

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

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"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

Happy New Year Everyone!

The past four years have seen many changes for members of ORCA. Change within our chapters but more so, change within our organization. Barb and Bill Taylor, as ORCA's first State Directors, have earned a huge thank you for creating a legal entity for us all to enjoy.

Those of you who have been members of ORCA know that the State Board is made up of the State Directors and several Assistant State Directors. We are also lucky to have a slate of workers filling positions ranging from clerical to just plain hard work. It takes a team to run an organization and ORCA is lucky to have a team that works well together. We don't always agree but we do manage to reach agreements. Teamwork at it's finest.

Dale and I may bump our heads a few times as we work together to keep ORCA, it's Chapters and Rallies organized. Feel free to offer your advise and ideas. We will be doing our best to keep everyone smiling.

Dee and Dale Veenendaal

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MAL (Members At Large) contact Dee and Dale Veenendaal

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

CHAPTER CAMPOUTS 2026

THE WEEKENDERS –Contact Tim 630-551-5029

January: Saturday the 17th at 11:00AM Lunch at Elmers Restaurant on Market Street in Salem.

February: Pending

March: Pending

April: Pending

May: Jacobsons at River Bend, Sweet Home. May 14, 15, 16 leaving the 17th.

June: Pending

July: 16 – 19 Waterloo County Park, Lebanon.

August 13, 14, 15 leaving the 16th, LaPine OR

September: Pending

October: Pending

November: Pending

December: Pending

ATTENTION ORCA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

An important part of our organization is sharing our chapter camping schedule so other members can join us. Please send your schedule to: orcadirectordee@gmail.com

FOLLOWING IS THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2026 WESTENERS ANNUAL ROUNDUP. PLEASE READ, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ASAP.



Westerners Annual Roundup 2026

Hosted by Bridgetown Campers



Where: Olde Stone Village RV Park, 4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR When: April 23-26, 2026

Costs: Camping fees - self register directly with:

Olde Stone Village (503) 472-4315 using ORCA as the group name for discount. Rally fees will be \$25 per person attending the rally. Rally fees entitle each attendee to meals and onsite activities. Ice Cream social, breakfast on Friday and Saturday, continental breakfast on Sunday, and potluck dinners Friday and Saturday evenings; main dish will be provided. Each rig will be asked to provide a salad or vegetable (A-K) on Friday and dessert or side dish (L-Z) on Saturday.

Activities: Pinochle and Cribbage tournaments. Card Bingo (each participant brings 10 quarters). Each camping rig is asked to provide a new item for our charity auction (suggest at least \$15 value). Raffles and 50/50 drawings.

Please make checks payable to: Steve August (roundup coordinator) and mail to:

Steve August, 10617 SW Windsor Ct, Tigard OR 97223-

Questions/concerns contact Steve at (503)705-6593 or email: steve.august.l@comcast.net

Names:

Chapter/MAL:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Registration Fees: \$25 per person =\$

Cancellations for camping directly with park. Cancellation for rally fees contact Steve/Bonnie by 4/16/26.

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The Westerners Annual Roundup for 2026 will be hosted by Bridgetown Campers at Olde Stone Village RV Park, located at 4155 NE Three Mile Lane, McMinnville, OR. The event will take place from April 23 to April 26, 2026.

Registration and Fees

Attendees are responsible for registering their camping directly with Olde Stone Village by calling (503) 472-4315. Please mention "ORCA" as the group name to receive a discount. In addition to camping fees, there is a rally fee of \$25 per person, which covers meals and onsite activities. Checks should be made payable to Steve August, the roundup coordinator, and mailed to: Steve August, 10617 SW Windsor Ct, Tigard, OR 97223. For questions or concerns, contact Steve at (503) 705-6593 or by email at steve.august.l@comcast.net.

Meals and Potluck Information

Rally fees entitle each attendee to participate in all meals and activities, including:

- Ice cream social
- Breakfast on Friday and Saturday
- Continental breakfast on Sunday
- Potluck dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings (main dish provided)

Each camping rig is asked to contribute to the potluck: those with last names starting A-K should bring a salad or vegetable on Friday, while those with last names starting L-Z should provide a dessert or side dish on Saturday.

Activities

The event will feature tournaments for Pinochle and Cribbage, as well as Card Bingo (each participant should bring 10 quarters). There will also be raffles, 50/50 drawings, and a charity auction. Each camping rig is asked to donate a new item valued at least \$15 for the auction.

Registration Information

Please provide the following information when registering:

- Names
- Chapter/MAL
- Address
- City/State/Zip
- Phone
- Email

The registration fee is \$25 per person. For camping cancellations, contact the park directly. For rally fee cancellations, reach out to Steve or Bonnie by April 16, 2026.

Office Use Only

Date received: _____ Registration #: _____

DUES ARE PAST DUE FOR 2026

Please mail your 2026 membership dues to ORCA as quickly as possible. We would prefer one check from your chapter to cover all members, but individuals (example: MAL's) are welcome to pay on their own if this is not possible. **Dues for 2026 are \$5.00 per person.**

MAIL CHECKS TO: ORCA, PO BOX 434, ESTACADA OR 97023

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:

1. Westerners Roundup April 23-26, 2026. Location: Olde Stone RV Resort, McMinnville, OR. Call now for your park reservations. Space is limited. If you made space reservations at the end of the 2025 Roundup it is a good idea to confirm them with Olde Stone. Phone: 503-472-4315.
Organized by Steve and Bonnie August and Jeff Simons.
2. ORCA Rally, June 24 – 28, 2026 Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall OR
Organized by the ORCA Executive Board. Registration form available soon.
3. Wy'East PowWow August 17 thru 20, 2026. **NEW LOCATION:** Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis OR -- Registration form coming soon.
Organized by the PowWow Committee

As 2026 gets up and running, we would like to share a couple of “activity thoughts”.

Our feet may be getting older but it is still our prerogative to keep our minds and bodies busy.

Joining ORCA to camp with friends, both old and new, is one way to keep busy. When our friends no longer camp we have a couple of options:

1. Join another chapter
2. Plan lunch, movie, golf, bowling, cards or any other activity that brings you and your friends together.
3. Do both. Join a new chapter and plan activities with old friends.

We hope to see all of you at the ORCA Rallies in 2026. New faces are always welcome. New ideas implementing your thoughts and skills are always needed. Please feel free to contact us with your ideas.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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