

OREGON RV CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 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

IT'S SEPTEMBER ---- And the Sun Was Still Shining!!! A couple days of good, hard Oregon rain gave everyone's lawns, gardens and flowerbeds a much needed soaking, helped fight wildfires and made for damp Labor Day campouts. That last part wasn't really a plus but if you have lived in Oregon and Washington for very long you know to be prepared for whatever the weather decides to offer.

So – just how are you all doing? I hope you are all taking care of your health and that your efforts are paying off. The goals we give ourselves can be easy ones. Try to eat healthy and get up out of our chairs. Efforts don't have to be monumental. Short walks, fifteen minutes on a stationary bike, pulling a few weeds from the flowerbeds, all count towards a healthy you. This is not a lecture. This is not me telling you what you should try to do because I'm so perfect at selfcare. I'm struggling to take better care of myself – and -- I want you to struggle too. I want all of us to be around for camping adventures for as long as possible.

This is a short newsletter. Please take a minute to read about the ORCA Rallies coming in 2027. Get yourself registered at the campgrounds where the Rallies are being held. The event registration forms will be out as soon as the committees in charge get them created. In the meantime, please add the rallies to your Chapter camping schedule.

Take care of you and keep track of your friends. We need each other.

PS: Those of us lucky enough to attend Westerners Roundup, the ORCA Rally and WyEast Roundup had a great time. So many smiles and so much laughter shared with friends we have known well for a long time, members we have finally had time to get to know better and new friends we have just met. Thank you to all the ORCA members who accepted a “job” and made these events a success. The ORCA Board couldn’t do it without you.

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

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. Connie Morrill will be organizing the space registrations at Dundee Hills RV Park. Dundee Hills is a very nice facility with pull through spaces. The space fee is \$80.00 per night. Do you need to be close to the dog park or clubhouse? If you get registered early, Connie can help you pick the perfect location. Connie’s phone number: 503-913-2671 Rally theme for 2027: “DON’T FENCE ME IN”

POWWOW 2027. HeeHee Illahee RV Resort is the location of the 2027 WYEAST POWWOW. The dates are Wednesday, August 11, 2027 leaving Sunday, August 15, 2027. You can call the RV Park and make your reservations. The space rent will be \$76.41 per night. The office phone number for reservations is: 503-463-6641. The park is holding spaces for us. Please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Are you interested in working on a committee from Oregon Parks and Recreation? I received a note inviting people from ORCA to contact Julian Fedorchuk. He is working with a committee to improve Oregon camping in our public parks. I’m sure he can fill you in far better than I can. His contact information is 503-689-3009 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Grants and Community Programs.

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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

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.

I'm including the following note again, as a reminder that ORCA is a group of friends – not a business. We care about each other.

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.

Enjoy our beautiful Oregon weather. Oregon may be a bit damp, chilly and breezy but it is a beautiful place to live.

Take care, drive safely and keep in touch.

Dee and Dale

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