



OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 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

Happy August! Here's hoping that all of you have had a chance to be outdoors spending time with family and friends.

We know the smoke from wildfires has made breathing an issue on some days. Our sincere wish is that all of you and your family and friends have escaped property damage and serious health problems caused by fire and/or smoke.

ORCA has one more major event for 2026. The gathering for POWWOW is always fun and a great opportunity to see friends who don't live in an area close to your home.

The POWOW registration form is available in this newsletter. Fill it out. Give Marion or Connie a call. Ask if they would like you to mail the form and your check or just bring them to POWWOW. It's NEVER too late to register.

Dale and I hope to see you next week.

Take care and Travel Safe!

WHAT'S ON THE ORCA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2027?

Plans are underway. I know I said that last month – BUT – it's true!

Westerner's Roundup for 2027 will be held at Olde Stone RV Park **DATES:** Thursday April 22 Leaving Sunday Apr. 25, 2027. You can make your RV Park Reservation by calling 503-472-4315. Tell them you are with ORCA and the dates you need to reserve. The event registration form will be available soon.

ORCA RALLY 2027 We have a beautiful new location! Dundee Hills RV Resort, 9750 NE Fox Farm Rd., Dundee OR 97115. **DATES:** June 24 leaving the 27th, 2027 Your ORCA Board of Directors is looking forward to planning a fun event. Reservations will be handled a bit differently. Please read the registration form carefully when it becomes available in September. Rally theme for 2027: "DON'T FENCE ME IN"

POWWOW 2027. ORCA is lucky to have a team of experienced planners working on the 2027 POWWOW. Standby for their location, dates and activities. They will be available soon!

WHY ARE YOU SEEING THE 2027 DATES SO SOON?

Your ORCA Board of Directors and Staff want to see ALL your smiling faces at next year's events.

When your Chapter is planning your 2027 campouts and activities – PLEASE – include the three ORCA Rallies on your schedule. Not as a backup event on certain months, but as THE event to attend for the scheduled months.

All of us on the ORCA Board and our hard working staff members thank you, in advance, for your participation.

ORCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

CHAPTER CAMPING SCHEDULES:

CASCADE CRUISERS: CALL STAN 503-364-6500 THEY HAVE A CAMPOUT SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 15 – 19 IN EUGENE AND NON-CAMPING EVENTS THE REST OF THE YEAR. CALL STAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

WESTSIDE WANDERERS: CALL LARRY FOR MORE INFORMATION: 503-310-6264. THEY HAVE CAMPOUTS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER AT THE COAST AND A NOVEMBER CAMPOUT AT OLD STONE RV PARK IN MCMINNVILLE. CALL FOR DETAILS.

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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.

POW WOW WILL BE AT A WONDERFUL NEW LOCATION. CORVALLIS BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. BE SURE TO CALL THEM TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION. SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

POW WOW WILL PROVIDE BREAKFAST ALL THREE DAYS AND THE MAIN COURSE BOTH EVENINGS FOR A RELATIVELY LOW PRICE. THERE WILL BE ONE POTLUCK DINNER.

WE WILL AGAIN HAVE A SILENT AUCTION WITH YOUR KIND DONATIONS.

THE SURVIVOR GAME WILL SHOW IT'S UGLY FACE AGAIN FOR THOSE WHO DARE AND DON'T GET EMBARRASSED EASILY. PLUS – MANY OTHER OF YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CARD BINGO AND GAME, NEW TO SOME, CALLED NICKLES. BRING 10 QUARTERS EACH FOR BINGO AND 2 ROLLS OF NICKLES EACH FOR THE NICKLES GAME.

AFTER YOU SIGN UP, YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE DETAILS. COME ONE AND ALL. WE ARE READY TO HAVE FUN.

ONE MORE THING!!!

YOUR – AND I MEAN – **YOUR** – ORCA BOARD IS OPEN TO YOUR THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS. DON'T HESITATE TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS. DON'T HESITATE TO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. DON'T HESITATE TO VOLUNTEER. WE – YOUR BOARD AND STAFF – ARE NOT INDIFFERENT PROFESSIONALS. WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS. WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO KEEP YOU SMILING. SOMETIMES WE JUST CAN'T MAKE YOUR WISHES HAPPEN – BUT IT'S NOT FROM LACK OF CONCERN AND CARING.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN A WEEK OR SO.

TAKE CARE AND STAY SAFE!!

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