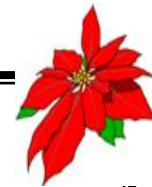


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From the President - Shari Weber



This is my favorite time of the year! Pretty decorations adorn shops and homes. Christmas carols are being played everywhere which never fail to make me smile and sing along. Families are gathering to make forever memories. I hope that no matter how you celebrate the upcoming holidays you enjoy the fellowship!

The nominating committee is working hard to identify volunteers for the Trustee positions up for election. A report on the results of their work will be included in a separate article in this issue. The March issue of "Camping Today" is the election issue. It will contain the biographies of the candidates as well as their vision for FCRV. If there is more than one nominee for any of the positions, ballots will be distributed in March. These will be emailed to those we have email addresses for and snail mailed to the postal address when we don't have an email address. This is a perfect time to update your contact information if you have made any changes. The nominating committee is wrapping up its report and it will be in the January Camping Today.

The Kentucky Colonel and Friends campout was held in Owensboro KY at Diamond Lake Resort. We tried a new location and a new time in 2018. The new location was necessary as Lake Cumberland State Park was undergoing major renovations. The time was an experiment since many people have been asking for the event to not be held over Thanksgiving. There were several new families who joined us this year and had a great time. It is fantastic to bring in new folks who are enthusiastic because they had a great time. Those who have been attending for many years missed Lake Cumberland. So, the experiment with time and place met with mixed success. The group prefers to go to Lake Cumberland, but maybe the weekend before Thanksgiving will be more accommodating.

I have noticed lots of plans for RV shows being made. Our state/provincial directors are working very hard to prepare for them. This is our opportunity

to welcome new folks into our camping family. Have you contacted your state/provincial director to volunteer for a few hours as they need you? It takes all of us to achieve success.

Remember if you make purchases from Amazon consider joining SmileAmazon.com and selecting FCRV as your charity. Smile Amazon has most of the same products and donates money to the charity of your choice. (We hope that is FCRV) J. Thanks to Kip Cushing who brought this to us as a possible way to obtain non-dues income. Please feel free to share this with family and friends who shop with Amazon.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and peace in the New Year!

Shari
Come Camp With Us!



Christmas History

The Christian Emperor, Constantine established Christmas in 340 AD and decided December 25 to be the most likely time for the birth of Christ. The Germanic tribes of Europe also held a celebration of feasting to honor mid-winter. In the 4th century, Nicholas, a bishop in Turkey came to be known as St. Nicholas for his kind deeds to the needy and enslaved.

Centuries later, the Puritans in England and in New England tried to do away with Christmas altogether but they had little success. In 1856 Christmas was made a legal holiday in Massachusetts. Up until that time, it was not likely that you would have a few days off from work at Christmas.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
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Retiree Rally 2019

Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center

Houma, Louisiana

March 19-24, 2019



Retiree Rally Coordinators Invite You!

by Dal & Barb Dodson, Rally Coordinators

Where has this year gone?

We know the Chairs and Co-chairs have been working hard to make the Retiree Rally happen and we want to give them a big THANK YOU!

Everyone needs to take the time to relax and enjoy family and friends. Sit back and visit, give that friend or family member a call. The holidays are not always enjoyable for everyone, so if you know of that someone, give them a call, I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

This is what we are about, friends do become family.

Don't forget, as your state and local chapters plan camp outs and meetings for 2019, one of the first things on the calendar is the 2019 Retiree Rally, March 19-24, in Houma. Make your reservation and we will see you in Louisiana!

We would also like to wish you all a "Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

'The Word' from our FCRV Retiree Directors, Ron & Reba Ray

The Retiree Rally is approaching in March, just 4 months away. So let's get those reservations in, and come have some fun. Dallas and Barb are really working hard on this and is looking forward to

Houma has a great Veterans program there with a

lot of Veterans Memorial. Last time they got to go out on a PT Boat for a cruise. Hopefully they can get this set up again this year. We had some flags left over from National and we will check to see if we can have another retirement of the flags, so if you want to bring those along we will see what we can come up with. I will get with Ron Braley and see if the Veterans would like to do this at one of their meetings We will follow up on this in the near future.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe and see you in March.



Door Prizes Request

by Pat Crow, Door Prize Chair



It can be large or it can be small
Something nicey, doesn't have to be pricey
We want to have some fun
We hope to have a door prize for everyone.



Retiree Games

By Bill and Margaret Alderman, Chairs



The Retiree Rally starts games with a Frog Race. Everyone plays! A wooden frog is 'jumped' across the floor by jiggling a string. Lots of fun and noise.

There are games every day of the Rally, including the popular \$1 Card Bingo, then Chicken-foot dominos, Skip-bo card game, three-thirteen card game (similar to Five Crowns).

Washer Toss, Bean-bag Toss and Hill-billy

(Ladder Golf) are low-impact throwing games for all. (At Retiree, we run all those as doubles, Men's, Women's and Mixed.)

The last day of the Rally is dominated by Bean-Bag Baseball. We'll have 14 to 16 teams of nine playing what's likely to be the loudest event of the Rally. Including spectators, about 90 percent of the attendees show up to participate and cheer.

Ya'll come, hear?



Retiree King & Queen Contest



Last chance to get an application for the 2019 International FCRV King & Queen contest at

the Retiree Rally in Houma, Louisiana. Applications should be received by us by early February to insure we can have adequate awards. We are wintering in Texas, so contact with us needs to be by phone (641-750-2774) or email (rj50158@aol.com). We also would like to hear from State or Provincial Kings and Queens who will not be in the contest, so we can recognize them at the Rally. The more contestants, the more fun. Hope to see lots of you at Houma March 19 - 24.

Ronald & Jo Hersom
FCRV King & Queen Coordinators

CORRECTION

**Misspelling of ND/SD Retiree King & Queen
Al & Shirley STORKSON**

Entertainment Info

by Lawrence Phillips, Entertainment Chair

The C Dale will be our Friday and Saturday night entertainment. He will be singing 50s, 60s, and 70s rock and roll music Friday and country and rock and roll Saturday.



The C - Dale Cummings 50's, 60's, and 70's Music!!!

Dale Cummings has a lot of fun singing and dancing to the music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's. He entertains at Restaurants and Oprys as well as Festivals and Car Shows, and also at High School Reunions, Private Parties and Grand Openings, all around the beautiful state of Texas and beyond. We'll have fun with Dale Cummings at the FCRV 2019 Retiree Rally!!!



Dale Cummings is an inspired singer known as The C'. He sings and dances to the music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Growing up around Quitman, Texas, the boy always seemed to be listening to music and singing along with his favorite tunes when songs came on the radio. Playing records and 8 track tapes was a favorite past time also. He always seemed to enjoy singing to make the day go by much better. Now the boy is a man, and now more than ever, he really enjoys the music that he sings and dances to. He entertains others and shows a good time through the classic tunes that he sings and is so excited when crowds enjoy and appreciate his song and dance.

Dale has performed in Branson on stage with The Platters. He has opened up for Elvis Impersonator, Joe Kent in Memphis, right across the street from Graceland. He has also performed, many times, in Carthage at the Texas Country Music Hall Of Fame. He has even sung at the Dallas World Trade Center.

He has been on musical venues with Stars such as Wanda Jackson, Ronnie McDowell, Eddy Raven, Don Williams, Gene Watson, Dan Seals, Janie Fricke, Exile, Ricochet, The Bellamy Brothers, Moe Bandy, Shenandoah, Johnny Lee, T Graham Brown, Johnny Rodriguez, and Buddy Holly's Crickets. He has also opened up for Rock and Roll Hall Of Famer Bobby "Blue" Bland. Recently, Dale was part of the show with the World Premier "ELVIS Tribute Artist" Mr. Kraig Parker...Another Great ETA that Dale Enjoys Opening Up for is

Travis Powell...And, Dale always enjoys being on shows with the great girls group " Shake, Rattle, and Roll".

Dale also sings at the Oprys in Arlington, Gladewater, Carthage, Mt. Pleasant, Forney, Liberty, Wylie, Texarkana, Mesquite, Reilly Springs Jamboree, Maytag Opry in Ashdown, Arkansas, and even in Shreveport at The Louisiana Hayride.

Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum

by Barb Turner, Publicity Chair



‘Blue Bayou’, the 48th International FCRV Retiree Rally, will be held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma, Louisiana March 19-24, 2019. The early days will be March 15-18. Have you registered? The Rally Committee is planning a wonderful week.

While in Houma, you might plan a visit to the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum which shows how life along the southern Louisiana coast has been shaped by cultural, industrial and ecological events. The museum is located at 7910 W Park Ave.

The site where the museum stands today was originally developed in the 1880’s as a warehouse for the Daigle Barge Lines and served as a focal point for Houma’s growing freight industry. By the end of the century, the warehouse was purchased by the Cenac family for their oyster packing business. It was during this time that Houma ‘assumed’ the unofficial title of ‘oyster capital of the world’.



From the oyster business, there was a switch made to shrimp which overtook oysters in economic importance by Armand St. Martin who made the building into a labeling and transshipment facility for the Indian Ridge Canning Company. With the new use of refrigeration and flash-freezing, canning became obsolete. The building stood empty.

The parish discussed the idea of turning the 100-year-old packing shed into a local history and began soliciting donations from the private sector. However, before the project could be completed, the old cypress wood-framed building burned down in April 1997. The new plan – build a new building to resemble the original.



The museum opened in 1999.

When visiting the museum, enjoy interactive displays showing how the area developed with fishing, oystering, and shrimping and then on to water-based recreation and the oil and gas industry, both onshore and offshore. Industry and environment can co-exist as shown in the numerous displays.

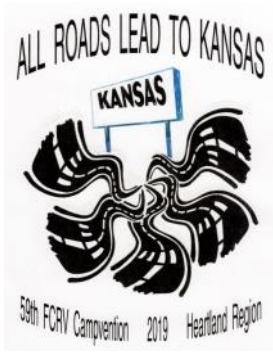


The Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum should be on your early bird list. Get your ‘Blue Bayou’ start at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum in Houma at the 2019 FCRV Retiree Rally.



HANUKKAH

Hanukkah, a holiday primarily celebrated at home, begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of *Kislev* and is observed for eight days. In the Talmud, the rabbis taught that the mitzvah of Hanukkah, the commandment at the heart of the observance of the holiday, is a “candle for each man and his household.” Hence, the actual *mitzvah*, or commandment, of Hanukkah is to kindle the Hanukkah lights in one’s home. [Blessings](#) are recited over lighting the candles. One candle is lit for each night. The candle for the first night is put on the right side of the eight-branched *menorah*. On each subsequent night, an additional candle is placed to the immediate left of the previous night’s candle, and the candles are lit from left to right, so that the kindling begins with the newest light. Since these lights are holy, it is forbidden to make practical use of them; therefore, a special *shamash* (helper) candle is used to light the others.



Campvention 2019

Kansas State Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, KS

July 7-12, 2019

FCRV 2019 Parade Registration Form

Parade theme: **Best Road Trip Ever!**

Parade time: **Friday July 12th 10AM**

CATAGORIES (Check one)

- Chapter Float
- Teen Chapter Float
- State/Province Float
- State/Province Float
- All Teen Queen Float
- Individual Family Float
- National Entries Float

Parade stealer: All floats are eligible for this award.

President's Award: All floats except National are eligible for this award.

CHAPTER NAME: _____

STATE/PROVINCE: _____

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY: _____

NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE: _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

Please bring this form to Campvention or email it to me.

Sherry McGuire Jmac2@csicable.net .

Visit Liberal, Kansas Before or After Campvention 2019

by Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

Liberal, Kansas is located in southwestern Kansas at the intersection of U.S. Route 83 and U.S. Route 54. Interestingly, Liberal received its name after S.S. Rogers built the first house in 1872. He became famous in the region for giving free water to travelers. “Liberal gained its name from the common response to his acts of kindness, ‘That’s very liberal of you.’ In 1885 Rogers built a general store, and with it came an official U.S. Post Office. Rogers named the post office ‘Liberal.’”

Why visit Liberal next summer? In keeping with ‘off-the-beaten-path’ sites to visit, you might want to visit Liberal to visit Dorothy’s House/Land of Oz & Seward County Coronado Museum (567 E Cedar St.), the Mid-America Air Museum (2000 W. Second Street, Cor. General Welch Blvd.), and the International Pancake Day Hall of Fame (318 N Lincoln Ave.).



If you enter Liberal on U.S. Highway 54, you will be greeted by Don Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, or rather his eight-foot statue which points the way to the Coronado Museum. Coronado and his band of 36 soldiers were the first Europeans to visit what is now southwest Kansas in 1541. Coronado was searching for the fabled ‘Seven Cities of Gold’. When you visit the museum, you’ll see a few small items left behind by these Conquistadors. A Spanish bridle bit has been authenticated as belonging to his party. In addition, learn about the history of Liberal.

As noted above, the Coronado Museum is in conjunction with Dorothy’s House/Land of Oz. We all know the story written by L. Frank Baum about Dorothy, a Kansas farm girl. Visit Dorothy’s House/Land of Oz for an interactive experience to ‘The Wonderful Wizard of Oz’. No, it’s not ‘Dorothy’s house’, but it’s a home built in 1907 that has been preserved and restored to reflect the Gale farmhouse from the movie. ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’ will come to life for you as you ‘Follow the Yellow Brick Road’ into the animated ‘Land of Oz’ with Dorothy and Toto. You’ll meet Munchkins, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion while you try to avoid the Wicked Witch. Yes, you will meet the Wizard....face-to-face! You’ll enjoy this unique experience in southwest Kansas in Liberal.



While in Liberal, you’ll want to visit the Mid-America Air Museum which is the premier aviation museum in Kansas with over 100 aircraft. It’s one of the largest in the United States. During World War II, B-24 Liberator pilots were trained at the base in Liberal. “The B-24 Liberator training base prepared more crews and pilots than any other US airfield. The Liberal Army Airfield was active for three years. It then became the Liberal Airfield and eventually the Mid-America Regional Airport. In the 1970’s, Beechcraft operated a single-engine factory where they manufactured general aviation aircraft. After Beechcraft closed their Liberal facility, the Mid-America Air Museum was established to preserve local and national aviation heritage.” For aviation buffs, the Mid-America Air Museum in



Liberal sounds like a ‘must’.

The last site to visit in Liberal, which claims to be the ‘Pancake Hub of the Universe,’ is the International Pancake Day Hall of Fame. Yes, pancakes.....but it’s not really about pancakes. It’s about Pancake Day.

What is Pancake Day, you’ll ask. Pancake Day arrives every Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras). “Women in Liberal don skirts and scarves, grab skillets, and race against each other through town, flipping flapjacks as they run. It’s part of an international competition with the town of Olney in Buckinghamshire, England, whose

women have been running with pancakes since the late Middle Ages.”



The International Pancake Day Hall of Fame is a result of pancake racing going global in 1950 when the Liberal Junior Chamber of Commerce saw a photo of the Olney race in Look magazine. "The Jaycees were all men, and they told England that their wives would be happy to run a pancake foot race against them," said Jo Ann Combs, executive secretary of the museum. "A lot of those men had to eat baloney sandwiches for many nights after that." Ironically, the women of Liberal grew to embrace the Pancake Day race. There are between 10 and 16 competitors each year. They all have to be Liberal citizens. The two towns call each other after the race to see whose winner had the best time. The Liberal ladies have built a significant lead!! Sound interesting? Call 620-624-6423 to make an appointment!

Even though Campvention 2019 is months away, enjoy your winter planning on joining us in Hutchinson in July. And, plan on visiting these unique sites in Liberal, Kansas

Milestones

Northern Lights celebrated 25 years



Northern Lights celebrated 25 years as a chapter at the Colorado Statewide in September.

FCRV Activities

Fiddlers Green Chapter Campout




Fiddlers Green Chapter cooked a turkey under a garbage can at their Thanksgiving campout. Delicious.


(Shari Weber photo)

Mid Florida Snowbirds

The first meeting of the Mid Florida Snowbirds is set for December 12 1PM at the Golden Corral 6855 Gall Blvd in Zephyrhills..



THANKSMAS



Kristi Collier, who writes a Winter Texan newspaper column has come up with a term that many snowbirds can identify with. "Thanksmas is when snowbirds head south for the winter they combine Thanksgiving and Christmas so they can celebrate with their loved ones and families before they leave. The grandkids love it because Grandma and Grandpa don't always remember they have already given gifts."

Illinois Retiree King and Queen Matt and Marla Mantia



Hello, we are Matt and Marla Mantia from Bradley, Illinois and we have recently been elected the First King and Queen for the Illinois Retirees Chapter.

To start, let us tell you a little bit about us. We started out camping with our local chapter, Kankakee Valley Wanderers, and became FCRV members in 2008. When Matt became president of our local chapter in 2010, we began to get more involved in FCRV. As time went on Matt became the President of the Illinois Retirees Chapter and still is the current President. He has also been the past Illinois State Vice-President as well as currently the Illinois Field Director for two local chapters.

Additionally, when we went to our first Campvention and our first Retiree Rally we were really hooked!! We met so many new friends and had so much fun that we decided that we didn't want to stop. We started volunteering at the very first Campvention and Retiree Rally we attended and have continued to volunteer at each one since. We have volunteered at Security work, Red Hats, Hard Hats, Food Bank, Putting goodie bags together etc. Continually we have Chaired and Co-chaired the First-Timers, and Matt was Chairman of the Trams for the last Campvention. We found out all you have to do is ASK, and someone will tell you where help is needed.

Furthermore, this is a second marriage for both of us. We have been married for almost 13 years and have 3 sons and 1 daughter between us. We also have 11 grandchildren (8 granddaughters & 3 grandsons) and 1 great-granddaughter. Because our extended family all live within an hour of each other, we are all able to get together often. And we love it!!

We are looking forward to going to the Retiree Rally in Houma, LA. Please consider us for the 2019 International Retiree King and Queen. We would love to have your vote!



NATIONAL HISTORIAN PROGRAM



Among the many national programs that FCRV offers to the membership is the FCRV Historian Program. Approximately 75% of people care very little about the history of our country, let alone the history of FCRV. However, if you will indulge us and let us tell you about the Historian Program, perhaps you will become interested in FCRV history from the very beginning.

A Scrapbook is a good example. Chapter Scrapbooks are one of the best tools you have for getting campers to join your chapter by showing them activities in which the members have participated. Pictures are worth far more than words. A properly captioned picture tells a story.

The purpose of the Historian Program is to provide future FCRV members the opportunity to trace the association's history from its inception to the present. The National Historian searches, collects and preserves NCHA/FCRV history through whatever means of media and/or memorabilia available; assists the State/Provincial Historians if needed; promotes appointments of State/Provincial Historians; encourages chapters and chapter historians to preserve their chapter history; maintains records and statistics of publications, campvention, state/provincial, and national program albums, maintains miscellaneous files; and lastly, promotes chapter scrapbooks contests and state/provincial photo book contests annually.

The State/Provincial Display contest was started in 1985 with 7 entries; this display contest was discontinued in 2011. The Chapter Scrapbook Contests (adult and teen) were started in 1988 with 19 entries. In the last several years the Chapter Scrapbook Contests have had few participants and the contests are in danger of being eliminated. This applies to the State/ Provincial Photo Book contest as well. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT IF YOU WISH THESE CONTESTS TO CONTINUE.** Send us an email and express your opinion.

Along with the above mentioned contests, your Historian is working on all the media (16 mm film, 35 mm film, super 8, videos, and dvds) to transfer it all to DVDs with a local company for preservation of campvention media, as well as some of our more important motivational speakers we have had over the years. Also, other media (photos and slides) will be organized and put onto CDs. Another big project

almost completed is the Campvention albums for each campvention we have had since 1960. State/Provincial albums and national program albums are in the works as well. As you can imagine, this is a huge job and can be very daunting at times, but we will persevere.

Anyone who might be interested in helping us wade through NCHA/FCRV history and learning far more about the organization than you could ever imagine, we would welcome your input and hands on approach. Just contact us by email. Thank you.

Don & Shirley MacKenzie
National Historian
onededarjunction@gmail.com



Holiday Preparations and Your Wish List

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

The holidays are fast approaching. The decorations are up everywhere and you may have even put some up inside and outside of your home. If you put up holiday lights, did you make sure; you used approved lights supported by the Underwriters Laboratories? Remember to check out your lights before putting them up. Look over them carefully to make sure you do not have any frayed wires and that all of the lights are working correctly. If you have found reason to doubt, then throw them out and purchased new ones. Holiday lights these days are frankly not that expensive and it is easier to replace them verses repair. As you began to put up the light display did you check the polarity of the lights and the plug into which you are plugging the lights. Follow the manufactures recommendation as to how many strands of light you can attach to each other. What is the distance between you power source to the light display? You do not want to exceed the safety limits allowed by the light strands and your electrical source. This is one of the biggest mistakes many people make. They have grand ideas for putting up the light displays but find themselves in a dilemma as to the amount of power needed for proper illumination. Plan ahead and carefully lay out your lights so that they can be safely operated without any electrical hazards or repercussions afterwards.

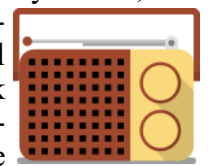
Now let us focus on that shopping list. What to buy for the various members of the family? Here are

some simple suggestions that will fit right in with your overall camping experience. Do you and the various members of your family have a “to go” kit? If the answer, no then take the time and make a list of the various items that should be in this “to go” kit and now you have a starting place for your holiday shopping list. You can purchased a factory prepared “to go” kit, but consider this, will it have exactly what you need that is best suited for your family. Sometimes it is best to purchase these items separately so that this “to go” kit will contain the contents best suited for your possible emergency. A “to go” kit can be a large plastic tub, well-marked suit case, or other water proof container that can adequately contain the items you need when you need to “go.” As an example: a first Aid Kit, they can be purchased for your home, RV, car, and of course the “to go” kit. Various stores have them for sale, in all sizes, varieties and costs. Look over the selections and purchase the one that will best



suit the needs of the person to whom you will be giving this as a gift. Flashlights, you never know when you will need them. Some women have a very small one attached to or in their purse. How about one for the car, and the RV. Add this to your shopping list Lanterns, great for the house and the camping outdoor experience. As simple, as it sounds many people always have to go looking for a flashlight especially when the power is out. Ok, you found the flashlight, what about the batteries. These too, make wonderful, very useful gifts. Any battery device should be checked at least twice a year to make sure it will work when needed.

Radios, how about one that can play music, and gives you the weather. Battery operated or crank. Both will be wonderful gifts. The small and simple ones work best. Easy to carry and store but always available when needed them the most. A weather radio is another wonderful idea for a gift. A weather radio truly could save a life. Buy two, one for the home, put the other one in the RV, and leave it there so you have it in the RV when you need it. Several manual can openers, why you may ask. Simply when the power goes out, how will you open that can of peaches? One for the RV and one for the “to go” kit. They are simple but will be very useful when you find yourself looking for one.



Communications. How about an extra battery backup for the cell phone? Here is another thought, a set of Family Frequency Radios? The can be used in an emergency to chat with a neighbor, or to keep

track of the kids or grand kids at a campout. Their usefulness are endless. They can be easily found at various department stores. Here again, an item that can have dual purposes both for the RV, home and part of the "To go" kits.

Insurance, How about seeking the advice of an insurance adjuster and making a purchase for health insurance, life insurance, RV, flood insurance or updating the coverage you have presently. If you have not reviewed your policies in over the last three years now is the time to make an appointment to update your coverage. When an emergency occurs then it is too late. This is when many individuals find out that the coverage they have does not cover adequately the expenses occurred.

Donations: Everyone likes to give or donate to various organizations. They are many, but how about helping a "new" fellow camper. They may be your best friend. Arrange to help them learn all about the "new" or "used" RV they purchased. If you have been camping for several years, share your ideas with them, make a new friend, and even promote FCRV-new friend, new member. If you have been camping for many years and have down sized your unit what did you do with the extras? How about "giving" them



to the new RVers who you just met. Do you really need four water hoses? Share, no need to have the extra items in a shed or garage, help someone out. A simple helping hand, to a new person to the camping experience can be so heartwarming and helps build lasting friendships.

Practical or impractical the ideas here are suggestions. As one reflects over the past year, think carefully, where you really prepared for any type of emergency? The shopping list of ideas presented here is to help you prepare for the future. A different sort of thinking but worthy of importance. "To Go" kits, first aid kits, flashlights, lanterns, etc. all make wonderful holiday gifts. Useful when needed and needed when useful.

To all, happy holiday greetings.



WHY WE ARE NOT SNOWBIRDS

By Jan Cushing

I have always lived in Wisconsin. Kip has lived in Wisconsin except for the years he served in the United States Navy. Our

daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren live about an hour away. My sisters also live in the area. My brother lives about two hours away. Family is important to us.

We have worked and/or been in charge of the NCHA/FCRV booth at the Milwaukee RV show that is held at the end of February/beginning of March for over thirty years. For the past five years we have been at the show for the majority of the four days the show is open. We do this because we want to increase membership in Wisconsin and FCRV.

We don't have to pay for two places to live. We enjoy the changing of the seasons. If it is too cold, we can stay in the house where it is warm. If there is snow, we don't have to hire someone to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice. We don't have to have someone check on the house and water the numerous plants we have. Our second vehicle will not have to sit idle in the garage while we are gone.

We also like to ice fish. We have hundreds of dollars invested in ice fishing equipment. This includes a portable ice shanty, gas and hand augers, and several ice fishing rods, reels, and lures. There is something to be said about spending a few hours on a frozen lake and catching panfish to eat fresh or put in the freezer for future use. My father used to say "You don't have to be crazy to ice fish, but it sure helps".



Future Fish Fry

Holiday Facts

- When the ancient Romans celebrated their winter solstice in honor of the god Saturn, they exchanged decorative wreaths and garlands made from evergreens. The early English also made decorated wreaths but placed them inside their homes to keep away evil spirits.
- Although many believe the Friday after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year, it is not. It is the fifth to tenth busiest day. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year.
- Franklin Pierce was the first United States' president to decorate an official White House Christmas tree .

RVB's RV of the Year: Forest River's Vengeance

Courtesy of RVBusiness



“Easy Approach” drop-down garage entry, has been named the 2019 *RVBusiness* RV of the Year by the editorial staff of the Elkhart, Ind.-based trade journal.

Developed in partnership with Lippert Components Inc. — Forest River has a two-year exclusive on the innovation — the “Easy Approach” looks to be a game-changer in the competitive toy hauler segment with its ability to decrease ramp angles by as much as 50%, Forest River spokesmen indicated.



Vengeance team includes (front, L-R) General Manager John Quake, Sales Manager Bradley Short, Purchasing Agent Steve Carnes and Director of Purchasing Phil Taylor. On steps: Interior Designer Michele Kay and Engineer Pat O'Connor

“The No. 1 problem with every toy hauler is that if you can’t load it, you’re not buying it,” said Vengeance General Manager John Quake, based in LaGrange, Ind. “So, we wanted to build something where everybody could load and unload by themselves, where someone doesn’t need four or five people to help push a motorcycle up in there. It can be really scary driving toys up that ramp; YouTube is full of videos of people that have problems loading. So, this just makes it easy.”

While axles are mounted to the leaf springs in a typical trailer suspension arrangement, the “Easy Approach” system replaces these components with torsion axles mounted directly to the frame and equipped with hydraulic cylinders. A switch mounted to the exterior of the rear sidewall activates the system, which uses the same hydraulic pump that powers the unit’s six-point Level Up trailer-leveling feature.

“There are two cylinders, one on either side of the coach,” explained Bradley Short, sales manager for Forest River’s Vengeance, Rogue and Touring lines. “When that switch is thrown, the hydraulic fluid bleeds out of the cylinders and the center of the axles move up into the chassis by 10 inches, allowing the exterior to drop.”

And there’s more to the Vengeance Touring Edition 385FKS, a 19,500-pound (GVWR), 44-foot unit with a \$120,000 MSRP — than the “Easy Approach.”

Front kitchens have become a popular floorplan among fifth-wheel buyers, but Forest River is the first manufacturer to offer such a configuration in a toy hauler. In fact, the Vengeance not only places the well-equipped kitchen far forward — with the 22-cubic-foot residential refrigerator located against the forward wall — but the upper cabin also includes a comfortable lounge with sofas in opposing slideouts and an entertainment center.

“The reason other manufacturers don’t put a refrigerator up front is because they don’t have the clearance height for it,” Short said. “By changing the profile and switching to a full-profile front cap, we were able to increase clearance height to a full 6 feet, 5 inches.”

Nor, added Short, did this Vengeance floorplan increase weight on the front hitch. “We weren’t really concerned with weight issues because that’s predicated upon axle placement,” he said. “The front kitchen doesn’t increase hitch weight at all.”

With the kitchen and lounge upstairs, the ground level of the Vengeance is given over to a sizable bath — with walk-in shower and seat — and a rear bedroom just forward of the garage with an expansive wardrobe wall in the curbside slideout. The garage also includes cabinetry along the inside wall as well as a half-bath and a HappiJac electric bed and, below it, a sofa/bed combination.

“I think the new technology and floorplan say a lot about the Vengeance team and what they’re doing today



to stay ahead of the game — to constantly be forward looking on what people need, what they want,” noted Quake. “It was only a matter of time before somebody came up with a front kitchen in a toy hauler, or a lowering frame for safety. We just happened to be first.”

Finishing as finalists for the coveted *RVBusiness* RV of the Year award were the inTech Sol travel trailer, Leisure Travel Vans’ Wonder RTB “B-Plus” Class C, Thor Motor Coach’s Omni/Magnitude Super C and Winnebago’s Micro Minnie 2405RG fifth-wheel.

- **inTech Sol:** Like the company’s diminutive Luna trailer that debuted last year, the Sol travel trailer by Nappanee, Ind.-based inTech RV features a dramatic front wraparound windshield designed of three-ply tempered glass akin to an automotive windshield. But unlike the teardrop-style Luna, the 20-foot long Sol houses 6 feet, 6 inches of headroom — plus Infinity flooring, a well-appointed galley and larger-than-expected wet bath. Up front, the Euro-style Sol interior features a wraparound dinette booth allowing optimal viewing through the windshield, while the rear is home to a queen-sized bed with storage beneath. Built on a full-perimeter aluminum frame with inTech’s aluminum cage, the 3,200-pound (UVW) travel trailer is expected to carry a base MSRP of less than \$30,000.
- **Leisure Travel Vans Wonder RTB:** The \$118,300 (base MSRP) Wonder RTB by Leisure Travel Vans, a brand of Winkler-Manitoba-based Triple E Recreational Vehicles, is a European-inspired 24-foot, 9-inch long “B-Plus” type Class C motorhome housing a 67-cubic-foot exterior pass-through garage — large enough for two full-size bicycles with room left over. The RTB stands for Rear Twin Beds, which are elevated to accommodate the exterior pass-through and bountiful interior storage. The Wonder is built on a Ford Transit cutaway chassis powered by a 3.2-liter turbo diesel engine cranking out 350 foot-pounds of torque backed by a six-speed automatic transmission. That, for those paying attention, happens to be 25 more foot-pounds of torque than a Sprinter van.
- **Thor Motor Coach Omni/Magnitude:** These new Omni/Magnitude Class C sister coaches by Elkhart, Ind.-based Thor Motor Coach, a division of Thor Industries Inc., are built on the Ford F-550 chassis and powered by a 6.7-liter Power Stroke diesel, resulting in a robust 10,000-pound towing capacity and a fuel economy approaching 10 mpg. But the new Super C’s also blend that strength with livability by borrowing from the motorized builder’s Class A offerings, TMC staff indicated, as both models come standard with most features you’d expect in a luxury coach. Available in three full-wall slide floorplans — including a bunkhouse with a bath and a half — the Omni/Magnitude range from 35 feet, 6 inches to 36 feet, 10 inches, and MSRPs are expected to start at about \$209,000.
- **Winnebago Micro Minnie 2405RG:** While many fifth-wheels promoted as being “half-ton towable” tend to nonetheless tip the scales at better than 7,000 pounds unloaded, Winnebago Towables, an Indiana-based unit of Iowa’s Winnebago Industries Inc., has upended the concept with its under-6,000-pound Micro Minnie 2405RG fifth-wheel. Part of the weight savings comes from a 7-foot-wide floorplan and, for durability, the (\$34,503 MSRP) 2405RG is outfitted with torsion axles. The rear entry layout includes a spacious kitchen and living area before moving up to a three-piece bathroom and bedroom — with 6 foot, 2 inches of headroom — in the front of the unit. Joining the 26-foot, 9-inch Micro Minnie 2405RG fifth-wheel will be four additional floorplans for 2019.

The Vengeance and these finalists will take center stage Nov. 29 at the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Ind., for the taping of a special “Rollin’ on TV” (ROTV) episode showcasing the *RVBusiness* RV of the Year awards. Following the taping and a toast from ROTV at the Hall, *RVBusiness* will host its first annual “All-Industry Elkhart Party” at Lucchese’s Italian Restaurant a few blocks down the street.

Hall Adds Conestoga Wagon, ‘Eagle One’ Coach

Courtesy of *RVBusiness*

Two new additions have been added to the museum collection at the RV/MH Hall of Fame, including a Conestoga-style wagon and a motorhome called “Eagle One.”

“The old wagon has been restored to a beautiful condition and we believe it to be circa 1885,” said Darryl Searer, president of the RV/MH Heritage Foundation Inc. “The Eagle One is a tribute to the Philadelphia Eagles football team.”



Searer related that the 2006 Philadelphia Eagles-themed, 40-foot, diesel-pusher motorhome was donated by Patrick Moeller, an Eagle fanatic named who saw all but two games — home and away — in the \$300,000 coach. Searer noted that the “Eagle One” is derived from “Air Force One.” (A full YouTube profile of the coach and its owner is available by clicking [here.](#))

“He said when they won the Super Bowl he was going to donate it to charity,” said Searer. “So, he donated it to us just about a month ago and it was delivered yesterday. We already have it on display in the museum — a very exciting example of the sporting, tailgate tradition.”

Searer said the historic John Deere, Conestoga-style wagon was donated to the museum by Bill Thomas, owner of Bill Thomas RV, St. Louis, Mo.

“It was in his family for over 70 years tucked away in his great uncle’s barn,” he said. “It was all in parts with the box sitting on top for the axles and the wheels. When the uncle passed, Bill Thomas was willed the old relic and had a guy working for him that did restoration work on this kind of project.”

Searer noted that the the year the wagon was was identified as 1885 to 1895 as John Deere did not start building wagons until 1885 and the axles on the wagon are marked “SB” for Studebaker. Studebaker started building wagons in 1850 and John Deere used these axles when it first began production.

“The wagon is in great shape and we have it on display next the to the gift shop,” concluded Searer. “And the ‘Eagle One’ is also here in the museum.”



Jellystone Parks Revenue Jumps 18.8% For 3Q

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Park Camp-Resorts 2018 sales continued to surge in the third quarter with another double-digit same-park sales increase.

According to a press release, sales at the nation’s second-largest franchise campground network were up 18.8% for the quarter ending September 30. This follows a second quarter 11.9% jump and a first quarter 23.5% increase. Jellystone Park expects 2018 will be its 10th consecutive year of sales growth.

According to Jim Westover, vice president of Product Development and Sales, several factors are driving the growth. “We’re seeing a huge uptick in millennial families starting to camp, and the activities and ‘glamping’ style amenities Jellystone Park offers puts us in a unique position to meet their needs,” he said. “Our new mobile Campspot reservation system is especially appealing to Millennials who use their phones to book trips and even pick their favorite cabin or campsite.”

Westover also noted that the booming recreational vehicle business is fueling growth, with several Jellystone Park franchisees adding RV sites this year. “Given our record sales growth, the Jellystone Park brand is continuing to expand at an accelerated pace,” he stated.

<https://www.jellystonefranchise.com/>





Calif. Parks Act as Destinations For Evacuees

By Ben Quiggle Courtesy of RVBusiness

California's Camp Fire is now the deadliest in the state's history, killing more than 40 so far, with more than 200 people still missing, according to CNN.

The blaze, which is burning in Northern California, is not the only wildfire firefighters are dealing with. Fierce winds continue to threaten lives and homes in Southern California's Woolsey Fire, which has killed two people so far. The strongest Santa Ana winds in the south may bring gusts near hurricane force today (Nov. 13), CNN meteorologist Dave Hennen said.

Debbie Sipe, executive director of the California Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (CalARVC), told *Woodall's Campground Management* that the heavy smoke and threat of fire is definitely having an impact on local park owners.

"The air quality is horrendous," explained Sipe. "Nobody goes camping when this happens, but at the same time, parks end up becoming evacuation places for anybody that's able to get their RVs out. So, they typically fill up very, very quickly with folks that have been evacuated. So while they're not getting the tourists, they're getting some longer stays waiting for the evacuations to lift. That pretty much helps them not have too much of a business loss."

Sipe noted that some park owners that were impacted by fires earlier in the year have reported a 75% decrease in occupancy as a result.

So far, Sipe said she has not heard of any parks that have sustained serious damage, although one member park in the town of Paradise where the fire had destroyed 6,500 homes and 260 commercial businesses, is "probably destroyed," she noted.

To get more updates from CalARVC you can follow their Facebook page by clicking [here](#).

<http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/11/calif-parks-act-as-destinations-for-evacuees/>



'EnhancedCamping.com' Sees Jump In Traffic

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Growing numbers of consumers are doing their research on [EnhancedCamping.com](#), a searchable database of restaurants and other businesses frequently patronized by campground and RV park guests, according to a press release.

"People are lingering on our website longer and visiting more pages than they did even a few months ago," said Brian Schaeffer, president and CEO of AGS, which launched the website last spring. "The time consumers spend on EnhancedCamping.com has increased by 36% from September to October, while the number of pages they click on per visit is up 16%. The bounce rate, the percentage of people who either close their browser or hit the back button after landing on the site, is down 7%."

For years, AGS has provided campgrounds and RV parks with guest guides, which list local restaurants,

RV repair shops, doctors, veterinarians, dog groomers and other services of interest to their guests. But through EnhancedCamping.com, AGS gives parks and advertisers an opportunity for more exposure by taking the listings of businesses featured in hundreds of thousands of campground and RV park guest guides and compiling them into a searchable database online, according to the release.

Visitors to the site type in the city or state they wish to visit and then click on a drop down menu of services, such as restaurants or RV repair shops or dog groomers, to find listings of recommended service providers for each city. They can also search for campgrounds and RV parks featured on the website.

To be listed on EnhancedCamping.com, campgrounds only need to be one of the parks using AGS for their guest guide services. AGS produces printed guest guides for more than 1,000 campgrounds across the U.S. and Canada.

“We’re up to 3.9 million impressions of our guides since Texas Advertising bought AGS in 2011,” Schaeffer said, adding, “We will surpass the 4 million mark before the end of the year. For us, this means that while people may access their guides differently, there’s still room for print.”



Products



**Air Lift’s LoadLifter
5000
Fits Silverado, Sierra**

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Aftermarket air suspension supplier Air Lift Co. introduced the newly designed LoadLifter 5000 series kits available for the 2019 Chevy Silverado 1500 and GMC Sierra 1500.

According to a press release, the LoadLifter 5000 series features three of Air Lift’s best-selling load support products – the LoadLifter 5000, LoadLifter 5000 Ultimate, and the LoadLifter 5000 Ultimate PLUS. Each kit in the series offers up to 5,000 pounds of load-leveling capabilities, designed to eliminate the problems frequently faced when towing and hauling including squat, trailer sway, and poor headlight aim.

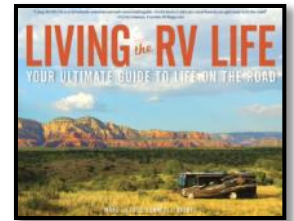
The LoadLifter 5000 (PN 57288) works to level the load and improve ride quality through the use of a pair of double-bellow, fully-adjustable air springs. The LoadLifter 5000 Ultimate (PN 88288) offers all of the same benefits, with the addition of an internal jounce bumper, specifically designed to prevent bottoming out and provide extra protection for heavy loads.

The LoadLifter Ultimate Plus+ (PN 89288) features upgraded, stainless steel hardware and air line,

as well as the internal jounce bumper, and military-grade AN fittings, for the elite user. All LoadLifter 5000 series air springs are all air adjustable from 5-100 PSI, for a comfortable ride.

<http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/11/air-lifts-loadlifter-5000-fits-silverado-sierra/>

**Full-Time RVers
Author
‘Living the RV Life’
Book**



By by Rick Kessler Courtesy of RVBusiness

Just in time for the holidays, “Living the RV Life: Your Ultimate Guide to Life on the Road” — a 256-page book jam-packed with full-color photos and practical information to help anyone hit the road and enjoy the RV lifestyle – is available for purchase beginning today (Nov. 20).

Published by Adams Media, a division of Simon & Schuster, “Living the RV Life” was written by Marc and Julie Bennett, full-time RVers who operate a popular website, YouTube channel and social media accounts under the “RVLove” moniker.

With a list price of \$22.99, “Living the RV Life” is available in paperback and digital (eBook/Kindle) versions from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, Costco, Indie-Go-Go, and other independent bookstores and online retailers as well as RVLove.com.

To say that we’re a little bit excited, shocked,

humbled and overwhelmed would be an understatement,” Julie Bennett recently told their YouTube audience in a video announcing the book project.

In an interview with RVBUSINESS.com, Julie said that the best part about writing the book was “working together as a team to create a clear and concise yet extremely comprehensive road map to the RV life that is rich in content, visually beautiful and easy to read.” It needed to be relevant and relatable to everyone from Millennials to Baby Boomers, she added, acknowledging that in itself was a tall order, but one they managed to pull off. [Read more](http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/11/full-time-rvers-write-living-the-rv-life-book/)

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ROXOR TO UNVEIL ITS ACCESSORIES LINE AT 2018 SEMA SHOW

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., Oct. 30, 2018 – At the 2018 Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas, ROXOR by Mahindra Automotive North America (MANA) will debut its accessory line for their all-new off-road vehicle. The turbo-diesel, four wheel drive, off-road only vehicle is the first of its kind to hit the market, and now full customization is possible with the latest accessories designed by the company. ROXOR will have a vehicle on display in booth #38007 inside South Hall, and their sales and marketing mobile exhibit rig parked outside in #61027 will feature the accessories as well as several specially-built ROXOR models.



ROXOR comes standard with a steel body, boxed steel frame, turbo-diesel 4-cylinder engine, automotive-style 5-speed manual transmission, big wheels/tires/brakes and a huge towing capacity of 3490 pounds. The company’s official accessory line includes products from key American-based aftermarket manufacturers: Warn Industries winch and front locking hubs, Bestop bikini soft top and full enclosure, KC Hi-Lites light bar, Kolpin rearview/side mirrors and grab handles, BF Goodrich or Goodyear tires and OX locking differential kit. Other accessories offered by the company are a windshield, dual-function pintle/ball trailer hitch, heavy-duty bumpers with tow hooks and heater/defroster as well as an in-development snow plow. Every ROXOR receives a

textured, scratch-resistant bed liner coating on the floorboards and cargo area.

“ROXOR is already an exceptional off-road vehicle capable of handling the toughest terrain and the most demanding of chores, and the accessories we offer enable owners to customize the vehicle to be able to meet their unique needs. Our vehicles can be used for ranching, off-roading, hunting, camping and can stand up to any work you can throw



at it,” said Vice President of Marketing for Mahindra Automotive North America Rich Ansell. “There is no better place to unveil our own official accessories line than the world’s largest aftermarket industry trade show.”

ROXOR currently has 300 dealers across the United States and are currently signing dealers in Canada. Every dealer will have the information available to help customers best select the ROXOR accessories for their application. Dealers will also have the complete accessory line and be fully trained to service the vehicles.

SylvanSport Rolling Out Platinum GO Camper

Courtesy of RVBusiness



num GO models.

The limited edition Platinum GO will feature a two-tone silver and gray tent package instead of the original silver and green. The platinum theme will continue throughout the interior with four gray self-inflating mattresses. The storage box lid will be charcoal black and the super-wide tires will be mounted on custom blackout anodized aluminum wheels.

All of these color changes blend with the current diamond plate silver deck and the gray-black powder coated aluminum frame. A special 15th Anniversary Limited Edition GO decal package will also be of-

To highlight SylvanSport’s 15th anniversary the Brevard, N.C.-based company is introducing a very limited edition of 15 Platinum GO models.

ferred.

The 15th Anniversary Limited Edition Platinum GO will be available for \$9,995 via direct inquiry through the SylvanSport [website](https://www.sylvansport.com/go-15th-anniversary-limited-edition/) and select dealers. Reservations are underway while supplies last.

“You can buy a GO Adventure Camper in any color you want, as long as it’s green and gray,” said SylvanSport founder and CEO Thomas Dempsey. “The 2019 Limited Edition Platinum GO is an exciting departure for SylvanSport and opens the doors to future new color schemes for our 2020 model year and beyond.”

<https://www.sylvansport.com/go-15th-anniversary-limited-edition/>



THIS ‘N THAT

The Hershey, PA Fall RV Show drew 60,000 people despite bad weather. 42 manufacturers had 1,400 units on display and 156 vendors had product booths vendors.



Statistical Surveys Inc. reports that Canadian towable rv sales are up 4.5% for the first 9 months of 2018.

The Washington Post reports that 1 million Americans live in RVs and enjoy the full timers lifestyle. Some work camp, travel, or have a fixed site. 10.5 million families own RVs today compared to 7.5 million in 2005.

The Winter Texan count of RVers in the Rio Grande Valley is up from 96,00 in 2010 to 106,00 in 2017-18. There are 280 RV / mobile home parks in the 3 county area. Winter Texans are welcome not only for their economic impact, but for the time and talent they give volunteering and their infectious zest for life. (FCRV has a Winter Texan Chapter with 90 members).

Farewells

CARROL BURCHINAL, PAST VICE-PRESIDENT



Past NCHA/FCRV Vice President, Carrol Burchinal of Bismarck North Dakota, passed away November 23, 2018 at the age of 88. Carrol and his wife, Darlene served North and South Dakota as Regional and State Directors before he was elected Second Vice President with Joseph Vasut, President, then First Vice President with Dennis Campbell, President.

Carrol Burchinal served in the U.S. Coast guard from 1950 – 1953. He graduated from Pittsburg State College in Kansas and later earned a Master's degree in Industrial Education and Administration. Trained as a printer, he began a 34 year career establishing a vocational school printing program in Salina, Kansas. He later worked for the North Dakota State Board of Education as Director of Trade and Industrial Education. He was active in the American Legion and his church.

The Burchinals were also known for their 37 years of fostering 260 children. They also served as a resource to the social services staff and new foster families providing both education and inspiration. Carrol was past President of the National Foster Parents Association. In 2002 and 2007 they were named Foster Parents of the Year and in 2010 received the United Way Lifetime of Caring Award. In 2016 they were presented the Angels of Adoption Award in Washington D.C. by Senator Heitkamp.

Jan Selby noted, "I marvel at the long term dedication shown by Carrol and Darlene. Our Rough Rider Club and state will certainly miss them." Darlene preceded her husband of 57 years. Also deceased are son, Michael and grandson, Ezra. Carrol Burchinal is survived by son, Brad (Pam), Daughters, Lisa (Hilary) Wald, and Letoya Whitelighning, 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Lisa and Hilary Wald, 2027 Northridge Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501. The complete obituary is in the Nov. 24th Bismack Tribune or www.parkwayfuneralhome.com.

Information by Jan Selby

Margaret (Peg) Homce, 10-28-18, 78, Mercer, PA and Florida,, Moraine Blazing Stars Chapter.

Jeff Jones, 11-9-18, Lykens, Pennsylvania, Lykens Valley Roamers Chapter

Sue Stroud, 11-28-18, Ohio & Florida, Jolly Jets & Roman Trojan Chapters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12, 2018 - Mid Florida Snowbirds

1PM at the Golden Corral 6855 Gall Blvd in Zephyrhills.



48th INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY
HOUMA-TERREBONNE CIVIC CENTER
HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 15th – MARCH 18th
RALLY DAYS: MARCH 19th – MARCH 24th



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WHICH ARE REGISTERING FOR? CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: _____ IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: _____ NO: _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN UNIT? _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT IN PDF: _____ OR WORD: _____

CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO ANOTHER ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADDRESS IN THE SPACE BELOW:

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SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING:

TO BE PARKED IN SPECIAL NEEDS (HANDICAP) AREA, YOU MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR AN UP-TO-DATE: DOCTORS CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS: _____

GUEST ARE WELCOME:

Guests/Non-FCRV members are welcome . They may be in their own unit or with you. Have them complete a registration form and indicate they are your guests We strongly suggest they enter the camping area at the same time you do. We are guests or NON-FCRV members of: _____.

FEES:

EARLY BIRD PARKING (MARCH 15-18): FEE IS \$25 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC. EARLY BIRD FEE WILL BE COLLECTED AT HOUMA.

RALLY FEES: MARCH 19 – MARCH 24 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping, water and electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	<u>Pre-registration (paid in advance in full)</u>	<u>At the Gate</u>
Two people in a unit:	\$235	\$260
Single person in a unit:	\$200	\$225
Camp Pass (Second family in unit)	\$100	

REFUND POLICY: Refunds must be requested in writing by mail, email or phone call to the Registrar. Refunds requested before March 8, 2019 will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$210.00, one person in a unit \$175.00, second family in unit \$75.00. After March 8, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. CAMP PASSES WILL RECEIVE NO REFUND.

Make checks or money order (US CURRENCY ONLY) payable to FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2019. NO CREDIT CARDS. Mail registration to: Bill and Penny Ramlow, 8009 Cherry Branch Drive, Ruskin, FL. 33573. You can contact them at: 305-822-6589 or 813-545-6083 or email them at pramlow@aol.com.

I would like to volunteer for: _____



**59th INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers**
Hosted by the Heartland Region # 2
“ALL ROADS LEAD TO KANSAS”
Kansas State Fairgrounds, 2000 North Poplar St.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
Campvention Days: July 8 – 12, 2019 fees covers
July 7 – 12 (6 nights)



Early Bird Days: July 5 & 6, 2019 @ \$25 / night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2019

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.
Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST/PRV:** ___ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ___ No ___

Number of people in your unit:

Of Adults: ___ Teens: ___ Youth 9 – 12 ___ Youth 5 – 8 ___ Young Adults ___ Total number of people in Unit: ___

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

The gates will be open all days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first 211 registrations will be parked in the full hook up sites. All others will be parked with water & electric. If you are not registered prior to arrival, you will be in a water & electric site. The full hook up area has paved streets and gravel parking sites. The water & electric sites are in grass areas. Tent sites are available in grass with shade and close to the shower house.

Special Needs Information:

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: ___ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency of checks or money orders. **NO CREDIT CARDS.**

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$300.00	\$310.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$160.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 7 – 12)	\$175.00	\$185.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$35.00 Per Day	Same
Motor Home ___ 5 th Wheel ___ Travel Trailer ___ Pop-Up ___ Want in shade trees ___		

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND HUTCHINSON:

Cosmosphere (Smithsonian-affiliated Space Museum), Strataca (a salt mine museum), Yoder (a Amish community), Hutchinson Zoo, Dillon Nature Center, Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial, Reno County Museum, Kansas Kids Museum, Reno County Veterans Memorial, Salt Discovery Site & Memorial Marker,

Make checks payable to: 2019 FCRV Campvention

Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$ 25 will be refunded

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We would like to volunteer for: _____