious. The biggest benefit is that you can tow a boat or motorcycle, etc. and drop the camper at your site, truck available.

Holiday Parties!

The McKenzie River Drifters met at Caren and Daryl's house for a Thanksgiving potluck and November business meeting. The food was yummy (we have a chapter of excellent cooks) and everyone brought their appetite. Dues were paid, officers were elected, and plans begun for our 2023 camp outs. The McKenzie River Drifters would like to wish everyone the happiest of New Years.





Bridgetown Campers held their Christmas luncheon at the Willamette Country Club in Canby on Saturday December 3rd, 2022, organized by Jim and Madeline Roberts and Marianne VanHuizen. Marianne and Dorothy Lucht provided dessert after lunch. They had twenty members in attendance. Each person in attendance was given the opportunity to have their photograph taken in front the Christmas decorations in the lobby.



The Layover's Christmas Lunch was held Thursday, December 8th, at the Ristorante di Pompello in Troutdale. They had a terrific turnout with 23 diners to join in the festivities. The food was delicious, and they played a game with wrapped 'White Elephant' gifts that were chosen and made their rounds stolen. Everyone enjoyed themselves and they were pleased to have Assistant Directors Connie and Howard Morrill there as well as State Directors, Barb and Bill Taylor.



The Cascade Cruisers had their Christmas luncheon at Pop's Branding Iron in Albany on December 15th. They had reservations for 12, and afterwards met at the home of the Tom Eisele's for dessert and festivities in their fully decorated house. Although they opted not to do a 'White Elephant' exchange, they collected canned goods to be donated to a local church. They invited anyone who wished to stay longer to play cards.



UPCOMING “ORCA” EVENTS !!

The Westerners Round-Up

April 27th – 30th, 2023

Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City, OR

Registration form is on the next page. Please mail as soon as possible, as we only have 40 sites available!

See you at the beach!

The ORCA Rally

June 7th – 11th, 2023

Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR

Theme: “The Call Of The Wild”

~~ Will include the 2023 Rally Cookoff Contest ~~

For the Guys ... Dig out your favorite stew recipe and tweak it to perfection. Vegetables and your meat of choice are the main ingredients for this contest!

For the Ladies ... Muffins will be the quick bread you will be entering in the contest. Practice makes perfect, so find your favorite recipe and warm up your ovens!

Wy’East PowWow

August 17th – 20th, 2023

Hood River Fairgrounds, Hood River, OR

THEME: “A BLAST FROM THE PAST”

More information to follow. Watch for the registration form in an upcoming Drifter!

"WESTERNERS ANNUAL ROUND UP"

JOIN US AT THE BEACH

Where: WAPITI RV PARK; 2118 S Drift Creek Rd, Lincoln City, OR 97367 - Only 40 spaces available

When: APRIL 27 - 30, 2023

DIRECTIONS: Travel south on Hwy 101 south of Lincoln City to MP 119 (1/2 mile south of Schooner Creek). Turn left on S Drift Creek Road for 1 ½ miles, right at T in the road to the park. **(Do not follow your GPS!)**

Cost: Camping fees per Rig per day **\$40**; Rally fees **\$30 per person**, which entitles you to all meals and activities. Meals will be prepared by Chapter members with sign-up sheets for volunteers. Meals included: Breakfast all three days; Thursday evening - ice cream social; Friday Dinner: Lasagna; Saturday Dinner: Fried Chicken and Mashed potatoes/gravy. Each rig will be asked to bring a salad or dessert. (Note: A-M Friday dinner, N-Z Saturday dinner).

Activities: We will be having Pinochle, Hand and Foot, and Cribbage tournaments. Card bingo (each participant needs 10 quarters), door prizes, seminars, and crafts. An Oral Auction will be held and each chapter is asked to donate a new item. Proceeds will go to a local charity. Raffles and 50/50 drawings will also be held.

Questions? Contact John Monahan @ jmonahan4620@gmail.com; 360-984-4620.

-----Detach and mail registration with registration fees-----

Note: Park will not accept reservations; If you plan to arrive early, notify John of additional days - make separate check payable to John \$40 per day.

**Make checks payable to John Monahan and mail to:
21717 NE 22nd Ave, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____

Address: _____ **City/ State** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: () _____ **Email:** _____

Handicap: Y/N _____ We will do our best to get you as close to clubhouse as possible, first come basis.

Length of RV: _____ Trailer, Motorhome, 5th Wheel, tent trailer. All sites are 30 amp and water, no cable/TV or internet reception. Two dump sites on location.

Cancellation/refund policy: Full refund by April 19, 2023; Camping 7 days prior full less \$10 fee; 4-6 days - refund 50%; 72 hours or less - No refund (per Wapiti new camping policy)

Camping Fees \$40 per night: circle day of arrival Thursday, Friday, Saturday	\$ _____
Rally Fees per person \$30 x _____	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed:	\$ _____

Johnny Apple Seed Oatmeal

Prep Time: 2 minutes Cook Time: 10 minutes Total Time: 12 minutes

Makes [2](#) bowls

Ingredients:

2 cups water

pinch salt

1 cup rolled oats

1 medium apple, diced into 1/2 cubes

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

¼ teaspoon ground cloves

¼ teaspoon allspice

2 tablespoons hemp, flax, or chia seeds (or a blend of equal parts hemp, flax, and chia)

2 tablespoons maple syrup

Instructions:

Heat the water and salt in a medium pot until it comes to a boil.

Add the oats, simmer for about ten minutes, or until the oats are tender, stirring occasionally. Halfway through the cooking time, add the apple, spices, seeds, and maple syrup.



We are sincerely heartbroken to share that Bob Simons, beloved friend, and mentor, has passed away. Bob will always be remembered as a fun-loving and irreplaceable family member of Oregon Good Sam and ORCA.



Bob was born in Portland, OR on May 5, 1944, and passed to his next caravan on January 7, 2023, in Longview, WA of cancer of the lungs.

He and Judy were charter members of Bridgetown Campers in 2006, serving as president, vice-president, secretary, and newsletter editor positions. In 2009 he was appointed to become Westerners assistant state director to follow George Vennes. He served in this capacity until 2022 when illness asked him to retire. He, Judy, and Sally Hancock effectively choreographed the Westerners Roundup for 11 years and had such a great time meeting and greeting all those who chose to participate in the fun with him.

Bob was a 28-year retired military veteran serving first on the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine, and then transferring to the US Coast Guard Reserve. He will be laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery.

He leaves behind tail-gunner Judy, two sons Ken and Jeff, and one granddaughter, Emily.

We are sad to share the passing of faithful friends Bob and Marge Matthews.

Bob was born March 3, 1931, and passed away in Salem, Oregon, on November 15, 2022. Marge was born May 7, 1934 and passed away in Parker, Colorado, on December 16, 2022.

Bob's death was somewhat expected, and he had been in hospice for many months. Marge was able to move to her nephew Jeff Toborg's home location. Recent tests revealed a malignant mass in her liver. She was placed on hospice just four days before her passing. They will be missed every day!

Bob and Marge made tours to different locations in the late 1980s and 1990s and attended meetings in Rickreall. They were also much involved in Samboree activities at Madras. Bob and Marge were members of the Jolly Wheelers.

Wayne and Mary Swanson purchased Bob & Marge's home when they went into assisted living homes.



~ 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 ASSN.

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: _____

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 month's newsletter. Thank you !!

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

