

# WA State Aerie E-News



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## Welcome to the E-News!

Look for us every month with updates on the State President's travels, Membership news, info on special events, campaign posters, etc.

If you have something of interest you would like posted, please send it to:

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Deadline will be the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The Editor

## Membership News

The "Big Drop" happened July 11<sup>th</sup> and as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> the Aerie is down 6531 members from where we ended the 2023-24 Eagle Year.

Last year at this time we were down 6220 and came back to hit net gain so I'm sure we can do it again!

Currently there are 32401 Aerie and 16119 Auxiliary Members in the State of Washington.



August 2024

## From State President Dave

Greetings to all the Brothers and Sisters of the WA State Eagles! We are just getting started with our Eagle year but have already made a few visitations.

First trip was down to the Dalles the week after our convention for Oregon State Convention. It was nice to visit with our Brothers to the south and see how they do things down there. I did have to question them as they held their Aerie meetings across the river in Dallesport, WA. I suggested they should have to make a donation to the WA Aerie for having their convention in Washington State (that didn't go over too well....) Also I got to see WA ST VP-Pres Elect Fred Brattain walk around all convention carrying a watermelon. I asked him about it but he seemed unable to speak (ask Fred about it sometime).

After that I headed up to Moses Lake for the Youth Convention. All in attendance looked like they were having a great time, we just need to get participation back up again! I was the "black sheep" of the State Officers there as my white sport-coat didn't make the trip with me.

My first Official Visit was in Tonasket and after a long, HOT drive, we head a great time. Next we headed up north to Oroville and spent the day bouncing around town and ended up at a museum in the town of Molson (population 35), about a half hour to the north-east. The evening at the Oroville Aerie was enjoyable, as I was able to sit and chat with a few of their officers and O.G. Dan Olsen made his way into town from Republic. Sadly, their AC was on the fritz so it was a bit warm in there but not unbearable. I was able to get a neat picture of my van in front of a mural at the local hotel. Finally, we headed back south to Okanagan where it was **HOT** (104 degrees at 7:30pm!) but we still had a good time.

Now we are back on the West Side and had our visit at Skagit Valley. They seem to be doing really well coming up with ways to bring up their membership and their finances. They have done a lot of charity work as well and were VERY generous in supporting our state charities. Next it is on to Granit Falls where we were served and excellent prime rib diner. The Aerie was also made a VERY generous donation to the State Aerie charities and afterward they held a desert auction which the proceeds were donated to both the State Aerie & Auxiliary charities.

I would like to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who have helped me make it to where I am today, as this is not a journey one makes alone. There are way to many to name individually, as this page would be full!

In August we are off the New Orleans for the Grand Convention then back on the trail around the State.



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## August Calendar

Grand Convention 3rd-8th

State President's Visits: Roslyn Thursday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Wilkeson, Monday Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

Eagle Valley BBQ Weekend Aug 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

 $\begin{array}{l} Further {\rm unvention} \ at \ Everett \ \#13 \\ {\rm August} \ 23^{rd} \ -25^{th} \end{array}$ 

**GWP Peter Akers Visits WA!** Daffodil 2308 Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner 5:30, Meeting to follow Taco Bar

Issaquah Lunch August 15th Details coming Everett 13 Diner August 15<sup>th</sup>

TBD Dinner Friday Aug 16th

Eagle Valley Dinner Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Day Trips planned Roslyn & Cle Elum

Wenatchee Sunday Aug 18th

Deer Park Monday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Dinner 5pm, Chef Salad August 2024

## August 22, 23 and 24th Funvention Everett is proud the have FunVention this year.

FRIDAY -- BURGERS and music and singing SATURDAY and Sunday -- Breakfast Burritos with fruit and pastry's SATURDAY LUNCH -- Chicken salad, Tuna and /or Egg salad sandwiches with chips \$5.00 SATURDAY Night Banquet Still undecided

There will be entertainment by the Kids SATURDAY morning, who are trying to get Scholarships. After Lunch the kids have downtime to see Everett sites. At Dinner we will be entertained before Dinner.

### **BEST WESTERN** on Pacific Ave

## ROOM RATES **\$144.00** per night Kings and Queens available PET FRIENDLY Offer Breakfast in mornings, 2 to 4 people per room.

### **RED LION on Broadway**

ROOM RATES **\$90.00** per night KINGS AND QUEENS AVAILABLE NO BREAKFAST AVAILABLE PET FRIENDLY

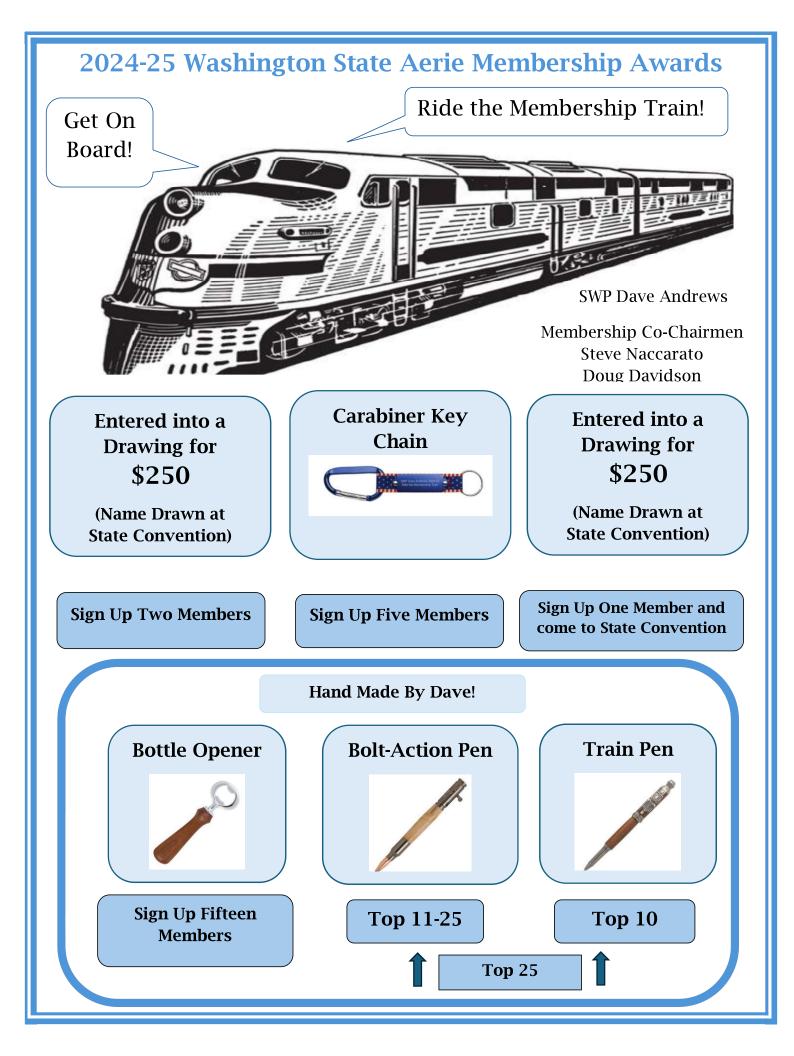
## **State Charities**

Aerie Charity: Cancer

Funds sent to the WA State Aerie will be given to Fred Hutch Cancer research center in Seattle at State Convention in Yakima

Aerie Special Project: Mary Bridge Children's Therapy Unit (CTU) in Puyallup

Auxiliary Charity: Parkinsons





"Make it Personal"

So many times we raise money for our charities but really just do it because that's what we do. This year I am challenging each Aerie to try to make things "personal." In 2020 I lost my sister after a two year fight with ovarian cancer. So I am asking each Aerie to provide a picture and a short story to explain *why* we do what we do! I hope you have more success raising funds when they see all the people who have been affected by cancer. I will bring a poster board with me and hope to attach a new picture at each visitation and will display all of them at State Convention. All funds raised for cancer sent to the State Aerie will be given to Fred Hutch at the Convention Banquet.

Our Special Project for the year is the Mary Bridge Children's Therapy Unit at Good Sam Hospital.

