



EMPIRE STATE NEWS

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Stiegler's State Report

We would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of you for us having a great run as State Director. As you know the time had come to take a break and just be me. (lol) Now is the time for the Board to take over and all work together to keep NY State tighter than ever. We all know that our numbers are going down, but we have to keep a positive attitude and stay together as we have done in the past. We are not leaving the organization (as some people had thought), we will be there in the background with everyone else. We will work on committees as we have done in the past. It is sad to put the trailers away for the winter (most of us), so all have a safe winter and we will see you Memorial Day Weekend. Thank you again! John & Linda



NYSA President

As I sit here typing this article just before Thanksgiving and Christmas, late for this edition, I'm thinking ahead to the Spring Campout which is still to be planned. I believe that the size of the organization takes several people from different parts of the state to successfully plan and carry out the campout. If you are interested in helping please call me at 315-408-7604.

Another development in the state which you may already know about is that State Directors John and Linda Stiegler have stepped down. This occurred right after the Northeast Regional which was held at The Ridge campground in Leroy NY, which is located near Rochester. I would like to thank John and Linda for tireless dedication to this organization not only as State Directors, but in holding many other positions as well. They both said "We will still be at campouts and participate."

The Northeast Regional rally was a quaint gathering and we shared the campground with a local fire department. The campground owners were sponsoring a fund raising event and the proceeds raised by the events were donated to the fire department. FCRV members held a blind auction and also donated around \$400 dollars to the Leroy Fire Department. Everyone seemed to enjoy the auction and the weekend. (Ed. Note: Who knew Sean could be such a persuasive and EFFECTIVE auctioneer???) Several members spoke of liking the campground and a return trip might be in the near future.

It seems that the size of the State Organization due to changes in membership moves us in a direction to operate more like chapters than a State organization. We will continue to work and function with the primary focus on camping and doing the best that we can; it seems that the national organization is out of step with the vision of many of our members as to how the organization should be represented as a "members" organization which really reflects who we are and who we should try to appeal to join us. We will continue the best that we can; there are still many who believe in what the group is about "it's the people" relationships, and lifetime friends and memories that have been made. We will continue to
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SAVE THE DATE!

NYSA Spring Campout

May 24th-27th, 2019

Hosted by Every "BODY"

Herkimer County Fairgrounds

133 Cemetery Street, Frankfort, NY 13340



Whatever could this mean?

Additional details will be in the Spring issue of Empire State News

We also hope to send out information by email so please make sure the national office has your email address.

Registration Deadline is May 10th, 2019

NYSA President's Column (cont.)

offer campouts and as details develop for the Spring campout we will get the information to you. I wish all a great and happy holiday season and that the New Year finds you in good health.

NYSA President
Sean McHale



Miss New York: Keri McHale

To start off I would like to thank NYSA FCRV for the amazing scholarship I received in the spring! My first semester at The SUNY College at Brockport has been fantastic; I have also been very successful in my academics, athletics, and more. So far I have enjoyed my classes a lot and have received very good grades in all of them. My volleyball team also had a very successful season with a record of 19-12, we had a very young team this year and took a bit into the season to figure out our rhythm. I was lucky enough as a freshman and a setter to be given the starting spot and helped lead my team to a 10 game winning streak as well as being named to one of our "all tournament" teams. Although our season ended earlier than we planned in the first round of the conference championship, we had a great season! Once again I'm so thankful for the scholarship I was given; it has helped me so much with college payments and helped to make sure I've had a great experience so far!

Keri



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NEW YORK HOSTS '18 N. E. REGIONAL

32 families attended the 2018 Northeast Regional Campout at The Ridge Campground in Leroy, NY August 16-18. Heavy rains on Thursday may have watered down the area, but did nothing to dampen campers' spirits. There was a lot to do starting Thursday with a hike, golf outing, bingo and evening hospitality and campfire by the Hudson Valley District.

Opening ceremonies kicked off Friday followed with bocce, washer toss and horse shoes. Many took advantage of the \$10 dinner ticket for the campground restaurant for a Friday night fish dinner. An interesting evening program was presented by historian Craig Braack who told how the Erie Canal was significant in the growth of America. The Finger Lakes District provided a hospitality featuring a variety of apples, cheeses, and other items including Jell-O which were products of the region. There is a Jell-O museum in Leroy.

The hosts provided a pancake breakfast Saturday morning and a hot dog lunch. Pat Wittmeyer was in charge of youth activities. Also on Saturday morning the State Directors met and (Continued, next page)

HUDSON VALLEY DISTRICT

Hudson Valley District's Spring Campout was cancelled. But, we had a wonderful time on June 10th at Christina's in Kingston. Lots of conversation and good food was enjoyed by all.

In July, three Hudson Valley District members traveled to Doswell, Va. to attend the 58th FCRV Campvention. The Meadow Event Park was a great facility for the Campvention. 2019 Campvention is in Hutchinson, Kansas July 8-12.

NorthEast Regional Campout, Aug 16-19 was held at The Ridge in Leroy, New York. We had many fun activities and thanks to all the committees for planning our NER Campout. 2019 NER is at Lycoming Fairgrounds, Williamsport, Pa, Aug. 1-4.

September 14, 15, 16, Hudson Valley District held its Fall District Campout. A chicken bbq was planned for Saturday night pot luck. We did not have a quorum but enjoyed a long discussion on many topics.

October 21 we were back at Christina's for our Fall Meet and Greet. A delicious meal for 21 Hudson Valley District members.

48th International Retiree Rally will be in Houma, Louisiana, March 19th to March 24th, 2019.

Hudson Valley District Spring Campout 2019 will be held May 31 to June 2 at Shongum Shockers Campground in Napanoch,

New York. Hudson Valley District will be hosting Saturday dinner, To Be Announced.

Happy Holidays and hope you all have a good winter.

George and Tonya Rothmann
Hudson Valley District Directors



N.E. Regional Report (Cont.)

later the general membership meeting was held. Sue Fromholzer is the acting N.E. Regional Director. Mark Brayman has accepted the job of treasurer following the passing of Phil Turcotte. Glen Daines, CT, is looking for help from other states in the region to keep membership going in Massachusetts. An FCRV membership growth award for mid-size states was presented to New York. It was accepted by State Directors, Linda and John Stiegler who announced they will be "retiring" from the job in January.

The afternoon featured a silent auction with over \$400 in proceeds going to the Leroy Fire Department. A chain saw safety demonstration was presented by NY Conservation Chairman Mike Burns. "A night at the horseraces" game began at 7 p.m. and campground entertainment was by country singer, J. B. Aaron. A hospitality by Connecticut rounded out the evening.

Also happening at the campground Saturday was the annual First Responders / Fire Fighters fun day weekend which was also open to FCRVers. A few brave campers tried the giant water slide.

Chairmen Linda and John Stiegler and their helpers thanked everyone for coming with a continental breakfast Sunday morning. The 2019 Northeast Regional will be at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds near Williamsport, PA, August 1-4.

Details later.

– DeWayne
Johnston



HUDSON VALLEY WISHES ALL THEIR CAMPING FRIENDS A



JOYFUL HOLIDAY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thundering Herd

Our small group of campers have all now put the rigs away for the winter. During the summer we had at least one campout each month, and one family attended Campvention this year. We are planning out Christmas outing again by going to see a play at O'Connell and Company in December and then dinner. Our schedule for next year is all planned out with a week in the Poconos and a couple new campgrounds. We had quite a few at NE Regional this past August and are planning on going to Pa. next year following our Pocono trip. We all had a good time, met with old friends and made some new. We can put our schedule in the ESN, so if you are in the area, we would love to have you join us. Have a safe and happy holiday season. - Linda



WESTERN DISTRICT NEWS

Once again Western District held a successful district campout at Woodstream Campsite in late september. Twelve families attended where we held hospitalities, group campfires, and lots of goofy games. Our theme was Halloween, and we unknowingly mimicked the campground, which held their big Halloween celebration on that same weekend. I like to go overboard, but these people are off the walls! There was a haunted hay ride which wound through the campground; thousands of strings of lights along the roads, eerie chainsaws in the bushes, scary clowns, smoke, fog, and haunted laughter rang throughout the campground. Members of Western District enjoyed themselves so much that several families made reservations for next year. Many thanks to all who helped make the weekend a success!

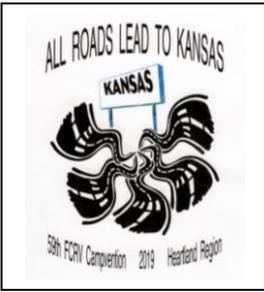


Campvention 2018

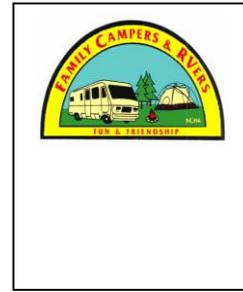
Over 400 people gathered at The Meadow Event Park for the annual FCRV Campvention. The Meadow is a large horse farm donated to the state of Virginia by the Chenery Family, owners of the acclaimed racehorse Secretariat. The Mansion, the Chenery family home, sits on a hill overlooking the event park, and has a beautiful interior, including the original Ballroom, where several FCRV meetings were held. The main event center was quite large, and able to host both our stage and audience seating requirements on one side, and our market place, reverse parade and many games on the other side. Evening programs were quite entertaining, and the Teen Royalty Pageant saw Blake Burnette of Kansas, and Emily Kurburski of Michigan, crowned Teen King and Queen, respectively.

The new FCRV logo was presented, in sticker form, at the Executive Board meeting (seen here). This will gradually be phased into use as our supplies of the current logo are depleted.





59th INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION



FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's
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

**Mail to: Keith Koontz
2224 Woodland St
Wichita, KS 67204-5938**

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

Contact them at: 316-655-2970 or k.koontz@sbcglobal.net

We would like to volunteer for: _____

For National Scholarship Info

go to FCRV website: <http://www.fcrv.org/programs2/national-programs/scholarship/> completed National FCRV scholarship application deadline is April 15 (request after 12/1, prior to 4/1)

NYSA-NCHA SCHOLARSHIPS

New York State Assoc. offers college scholarships to members or their children or legal dependents belonging to an affiliated chapter or an independent member who pays NYSA dues (\$5.00/year). FCRV membership must be at least ONE year old. Scholarships are awarded for both two and four year accredited institutions of higher learning. Students currently enrolled in college are given equal consideration with incoming freshman students. Scholarships are awarded at the state campout in May and vary in number and amount of award.

Herb & Marie Petersen, Directors

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Preferred method of contact is email-
petersen76@aol.com

Deadline for the return of completed NY State Scholarship applications is May 1.

NYSA-NCHA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUEST FORM

Due to being "snowbirds" -Please e-mail this info to
petersen76@aol.com

Please email me the information packet regarding the NYSA-NCHA Scholarship.

My FCRV membership # is _____.

Join date: Month ____ / Year _____.

I am ____ a high school student.

____ currently enrolled in college.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The ESN is also now available on the FCRV website in the "Newsletters" section under New York.

The ESN will now be published 3x per year.

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Holiday Issue – November 15 (Published Dec.)

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Spring 2019 NYSA May 24-27, 2019

National Campvention in Hutchinson,
KS: July 7 - 12

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& Friends Become Family"**

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