

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

November 2025 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,

We spent the three last pleasant days of October camping with Howard and Connie Morrill at Memaloose State Park. We were hoping for a few trick-or-treaters but didn't get any. We've actually had a few kids knock on our RV door in years past at the park. I guess we'll just have to eat all of the candy ourselves. Hahaha! The weather really cooperated, and we were able to enjoy campfires at night, and played a lot of cards and board games during the day. It is now time for us to put our motorhome to bed for the winter, however.

I was contacted recently by CASA, the organization we helped out last year with a toy drive. They were asking for our help again this year with donations. I respectfully declined, however. The participation was not very good (to be perfectly honest), and with the cost of everything going up this year, I decided that it probably wasn't a good idea. Perhaps another year we can get involved again.

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are now just around the corner. I hope all of our chapters get to enjoy some holiday parties or gatherings together. Our chapter will be holding our annual meeting along with a party at our house, so I need to start decorating soon! We're excited to have a Christmas tree again this year ... last year, we were in the middle of our kitchen remodel and couldn't put a tree up in all the mess. But now with new kitties, it could be a disaster, too. Hahaha!

Happy Thanksgiving to all. We wish you love, health, and lots of good food with your families!

Barb and Bill Taylor

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



Chapter Campouts

We are publishing all chapter campout information that is shared with us for 2025. Often times, other chapter members may wish to join you, so this is why we list dates and locations. Once you have your campouts scheduled, please submit the information to orcadirector@outlook.com so that we can include you. This is an important aspect of our organization, so please send your schedule just as soon as possible. In addition, when your “tba’s” are filled in, please let us know so that we can update it.

LAYOVERS Contact Kathy 503-267-9081

FEBRUARY- Claim Jumper Clackamas Town Center at noon
MARCH 12th- Old Spaghetti Factory, Clackamas Town Center 1 pm
APRIL – ROUND UP 24-27
MAY - Winchester Bay, arriving May 6th leaving on the 9th. Please call the Resort @ 541-271-0287
JUNE –ORCA RALLY 25-29
JULY - CROOKED RIVER 31- AUG 4
AUGUST- POW WOW 21-24
SEPTEMBER 15th-17th - Spirit Mountain Casino Campground
OCTOBER 6th-9th – Barton Park
NOVEMBER- Stark Street Pizza, 11:30 am
DECEMBER 6th -. Appetizer party at Bill & Barb Taylor’s, 1 – 4pm

SPRUCE RUNNERS Contact Don 503-702-5293

February 9th - Golden Valley Brewery & Restaurant Beaverton [off Hwy 26]
March 6-9 - LL Stubb Stewart State Park, Buxton OR
April 24-27 - Westerners Roundup, Olde Stone Village McMinnville OR off Hwy 18
May 22-25 - Champoeg State Park group area - up to 10 RVs at no charge, Chapter pays for building?
June 25-29 - ORCA State Rally, Rickreall
July 10-13 - ~~Waterloo Linn County Park, 5 mile east of Lebanon~~ **CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR, HOPE FOR 2026**
August 21-24 - Wy-East Pow Wow, Hood River Fair Grounds, Odell OR
September 11-14 - ~~Wapiti RV Park, Lincoln City~~ **CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF SPACES AVAILABLE**
October 9-12 - Blue OX RV Park, Albany OR
November 1st - Buster’s BBQ, Tigard, OR **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**
December - Nothing, too close to Christmas

THE WEEKENDERS Contact Tim 630-551-5029

February - Lum Yuen Restaurant, Salem
March 15 - Country Cottage Restaurant - at Woodburn Estates in Woodburn, 1 pm
April 24-27 - Westerners Roundup, Olde Stone Village McMinnville OR off Hwy 18
April 25, 26, 27 – Armitage Park Campground, Coburg
May 15, 16, 17 - Stub Stuart State Park. You will need to make your reservations on November 15. We are trying for Dairy Creek Camp
East spaces 80, 83, 85, 87, 67, 65, 63
June 12-15 – Elkton RV Park They have reserved nine sites plus a park model. We will also get the gazebo. If you are going you need to call Elkton Rv Park and tell them they are under Colescotts and make your reservations. It’s 38.82 per night.
June 25-29 - ORCA Rally in Rickreall
July 17, 18, 19 – Richardson Park, Fern Ridge Reservoir
August 21-24 - Wy-East Pow Wow, Hood River Fair Grounds, Odell OR
August – Dates TBA, Milo McGiver park
Sept 4-7 - Lake Merwin, Washington. This is a private park that has some sites for guests.
October - tba
November - tba
December - tba

McKENZIE RIVER DRIFTERS Contact Dee 541-913-6994

February – February 14, business meeting/lunch 2pm
March – March 14, business meeting/lunch 2 pm
April – April 24-27, Roundup at Olde Stone RV Resort
May - May 5-9, campout with the Layovers, Winchester Bay RV Resort
May – May 9-15, Annual Quilter’s campout, Woahink Lake RV Resort
June – June 25-29, ORCA Rally, Rickreall
July – July 31 thru August 4, Campout hosted by the Layovers, Crooked River Ranch
August – August 21-24, PowWow Rally, Hood River Fairgrounds
September – tba
October – tba
November – tba
December - tba

WESTSIDE WANDERERS Contact Dave 971-409-4721

April - April 20-24, Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort, Salem, OR
April - April 24-27, McMinnville, OR
May - May 12-16, Kampers West, Warrenton, OR
June - June 15-19, Sunnyside Park, Linn County, Foster, OR
June - June 25-29, ORCA Rally, Rickreall
July - July 20-24, Timber Lake RV, Stevenson, WA
August - August 16-20, River Mill RV Park, Estacada, OR
August – August 21-24, PowWow Rally, Hood River Fairgrounds
September – September 14-18, Heceta Beach RV Park, Florence, OR
September – September 18-22, Netarts Bay Garden RV Park, Tillamook, OR
October – October 19-23, Old Mill on the Bay, Garibaldi, OR
November – November 16-20, Olde Stone RV Park, McMinnville, OR
December – tba

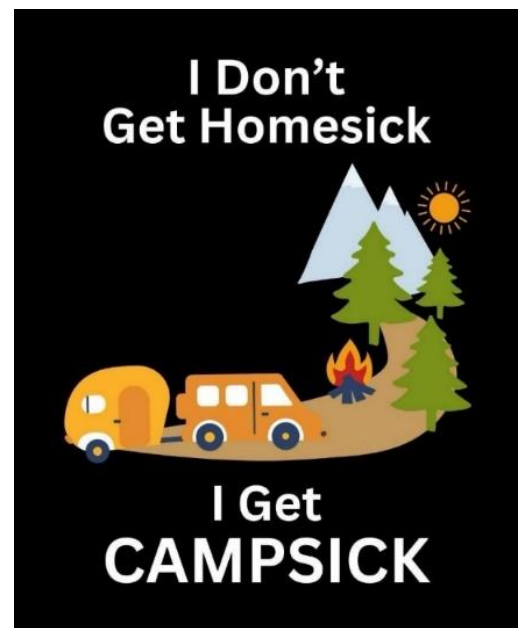
CASCADE CRUISERS Contact Stan 503-364-6500

April - April 24-27, Round Up at Old Stone RV Resort - McMinnville
May - May 20-24, Stargazers RV Resort - Goldendale, WA
June - June 25-29, ORCA Rally - Polk County Fairgrounds - Rickreall, OR
July - July 14-18, Netarts Bay Resort RV - Tillamook, OR
Aug - August 21-24, Wy-East Pow Wow, Hood River Fair Grounds, Odell OR
Sept - September 15-19, Bend/Sisters Garden RV Park - Sisters, OR
Oct - October 16, Luncheon 11:30am at FJ Buffet, 11930 SE Division St STE A - Portland, OR
Nov - November 20, Luncheon 11:30am TBA
Dec - December 18, Luncheon 11:30am TBA

2026 FUN RUN July 8th-24th 2026 Grants Pass, Oregon

79ers – Contact Karl 503-333-8936

Jan - Jan 9 Lunch meeting Elmers
Feb - Feb No Meeting
Mar - March 20-23 Hee Hee Illahee Salem, OR
April - April 10-13 Cannon Beach
April - April 24-27 Westerners Roundup
May - May 19-22 Cascade Meadows RV Resort LaPine OR
June - June 5-8 Silver Cove RV Silver Lake WA
June - June 23-25 Neskowin RV
June – June 25-29 ORCA Rally - Polk County Fairgrounds - Rickreall, OR
July - July 6-10 Winchester Bay
Aug - Aug 17-20 Peach Beach Host: Murray
Aug - August 21-24, Wy-East Pow Wow, Hood River Fair Grounds, Odell OR
Sept - Sept 11-13 Elk Meadows RV Trout Lake WA
Oct - Oct 16-18 Netarts Bay RV Tillamook OR



ATTENTION ORCA MEMBERS!

We have a new State Director beginning January 1, 2026

Dee Veenendaal

Nomination forms were sent to the chapter Presidents. There were no further nominations other than Dee Veenendaal, so the State Treasurer has called the election satisfied. Dee and her husband Dale will take office for a two-year term, with the opportunity for an additional two years beginning in 2028. Congratulations to Dee and Dale!



The McKenzie River Drifters enjoyed a fun campout at Silver Lake. They awoke to beautiful blue skies, so they decided to visit Fort Rock. To their disappointment the museum was closed but were able to hike on Fort Rock and sit in the sun exchanging words of wisdom and other nonsense.

The days Grand Finale was dinner at The Cowboy Dinner Tree. If you haven't been - add it to your bucket list. Reservations are required.

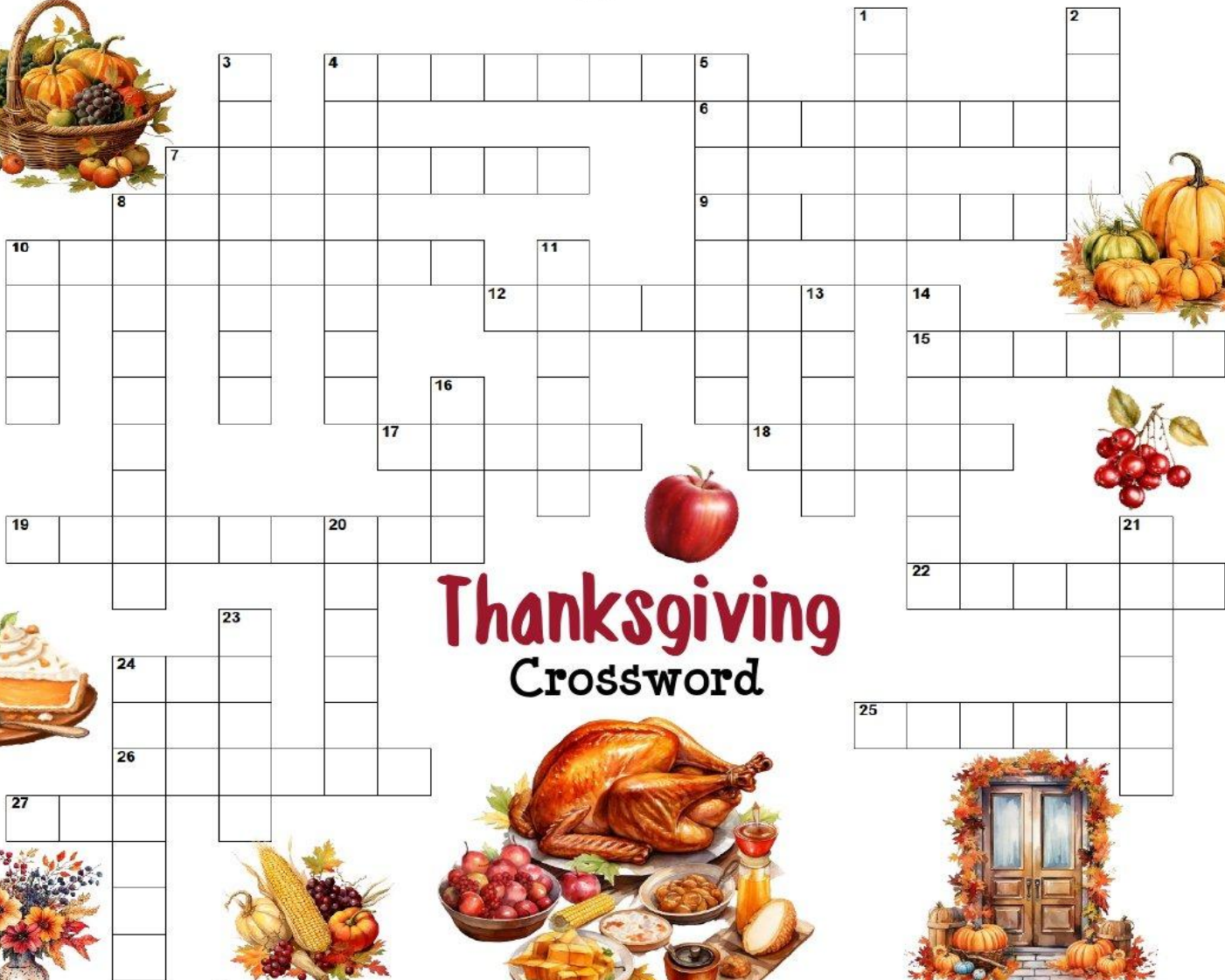


Bill and Barb Taylor are thankful for the many members of ORCA who have become “family” to us. Your support of us as State Directors was overwhelming, and we had the best time helping in the creation of ORCA. We hope that with our new leadership, ORCA will continue well into the future.



What are YOU Thankful For?





Thanksgiving Crossword

Across

4. People who celebrated the first Thanksgiving
6. Word that means being grateful
7. Month Thanksgiving is celebrated in the U.S.
9. People you may also gather with on Thanksgiving
10. Tart red fruit used in sauce or jelly
12. Act of cutting the turkey
15. Another name for the fall season
17. Where everyone sits to eat the Thanksgiving meal
18. Sauce made from turkey drippings
19. Things to be grateful for
22. Bird most often eaten on Thanksgiving
24. Dessert with a crust, often filled with fruit or other sweets
25. Large public event with floats & balloons, often watched on TV
26. Potatoes that are cooked & squashed for a side dish
27. Short sleep often taken after eating too much



Down

1. Main meal, usually eaten in the afternoon or evening
2. Season when Thanksgiving takes place
3. Sport often watched on Thanksgiving
4. Outer layer of a pie
5. Bread-based dish often cooked inside the turkey
8. Ship the Pilgrims traveled on
10. Yellow vegetable that's sometimes on the Thanksgiving table
11. People you gather with to celebrate
13. Type of squash, often used as a decoration
14. Time when crops are gathered
16. Sweet orange vegetable sometimes topped with marshmallows
20. Type of Americans who helped the Pilgrims
21. These fall from trees in autumn
23. Large meal shared with family & friends
24. Type of pie that's a Thanksgiving favorite

Solution on page 11

LEFTOVER TURKEY SAGE NOODLE SOUP

PREP TIME: 10min COOK TIME: 30min SERVINGS: 5

INGREDIENTS:

2 teaspoons oil
1 cup chopped onion
1 container (32 ounces) chicken stock
2 cups frozen peas and carrots
1 1/2 teaspoons rubbed sage
1/2 teaspoon whole thyme leaves
2 bay leaves
1 cup medium egg noodles
2 cups chopped roast turkey

INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir for 5 minutes or until softened. Add stock, peas and carrots, sage, thyme, and bay leaves; bring to boil.

Stir in noodles; cover and cook 10 minutes or until noodles are almost tender. Add turkey; cook 5 to 10 minutes or until noodles are tender and turkey is heated through. Remove bay leaves before serving.



Simple Thanksgiving table décor you can do yourself



~ 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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Thanksgiving Solution

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!

