

# OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

## November 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."

**Check out our website: [camporca.org](http://camporca.org)**

Hello ORCA friends,

Many of you have most likely arrived in Arizona by now to avoid Oregon's winter. The Farmer's Almanac predicts that Oregon, Washington, and most of Idaho can expect "seasonably cold and wet" weather for the 2023-2024 winter. This prediction includes plenty of snow for the entire West Coast. I, myself, love the snow, and hope that old Almanac is right! There is nothing more fun than sitting by the family room window, watching the silent snow fall, with a cup of hot chocolate in my hand. That is, as long as you don't have to drive in it!

A week and a half after Bill and I returned from Europe, I took an Alaskan cruise with my twin daughters and their families for 7 days. I had my own cabin with a king-sized bed, which was Heaven! It was supposed to rain the entire week, but we totally lucked out with only light rain here and there, and actually had a beautiful sunny day in Glacier Bay. I'm attaching a few of my photos in this issue for your enjoyment.

When thinking about the many goals Bill and I would like to accomplish next year with ORCA, one improvement we'll be working on is to update and refresh our rallies. Over the last few months, we've discussed including our membership in the decision-making process and are extremely interested in hearing your opinions. We have included a "State Event Survey" in this issue that we request you to return. With fresh ideas and new suggestions, our rallies will continue to flourish into fun-filled events each year that our membership won't want to miss. If you'd like to mail this anonymously, our address is ORCA, PO Box 434, Estacada, OR 97023. If being nameless isn't an issue, you can simply email it back to us at [orcadirector@outlook.com](mailto:orcadirector@outlook.com). Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and send it in. We would really appreciate it!

Barb and Bill Taylor  
State Directors

# OUR TEAM



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Howard and Connie Morrill ... Wy'East Pioneers

Dale and Dee Veenendaal ... Southern Oregon & SW Valley Coasters

Tom and Robyn Hansen ... Central Oregon

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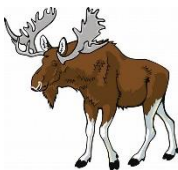
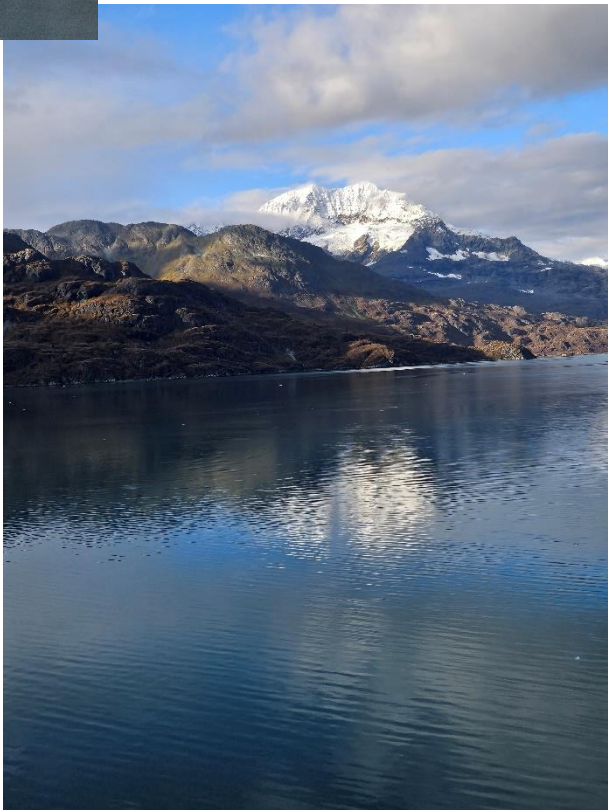
Randy and Loretta Wells ... Country Cuzzins

MAL (Members At Large) contact – Dee and Dale Veenendaal

Please contact State Director at [ORCADirector@outlook.com](mailto:ORCADirector@outlook.com) if you need to contact any of the Assistant Directors



Barb's Travels To Alaska (Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay and Ketchikan)  
on the Norwegian Bliss





## **\*\* Dues Adjustment for 2024 \*\***

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Board held another discussion regarding a dues increase/adjustment for next year. A motion was made and seconded that those dues be increased to \$5.00 per person beginning January 2024. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Dues for 2023 were \$5.00 per rig, which did not benefit those that travel solo, or do not have a spouse or significant other. By increasing the dues to a “per person” rate, this allows for a fair and reasonable membership fee for all.

In regard to prior members who have aged out/no longer own an RV, but who still want to be involved, it will be a chapter’s sole discretion whether or not these “members” should pay dues to the chapter. These members are welcome to attend state events as a “guest” without having to pay ORCA dues, but must pay all registration fees as paid members do. They are also welcome to pay ORCA dues, if they so desire.

MAL’s (members-at-large) who are not associated with a chapter, but who want to belong to ORCA, must pay the \$5.00 per person dues, and full registration fees for state events. This gives them voting rights and the opportunity to run for an office, if desired.

This dues increase will help to sustain our bank account that can be used to upgrade state events, cover expenses, and enable us to develop a better website. We are also planning to start work very soon on a digital directory/electronic catalog that will list all Oregon and Southwest Washington campgrounds and RV parts and repair shops that will offer us discounts. A plastic membership card will be created soon that will identify each one of us as a member of ORCA.

Please mail your 2024 dues to ORCA by December 15, 2023. We would prefer one check from your chapter to cover all members, but individuals are welcome to pay on their own if this is not possible.

**ORCA (aka Oregon RV Campers Association)**

**PO Box 434**

**Estacada, OR 97023**



# TURKEY VEGGIE TRAY

## Ingredients:

- 2 Red Bell Peppers
- 4 cups Baby Carrots
- 1 Yellow Bell Pepper
- Two Candy Eyeballs
- 1 Crown Broccoli
- 2 Cucumbers
- 1 cup Snap Peas
- Thick Ranch Dip



- Make the face by cutting the bottom off of a red bell pepper. Make the beak by using a baby carrot, wedging out a small piece. Add a piece of yellow pepper under the beak for the wattle, and candy eyeballs.
- To make the body, gather and prep your veggies. Wash and cut to sizes that are easy for grabbing.
- Layer the sliced cucumbers first in a half circle around the platter. Then layer the carrots, yellow and red peppers, and broccoli pieces in smaller half circles. End with the snap peas at the bottom.
- Then add the bowl of your favorite dip. Place the turkey face made out of a pepper in the dip bowl.

**Make ahead of time.** Make this turkey shaped vegetable platter up to 24 hours in advance. Cover it tightly with plastic wrap, and store in the fridge.

## Toilet paper apples (or pumpkins) for Thanksgiving centerpieces



1. Place the toilet paper roll in the middle of "Fat Quarter" cuts of fabric (18" x 21") in colors of choice.
2. Wrap the edges of the fabric up and into the toilet paper roll.
3. Repeat until all of the fabric is tucked in. The fabric will hold itself in place.
4. Add cinnamon sticks (for great fragrance) or twigs/branches.
5. Stick in a couple green leaves, real or artificial.





# FALL WORD SEARCH

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| acorns    | cobweb    | harvest  | October   | seasons      |
| apples    | corn      | hayride  | orange    | September    |
| autumn    | Fall      | jackets  | pumpkin   | squash       |
| bonfire   | festivals | leaves   | quilt     | squirrel     |
| brown     | foliage   | maize    | rake      | sweaters     |
| chestnuts | football  | migrate  | red       | Thanksgiving |
| chilly    | gourds    | November | scarecrow | wagons       |
| cider     | green     | nuts     | scenic    | yellow       |

## RV DECORATING IDEAS FOR FALL

Being on the road doesn't mean that you can't decorate your home on wheels in the warm earth tones of Autumn. Much like decorating your "real" home, you can liven up your RV with colorful items and mementos that highlight this special time of year.

Maybe there isn't room on your dining table for the big Thanksgiving centerpieces you're used to, but a smaller more compact version can be just as colorful and meaningful for your downsized lifestyle. Low-cost decorations that you make from natural materials will minimize the cost and can be easily disposed of once the season is over.

*The beautiful oranges, reds and golds found in **leaves** that are showing their final burst of color make for wonderful decorations in your RV.*

- ❖ Decorative window hangings can be made by ironing different leaves in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors between 2 sheets of wax paper. Hung by a simple thread in your RV's windows, they will catch the sunlight and splash color throughout your coach or trailer.
- ❖ If you happen to be staying anywhere near a marsh or wetland area, you may be able to retrieve a handful of cattails, and maybe some dried tall grass.
- ❖ Pick up a pumpkin at the market and set it along the entry way outside your RV.
- ❖ On a trip to a thrift store, you can get a couple pairs of child's blue jeans and maybe a flannel shirt or two. Using dried grass or straw, you can stuff a couple scarecrows from the clothing. You might want to use an old pillowcase for the head. Place this near a pumpkin in a group with the cattails at the entrance to your RV. (Just for fun, you could always set a couple of scarecrows in lawn chairs.)
- ❖ A trip to the nearest Dollar Store will give you a remarkable selection of little figurines to top off your Autumn display.
- ❖ With a nice grouping of pine-scented candles, you can bring the aroma of the forest right into the living room of your RV. (Take care where you place them, and never leave burning candles unattended.)



Leaves encased in wax paper.



## STATE EVENT SURVEY – PLEASE HELP US AND SUBMIT YOUR OPINIONS!

- 1) Does the registration process work for you?  
(ie: form is located in the Drifter, mail with check)

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 2) Have food choices been satisfactory?  
If not, would you prefer different entrees?  
Suggestions for breakfast entrees:

Yes ☐ No ☐  
Yes ☐ No ☐

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Suggestions for dinner entrees:  
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- 3) Variety of games, things you'd like to see:

Pinochle

Yes ☐ No ☐

Hand & Foot

Yes ☐ No ☐

Cribbage

Yes ☐ No ☐

Wizard

Yes ☐ No ☐

Trivia

Yes ☐ No ☐

Game Shows

Yes ☐ No ☐

Card Bingo

Yes ☐ No ☐

Suggestions:

\_\_\_\_\_

- 4) Would you be interested in live entertainment?

Music/Bands

Yes ☐ No ☐

Magicians

Yes ☐ No ☐

Talent Shows

Yes ☐ No ☐

Celebrity Impersonators

Yes ☐ No ☐

Dancers

Yes ☐ No ☐

Comedians

Yes ☐ No ☐

Cartoon Artists

Yes ☐ No ☐

Murder Mystery

Yes ☐ No ☐

Blind Tasting

Yes ☐ No ☐

Suggestions:

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- 5) Are you interested in outdoor games?

Senior Olympics

Yes ☐ No ☐

Cornhole

Yes ☐ No ☐

Bucketball

Yes ☐ No ☐

Scavenger Hunt

Yes ☐ No ☐

Suggestions:

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6) Are you interested in attending seminars?

Camping Themes

Yes

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No

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Photography

Yes

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No

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Journaling

Yes

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No

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Reading

Yes

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Writing

Yes

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Estate Planning

Yes

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No

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Scams/Fraud

Yes

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No

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Cell Phone

Yes

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No

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Suggestions:

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7) Are you interested in having vendor booths?

Yes

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No

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8) Are you interested in Arts/Crafts?

Sewing Quilts for charity

Yes

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No

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Painting

Yes

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No

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Cooking

Yes

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No

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Adult Color Books

Yes

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No

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Wind Chimes

Yes

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No

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Bird Houses

Yes

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Christmas Ornaments

Yes

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No

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Holiday Crafts

Yes

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Painting Rocks

Yes

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Suggestions:

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9) Do you enjoy the cook-off ideas we've had?

(ie: Chili and Cornbread, Soup/Stew and Muffins)

Yes

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No

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10) Suggestions for events not already listed:

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Additional suggestions or comments:

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There has been some confusion regarding State Rally dates for next year.  
The following is now set in stone, so please add to your calendar!

Westerner's Roundup – Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City, Oregon  
April 25 through April 28, 2024



ORCA Rally – Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon  
June 12 through June 16, 2024



THEME: "Coastal Craze"  
(early birds welcome sooner)

Wy'East PowWow – Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell, Oregon  
September 6 through September 8, 2024

THEME: "Sailing The Seas"  
(early birds welcome sooner)





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](http://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.





**~ MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION FORM ~**

NAME OF DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

\* We welcome a solo photo of the deceased and a short obituary for The Drifter

SEND FORM TO: DEE VEENENDAAL, OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

38452 JASPER-LOWELL RD., FALL CREEK, OR 97438 541-913-6994

Or email: ORCADirector@outlook.com

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**~ NEW CHAPTER MEMBER FORM ~**

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (member 1): \_\_\_\_\_

CELL (member 2): \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED TO CHAPTER BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

May your stuffing be tasty.  
May your turkey be plump.  
May your potatoes and gravy  
have nary a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
and your pies take the prize,  
and may your  
Thanksgiving dinner  
stay off your thighs!



*Happy Thanksgiving*