

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

MARCH/APRIL 2026 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 EVERYONE!

MARCH HAS COME IN WITH RAIN, SNOW IN SOME PLACES AND A BIT OF WIND TO STIR EVERYTHING UP. WE HOPE YOU ARE ALL STAYING WARM AND DRY.

ONE THING ABOUT MARCH – IT'S FOLLOWED QUICKLY BY APRIL. APRIL ALWAYS OFFERS A CHANCE FOR BLUE SKIES AND FLOWERS.

OUR CAMPING SEASON IS ARRIVING SOON. WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE YOUR ROUNDUP, RALLY AND POWWOW REGISTRATIONS SUBMITTED SO OUR COMMITTEES CAN PLAN ACTIVITIES AND MEALS.

THIS IS THE MARCH/APRIL ISSUE OF THE DRIFTER. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL COME OUT IN MAY. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ME OR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR WHO WORKS WITH YOUR CHAPTER. WE APPRICIATE YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS.

VOLUNTEERS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF ALL THE STATE SPONSORED EVENTS. PLEASE SAY YES IF ASKED TO HELP IN THE KITCHEN, ORGANIZE A GAME OR IN SOME OTHER WAY LEND A HAND. THE ORCA STAFF ARE A GOOD, HARD WORKING BUNCH, BUT THEY CAN'T DO IT ALL.

THERE ARE SOME GAMES AND CRAFTS PLANNED FOR THE JUNE RALLY AT RICKREALL. THERE IS ALSO A FOOD DRIVE. IF YOU WIN THE FOOD DRIVE DRAWING YOU GET TO CHOOSE AND DELIVER THE FOOD TO THE CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHANCE FOR YOUR CHAPTER TO SELL HOMEMADE ITEMS . INCLUDING BAKED GOODS. TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS AND DECIDE HOW TO PARTICIPATE.
PLEASE CALL WITH QUESTIONS.

A "HOW ARE YOU GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR RV" ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD AT THE RICKREALL RALLY. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SHARE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES.

WESTENERS ROUNDUP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. ROUNDUP IS ALWAYS A GREAT WAY TO GET THE CAMPING SEASON STARTED AND CONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS WHILE MAKING NEW ONES. PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND CAMPGROUND REGISTRATIONS TURNED IN.

POWWOW IS IN A NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR. CHECK OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM. YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE IT'S (ALMOST) IN YOUR BACKYARD. THE CREW PLANNING POWWOW COULD SURE USE YOUR HELP. PLEASE CALL CONNIE IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND.
503-913-2671

ORCA HAS HELD OUR RALLIES AT A VARIETY OF FACILITIES. WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS A LESSEE. RECENTLY I WAS READING THRU A CONTRACT AND WAS REMINDED OF A RULE THAT WE WANT TO BE SURE NOT TO VIOLATE.
ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES CANNOT BE SERVED/CONSUMED IN OR OUTSIDE OF THE FACILITY BUILDINGS UNLESS THEY ARE SERVED AND MONITORED BY A BUSINESS THAT IS LICENSED BY THE OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION. WHAT YOU EAT AND DRINK IN YOUR RV IS YOUR RESONSIBILITY. PLEASE FOLLOW THIS RULE.

DALE AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THIS YEARS RALLIES.
TAKE CARE, DEE VEENENDAAL 541-913-6994 (orcadirectordee@gmail.com)

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MAL (Members At Large) contact Dee and Dale Veenendaal

Please contact the State Director at orcadirectordee@gmail.com if you need to contact any of the Assistant Directors or Staff Members

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ORCA ORGANIZATION IS CAMPING WITH ORCA CHAPTERS OTHER THAN ARE OWN. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN OF NEW PLACES TO CAMP.

IF YOUR CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR CAMPOUTS WITH OTHER MEMBERS/CHAPTERS, PLEASE SEND YOUR CAMPING SCHEDULE TO orcadirectordee@gmail.com

IF YOU, AS A MEMBER, ARE INTERESTED IN CAMPING WITH A CHAPTER LISTED BELOW, PLEASE CALL THE NUMBER LISTED BY THE CHAPTER.

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

CHAPTER CAMPOUTS, CON'T.

CASCADE CUISSERS 2026 CAMPOUTS AND LUNCHEONS

February 19, Luncheon – to be determined
March 16th Luncheon – to be determined
April 16 Spaghetti Factory 11:30am Clackamas OR
April 23 – 28th ORCA Roundup at Old Stone RV Resort- McMinnville
May 18 – 22 Seven Feathers RV Resort Canyonville, OR
June 15 – 19th Sandy Riverfront – Troutdale OR
June 24 – 28 ORCA Rally Polk County Fairgrounds Rickreall OR
July 8 – 24th Fun Run Grants Pass OR
August 13 – 17th Air Show at Old Stone RV Resort McMinnville Or
August 17 – 20th ORCA PowWow Benton County Fairgrounds
September 15 – 19th Deerwood RV Park Eugene, OR
October 15 Millers BBQ 11:30 AM TBD
November 19, Luncheon 11:30 AM TBD
December 17, Luncheon 11:30 AM TBD

CONTACT STAN GREGORY WITH QUESTIONS stan0912@aol.com 503-364-6500

MCKENZIE RIVER DRIFTERS

April 23 – 26 ORCA Roundup – Olde Stone RV McMinnville
May 5 – 9 Winchester Bay (with Layovers)
May 9 – 15 Woahink RV Florence OR for Quilt Retreat
June 24 – 28 ORCA Rally, Polk County Fairgrounds
July 20 – 27 Crooked River Ranch RV (with Layovers)
Aug 17 – 20 Wy-East PowWow Benton County Fairgrounds
Aug 20 – 23 Hee Hee Illahee Salem (with Layovers)

For additional information call Barb McKay 541-914-3433

For campouts shared with Layovers – call Larry Chartier to see if space is available 503-307-4189

FOLLOWING IS THE REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2026 WESTENERS ANNUAL ROUNDUP. THE ORCA RALLY, GOLDEN WED FORM AND POWWOW REGISTRATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PLEASE 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:

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.

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OFFICE USE ONLY: DATE RECEIVED _____ REGISTRATION FEE _____ Registration Fees: \$25 per person = \$ _____ Cancellations for camping directly with park. Cancellation for rally fees contact Steve/Bonnie by 4/16/26. Event Overview --Westerners Roundup 2026 – Page 2

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

MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!
 In celebration of our country's 250th birthday
OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION (ORCA) RALLY

DATES: JUNE 24 – 28, 2026

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

PARKING COSTS: ON GROUNDS CAMPING FEE IS \$35.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG. RALLY IS A 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 \$40.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG. CHECKS PAYABLE TO POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ---- **DO NOT INCLUDE WITH THIS REGISTRATION.****

DETACH HERE AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM W/TOTAL FEES LISTED BELOW

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

CHAPTER: _____ NOT IN A CHAPTER? ARE YOU A GUEST _____ OR MEMBER AT LARGE _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____ PHONE: _____

ARE YOU A 1ST TIMER TO OUR RALLY? _YES _____ NO _____ EMAIL: _____

DO YOU NEED HANDICAP PARKING? YES _____ NO _____ WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU CLOSE TO THE BUILDING.

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

RALLY REGISTRATION PER PERSON:

Number of nights parking: _____ X \$ 35.00 = _____

Number of adults 13 and older: _____ X \$ 60.00 _____

Number of children 12 and under _____ X \$25.00 _____

Total funds enclosed _____ \$ _____

CIRCLE ARRIVAL DATE: TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

The undersigned accepts full responsibility for their RV and all persons 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

Applicants Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be received by ORCA 14 days prior to the start of the ORCA Rally. **Cancellation deadline will be Wednesday June 10, 2026.**

MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

1776 BORN FREE 2026

2026 POWWOW RALLY

AUGUST 17 – 20, 2026

LOCATION: BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 110 SW 53RD ST, CORVALLIS OREGON

PARKING COSTS: FULL HOOKUP CAMPING FEE IS \$48.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG. WATER & ELECTRIC ONLY CLOSE TO RESTROOM, SHOWER, AND GUERBER HALL IS \$38.00 PER NIGHT PER RIG. DUMP STATION IS AVAILABLE FOR \$10.00. CARD ONLY, NO CASH.

*** MUST CALL FAIRGROUNDS TO RESERVE SITE ~ 541-766-6521 ***

EARLY BIRD IS ONLY AVAILABLE AUGUST 16TH AT RATES ABOVE

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED FOR EVENT DURING THE RALLY. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

FEES BELOW COVER REGISTRATION AND GUERBER HALL RENT, TWO BREAKFASTS AND TWO DINNERS

DETACH HERE AND MAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH TOTAL FEES ONLY FROM BELOW

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 _____ @ _____

RALLY HOURS AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW

RALLY REGISTRATION PER PERSON: NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____ x \$40.00 _____ TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST ----- Mail registration fees to:

Marion Gilkey
3100 Turner Road SE #308
Salem, OR 97302

QUESTIONS: Please call Connie Morrill, 503-913-2671

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received 14 days prior to the start of the Pow Wow Rally to be eligible for a refund. Monday, August 17, 2026, is considered the start of the rally. Cancellation deadline will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Please contact Marion Gilkey at 928-920-2729.

DUES ARE PAST DUE

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

~~A COUPLE MORE FUN ACTIVITIES~~

A couple of activities to plan for and take part in at the ORCA Rally in June.

1. Pie Baking Contest --- Men will enter Cream Pies and Women will enter Fruit Pies in the Contest. All crusts and fillings must be homemade.
 2. ORCA Member Craft Sale. Sale will take place at tables in the rear of the hall. Time: For an hour after breakfast and an hour after lunch. The funds raised can be donated to yourself or a cause of your choice.
 3. Do you know a new game or craft to teach. Please volunteer.
 4. The Quilting Room at Rally will now be a Craft/Sewing/Quilting Room. Guys and Gals --- bring your favorite craft and sit with friends while you knit, sew, glue or ????
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The Westside Wanderers have lost a special friend. Linda L Kossler was born on 7/27/1940. She passed away on November 7, 2025. Linda is survived by her spouse Ken Kossler. Our thoughts are with Linda's family and friends.