

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

July 2023 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.”

Hello,

We hope everyone enjoyed the ORCA rally in Rickreall. We have had many positive comments about how fun it was, and that they can't wait for next year. We have reserved a different week at the fairgrounds for next year, hoping to avoid graduation parties and annual campouts so that more of you have the opportunity to attend. Look for the date within this issue and mark it on your calendar now!

As you will also see within this issue, we are in dire need of more volunteers for certain events. This organization cannot be run by just our board members. The more volunteers we get, the less work it is for all of us. It is actually a lot of fun to plan a rally, and having new volunteers, brings new ideas. With Zoom available for our committees, it is easy to plan an event without even having to leave your home. If you've already committed to being a member of ORCA, that means that you're very interested in our activities and in the friendships you've made. Volunteering means that you want to see ORCA succeed, for without more volunteers, we're not going to make it.

On a separate note, a heads up for our members that enjoy staying at Casey's Riverside RV Park in Westfir, Oregon. In case you are unaware, they have rules for RV's. Your rig cannot be any older than 2015, unless you send them photos of the exterior and they possibly make an exception for you. They denied one of our members from McKenzie River Drifters. Their chapter will no longer be going there because of it. Also, Bill and I had made prior reservations at Casey's last year when the Cedar Creek Fire broke out (Bill's brother and wife had made reservations also, so we had two sites). Westfir was in jeopardy of being evacuated, so the day before our reservation date, we all decided to cancel. We were afraid of driving the three hours it takes to get there and being turned away because of the impending fire. Andre, the owner, claimed that they've never been evacuated, so he refused to refund what we'd already paid for a three day stay (\$153 plus tax, per site!). As we feared, Westfir was evacuated the next day ... the day we were supposed to arrive ... but Andre again refused to refund us, nor would he offer another weekend's stay. We will never go there, now. What terrible customer service. Just be aware of these things if you decide to book a stay there.

Barb and Bill Taylor, State Directors



Staff

State Directors – Barb and Bill Taylor ORCADirector@outlook.com
Barb 503-810-7585 Bill 503-740-5147

State Secretary – **Vacant**

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 – **Vacant**

State Chaplain – **Vacant**

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

Randy and Loretta Wells ... Country Cuzzins



As announced at the State Meeting for Chapter President's at the ORCA Rally in June, Terry Parman has resigned as our State Secretary and State Chaplain due to health issues. Because of the care she'll need, her husband, Larry Parman, will need to resign also as our State Sound Director. These are extremely crucial positions to our organization and must be filled immediately. Please consider volunteering for a position that is vacant:

SECRETARY - Your role in board meetings include taking minutes at our monthly Zoom meetings and reading minutes of last meeting. Take minutes at any/all State Meetings and read minutes of last State Meeting. Take roll call of chapters at State Meetings. Keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings. Ensure that the records, policies, and procedures of the organization are appropriately maintained and made available to members. In conjunction with the Assistant Secretary, maintain all records of membership. Maintain ORCA's governing documents. Verify any vote counts at State Meetings. Occasional other secretarial duties when requested by the State Director. We need someone with communication skills, organizational skills, writing skills, and who is a team player.

CHAPLAIN - Your role is detached from any particular religious tradition. The role is largely a formal one, but not extensive nor with many defined tasks. Typically, the duties consist of providing a prayer or some form of invocation at rally opening ceremonies, meetings, shared meals and for closing ceremonies.

SOUND DIRECTOR – Your role is to coordinate equipment to achieve an efficient and quality sound system with recorded music for our memorial ceremonies or events as needed. Responsibilities include setting up and maintaining audio equipment, enhancing audio with appropriate sound effects and fixing sound-related issues.

We cannot run a smooth organization without the help of our volunteers and cannot continue without these positions being filled. This will be a minimum two-year commitment. Please contact Barb Taylor at 503-810-7585 to volunteer. Thank you!

Contacts for ORCA merchandise

Let's keep it in the family!



Owner: Christina Noel (daughter of Westside Wanderers chapter members, David & Evelyn Herinckx)

Email: christina@s2imaging.com

Address: 305 NE Russell Street, Portland, OR 97212

Phone: 503-282-1141

Website: <https://www.s2imaging.com/>

Christina can supply you with ORCA vehicle decals in any size, A-frame displays, banners, custom signs and more. She is the one that created our color logo. FYI – 8 inch decals will be sold at the ORCA rally in Rickreall and at the Pow Wow. If you'd like anything larger, contact Christina!

SAMPLE →



HOME FIRES
Engraving

Owner: Rachel Kleser (daughter of Larry Minor, former Oregon Good Sam State Director 2014-2015)

Email: rachel.kleser@homefiresengraving.com

Address: Beavercreek, OR (operates her business out of her home workshop)

Phone: 727-514-7378

Website: <https://homefiresengraving.com/>

Rachel can supply you with Chapter name tags, plaques, promotional products, drinkware, branded merchandise and more. She is the one that modified our logo to black and white for name tags. She can design anything for you ... it doesn't necessarily have to look like ours.

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UPCOMING “ORCA” EVENTS !!

Wy'East PowWow August 17th – 20th, 2023

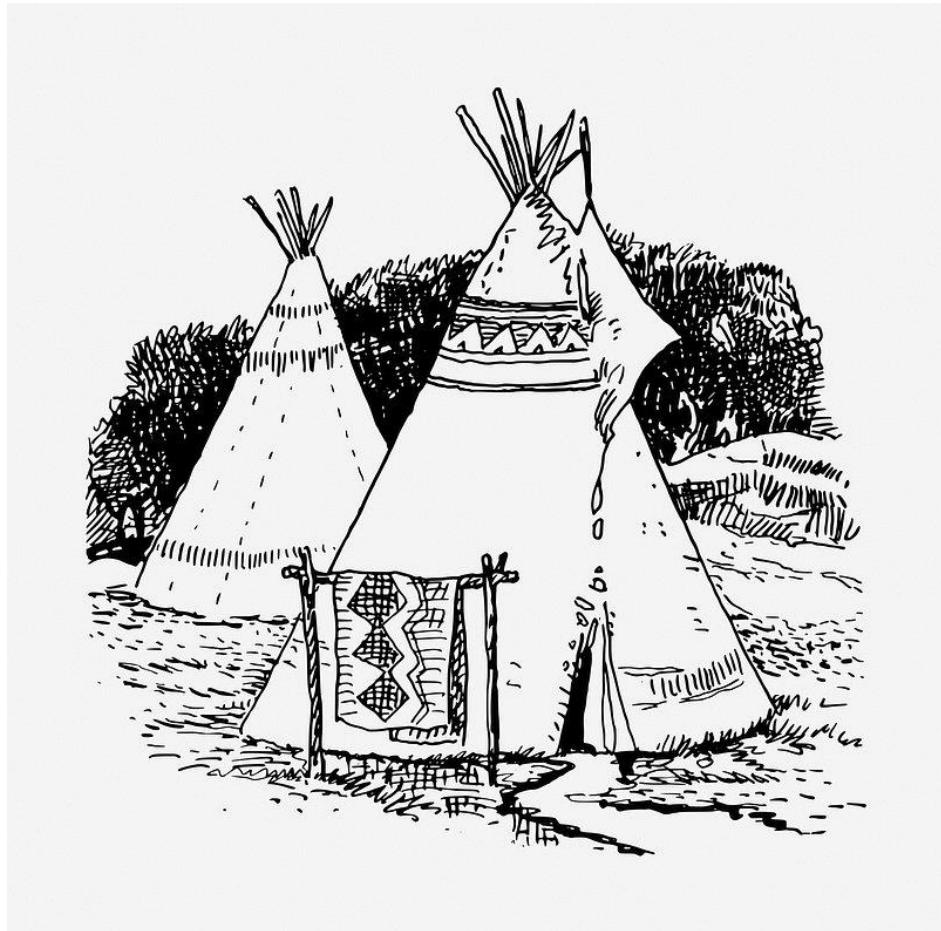
Hood River Fairgrounds, Hood River, OR

THEME: “A BLAST FROM THE PAST”

Send in your registration today!

Preliminary schedule below with
registration form.

(NOTE: This will be our last rally in Hood River
unless we can find several volunteers
for next year).



A **BLAST** *from the* **PAST**

2023 WY-EAST POWWOW

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – Please wear your name badges

- Free day.
- Meals are on your own.

Thursday, August 17, 2023 – Please wear your name badges

- 8:00 am - Buildings and restrooms open. Your help in setting up will be appreciated!!
- 9:00 am – Community Center Building opens and includes the Information Table where you will find:

PowWow 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 Tickets on sale.
- 4:00 pm **POWWOW** (under the trees – bring a chair). Welcoming words from Connie Morrill, WyEast Assistant Director and a group activity. This is a time for mingling, announcements, to discuss the day's activities or to share stories. You can leave your chairs in the Community Center building designated area for safe keeping if you wish.
- Meals are on your own.
- 6:30 pm – Early Birds will be treated to an Early Bird Surprise at the Community Center building. The first 50/50 drawing will be held (must be present to win). Buildings will remain open for games, gatherings, puzzles, etc.

Friday, August 18, 2023 – Please wear your name badges

- 7:00 am – Coffee Corner open in the Community Center building (bring your own cup). Gene Nedrow
- 8:00 – 9:00 am – Pancakes, ham, fruit, butter and syrup breakfast. Bring your own set-up and beverage. Steve Moist & Crew
- 9:00 am to 4:30 pm – 50/50 Tickets on sale.
- 9:00 am – **Cornhole** Tournament. Paul & Jan Hoglund
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – **RV Yard Sale** – Place any RV related items you wish to sell or give away in front of your RV. Any \$\$ you make, you keep.
- 11:00 am – **Group Trivia** Game. Barb Taylor
- 12:00 pm – Lunch on your own.
- 1:00 pm – Winterizing Your RV. Meet Jim Woods in the Community Center Building.
- 2:00 pm – Day 1 of **Beanbag Baseball** Tournament. Kathy Danforth & Steve Moist

- 4:00 pm – **POWWOW** (under the trees – bring a chair). Share a story about a past camping trip, tell a joke, discuss the day's activities and there will be a group activity.
- 5:30 pm – Friday Night Dinner: Chef Salads. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert to share. Bring your own set-up and beverage. Awards will be presented for the Cornhole Tournament. Second 50/50 drawing will be held (must be present to win 50/50).
- 7:00 pm – **Card Bingo**. Bring 8 quarters and a \$1.00 bill. Kathy Danforth

Saturday, August 19, 2023 - Please wear your name badges

- 7:00 am – Coffee Corner open in the Community Center building (bring your own cup). Gene Nedrow
- 8:00 – 9:00 am – Biscuits, gravy and fruit for breakfast. Bring your own set-up and beverage. John Monahan & Crew
- 9:00 am to 10:30 am – **Cribbage** Tournament. Tom Gilkey
- 10:30 to 12:00 - **Pinochle** Tournament. Jan Hoglund
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – **RV Yard Sale** Place any RV related items you wish to sell or give away in front of your RV. Any \$\$ you make, you keep.
- Lunch on your own.
- 1:00 pm – Day 2 of **Bean Bag Baseball** Tournament. Kathy Danforth & Steve Moist
- 3:30 pm – Silent Auction Closes. Marion Gilkey
- 4:00 pm – Pick up and pay for silent auction items. Marion Gilkey
- 5:30 pm – Saturday Night Dinner: Baked potatoes with toppings. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring a dessert to share. Bring your own set up and beverage. Tournament winners will be announced, prizes awarded, and the final 50/50 drawing will be held (must be present to win 50/50).
- 7:00 pm – **Movie Night** with Pop Corn (bring your own beverage). Either RV or The Long Long Trailer

Sunday, August 20, 2023 – Please wear your name badges

- 7:00 am – Coffee Corner open (bring your own cup). Gene Nedrow
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am – Muffins and fruit for breakfast, bring your own beverage.
- 8:30 am – Parting words from Connie Morrill.
- 8:45 am – Clean up – all help will be appreciated!!

All activities will take place in the Community Center building unless otherwise noted. **Schedule and events 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 PowWow Fund.

Thank you to Larry Chartier and the parking crew and everyone who pitched in and helped with the PowWow this year!

Have a safe trip home or stick around for an extra day!
Camping Fees are paid directly to the fairground office.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

2023 POW WOW

Friends and Family Welcome, Sponsored by the Wy-East Pioneers Chapters
As a courtesy to the planning committee please register as early as possible!

Where: Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell, Oregon
When: Friday, Aug. 18, Saturday, Aug. 19, Sunday Morning, Aug. 20, 2023, with optional early arrival Wednesday, Aug. 16 and/or Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023.
Directions: Interstate 84 to Hood River Exit 64, South on Hwy 35 to Odell cut off, turn right and follow the road signs to the fairgrounds.
Cost: \$30.00 per night camping fee includes basic electric, water, use of dump station upon departure. Early bird camping will be \$25.00 per night. The meal fee listed below entitles you to the Early Bird Surprise, three breakfasts and two dinners.
Day passes for those not camping on the fairgrounds are \$7.00 per day per person (does not include meals).
All fees are payable by mail when sending in the registration form below.

Please make checks payable to Wy-East PowWow.

**Lenore Marino
PowWow Registration
15224 SE Kelly St
Portland, OR 97236
503/680-4126
lenoremarino@yahoo.com**

**Refunds: Refund requests must be made directly to Pat Smith.
503/720-9095 patz1121@gmail.com**

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

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

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

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Upon arrival let the parking crew know if you require handicap parking and they will do their best to assist you.

Camping Fees: Friday and Saturday = \$60.00 Total

Early Bird Wednesday & Thursday = \$50.00 Total \$

Early Bird Thursday only = \$25.00 Total **\$** _____

Day Pass (\$7 per day): # of days _____ **X # of people** _____ = **\$** _____

**** Meal Fees:** Adults 16 & up : # X \$30.00 ea = \$

Children 5 to 15: # X \$20.00 ea = \$

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Photos from the ORCA Rally held at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall, June 7 – 11, 2023



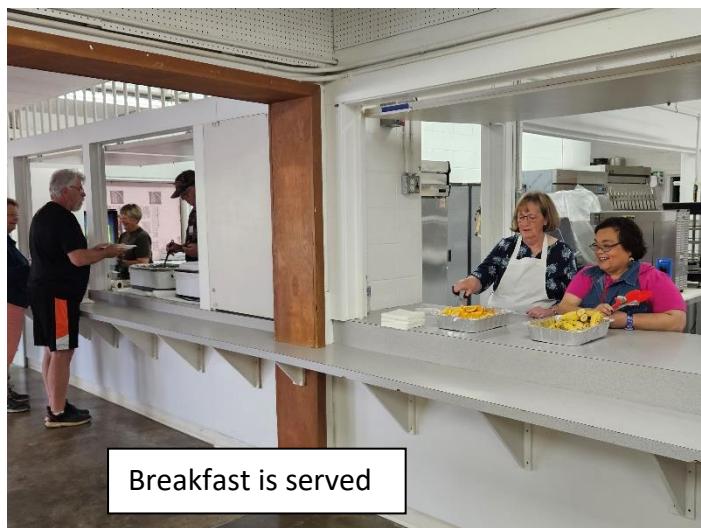
Weighing pull tabs



Flags of each state



Cribbage



Breakfast is served



Bocce Ball



Beautiful quilts made for charity



Bean Bag Baseball

Silver/Golden Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony

Bill and
Barb
Taylor
25 years



Karl and
D'Ann
Kirchner
50 years



Howard
and Connie
Morrill
50 years

Dan and
Dawn
Humphrey
50 years



Dale and
Dee
Veenendaal
60 years



Clyde and
Marlene
Ault
60 years



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State Meeting Minutes

Polk County Fairgrounds

Rickreall, Oregon

June 7, 2023

The June 7, 2023 State meeting was called to order at 4:10pm.

Barb introduced the Executive Board to the attending Chapter Presidents.

Flag salute.

Chapter President/Reps Roll Call.

MINUTES: No minutes as this is first State meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: (Barb Taylor elected not to publish balances in The Drifter due to inclusion of this newsletter on our public website)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

#1- Accept 2023 ORCA documents: Constitution, By-Laws, and Standard Operating Procedures. Motion made by Gene Nedrow; 2nd by Bill Bench. Motion passed.

#2- We need to formally elect Connie Morrill to the office of State Treasurer for a 2 year term, 1-1-23 to 12-31-25. Motion made by Gene Nedrow; 2nd by Kathy Danforth. Motion passed.

#3- We need to approve ORCA 2023 budget for 1-1-23 to 12-31-23. Motion made by Bill Bench; 2nd by Gene Nedrow. Motion passed.

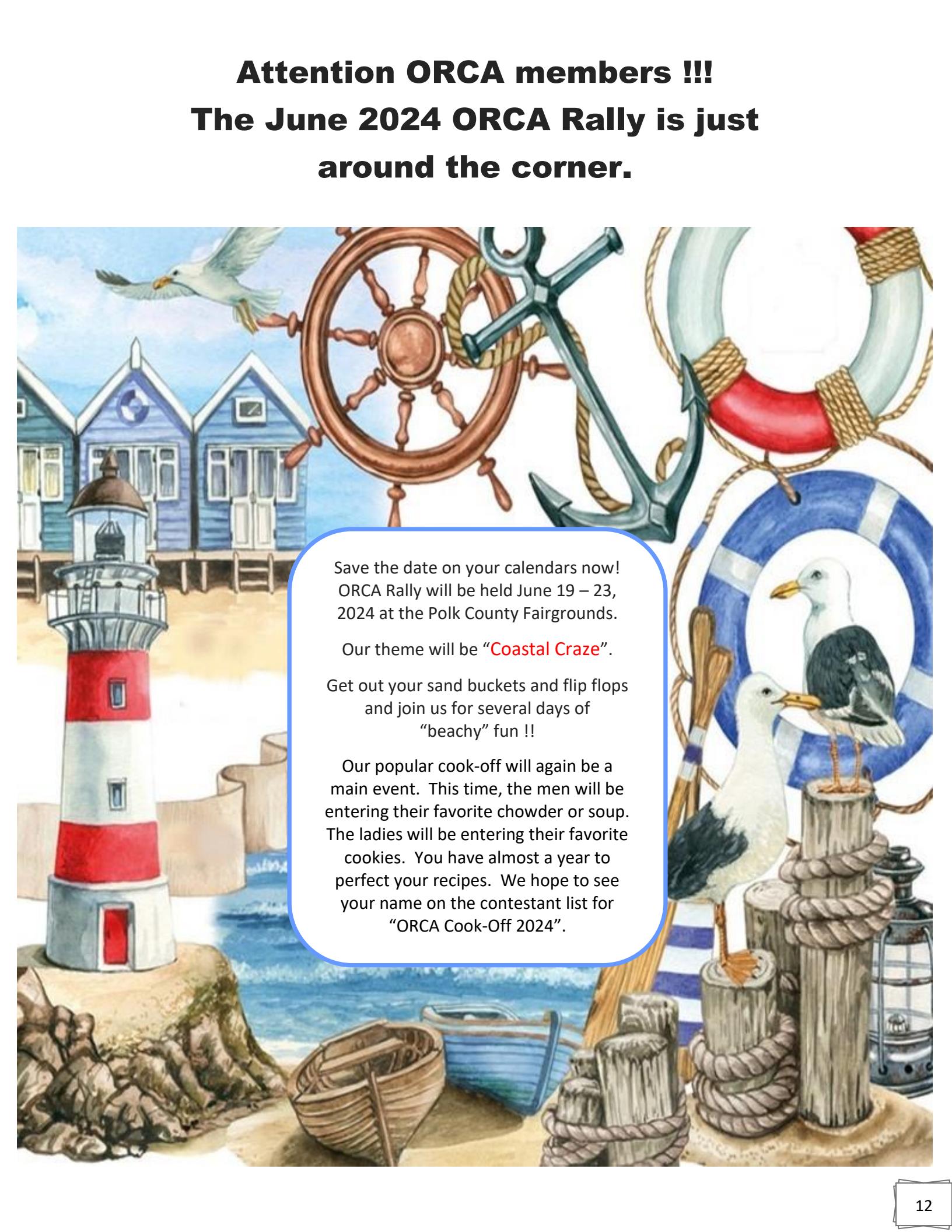
Motion to adjourn by Gene Nedrow; 2nd by Jim White.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm

Respectfully submitted, Steve Moist

Attention ORCA members !!!

The June 2024 ORCA Rally is just around the corner.



Save the date on your calendars now!
ORCA Rally will be held June 19 – 23,
2024 at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

Our theme will be “**Coastal Craze**”.

Get out your sand buckets and flip flops
and join us for several days of
“beachy” fun !!

Our popular cook-off will again be a
main event. This time, the men will be
entering their favorite chowder or soup.
The ladies will be entering their favorite
cookies. You have almost a year to
perfect your recipes. We hope to see
your name on the contestant list for
“ORCA Cook-Off 2024”.

SHRIMP SPREAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 envelope Knox unflavored gelatin
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 8-oz pkg cream cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 can broken shrimp (rinsed and drained) - (can substitute chopped fresh shrimp for canned)
- 1 bunch green onions (chopped)
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 box of Wheat Thin Crackers (other crackers can be used)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chop shrimp, green onions and celery. In medium saucepan, dissolve gelatin in water over low heat. Increase to medium-low and add mushroom soup and cream cheese. Stir occasionally (or more if necessary) until smooth. Remove from heat and add mayonnaise, green onions, celery and shrimp. Stir until well blended and pour into mold or bowl. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight before serving. Unmold or serve in bowl.
2. Serve cold with Wheat Thins or desired cracker.

RED, WHITE and BLUE TRIFLE

INGREDIENTS

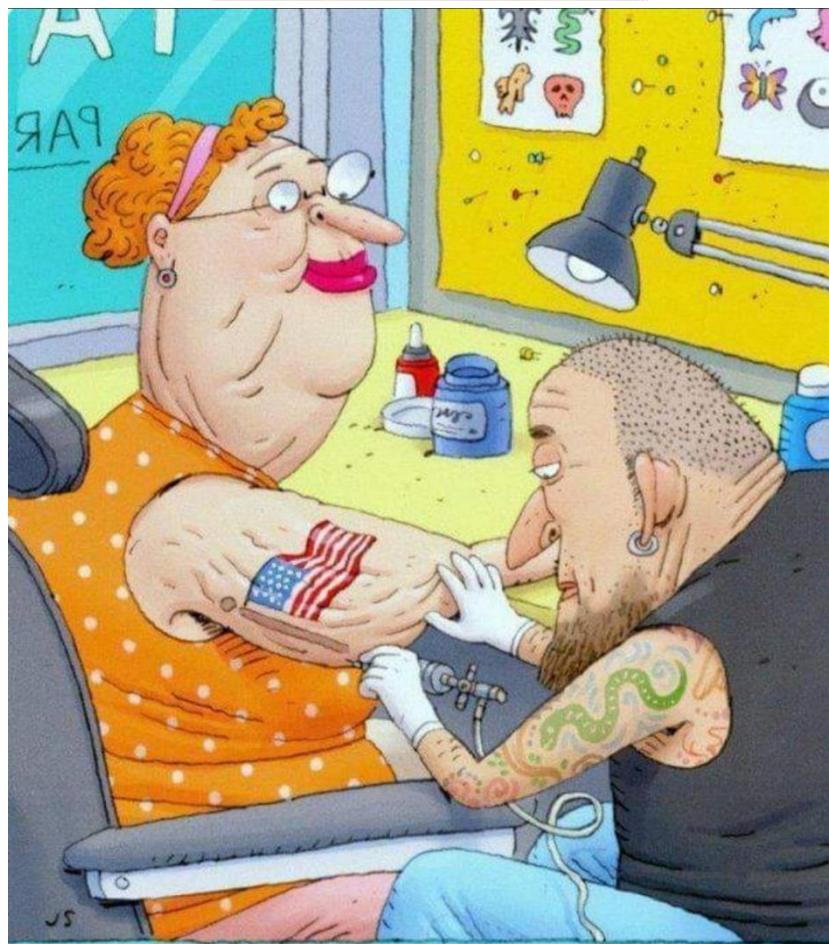
- 8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 lb. pound cake, cubed (store bought or homemade)
- 2 6-oz. containers blueberries (about 2 cups)
- 2 6-oz. containers blackberries (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 1 1/2 qt. strawberries, stems removed, sliced



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine the cream cheese and granulated sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer with a paddle attachment. Beat on medium-high speed for 1 to 2 minutes until smooth. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl. With the mixer on medium, slowly add the heavy cream and vanilla and mix until combined. Switch to the whisk attachment and whip at medium speed until soft peaks form and the mixture is easy to dollop.
2. Place a single layer of cake cubes in a large trifle dish (about 12 to 14 cups). Top with 2/3 of the blueberries and blackberries, then 1/2 of the whipped cream (about 2 cups), then 2/3 of the strawberries. Repeat the cake and cream layers once more, then decorate the top with the remaining berries. Serve immediately or make in advance and store for up to 24 hours in the refrigerator.

Happy 4th of July !!



Madge figured if her upper arm
was gonna flap, she might as well
make patriotic use of it.

Help for Seniors. What is phishing?

Phishing (pronounced “fishing”) is a type of internet hoax in which scammers use email and other methods to steal personal information, such as financial details or account passwords. This approach earned its unusual name because it uses attractive “bait” to lure people to websites and solicit their data under false pretenses. Phishing is not the same as spam. While spam is just another term for junk mail and unwanted ads, phishing attacks are deliberate attempts to steal your information and use it in harmful ways.

How does phishing work?

There are three main components to a phishing scam:

1. The attack is conducted via electronic communications. Although email is common, phishing can also be carried out via text messages, social media accounts, voicemail, and even phone calls.
2. All forms of phishing aim to convince you that a fake communication is real and credible. The attacker claims to be an individual or organization that’s familiar and trustworthy to you.
3. The goal of a phishing attack is to obtain sensitive personal information, such as login credentials, bank details, or credit card numbers.

Some common phishing attack examples include:

- **A plea for help:** With a goal of tugging at your heartstrings, the attacker sends you an email pretending to be a good friend or relative (ie: your grandchild). They claim to be in financial dire straits and request your assistance immediately. How are cyber criminals able to impersonate people you know? With social media, scammers have access to more of our personal information than ever before. This allows them to make their messages highly targeted—and often very believable.
- **You’re the grand prize winner:** You receive a text message congratulating you on being the winner of a very big prize, whether it’s an irresistible travel package deal or free tickets to the event of the year. You’re asked to provide your personal details in order to claim your award, and many will require you to pay a designated amount to get your reward. “Pay” is a giant red flag.
- **Your bank account has been compromised:** You get an “urgent” notice that appears to be from your bank, alerting you of suspicious activity on your account. You’re then asked to click a link that takes you to a website, where you’ll be prompted to confirm your bank account information.
- **The government is after you:** Few things in life are as jarring as an authoritatively worded notice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Scammers know this, which is why many phishing emails appear to be from the U.S. government. An email like this typically has a threatening tone and mentions big, scary penalties—unless you provide the payment or personal data they demand. The IRS will never contact you by email or by phone ... they use U.S. mail ONLY.

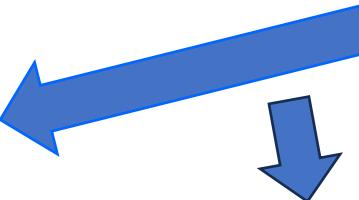
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How do you avoid phishing scams?

Knowing how to identify phishing emails and texts means knowing what to look for. While scammers are always changing their approaches to evade detection, certain red flags can help tip you off to trouble. Some telltale signs of a phishing email or text message include:

- Offers that seem too good to be true
- High-pressure sales pitches that stress urgency
- Alerts that there's a problem with your account (ie: suspicious activity or outdated payment information)
- Shortened or misspelled links
- Emails that don't address you by name
- Messages with poor grammar and spelling
- Direct requests or demands for payment
- Requests to confirm personal information

From: McAfee... <kampanjer@nyhetsbrev.fjellsport.no>
To: YOU



⚠ 2023-AS WARNING
YOUR DEVICE IS INFECTED WITH (38) VIRUSES

**Your McAfee Total Protection
subscription may expire today.**

If you do not have a registered subscription, your account will be inactive and will be deleted within **2 days**

RENEW your subscription for full protection

Reference	XJB66PJ7A
Date	Today
Account ID	8366360839

Available (-60%) renewal discount is available today

Activate now

This is a type of phishing email I receive constantly. Your first clue is to look at the email address of the sender. Does this address (see yellow highlight) look like a legitimate email address of McAfee? McAfee is a legitimate company, but this is obviously not from their email address. Most company email addresses contain all or at least part of their name, and most end with ".org" or ".com". By clicking on the "Activate Now" button, this scammer will try to get your personal financial information. Another problem with clicking on links is that it more than likely will contain a virus that will then download onto your computer and corrupt it. NEVER click on any link that looks suspicious! Delete the email and never respond to these scammers!

“Grandma Scam”

Another popular scam against seniors is the “Grandma Scam”. You may have heard of this one already, but I actually received this phone call for the first time just recently. My own mother received the same call about a year ago, and it was almost word-for-word of mine.

I answered an unfamiliar number on my cell phone, and the caller said, “Hi Grandma, this is your grandson” (keep in mind, I have just one grandchild, a girl, who is 9 years old), but I played along for fun because I’d heard of this scam before (of course, I could have responded with, “which grandson? I have three”, but he probably would have just hung up on me). He proceeded to tell me that he’d been in an accident in a friend’s car, but was not injured ... however, his friend had lots of alcohol that was found in the car by police (this is a common story of these scams). My “grandson” had been arrested and was asking me if I could help him out with bail money. I asked how much he needed (it was \$2500), and also asked why he hadn’t called his mother first (hahahaha!). He claimed he was too embarrassed to call “Mom”. His pathetic little story went on and on, and I’ll bet he really thought he’d landed a sucker, as I kept playing along as Grandma. He then proceeded to ask if his appointed attorney could call me right back to arrange to make payment over the phone, and I responded that he was welcome to call. He ended the call after saying, “I love you, Grandma” (what a sweet touch!) I hung up with my “grandson” and the phone rang again within 20 seconds. Trying so hard to use a disguised voice, the same man called back now claiming to be my grandson’s attorney. He laid some “heart wrenching” story on me about how my grandson was terrified to be heading to court in 15 minutes, but if I paid the bail now by credit card, he could avoid facing the judge. Had I actually given him my credit card number, he could have racked up charges buying anything he wanted before maxing out my credit!

Having played along with this for several minutes as the compassionate Grandma, I then proceeded to inform the “attorney” that my grandson had always been a thorn in my side; he had manipulated me out of thousands of dollars in the past, had always been a criminal, and I suggested that he could ROT in jail for all I cared! The “attorney” (aka Scammer) was obviously dumbfounded and unprepared to receive such a response. He didn’t even know how to respond to my claims. Of course, I had used a few more “choice” words and descriptions of my “grandson” that I can’t repeat here, so he just stammered ... “Uh, I’ll let him know” and hung up on me. Hahahaha!

Barb Taylor



~ 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

~ 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: _____

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

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!

