

# THE OREGON STREAMER



## The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2023

*In this issue: The lowdown on no host rallies, rally write ups, pearls of wisdom, Region 10 candidates, and more!*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Chris Wagner

Rally Season is in full swing, and I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful selection of Rallies that we have this year, plus the 3 Caravans going to the International Rally in Rock Springs Wyoming: Wagons HO! All this activity wouldn't be possible without the dedicated volunteers that serve our club. Our Oregon club is entirely run by volunteers.

I have been a volunteer for this club since 2018. First, I was invited to serve as a Director on the Oregon Airstream Club Board of Directors. I enjoyed this role for 2 1/2 years. Then, I stepped into the role of 2nd Vice President for about 6 months, and then 1st Vice President for a year. I became President of the club in Fall of 2022 and will serve for one year. This experience has enriched my life, given me a community that is active and vibrant plus experiences and treasured friendships I'll never forget.

As we look to our club's future, we have many opportunities for our members to get involved to keep our club running at the vibrant level it is today. There are many ways to serve. One of the easiest is to Host or Co-Host a Rally. We have current openings on committees. In the Fall, Directors and 2nd vice president positions will be open as current officers and directors complete their terms. I invite you to get involved and share your talents.

If you are interested in learning more about how to get involved and what jobs entail, please contact me, Chris Wagner President OAC or Janet Schober 1st VP OAC (and chair of nominating committee). Hope to see you all at the Year End Rally at Silver Cove WA. October 5-8, 2023.

Chris Wagner,

President OAC

### RALLY COORDINATOR MESSAGE

#### Notes from your OAC Rally Coordinator

By Mike Burnett

We are well into our 2023 OAC camping season and, guess what, it is already time to start planning for our OAC 2024 camping season! I have already booked four 2024 rallies with identified Hosts and received input from several additional members regarding rally locations and timeframes where they would like to host a 2024 rally. This input is invaluable to me because your camping ideas and commitment to host a rally ensures that we explore new and interesting locations while still continuing to visit past club favorite locations. In addition to the 2024 International Rally (Sedalia, MO in October 2024) and 2024 Region 10 Rally (Coeur d'Alene, ID in May 2024), our OAC 2024 rally schedule is already beginning to take shape. The plan is to book between 35 and 40 rallies, spread evenly over a 2024 camping season beginning in January and continuing through October. This gives us two months to celebrate the holidays and then start all over again. Active OAC members make this all possible. Thanks to you all!

We will also be reaching out to sister clubs within Region 10 and beyond to attempt to organize a few joint rallies for 2024. This is a good way to not only strengthen relationships and connections within Region 10 but also enables the OAC to explore new camping locations and to meet new Airstream friends. More on this as planning for 2024 continues to mature later this year.

While it may seem too early to be thinking about such things, the competition for rally sites continues to become more and more competitive. Oregon State Parks have been and remain challenging to book for a Rally. This is particularly true of very popular state parks. Also, due to rule changes for bookings in Washington State Parks, we can now only book "Group Sites" with the capacity for an OAC rally group. Private campgrounds and county/city parks are great alternatives, especially if combined with local festivals and other special events.



### Now for the BIG ASK:

**If you have an idea and want to host at a new 2024 rally location or want to continue to host a favorite OAC rally in 2024, please send me a brief email to [jaembe123@comcast.net](mailto:jaembe123@comcast.net).** Please specify the desired location and preferred timing for your proposed rally. I will use this information to continue planning the OAC 2024 rally calendar.

Thanks in advance for your continued active assistance and volunteer spirit.

Happy Camping!

## MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Notes from OAC Membership Chair

By John Roll

Here are our new members.

Regular members:

Stephen & Marie Holmes	Portland, OR
Lenlee Jenckes	Portland, OR
Eric & Maria White	Bend, OR
Marie Breckel	Mehama, OR
Kathy & Steve Somnitz	Eugene, OR
Patti Lafond	Silverton, OR
Rochelle & Thomas Woods	Creswell, OR



Affiliate members:

No new affiliate members

Total members (Regular plus Affiliate): 704

Regular members: 578

Affiliate members: 156

Total trailer membership: 371

This is the last newsletter article from me. Chris Wagner has been actively searching for a replacement since late March, so if you are interested, please get in touch with Chris.

## RALLY WRITE UPS

(Maps of the rallies are included at the end of the newsletter)

### SPRING FLING RALLY

March 30–April 2, 2023

By Norma Massier



Hosts: Ruby & Ralond Troncin  
Cohosts: Jay and Cindy Muir

Twenty OAC trailers gathered on the banks of the Umpqua River at Elkton RV Park to celebrate Spring. Though the weather was frightful (this could qualify as a Leak Test!), the attendees and activities were delightful. The winner of the costume themed potluck on Friday night invites you to guess his name. Saturday afternoon enticed several people to try their hands at axe throwing (the plastic kind) poo dodging (yep, it's a thing) and other games as well.



On final night of the rally, we again enjoyed a potluck with amazing food and conversation that are associated with all OAC rallies. We greeted old friends and welcomed new members who are no longer strangers. a BIG THANK YOU to the Troncins and Muirs for hosting! Enjoy the photos.



### UMPQUA BOON-DOCKING WINE RALLY

April 27–30, 2023

By Bob Hazleton



What a fabulous rally! We were treated to scenic hills, vineyards, and warm sunny weather.

Introductions

the first evening were anything but short and concise. We did learn a lot about each other and our individual Airstream and Oregon journeys. While Sherry and I came from Maryland in 1980. Many of the others had roots in California.

Friday started with a group sitting around after breakfast telling stories about what their dogs had eaten, including chocolate, burgers, and part of a cake.

The winning story was when a dog ate a sheep brain that had been taken home from a laboratory.

Friday was actually hot, creating a challenge for some on how to keep

their dogs cool while we were all wine tasting. Reustle Vineyards is a beautiful setting; the facility is grand and the wine tasting and pizza hit the spot.

Saturday ended with wine tasting at the camp site, Henry Estates. We were outside in a partially shaded area. All was well until the wind gradually came up. By the end of the wine tasting, we couldn't keep anything on the picnic table. Luckily there was a big room available inside. Typical of Airstream Rally pot lucks, the food was yummy AND plentiful.



Thanks so much to co-hosts

Rhonda, Judy, Brian and Judy. They did a spectacular job making this rally fun.

PS - Lighthouse Center Bakery is a must see. Open Thursday through Saturday from 10-3. Go early and prepare to wait in a line.



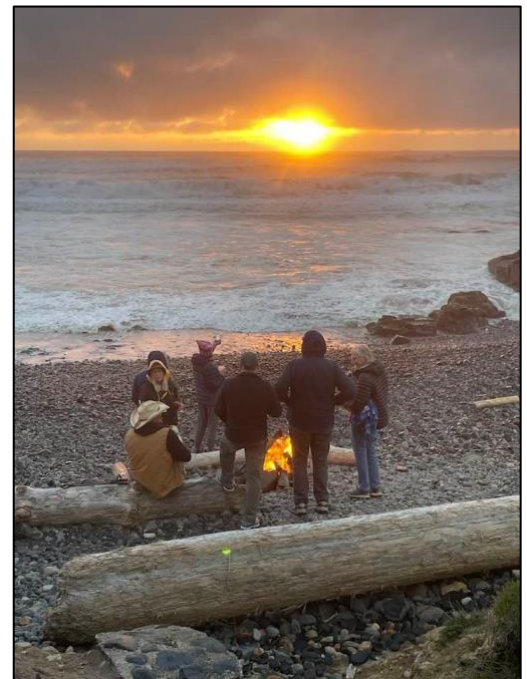
## SEA PERCH RALLY

April 28–May 1, 2023

By Kathy Geese

Sea Perch in Yachats, OR, is one of the few Oregon campgrounds where the front row sites back right onto the Pacific Ocean. The Burnetts and Geeses, co-hosts of this year's Sea Perch rally, have celebrated David Geese's birthday there (at his request) for many years and decided to host an official OAC Rally for 2023. The owners of the campground have added patios for each ocean-front site with firepits and Adirondack chairs, and the campground hosts couldn't do enough to help us with anything we needed. Due to the unpredictable weather on the coast in April and the limited capacity for potlucks in the clubhouse, this is one of the smallest rallies with only 10 rigs. The size was perfect as the 20 people in attendance really got a chance to know each other! Sometimes, smaller really is better. The rain held off during the day but lulled us to sleep at night.

Florence Tramoni, OAC member and incoming Region 10 President, is an avid agate hunter and taught several of us the best spots to look on the beach between our rigs and the Pacific Ocean. A number of attendees left with a nice collection of these elusive stones. The clubhouse came in very handy, as the weather was blustery and damp in the evenings and we held our two potlucks there. Nancy Burnett made her wonderful enchiladas and the other attendees brought sides, while the other potluck featured Chile Verde with more great potluck contributions, so maybe some early celebrations of Cinco de Mayo? The clubhouse has a Crow's Nest room with gorgeous views where social hour was held and competition at the pool table on



the main level was fierce. On David's actual birthday, we all met for dinner and live music at The Drift Inn, followed by birthday cake back at the clubhouse.

Rally participants explored this spectacular part of the coast with trips into the bakery in Waldport, hikes on the 804 to burn off those calories, drives along the coast and up to the lighthouse, shopping at the coolest kitchen store in Yachats, long beach walks, an evening beach bonfire, and visits to Florence. Breakfast was on our own but several attendees shared yummy contributions from the bakery and the Crumley's made a delicious breakfast casserole. Negotiations for leftovers were made, and an excellent strata was hand-delivered to the Geese

rig one morning by Rachel Brown.

Rumors are that, due to the popularity of this location and rally, the April Rally in 2024 will be followed by a fall rally at the same location! Once again, our generous members that volunteer to host and Mike Burnett, our OAC Rally Coordinator, have stepped up at the requests of members to add more sites to accommodate the OAC's growing membership. Hard to believe that we have just begun the 2023 camping season and these members are already hard at work planning 2024. It is no wonder that we are known as one of the most active clubs in the country.

## SOUTH BEACH NO HOST RALLY / NO HOST RALLIES – WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY ARE WE PROMOTING THEM?

By Mark Babcock

In 2019 Jana and I joined the Oregon Airstream Club after moving to Oregon with our Airstream in 2018. We were looking for a way to meet more people and be part of a vibrant community with a common interest. We attended our first rally – Rolling on the River and we were hooked!

This year the OAC has over 35 rallies planned, which means there are more than 650 opportunities for members to camp. Even with as many rallies and sites as we've organized (thanks to our masterful rally coordinator Mike Burnett), YOU are looking for MORE.

The OAC is the third largest club in Airstream Club International and because of the size and engagement of our membership, our rallies fill quickly. We encourage everyone who is interested in attending a rally to get on the waitlist if the rally is full, but being on the waitlist does not always guarantee you'll be able to attend that rally.



Airstream clubs across the country organize and promote No Host Rallies as a way to create more opportunities for members to camp and a number of clubs in Region 10 have shared their recent success stories with No Host Rallies.



Fast forward to January. Jana and I decided to reserve a spot at South Beach State Park for late April. We started thinking it would be great to invite a few friends to join us.

I presented the OAC board of directors the idea of hosting a No Host Rally as a way to pilot this option for our club as a way to find more ways to get members out camping – TOGETHER.

The board approved and we successfully held the first No Host Rally in the 2023 camping season. For many of you, this concept isn't new, since the OAC has a history of holding No Host Rallies. We are providing an overview of the process so YOU can initiate a No Host Rally.

No Host Rallies are straightforward to organize. Three simple steps:

1. Confirm a location to camp, best case is one where there are multiple unreserved sites.
2. Email a member of the OAC board for approval (the board members are listed on our website and they'll route your request to the entire board for approval)
3. Complete the invitation template (below) so the board can email all OAC members via Mail Chimp to inform them of the No Host Rally

You may be asking: Why the formality for organizing a No Host Rally? By completing these simple steps, the No Host Rally is covered by ACI liability insurance. A few other key points to note about No Host Rallies. They are intended to be camping invitations for members of Airstream Club International and are for Airstream owners. Because we are tapping in to the ACI liability insurance, we can't invite friends who are camping enthusiasts who own a recreational vehicle that isn't an Airstream.

It's also worth noting that Pop-Up Rallies (unofficial) are not the same thing as No Host Rallies (official). Pop-Up Rallies are not covered by ACI liability insurance, they don't require OAC board approval, and an all-member invitation isn't sent out.

Here's a brief overview of our experience at the No Host Rally in April at South Beach State Park.

- Jana and I were the No Hosts
- Each member made their own registrations with the park.

- There was no formal agenda for the weekend, some came for all 4 nights while others came for a couple of nights. There is little planning outside of obtaining OAC board approval and drafting the template for the invite email.

We enjoyed happy hour the first night at our site, and before it ended people were asking if they could host happy hour the next three nights. We had thirteen trailers throughout the park and there were two members who joined us from the Bay Area Airstream Club.



The rally was a very positive experience for all. No Host Rallies provide another opportunity to get out and camp together with friends, new and old. This is a very low pressure, low expectation format and if you have never hosted a rally before, a No Host Rally could be a great way to test the water. Any member of the OAC can organize a No Host Rally.

So, if you are planning to visit a favorite campground or park and would like some company, think about inviting other Airstream club members to a No Host Rally.

Happy Airstreaming!

Here's the template for the No Host Rally email that is sent to all members of the OAC after the board of directors approves. Please submit your completed template when you request approval.



[INSERT NO HOST NAMES] \_\_\_\_\_ invite you to join them at a No Host Rally at [INSERT LOCATION/VENUE AND DATE] \_\_\_\_\_.

**This No Host Rally has no formal agenda, just Airstream friends inviting other Airstream friends to join them camping.**

**You'll make your own reservation by booking [INSERT RV PARK/CAMPGROUND WEBSITE LINK HERE] or calling [INSERT PHONE NUMBER XXX-XXX-XXXX] to reach the RV park/campground directly to confirm your site.**

**Here are a few things that make this location special and are fun to do and see!**

[INSERT BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA]

Officially Approved by OAC Board

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TIPS, TRICKS AND MORE AIRSTREAM COFFEE NOTES

By Norma Massier

The meaning of life in the universe may be contained below... or maybe not. Just passing on what I learned. When asked "What is one thing you've learned since you brought your Airstream home?" The responses were hilarious to worthwhile:

"When your wife tells you that she doesn't think the Airstream is going to fit... believe her!"

"When arriving at a site... someone should check the site for nails (better than learning it the hard way). Sometimes people bring wood for a campfire that was used in construction and haven't removed all the nails."

"We've belonged to 4 Airstream Clubs and this is by far the most welcoming!"

"Don't take your wife with you to fill your propane tank... you might end up with another Airstream."

"Flatten your rolls of paper towels and toilet paper that are hanging... otherwise you might have to re-roll a lot of paper."

"It is possible to raise your trailer by 3 inches to gain clearance for driveways, etc."

"Louisiana roads are very challenging on trailers."

"We've decided to join the Oregon Club... how do we do it?"

"There are still openings at Skamokawa and Riverbend."

2/3 of the people in attendance had hosted or co-hosted a rally.

Four people from the OAC Board/Committee were in attendance. We said we'd have more information regarding Board happenings at the May meeting. I am still amazed that one couple drives from Florence to spend a couple of hours chatting about all things Airstream. The newbies arrived as strangers and found new friends. If I had actually taken better notes, I would have remembered everything I learned. It is such an active group.

## RECIPE

By Donna Thorson

Every now and then a good grilled steak just hits the spot. And every now and then a little variety really is the spice of life. I've prepared this when we camped and it's such a treat. You can serve with any side your imagination can think of! Steamed new potatoes, microwaved asparagus or baby carrots!

### ORANGE PEPPER STEAKS

- 4 beef tenderloin steaks, cut 1 inch thick
- 2 tsp coarse grind black pepper
- 1/2 c marmalade
- 4 tsp cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger

Press pepper evenly into both sides of beef steaks.

Place on grill (or on rack in broiler pan so surface of meat is 2-3" from heat). Combine marmalade, ginger and vinegar.

Brush top of steaks with marmalade mixture.

Grill (broil) 10-15 minutes for rare (140F) to medium (160F), turning and brushing with remaining marmalade mixture.

Serves 4

Cheers!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REGION 10 CANDIDATES

By Kathy Geese

The Region 10 Ballot includes candidates for 3 positions: Region10 President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP. (See a little bit about them below). Ballots must be returned via email to Angela Schock (Secretary) by April 25th. Each local club will get one ballot. The clubs can determine whether they decide on their vote via a full club member vote or if the local club board will decide. Each local unit should confirm the voting process for their club.

#### **FLORENCE TRAMONI, Candidate for Region 10 President**

I am originally from France but have been in the US since I was a wee lass. I grew up in southern California and went to UC Santa Barbara and earned a degree in Physical Geography. I earned a Masters in Geology at the University of Colorado Boulder. With my husband, we built a successful crabbing business together over 30 years. Unfortunately, I was divorced in 2014 but it led to my second life. I bought my first Airstream in 2016 and vivaciously took to the road. I had never had an RV but had been an avid tent camper my whole life. My Flying Cloud 23 FB has now become a 2019 International 25 FB. I moved to McMinnville, Oregon in 2021 so I attend about half a dozen Oregon unit rallies a year and travel 10 to 15,000 miles each year. If I'm not towing somewhere, I am golfing, cooking or hiking. I volunteer at my church by teaching Alpha (a ministry focused on seekers and non-believers) and am on the Board of the Union Gospel Mission. Retirement has not been difficult to adjust to. I have 2 kids, 24 and 26, one in Dallas, TX and one in The Hague, Netherlands. This opportunity to give back to the ACI is the chance of a lifetime. The Airstream community has contributed so much to my personal growth and joy that I look forward to paying it forward and contributing where I can.

#### **SUSAN MCPHEE, Candidate for Region 10 First Vice President**

I live in West Linn, OR with my husband Tim and our Australian Shepard, Riley and Chloe the cat. We are empty nesters with kids and grandkids that live in the NW and Texas. We love camping with family and friends and have brought many of them into the trailer life addiction. We joined the Oregon Airstream Club in 2018 and now have lots of new camping buddies!

We started our trailer life about 8 years ago with a T@B teardrop trailer. What a glorious experience to not sleep in a tent on the cold hard ground! That trailer is the start of what will no doubt be a lifetime of amazing adventures. We bought our first Airstream in 2018, a 23FB International Signature. We loved everything about her, but then Airstream offered the hatch in a 25'! The summer of 2021 we picked up our 2021 25FBQ International. It is perfect for us and our lifestyle.

My husband and I still both work full time. I am a Regional Sales Manager for a specialty steel mill in PA and my territory is 11 Western States and half of Canada. I have a BA from the University of Texas – go Longhorns! I spend a great deal of time on airplanes and staying in Marriott hotels, so my nights in our Airstream are when I feel like I am on vacation.

We are looking to retire in the next few years and then hit the road!

#### **MICHAEL ARCHER, Candidate for Region 10 Second Vice President**

Life started as a military brat; living and tent camping from the California desert to the North Carolina coast. In the mid-60's the parents bought a 13 foot Shasta and we thought we were "glamping." After high school it was back to tent camping, college in New Mexico, a career in IT that spanned everything from punched cards to the cloud and most other disciplines in between. Now for the good part, my wife Kathleen and I bought our first Airstream in 2012 - A 1973 31 foot International Sovereign, King of the Road. Needless to say, we didn't know what we were doing, and thought there must be some club or group that knows about these Airstreams. We found the Wally Byam Caravan Club online, joined, and have been hooked ever since. Over the years there have been four more Airstreams, two terms as Idaho Unit President (2015,2022) the Salem International Rally and two Region 10 rallies. Our travels have taken us throughout the PNW as well as down to Texas and back. We are now three with the addition of our grandson Max, and our current Airstream is an Ultimate Airstream updated 2014 International 25FB. We look forward to expanding our travels and Airstream friends/family as we serve Region 10.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR PAUL WESTERFIELD

Charli Westerfield wishes to inform the membership of a Celebration of Life for her husband Paul who recently died very unexpectedly. They were members of the Washington unit and Oregon affiliates. Hopefully some of their friends will be able to attend.

The Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 4, at 2 pm. The location is at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor, Harmony Hall, 9101 Steilacoom Rd S.E., Olympia, WA 98513.

Please RSVP to [charli300\\_7+@msn.com](mailto:charli300_7+@msn.com).

### SUBMISSIONS TO THE OAC STREAMER

Do you have an idea for an article, interview, or something else you'd like to share with the club? We'd love to hear it! Our newsletter staff are all volunteers, and the articles are all written by OAC members... like you! The newsletter is published six times a year, so there are lots of opportunities. Submissions for the newsletter (including rally write-ups) should be emailed to Rhonda ([rhondaxo@comcast.net](mailto:rhondaxo@comcast.net)) **no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before publication** (deadline for next issue: July 15). Pieces received after that date will be included in the next newsletter.

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on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/1473216976235744/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1473216976235744/)

The Oregon Airstream Board Minutes are posted on the Oregon Airstream Club website once approved. The Board meets approximately four times per year. Check it out!  
Club Policies will also be posted on the website for all to review.

MAPS

# Umpqua Boon-docking Wine Rally

Locations in the article



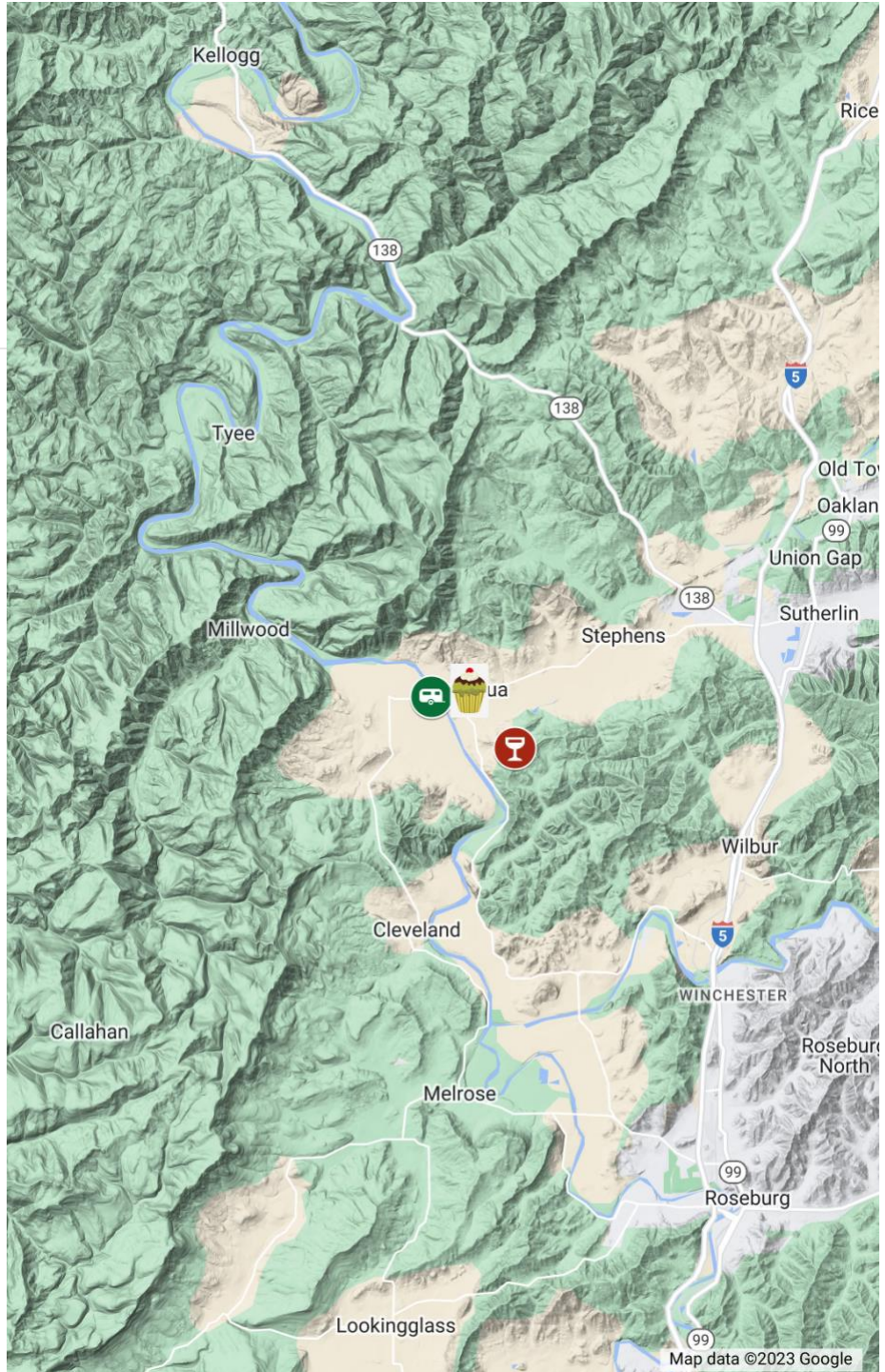
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Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards



Lighthouse Center Bakery



# Sea Perch Rally

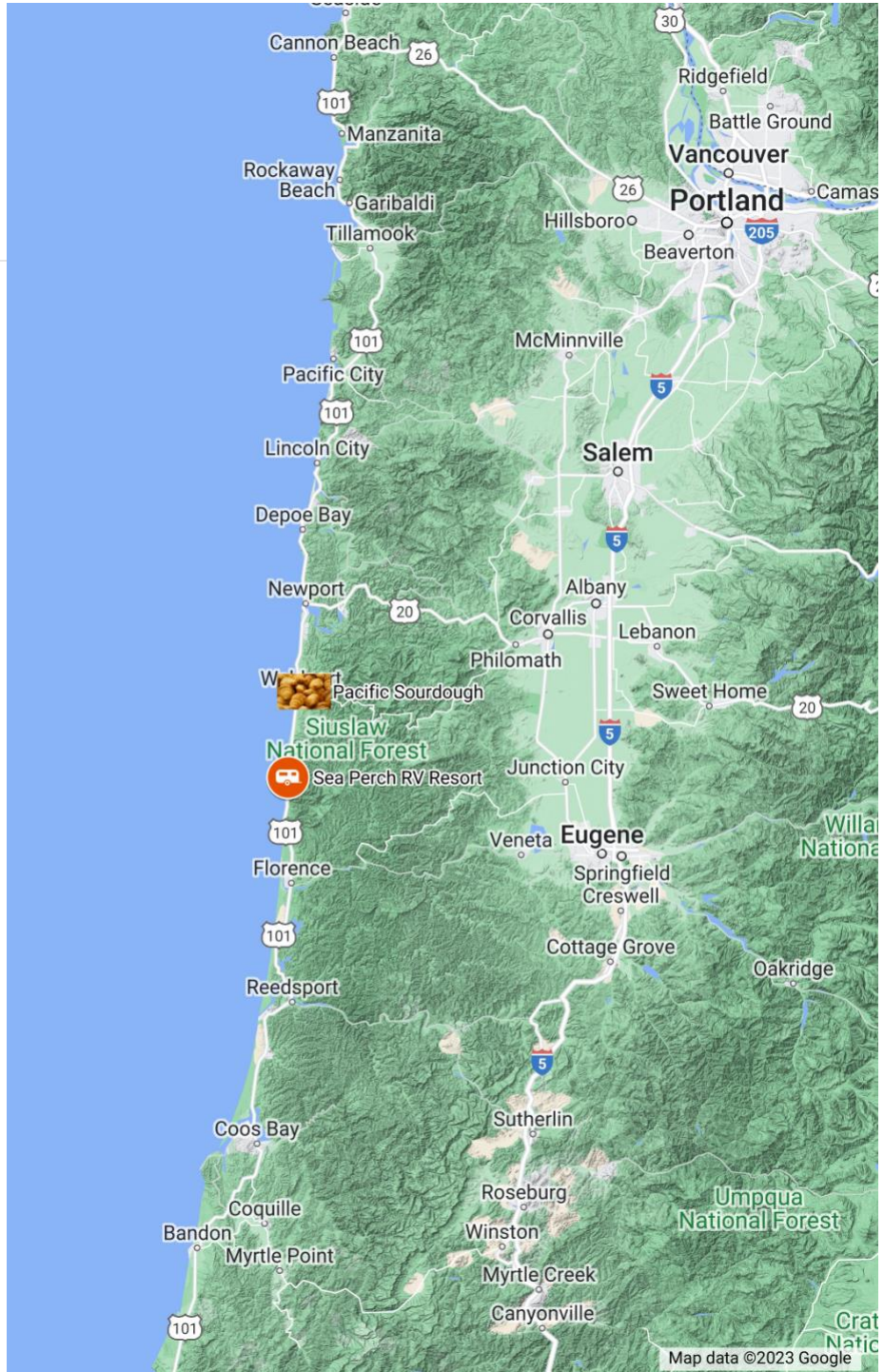
Locations mentioned in the article



Sea Perch RV Resort



Pacific Sourdough



# Spring Fling Rally

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Elkton RV Park



Brandborg Vineyard and Winery



Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe



Arlene's Café & General Store

Elkton RV Park

