

Earl's Diary - Saturday - July 19, 2014

Greetings to all my Loyal Readers,

Today, once again, the weather was sunny! Now, that's three days in a row! This morning a large group gathered at the amphitheater for the requisite group photo.



I was REALLY there. I'm in the red shirt (center, third row)

There is a full day's activities planned for the Oregon Gathering. Those of you who have read my pages from last year will recall that I gave some detailed descriptions of what goes on in a "cult" gathering. My problem this year is how to write about something without repeating too much. I came up with two new ideas - -

One of the "new kids" on the block is Escape Trailer Enterprises that make a molded fiberglass trailer from British Columbia, Canada. Now here is MY disclaimer: I am NOT a salesperson for Escape, nor am I endorsing the product. I am merely showing what is offered in their new trailer line. Last year, if you remember the new introduction was the 21 foot Escape for those who want a little more room. This year I noticed 2 new 21's here in Bandon. Once again I was able to have a tour of one of them.





New this year appears to be the Escape 5.0 TA. The "TA" stands for tandem axle. The unit you see in this picture came off the line somewhere near July 1. It is only about 3 weeks old.



This is the older Escape 5.0 - with a single axle. All the newer models are now coming with the double axle. However, used ones are occasionally found for sale.



A 19 foot model



This one appears to be 17 foot.

Saturday, most of the day is dedicated to "trailer tours". We fiberglass guys are very enthusiastic about our "eggs" and we will show them to anyone who wants to look. Some egg-heads like to buy new units and make immediate changes, or modifications as they are usually called. Others like to find used ones that they can refurbish completely. Several units here this year have not been manufactured for many years. (Boler, U-Haul) Their owners have done magnificent work on the restoration.

Then there are those others like me who haven't done anything to their "baby". I can't say I haven't done anything - I did sand and put on a new coat of varathane on the wood work in my Scamp Deluxe 5er.



Out the side ----



Friends and strangers alike who are unfamiliar with our "egg" trailers (especially the 13 foot models are incredulous as to how can you live in one of those things? I'm here to tell you there are many 13 foot models (especially Scamps) out there! Here, let me show you how some people cope. These are actual photos I took while touring the Bullards Beach Campground today.



More out the side



Cave entrance



Nothing at all, we will survive!



A real cave?



Not only colorful -- but resourceful!
Lil' Joe, only 12.5 feet in length!



Out the back



Not attached



We "egg heads" are a resourceful group!



The Saturday night potluck always a BIG event! Two loooooong tables filled with goodies to eat. This year there are easily 100 people attending.



Not much left when it was all done!



It was my pleasure to present the trophies for the Golf Ball Horseshoe Tournament that was held Thursday afternoon.



First place to Bret and Ellen



Second place to Jeannie and Alan



Third place to Tom and Roxie

This was a busy and tiring day for all those who wanted to visit other trailers and see what their owners have done to them. I visited lots of people all over the campground and met new people and said hello to old friends. My poor feet (and the rest of my body) were ready to rest for the night.

Tomorrow the Gathering comes to a close. For many, the Gathering has already closed. They are packing up and getting ready to depart early in the morning. For we remaining, there is the brunch buffet.

It's off to bed for me now. Thanks for coming along with me. Bye for now - - Earl