

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

August 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 were finally able to get away for a few days of camping recently at the Cove Palisades State Park/Lake Billy Chinook, near Madras. Bill's family (mother, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, 2nd cousins) have been camping there annually for over 60 years. His Aunt Eva still camps with us each year in her "Class B" RV Van and turned 99 years old last week! We can only hope that we're all able to celebrate her 100th next year at the campground. She still lives alone in her home, only uses a walker, and hardly has a gray hair on her head (in all seriousness, she probably colors it to look younger!) We should all be so lucky.

Several members of ORCA are planning a trip to Europe next month. Not knowing about this trip, it's a coincidence that Bill and I are planning a similar trip at the same time. We are starting in Reykjavik, Iceland, and then heading to Copenhagen, Denmark. From there, we are visiting several of my relatives in Sweden (four different cities/towns/villages), and then are traveling to Germany to do some family tree research for Bill. We are planning to enjoy some sightseeing and a glass of wine during an afternoon in Strasbourg, France, which is just over the border from Germany, and plan one night in Salzburg, Austria, where we will be taking a 4-hour "Sound Of Music" bus tour. We will be gone just shy of 4 weeks. This will be my fourth trip to visit my Swedish family, and I'm really excited to see them all again. There have been new babies born since the last time I was there! I have so many more relatives there than I do here in the U.S. Always bringing a nice gift for their hospitality, this time I placed a large order from the Myrtlewood Factory in Garibaldi so that they can all have a piece of Oregon and something that reminds them of us.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the PowWow in Hood River in just a few weeks!

Barb and Bill Taylor, State Directors

OUR TEAM



State Directors – Barb and Bill Taylor 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 – **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, the positions of Secretary and Chaplain were open at that time. Steve Moist has volunteered for the position of Secretary and was accepted by the Executive Board at our Zoom meeting on August 3rd. We are now looking to fill the position of Chaplain. We have always included simple prayers at our state rallies, especially at mealtime, and would like to continue this tradition. Please consider volunteering for the position of Chaplain.

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.

Please contact Barb Taylor at 503-810-7585 to volunteer. Thank you!

SENIOR JOKES

The old man was sitting on the examining table in the doctor's office having his hearing checked. The doctor poked his light scope in the old man's ear and said, "Hey, you have a suppository in your ear!"

"Rats," said the old man. "Now I know where my hearing aid went."

"How was your blind date?"
"Terrible! He showed up in a 1932 Rolls-Royce."
"What's so terrible about that?"
"He was the original owner."

The insurance agency I work for draws business from a retirement community. Once, when applying for auto insurance for a client, I asked him how many miles he drives in a year. He said he didn't know.

"Well, do you drive 10,000 miles a year?" I asked, "or 5,000?"

He said the numbers sounded high. "What month is this?" he asked. I told him it was August.

"Maybe this will help," he said. "I filled the car with gas in February."



Attention Dog Owners, Please Read

It has come to our attention that recently a dog attending a chapter campout exhibited some aggressive behavior towards other dogs within the circle gathering. While we certainly do not plan to prohibit dogs from camping with their families, the Executive Board has decided that for the safety of our members and their pets, ORCA needs to establish certain rules for dogs attending chapter events and ORCA rallies.

- 1.** Dogs are welcome to attend chapter events and ORCA rallies but must be kept on a short, non-retractable leash while in attendance with our membership and other dogs. It is important to closely control your dog while around large crowds. A dog on a retractable leash can get tangled around objects or people, which may lead to injury, or at the very least, a potentially unpleasant situation.
- 2.** Dogs should not be brought to events where food is present, especially if their behavior is food driven.
- 3.** You know your dog best. If your dog gets overstimulated, overwhelmed, is nervous in new environments, or has exhibited aggressive behavior at any time towards humans or other dogs, it is probably best to leave him/her in your RV or in a travel crate outside your RV where it will be more comfortable. Dogs can become unpredictable and may bite with little or no provocation. A little caution on your part will keep everyone safe, including your dog.
- 4.** Incessive barking, growling, or snarling with teeth showing, will not be tolerated. Please do not bring your dog to chapter events or ORCA rallies if they possess these traits. It will be safer for all to leave them home with a caregiver.
- 5.** Beginning now, dogs who have been witnessed to cause injury to any of our members or their dogs will not be allowed to attend any of our chapter or state events in the future.

Our intention is not to discourage dogs and their owners from attending our events, but to make us all aware of situations that can be prevented to keep us all safe. There's nothing better than the snuggles of an ORCA puppy or the love of a good ORCA dog! Our goal is to include our pets, but to accept the responsibility to maintain a safe environment for both human and dog. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

UPCOMING “ORCA” EVENTS !!

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

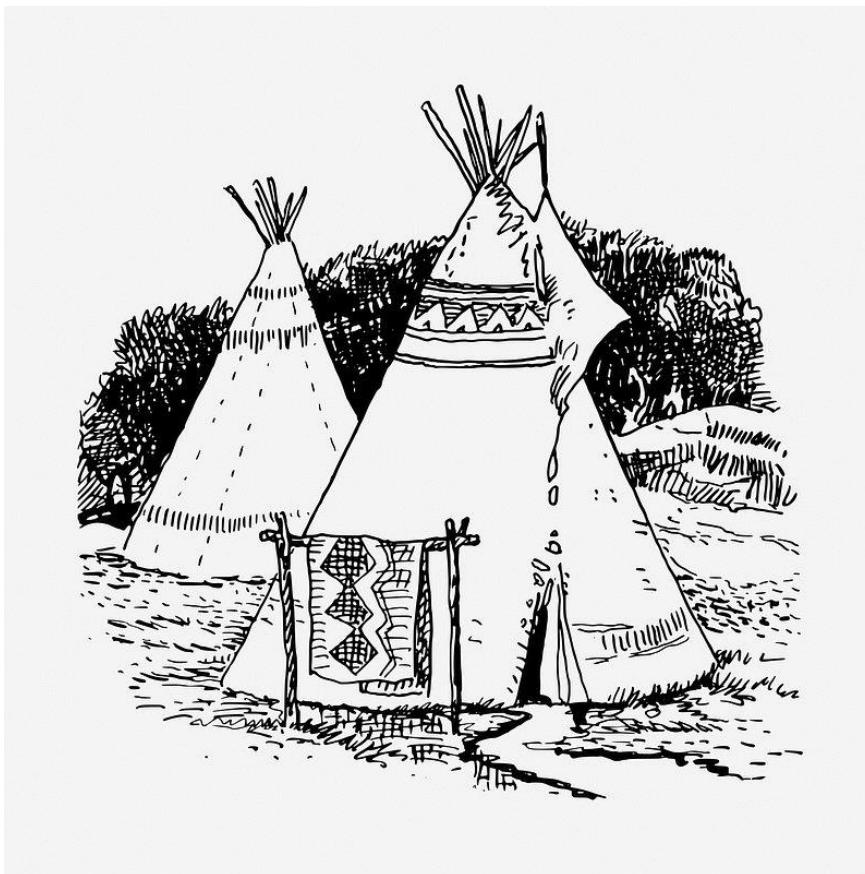
Hood River Fairgrounds, Hood River, OR

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 = \$

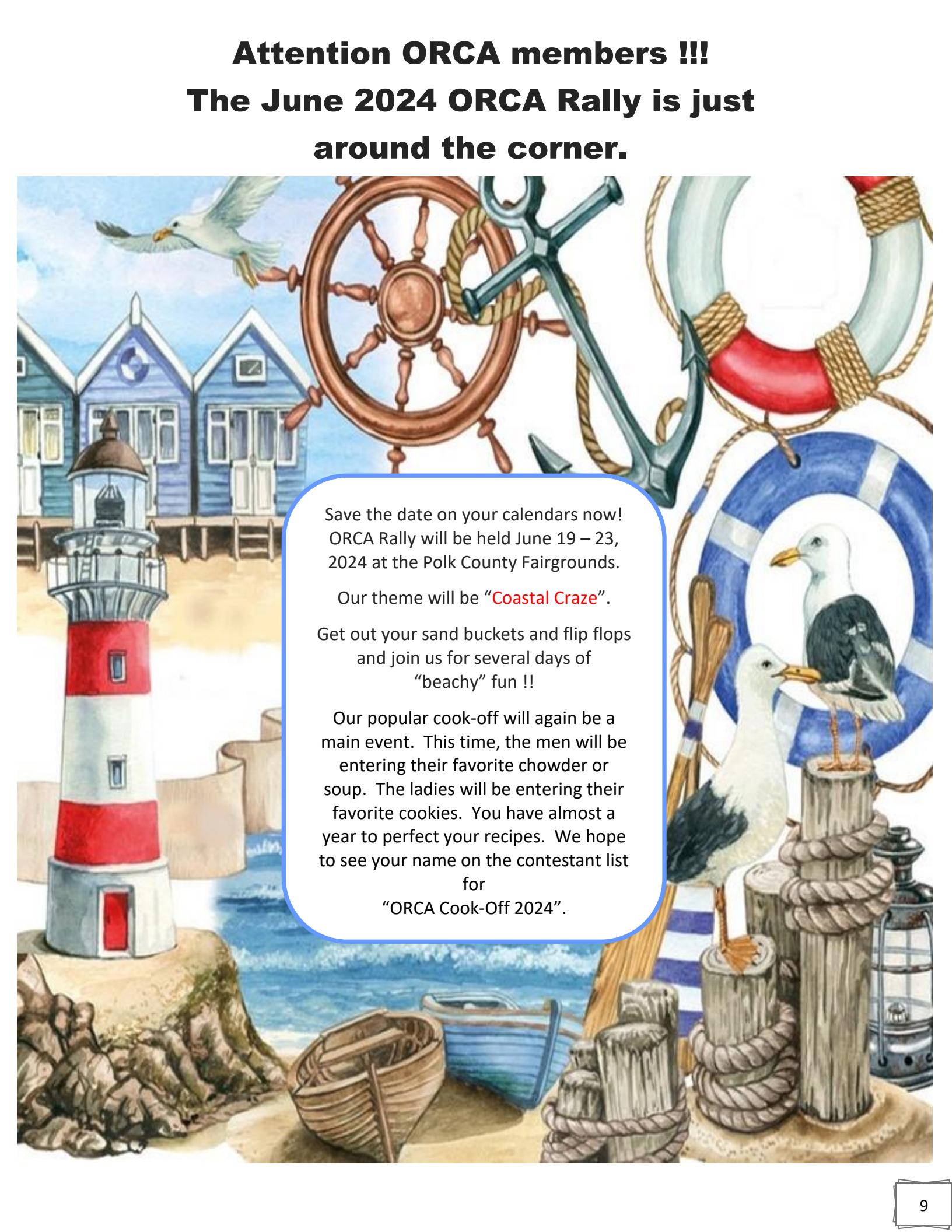
** Meal Fees: Adults 16 & up : # X \$30.00 ea = \$

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

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”.

News regarding the “Aluminum Pull Tab Project”



Quantities of pull tabs being donated at the June rally have seriously declined in the past few years, making the work of sorting, cleaning and delivering them to a recycler not worthwhile for the few dollars we earn to donate to our charity. This year at the ORCA rally, we also received a fair amount of non-aluminum tabs, which are not recyclable. The Executive Board has elected to discontinue this project.

We encourage chapters that want to continue to collect pull tabs to do this solely as a chapter event. You are welcome to take your pull tabs to a recycler and donate the earnings to the charity of your choice.

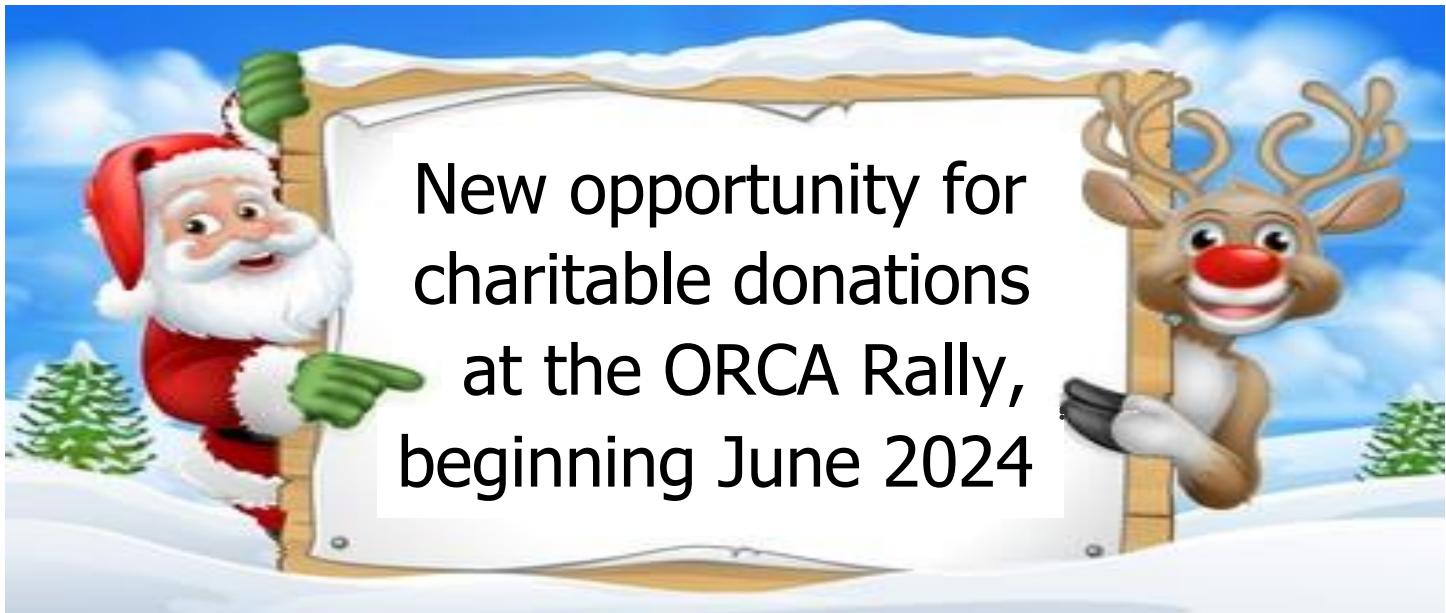
At this time, we wish to continue accepting your donations of non-perishable food at the Westerners Round Up for the Lincoln City Food Bank, and the donation of socks and underwear at the Wy'East Pow Wow for Veterans charities. Thank you!

Three brothers, age 92, 94, and 96 live in a house together.

One night, the 96 year old draws a bath, puts his foot in and pauses. He yells down the stairs, “was I getting in or out of the bath?”

The 94 year old yells back, “I don’t know, I’ll come up and see.” He starts up the stairs and pauses, then yells, “was I going up the stairs or coming down?”

The 92 years old was sitting at the kitchen table having coffee and was listening to his brothers. He shakes his head and says to himself, “I sure hope I never get that forgetful.” He knocks on the wood table for good luck. He then yells, “I’ll come up and help both of you just as soon as I see who’s at the door.”



As a charitable organization, ORCA prides itself on supporting those in the communities where our rallies are held. The State Directors of ORCA have selected a new project to help those in need in Polk County. CASA of Polk County, Inc., works to recruit, train, guide, and support well-trained volunteer advocates to be a voice in court for abused and neglected children and youth in the judicial dependency system of Polk County, Oregon. These children have been removed from dangerous situations at home and are in foster care.

CASA holds a holiday toy drive for these children each year, and we feel this would be a worthwhile, heartwarming opportunity to support children in crisis. Nothing is better than seeing the joy and excitement on a child's face who otherwise may not receive a gift at Christmas. CASA is requesting new, unwrapped toys for the little ones and/or gift cards for their youth ... ages newborn to 18 years ... boys and girls.

Aware that we're announcing this extremely early, this charitable project will commence at our ORCA Rally in June 2024, but notifying our membership now gives us ample opportunity to perhaps catch some holiday sales this coming season. We are confident that our ORCA membership will embrace this new project and have a lot of fun with it. Please watch the video at www.casaofpolk.com to learn more about CASA and to inspire you to want to make a difference in a child's life. If each one of our male members purchased a gift for a boy, and each female member purchased a gift for a girl, we'd have a tremendous number of gifts to donate, and a fairly even distribution of boy/girl gifts.

As an added surprise, we learned that one of the CASA volunteer staff we'll be working with is Amber Calef, sister-in-law of Matt Calef, who is storing our utility trailer at his farm in Rickreall. Small world !!





Doug Rush

Born October 12, 1944 ~ Died July 11, 2023

Doug was married to Carol (who passed in 2013) and has two children, Rusty and Ginger.

He worked at ESCO Steel Works for 30+ years.

After he lost Carol, he continued to camp with the Spruce Runners chapter, which he joined in 2004; but enjoying people, camping, playing cards and all the food, Doug also joined the Westside Wanderers chapter in 2015. One of his favorite card games was Hand & Foot. He was always providing plenty of ice cream at the potlucks.

His kindness and fun-loving nature will be missed by all.

Doug is survived by his children, Rusty and Ginger and families, and by his companion, Athena Coupland.

Athena and Doug



There will be a potluck "Celebration of Life" at Doug's home on August 5th, 2023. The address is 16780 SW High Hill Lane, Beaverton, Oregon, beginning at 1:00 pm. Please bring chairs and a potluck dish.

If you can't make it, sit down with a bowl of ice cream, and remember the good times you spent with Doug!

~ 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: _____

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If there is anything your chapter would like to include in
The Drifter, our cut-off day each month is the 25th.
Articles/news/pictures received after this date will be included
in the following months' newsletter. Thank you !!

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

*Fuel prices are so high that I went to the car dealership
and test drove 3 cars to run my errands.
Just ask me for more money saving tips!*

