

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

January 2024 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

Hello ORCA friends,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends! Our Christmas had to be postponed a week, as on December 23rd, our twin daughters and their husbands all tested positive for Covid. Our (almost 10-year-old) granddaughter would be receiving a pink collar and a 'photo notification card' wrapped in a box announcing that she'd be receiving a Cavapoo puppy the middle of this month from mom and dad, and we didn't have the heart to make her wait another week for her "big gift". So, she opened the box Christmas morning without us all, but our daughter videotaped the squealing for us so that we could see her face. She has been begging for a dog for two years and couldn't have been more surprised. We wish we could have been there in person, but we've had Covid twice already and don't want it again! This past Saturday, she got to open all of the gifts from Bill and I, her two aunts and uncles, and cousins. This is going to be one spoiled dog, as she received toys for it, flannel pajamas and a pink-umbrella raincoat for it, a tub/shower and shampoo bathing kit for it, a bed for it, and a bone-shaped wicker toy box for it !! Santa also comes to our house to fill a stocking for our granddaughter each year, and it was filled with Taylor Swift "everything" ... a Swiftie mug, a Swiftie t-shirt, a Swiftie piano book, two Swiftie bookmarks, two Swiftie books, a Swiftie poster, a Swiftie jigsaw puzzle, a Swiftie keychain, etc., ... I'm sure you've gotten the idea by now that she LOVES Taylor Swift !!! If only we could afford the concert tickets ... we'd be deemed the best grandparents on the face of the earth. Must win the lottery first ... Taylor is not cheap! Hahahaha !!

ORCA is now beginning their second year and we already have some projects in the fire. We will be working on obtaining membership cards for you, discounts at campgrounds and repair shops, and updating our website with new and interesting information.

Our past Secretary, Terry Parman, had surgery on December 26th to remove a diseased kidney. She is now recuperating at home, and we ask that you all keep her in your thoughts and prayers and wish her a speedy recovery. ❤️

Happy New Year to all and we hope everyone had a safe celebration while ringing in 2024 !!!

Barb and Bill Taylor, State Directors

Our Team



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Please contact State Director at ORCADirector@outlook.com if you need to contact any of the Assistant Directors





"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."

TOP 10 MOST COMMON NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Making resolutions, or goal setting, is like having your own personal cheerleader rooting for you to succeed! When you set goals, you're making a promise to yourself and your dreams. It's all about being accountable and taking ownership of your actions. With goals in place, you create a structure that keeps you on track and motivated.

Deadlines and milestones become your trusty sidekicks, reminding you to stay focused and disciplined. By sticking to your plan and putting in the effort day in and day out, you develop habits that pave the way for your growth and success, whether it's in your career or personal life.

Chances are, more than a couple of the top 10 most common resolutions will look familiar to you:

1. Exercise more
2. Lose weight
3. Get organized
4. Learn a new skill or hobby
5. Live life to the fullest
6. Save more money / spend less money
7. Quit smoking
8. Spend more time with family and friends
9. Travel more
10. Read more

Chapter Camp-Outs & Events for 2024

We will again be posting each chapter's 2024 camp-out/event schedules in the Drifter in the January and February issues. Please get your schedules in to orcadirector@outlook.com just as soon as possible. If you are interested in camping with other chapters, please contact them directly.

The Weekenders Tim Pierce 630-551-5029

January - Date to be determined - Spains' home at 3362 SE Willow St, Hillsboro. Their phone number is 503-693-8149. It will be on a Saturday.

February - Date to be determined - Joan Harrison's home. Valentines Day themed.

March 9, Saturday at 1:00 - Colescotts - Lum Yuens on 3190 Portland Rd in Salem

April 26,27,28 - Tim & Louis – Armitage Park. If you haven't made your reservations yet remember these sites go fast so we suggest you do it now at lanecounty.org or call 541-682-2000 and let Tim know. They are in site 27. Jacobson in site 30.

May 9-12, 3 nights. Jacobsons - Riverbend - Sweethome. We got the group sites. We had to pay a total of \$650 in full for the sites so if you want to go please let us know and mail us a check for \$109.00. There are only 2 sites left so the sooner you let us know you want a spot and send us your check the sooner you ensure you get a spot. Once the spots are all reserved you will need to try to get a spot on your own.

June 12 - 16. Tim & Louis - ORCA Rally - Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall. It would be nice if we could get a good turnout for our group to show we support ORCA. The theme is Coastal Craze. Watch the DRIFTER for the registration form and register as soon as you can.

July 18-21 Ellisons - Stargazers RV Resort - 800 E. Simcoe Drive, Goldendale, WA 98620.

Make your own reservations under Ellison. Talk to Tony at stargazersrvresort@gmail.com Then let Ellisons know you made your reservation.

August - Jacobsons - TBA. We want to go to Silver Falls Park but cannot call for reservations until February. If we can't get Silver Falls Park we will try for Silver Spur.

September 5, 6,7,8. Pow Wow Hood River. If you want info for it you can contact the Jacobsons, or watch The Drifter.

September - 19-22 Plantengas - Elkton, if available.

October - Huillets - Maybe Tillamook Elks

November – Plantengas, TBA

December - President - Christmas Party

The 79ers Karl Kirchner 503-333-8936

January – TBD

February – TBD

March – First meeting

April 26 to 28 – The Westerners Round Up, Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City, OR

May – Possible meeting. Would like to camp with another chapter

June 12 to 16 - ORCA Rally, Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR

July – Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort, Bend, OR

August - Would like to camp with another chapter

September 5 to 8 – Pow Wow, Hood River Fairgrounds, Odell, OR

October – Netarts Bay Garden RV Resort, Netarts, OR

November – TBD

December – Holiday dinner?

REMINDER !!

**Send your 2024 camping schedule in now for
February's Drifter!**

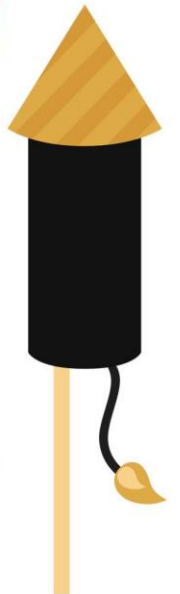
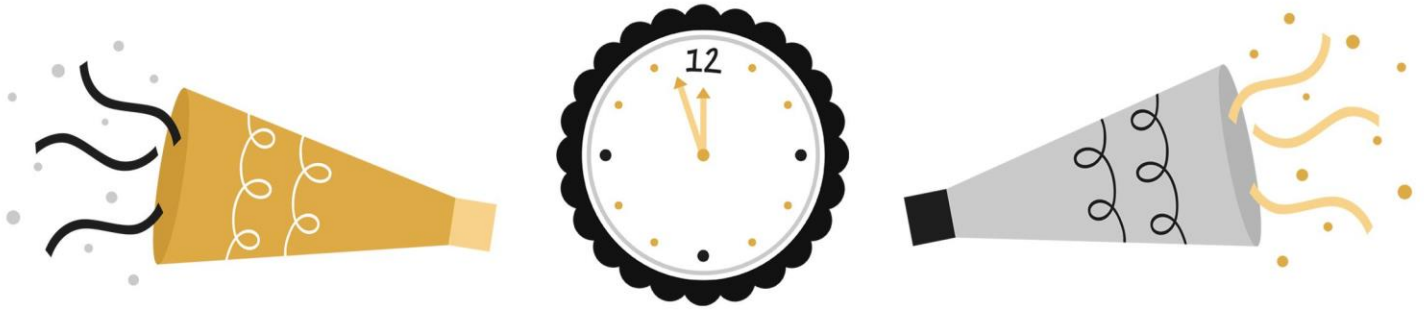
How to choose the best camping chair

When choosing a camping chair, consider the following factors:

- End use: For backpacking, weight and packed size are the key stats. For normal, every day camping, comfort is what matters most.
- Size/height: If you need a roomy chair, bigger is better. Low chairs are nice for concerts and uneven or sandy terrain. Taller chairs are easier to get in and out of, especially if your knees are giving you issues. Some are wider than others, if you want a chair that offers more space than an airline seat.
- Design preference: Options include classic four-legged, two-legged, three-legged, rocker, glider and more.
- Materials: Often the price reflects the quality of materials in both frame and fabrics. Don't go cheap on your chairs. As the old saying goes, you get what you pay for, and you don't want cheap fabric ripping on you. Travel chairs may include ultra-lightweight components.
- Capacity: Not all chairs can support the same weight, so check this specification if you need a stronger chair. How embarrassing it would be to have the chair collapse under you.
- Accessories: Some chairs come with a shade/canopy which may be desired in hot sun or rain. Also, some are equipped with cup holders, pockets for a cell phone, or an attached table for eating those hot dogs.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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New Year
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NEW YEAR i-SPY

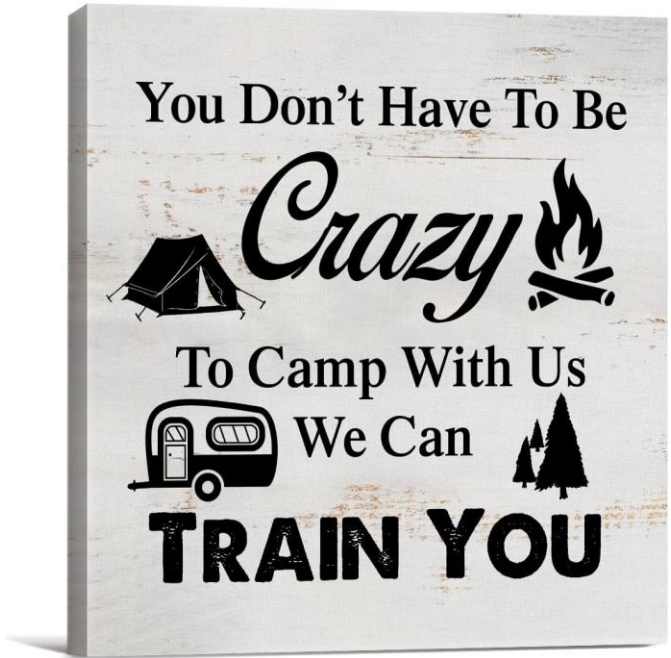
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\$11.99



Amazon 8 inch x 8 inch
\$14.99



Amazon
Camper Night Light
\$16.99



Amazon
Set of 2 Keychains
\$8.99

ORCA Rallies 2024 ~ Please add to your calendar and keep watching upcoming Drifter newsletters for registration forms!

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)



We challenged our membership with a 24-day "Giving Advent Calendar" in December's Drifter, and we hope that everyone participated and had fun with it. Although we asked for photos of your donation, none were received in time to make this issue. These are the goodies that Bill and I donated to the Portland Police Sunshine Division right before Christmas Eve. The volunteers were very appreciative, and it was even tax-deductible, which we were not aware of. They weighed the contents of our bags, and our donation equated to 60 pounds!

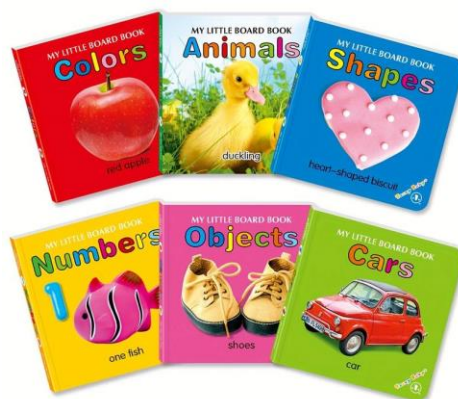




As a charitable organization, ORCA prides itself on supporting those in the communities where our rallies are held. The State Directors of ORCA have selected a new project to help those in need in Polk County. CASA of Polk County, Inc., works to recruit, train, guide, and support well-trained volunteer 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.

We hope that our membership remembered to catch some holiday sales this past Christmas, as this charitable project will commence at our ORCA Rally in June 2024. 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.



~ 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: _____

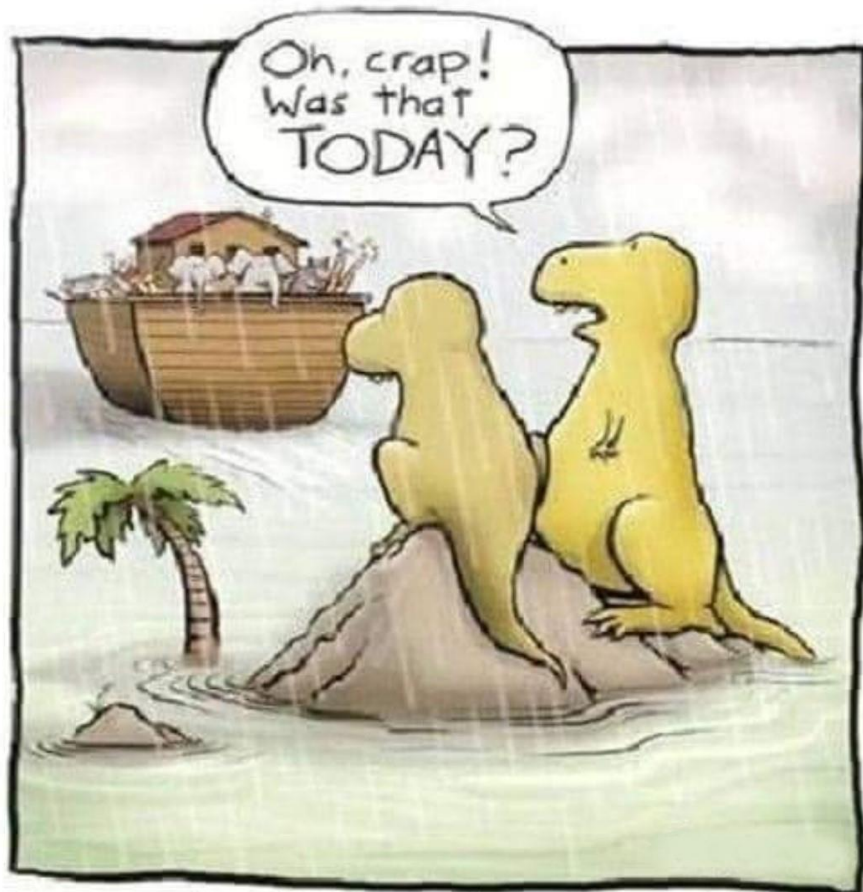
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If there is anything your chapter would like to include in The Drifter, our cut-off day each month is the 25th. Articles/news/pictures received after this date will be included in the following months' newsletter. Thank you !!

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**



The first senior moment.