

# OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

April 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](http://camporca.org)**

Hello ORCA friends,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter, and that you were able to spend time with your families. Our family ended up going out for brunch this year, and in total, we were 13 bodies. Our granddaughter (10) and grand-niece (4) were excited to receive Easter baskets from Bill and I, filled with books, summer pajamas, and shiny, plastic eggs filled with candy and a few dollar bills. Their "golden eggs" held \$10 !!

The Round Up is just around the corner and we're hopeful we'll get beautiful weather! John and Holly Monahan have worked hard to plan a good time for us all, and we really appreciate their efforts. Please make note of page 9 in this issue reminding you of what they'd like you to bring. They plan to have an oral auction this year with proceeds going to charity; those are always a hoot ... especially with some people we know that don't like to be outbid!



Also, don't miss page 3 with an exciting announcement!!! We're so ready for camping season to begin and look forward to seeing you all this year!

Barb and Bill Taylor, State Directors

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





# EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT !!



**Join the “pod”. Dive into ORCA spirit with exclusive merchandise offered by Easy Peasy Promotions (aka Rachel Kleser, daughter of Larry Minor, former State Director). Rachel is excited to have developed this online store for us!**

Starting April 1, 2024, and ONLY for the month of April, we invite you to log into our online store and check out the merchandise available that you can order for yourself or for your chapter. The ORCA logo will be included on all merchandise, including apparel, drinkware, bags, accessories, and chapter name badges! If we are successful with April’s store, we may do this again a little later in the year for another month and will possibly be adding more items per your suggestions. Please check us out at <https://www.promoplace.com/orca> !!

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Taylor at [orcadirector@outlook.com](mailto:orcadirector@outlook.com).  
Happy shopping and have fun showing off our great logo !!



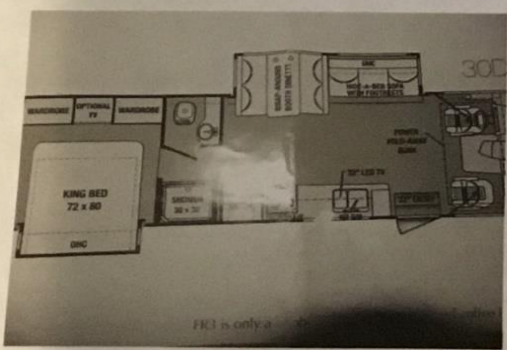
The Layovers had a great turnout for their March luncheon at the Claim Jumper on March 27th. Conversations were loud, plentiful, and full of laughter. They are looking forward to this year's camping season!



# FOR SALE \$65,000

2015 Forrest River DS	V-10 gas engine	9,854 miles
Fully Self Contained	4,000 Watt Generator	Auto Leveling jacks
Length 30 foot	Three Televisions	HD Antenna
Walk around King bed	Power awning	Back up & side cameras
Clean/Clear Title	5,000# tow hitch	Porcelain toilet
No accidents or Damage	Living/dining slide	Bedroom slide
Senior owners	Non smokers	

**CONTACT: DON @ 541 206-7500 Located in Springfield Oregon**



# Crockpot Stuffed Shells

Great when camping!

## INGREDIENTS:

1 package of jumbo shell pasta  
1 jar of your favorite marinara sauce  
1 tub of ricotta cheese  
1 egg  
1/2 cup of grated Parmesan cheese  
1/2 teaspoon of salt  
1/4 teaspoon of black pepper  
2 cups of shredded mozzarella cheese  
Optional: parsley to top when done



## DIRECTIONS:

To make the dish, start by cooking the pasta according to the package directions.

Drain and set aside. In a bowl, mix together the ricotta, egg, Parmesan, salt, and pepper.

Grease the bottom of your crockpot with cooking spray.

Spread a layer of sauce on the bottom, then stuff each shell with the ricotta mixture.

Place the stuffed shells in the crockpot, and top with the remaining sauce and mozzarella cheese.

Cover and cook on low for 4-6 hours, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

Serve with a side of garlic bread and a salad and enjoy!

## Easy, Affordable RV Hacks

**1. GLOW IN THE DARK TAPE ON STEPS:** Climbing into your RV at night can be a bit troublesome, and even dangerous. A simple solution to find your way and keep you upright is to use glow in the dark tape. One roll of outdoor, waterproof glow-in-the-dark tape goes a long way. You can tape it to each step and your handhold, plus plenty of other places.

**2. TENSION RODS IN FRIDGE AND CABINETS:** RVers love tension rods! In fact, one of the most popular RV hacks is to use tension rods in the fridge or in cabinets to help secure items in transit. Press the items to the back and use the rods to hold them in place. Or you can put a rod between rows of items to keep them in place and to minimize rattling.

**3. POOL NOODLE ON AWNING SUPPORT:** Awning supports are often at the perfect height to smash your head into! They're right above eye level yet below the top of your head... thus, the top of your head knocks into it a lot. An easy, affordable, surefire way to protect your head is to use a pool noodle! You simply slit it down one side and pop it over the support rod. You're much more likely to see it and duck or, at worst, you'll hit soft foam instead of metal.

**4. COIN ON ICE IN FRIDGE:** Have you ever suspected that the power to your RV went out but didn't have a way to tell? Wondered if the items in your freezer thawed and then refroze? There's a great RV hack that can tell if your power went out while you were gone for an extended time. Plus, it can give you a good idea for how long.

You simply freeze a small cup of water. Once the water is frozen, place a coin on top of the cup that you'll keep in a corner of the freezer. If you return to find the coin is frozen inside of the ice instead of on top, you'll know the power went out. Based on how deep the coin is, you can estimate how long the power was out.

**5. SECURE COUNTERTOP OR TABLETOP ITEMS WITH MUSEUM WAX:**

There is a product that goes by many different names: museum wax, earthquake putty, or sticky putty, to name a few. But they all generally work the same way. You place a little bit of the wax or putty on the bottom of an item you need to secure. Then, stick that adhesive to the countertop, tabletop, or cabinet shelf to keep the item in place.

**6. STORE BOARD GAMES IN PLASTIC FILE POUCHES:** RVers are always looking for ways to store things more compactly. This often means taking something from its original container and putting it into a more space-friendly one. Board games are a staple of camping, but their boxes can take up a lot of space. So, a great RV hack is to remove the game board and pieces and put them into plastic file pouches. You can then compactly store the file pouches in a box or lined up in a cabinet.

# Rally is full!

CONTACT JOHN MONAHAN TO BE  
PLACED ON WAITLIST.

## Westerners' Annual Roundup Join Us At The Beach



**Where:** Wapiti RV Park, 2118 S. Drift Creek Road, Lincoln City, OR 97367;  
(541) 996-2240 [www.wapitirvpark.com](http://www.wapitirvpark.com)

**When:** April 25-27, 2024

**Directions:** Travel Hwy 101 south of Lincoln City to milepost 119 (1/2 mile south of Schooner Creek). Left on South Drift Creek Road - 1 1/2 miles follow the signs, the park will be on your right. **(Don't rely on your GPS!)**

**Costs:** **Camping fees:** \$43 per rig per night; *New this year:* If you want to come early or stay late, reservations must be made directly through the park, be sure to tell them you are with the Westerners.

**Rally fees:** \$35 per attendee. Meals included, Thursday evening ice cream social; breakfast on Friday and Saturday, donuts and coffee on Sunday, Dinner on Friday and Saturday. Meals will be prepared by chapter members/ volunteers. Campers will be asked to provide salad or dessert - last names A-M for Friday and N-Z for Saturday dinners. Saturday lunch a potato bar will be available for \$2 each.

**Please bring an item for the oral auction - all monies will be donated to a local charity.**

**Activities:** We will be having a Pinochle, Hand and Foot, and Cribbage tournament. Also card bingo - don't forget your 10 quarters per participant. To help fund the Roundup, we will be having a Raffle and 50/50 drawings.

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

Make checks payable and mail to: John Monahan, 21717 NE 22nd Ave, Ridgefield, WA 98642-2500.  
Phone (360) 984-4620; Email: [jmonahan4620@gmail.com](mailto:jmonahan4620@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: Y / N? We'll do our best to accommodate. All sites first come, first serve.

Length of RV \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer, Motor Home, 5th Wheel, Tent Trailer, other

All sites are 30 amp/water, no cable, wifi or TV reception. Two dump stations on site.

**Your canceled check will be your confirmation. All cancellations must be made by April 15 for refund, notify John Monahan. 360 984 2620**

Camping fees: \$43 per night. Thursday, Friday and Saturday (\$129)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fees: \$35 per attendee      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Circle day of arrival: Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Total amount      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use: Date received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Registration #. \_\_\_\_\_



## Round Up Information

- ❖ We will be playing Card Bingo. If you would like to participate, please bring 10 quarters per player.
- ❖ Please bring an auction item from your chapter. Suggested dollar amount is \$30.
- ❖ Please bring an auction item per rig. Suggested dollar amount is \$20 to \$30. Proceeds will be going to charity.
- ❖ Campers will be asked to provide salad, side dish or dessert - last names A-M for Friday dinner and N-Z for Saturday dinner.

**Keep an eye out for the elk !!**





# “COASTAL CRAZE”

## OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION (ORCA) RALLY

**JUNE 12 – 16, 2024**

**LOCATION: POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 520 S. PACIFIC HWY WEST, RICKREAL, OREGON**

**PARKING COSTS: ON GROUNDS CAMPING FEE IS \$20.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG. RALLY IS A 4-NIGHT EVENT.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION**

**MAIL TO: CONNIE MORRILL, ORCA TREASURER, PO BOX 434, ESTACADA, OR 97023**

\* EARLY BIRD/LATE DEPARTURE IS \$25.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG, PAYABLE TO THE POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. DO NOT INCLUDE WITH THIS REGISTRATION.

**DETACH HERE AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH TOTAL FEES FROM THIS PAGE**

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

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ NOT IN A CHAPTER? ARE YOU A GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ (or) MEMBER-AT-LARGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU A 'FIRST TIMER' OF THIS RALLY? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

HANDICAP PARKING: Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE BUILDING

**RALLY BEGINS** at 1:00 pm Wednesday afternoon and **ENDS** approximately 9:00 pm Saturday.  
Please check the activity schedule provided at Registration.

**Rally registration per person**



Number of nights parking \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults (13 & older) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (12 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ARRIVAL DAY: TUE WED THUR FRI SAT**

Total funds enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received by Oregon RV Campers Association (aka ORCA) 14 days prior to the start of the ORCA Rally to be eligible for a refund. Wednesday, June 12, 2023, is considered the start of the rally. Cancellation deadline will be Wednesday, May 29, 2023.

The undersigned accepts full responsibility for their RV and all persons within it while attending the Oregon RV Campers Association Rally and holds the Oregon RV Campers Association and its designated officials harmless for personal injury or damage to any camping or driving unit.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## Coastal Craze Rally Information

- ❖ We will be holding a food drive for the less fortunate. Please bring non-perishable foods, such as canned goods, cereal, powdered milk, long-grain rice, instant potatoes, applesauce, etc. No limit on the number of items you'd like to donate! Please make sure that items are not past their expiration date.
- ❖ Don't forget about our toy drive for CASA of Polk County. If each man could bring a toy for a boy, and each woman bring a toy for a girl, we'd have a wonderful assortment to donate to the children. Don't forget the teens, either. Gift cards are always welcome for the older ones.
- ❖ We will be playing Card Bingo. If you'd like to participate, please bring 10 quarters per player.
- ❖ We will be holding our annual cook-off contest. Please bring at least \$1.00 per cup of chowder ... you may wish to test them all!



Pow Wow 2024 ~ Please add to your calendar and keep watching upcoming Drifter newsletters for registration form!

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

THEME: “Sailing The Seas”  
(early birds welcome sooner)

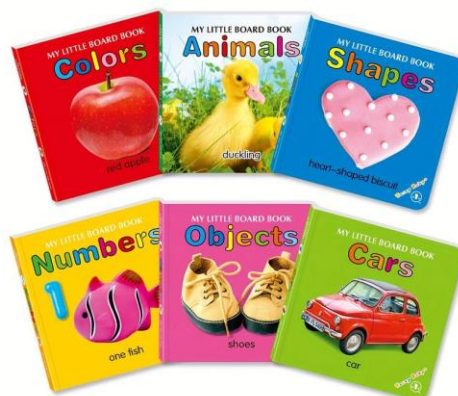




As a charitable organization, ORCA prides itself on supporting those in the communities where our rallies are held. The State Directors of ORCA have selected a new project to help those in need in Polk County. CASA of Polk County, Inc., works to recruit, train, guide, and support well-trained volunteer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

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](http://www.casaofpolk.com) to learn more about CASA and to inspire you to want to make a difference in a child's life.



~ 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!**



After three months, I finally decided to report my stolen debit card. The police officer asked, "Sir, why did you wait so long to report it?"

So, I was totally honest and told him that the thief was spending less than my wife. I was actually saving money!