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# From the President - Shari Weber



Happy New Year! It is my hope that everyone was able to enjoy family and friends during the holidays. As we begin this New Year tradition says we make resolutions for the coming year. The problem with resolutions is that we tend to fail in keeping them. But, setting that goal and working toward it is really what is important. If at first you don't succeed, try again. In addition to setting personal goals please consider setting aside some time to volunteer for FCRV if you haven't already. We operate mainly with volunteers. There are many tasks that keep our organization running smoothly. Your talents are needed so just contact a Trustee, State/Provincial Director or Regional Director to let them know you are interested in helping out.

## **ELECTION**

Three trustee positions are up for election this year. Those positions are Vice President Operations, Vice President Planning and Development and Comptroller. Please look for the election article in this issue for the nominees and information on the election process.

## **RECRUITING**

RV Shows are beginning and Family Campers & RVers are participating in several throughout the US and Canada. Contact your state/provincial director to see if there is a way you can help them and when RV shows are being held in your area. The outdoor recreation industry is continuing to grow. The millennial generation is out camping. Camping has taken on a bit of glamor these days. Glamping is attracting new folks to outdoor recreation. Glamping is camping with amenities. People want to enjoy the outdoors, but want to do it in comfort. As we plan our chapter, state/provincial and regional campouts we need to keep this in mind. When camping groups have fun others camping nearby notice. Plan for fun and fellowship and as in "Field of Dreams", they will come.

## **CAMPING**

The retiree rally is in Houma LA. The theme is Blue Bayou. Barb & Dal Dodson and their team are planning a great week for everyone. Dates and additional information are available in articles in this is-

sue. All are welcome whether retired or not to attend this rally planned with the interests of older adults in mind.

Campvention is in Hutchinson Kansas. Ivalee & Earl Vanderhoff and Gerry Pfirsch and the Heartland team are planning a great week from July 7 – 12. Campvention theme is "All Roads Lead to Kansas". This rally is planned for all ages and has activities for youth, teens and all ages of adults. Come and reunite with your camping family from all over the US and Canada.

May you have peace throughout the New Year!

Shari

Come Camp With Us!

## **ELECTION REPORT**



The nominating committee has completed its work for the 2019 election. The trustee positions being elected this year are Vice President Operations, Vice President Planning and Development and Comptroller. They include Shirley MacKenzie, Chairperson, Jeff & Shirley Kendle from Colorado, Lawrence Phillips from Texas, Ron Braley from Ohio and Carl Wood from Ontario. The following people have agreed to have their name placed in nomination. Nominations are incumbent, Sue Fromholzer for Vice President Operations, incumbent, Jan Cushing for Comptroller and Matt Mantia for Vice President Planning and Development. The resumes and platforms for the candidates will be in the March issue of "Camping Today". At this time I would like to thank Scott Serbousek our current Vice President Planning & Development for his service of 7 years on the Board of Trustees. I also want to extend my appreciation to the members of the nominating committee for their work in identifying the candidates.

Shari Weber, President



# Retiree Rally 2019

**Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center**

**Houma, Louisiana**

**March 19-24, 2019**



## Info from the Rally Coordinators



Dal & Barb Dodson

With the end of the year Holidays behind us, we can now plan our camping trips for this year.

One of the first on the list should be the Retiree Rally in Houma, Louisiana. March 19-24, early days start the 15<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being made by the Chairs and Co-Chairs for an enjoyable Rally. There is entertainment, games, food, door prizes, Retiree King and Queen crowning, plus more. If you are a "Seasoned Retiree Rally" attendee or a "First Timer", there will be plenty to do.

Make plans to attend, weather should be warming up nicely by the time the Rally starts and what better way to start the camping year, than the 48<sup>th</sup> International Retiree Rally.

## "Oh, Well It's Carnival Time"

Gerry Dantin, Contest Chair



Get you costume ready for the Retiree Rally in Houma, LA!

We will be having a Mardi Gras costume contest followed by a second line parade around the auditorium. All contestants will be given beads to hand out to the audience while the judges make their decision. We will have 3 winners: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Come join us to "Pass a good time" and let the "Bon Temps Roule"!!!

## Start Off Your New Year of Camping

Ron & Reba Ray, National Retiree Directors

Hope everyone had a great Holiday and now ready to start planning for our New Year of Camping. The International Retiree Rally is coming up March 19-25, 2019 in Houma, Louisiana. What a great way to start off your New Year of Camping! Early days start on the 16<sup>th</sup> so come early and tour the area and restaurants, etc. There is a lot to do in the area.

Dal & Barb have lined up a lot of things to do at the rally like line dancing, games, door prizes, entertainment and meals, just to name a few. So come and join us. Your registration for this event can be found in the Camping Today Magazine, or you can download them off [www.FCRV.org](http://www.FCRV.org).

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Door Prizes

Pat Crow Door Prize chairman

Some campers are enjoying warm weather, Some campers need to winterize.

Whatever your situation.

We are counting on you,

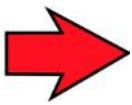
To bring a door prize.

To Houma

Thank you!







## From the Retiree Registrar Penny Ramlow



**Confirmation Letters** will be going out in January. If you do not receive yours by March please either email or call me. If you call, please leave a message so we can get back to you. email : [pramlow@aol.com](mailto:pramlow@aol.com) cell: 813-545-6083



## Wayne's RV Service

Wayne's RV Service (Wayne & Barbara Dunker) are planning to attend the Retiree Rally and will be doing on-site RV repair service. If anyone needs something specific done, they can bring the right part. Call Wayne at 260-463-6549 to let him know your needs.

## Entertainment

Lawrence Phillips, Entertainment Chair



**The Cajun Music Preservation Society** will be performing as a trio that consists of an accordion, a fiddle, and an acoustic guitar. The group will perform traditional Cajun songs as a waltz or a two-step. During the interactive event, the musicians will explain the unique contributions their instruments have made throughout the history of Cajun music and will also answer questions from the audience. All of the songs will be sung in Cajun French, but the meaning behind the songs will be discussed. The band encourages the audience to get up and dance to the music!



## Food Bank & Lap Robes

We are coming to you in asking for aid and support of the local food bank in Houma, Louisiana in March, 2019. It would help them to be able to purchase more food with cash, but we will take all gifts. Our FCRV family has always had an open heart to give to the area where we enjoy your rallies.



We are also asking for lap robes. We've been sharing lap robes with local nursing home/hospitals for several years at the Retiree Rally. We look forward to receiving many this year in Houma. Your efforts are so appreciated.



Love, Ashley & Gloria Taylor, Food Bank Chairs

## Finding Our Roots African American Museum

by Barb Turner, Rally Publicity Chair

2019 has arrived! The FCRV 'Blue Bayou' gathering in Houma, Louisiana is just three months away! If you aren't registered, please do so now to enjoy the fun & fellowship of our FCRV 2019 Retiree Rally in March.

While in Houma, you might want to visit a new museum, Finding Our Roots African American Museum at 918 Roussell St. It is dedicated to African American history and culture in Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary and Assumption Parishes. 'It aims to educate and to raise

awareness of the significance of African American history to an understanding of the overall story of America as experienced in the Bayou Region parishes of Terrebonne, Lafouche and St. Mary...and beyond.' The museum is housed in the white wooden schoolhouse formerly known as "The Academy". Black students attended here during segregation. The



museum's galleries are centered on such subjects as reconstruction era elected officials, slavery, segregation, civil rights movement and leadership, family and community, educators and clergy, sugar cane workers, doctors and businessman, inventors, musicians and writers.



According to their website, the newest exhibit is the Georgetown Slave Memorial which covers the Georgetown University Slave Sale. The importance of the sale is that African American residents of Houma and the surrounding parishes are descendants of the 272 slaves that were sold to save Georgetown University from its mounting debt. "In 1838, 272 men, women and children were sold by the Maryland Jesuits; a portion of the proceeds was used to pay the debts of Georgetown College (now Georgetown University), also run by the Jesuits. The enslaved people had lived on plantations belonging to the Jesuits in Maryland, and they were sold to Henry John-

son and Jesse Batey. \$17,000 (equivalent to \$391,319 in 2017) from the sale was used for the Georgetown College debts.

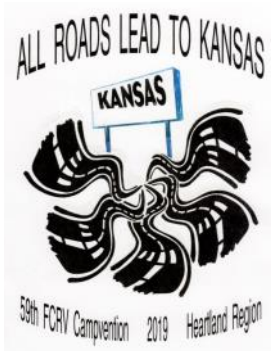
"The slaves sold by the Jesuits were part of the West Oak and Chatham Plantations, in Louisiana, both of which would later change ownership. None of the terms for the sale, directed from the Catholic Church leadership in Rome, were met. These terms included that there be no familial separation, that the proceeds not be used to pay debt or the operating expenses of the college, and that the religious practice of the enslaved people be supported. In 1848, the Jesuit James Van de Velde wrote to Thomas F. Mulledy about his concerns over the lack of religious instruction received by the slaves sold to Henry Johnson, and urged Mulledy to contribute funds for the construction of a chapel." Learn more about this sale and examine the ship manifest and other documents of the trade.

Additional exhibits cover life during slavery and reconstruction as well as the Underground Railroad and the various uprising that took place locally. Learn about life after slavery and the various contributions of African Americans to the area and to the country. Learn about the civil rights movement. Several well-known civil rights activists such as Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt are from the area. Exhibits cover their lives and accomplishments during a trying time period.



Pratt was a Vietnam veteran and was a student at UCLA under the GI Bill where he became a Black Panther. "The Federal Bureau of Investigation targeted Pratt in a COINTELPRO operation in the early 1970s, intended to 'neutralize Pratt as an effective BPP functionary.' Pratt was tried and convicted in 1972 for the 1968 murder of Caroline Olsen; he served 27 years in prison, eight of which were in solitary confinement. Pratt was freed in 1997 when his conviction was vacated due to the prosecution's having concealed evidence that could have affected the verdict. This decision was upheld on appeal." He worked as a human rights activist until the time of his death.

As you plan your trip to Houma, add a visit to Finding Our Roots Museum to your 'to-do' list. We'll be looking for you at our FCRV 'Blue Bayou' gathering in March.



# Campvention 2019

**Kansas State Fairgrounds**

**Hutchinson, KS**

**July 7-12, 2019**

## 2019 International Campvention Update

Ivalee Vanderhoff, Co-Chairman

**2019 is here!!!** Do you have your vacation days planned with your work site? Have you looked at the map to see what roads you might take to get to your destination? We hope that destination is Hutchinson, Kansas in July. We are looking forward to seeing every one of you there at the 2019 International Campvention. The committees are busy thinking, planning, & organizing their own areas so that you will have choices of activities during the time there. I got slowed down for a while with back surgery in November, but the teams and committees kept working. I am getting back into the swing and healing.

If time allows in your schedule of family and work, we hope you will visit some of the other areas of Kansas as well. Kansas is NOT flat and does boast of some areas that are not seen elsewhere. We have the Flint Hills and the Gyp Hills, we have farmland and pastures, we have old historical sites and new modernistic, we have mines and outer space exploration. For the history buffs, we have the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene.

As of December 1, there are 102 registrations. Is your registration among those or still to come in? We hope to see you all. Plan your route and travel by yourself or caravan with friends. With your confirmation you will receive in the spring with directions, there will also be campgrounds to stay in as you get close. See you in JULY!

- ◆ ALL BUILDINGS ARE AIR CONDITIONED!!! THE PROGRAMS ARE INSIDE - NOT OPEN AIR

- ◆ MANY ROUTES TO KANSAS ARE ON 4 LANE ROADS SO YOU CAN ENJOY THE SCENERY AND NOT WORRY ABOUT HOLDING UP TRAFFIC
- ◆ THERE WILL BE GOLF CARTS TO RENT – 2 -SEAT OR 4-SEAT. RESERVATIONS FORM TO COME SOON
- ◆ THE PARADE WILL BE A REAL PARADE WITH VIEWING UNDER SHADE TREES
- ◆ THE TEENS, YOUTH, BAND, AND ADULT ACTIVITIES ARE IN SEPARATE BUILDING BUT ALL VERY CLOSE TOGETHER. THERE IS NOT A DISTANCE TO WALK, AND THERE WILL BE ON-GROUNDS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE INFO



The 2019 FCRV Campvention will be here before we know it. Registrations are coming in and our excitement is growing. We would remind you the first **211** campers registered will have full hookups (not the first to arrive, but the first to have registered). We have plenty of other campsites but not with full hookups. We encourage you to register in the near future if you haven't already registered. We're looking forward to a fun Campvention in Hutchinson, Kansas, July 7-12, 2019 and hope to see you!

Linda & Garold Smith, Chairman  
Keith & Beverly Koontz, Co-Chairman





## Door Prizes Needed



Just a reminder that door prizes are needed to be brought to Campvention for our committee to give away to the lucky ones receiving one. Thanks for your support as we are looking for prizes from each state & province.



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## A 'TEASER' FROM SHERRY

by Sherry McGuire, Team III Leader

While you're paging through after Christmas bills, sales ads, and the January doldrums, I would like to jog your memory of the fun activities or interesting programs, or recycling projects that you've taken part in at the previous Campventions. Keep saving the pop tops (recycling). Anybody who is bundling up against the cold and snow, imagine Swinging a GOLF club at a little white ball-that won't go into a snowbank!

There will be a couple of crafts you can make while you are at Campvention also. The Conservation program probably will NOT be about trying to stay warm, and our CAMP won't be in the snow on skis.

Can you tell I'm writing this in a cold climate? Our pet parade and walking parade will be in warmer weather than the Holiday Dazzle parade I attended the Friday after Thanksgiving. IT was a balmy 32 degrees in Jamestown ND that evening and there were a lot of families in attendance, bundled up against the chill waiting for the floats to throw out their candy. There were 63 entrants that night!

Also keep in mind the Wildlife silent auction. That program has given out quite a bit of mon-

ey over the years to very deserving programs.

There will be plenty of activities to take in while you're in Kansas at the 2019 Campvention! Come and join us.

## Campvention Crafts 2019

Rhonda Frey, Craft Chair

Come join in the fun in Hutchinson, Kansas!

Paint the sunflower, our state flower of Kansas.



Make a vintage solar globe light and display it in a garden or outside your RV. There will be a limited amount available so be sure to register upon arrival.



# Happy New Year!



## Visit the Gypsum Hills in Central Kansas

by Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

2019 has arrived! Campvention 2019 is seven months away. Are you registered? Are you working on your travel plans? For the past few issues of Camping Today, 'off-the-beaten-path' sites have been shared. Campvention Co-Chair Ivalee Vanderhoff suggested visiting the Gyp Hills in her article in this issue. With that in mind, sharing info about this site is the January 'off-the-beaten-path' site to add to your travel plans.



Gyp Hills, as the Ivalee called them, are the Gypsum Hills which is a region of rolling hills, mesas, canyons, and buttes in central Kansas, just north of the Oklahoma border. The hills are also known as the Red Hills & Medicine Hills. Red cedar trees and soil that contains iron oxide gave rise to the name Red Hills. "The area was Medicine Hills to the Native Americans, and the stream that passes through the area and near the community of Medicine Lodge is the Medicine River."

To see the most interesting scenery, dirt roads on the open range will give you the best experience. But if you aren't 'into' traveling dirt roads, you can still enjoy the drive and the views along US Highway 160 between Coldwater and Medicine Lodge and south along US Highway 281. "The state of Kansas has designated the 42 mile route, from Coldwater to Medicine Lodge, the Gypsum Hills Scenic Byway. The biggest disadvantage of viewing the Gypsum Hills along the Byway is there is no shoulder and few places to pull over to take photographs or enjoy the view."

The Red Hills area has interesting geology with sink holes, over 100 caves that have formed in the gypsum, and several collapsed natural bridges.

In the far west of the region, visit the Big Basin Prairie Preserve, a National Natural Landmark. The Big Basin is a natural, 100-foot deep circular crater-like depression about a mile in diameter. Herds of buffalo inhabit the area. Visit St. Jacob's Well which is a natural sinkhole with a permanent spring-fed pool of water.



stockade in the 1870's.

In addition to the interesting geology of the area formed millions of years ago, the region boasts Native-American heroes Chiefs Black Kettle and White Bears, temperance-movement heroine Carrie Nation, and so many westward-moving American pioneers. Learn about the region's history at the Medicine Lodge Stockade (209 W Fowler Ave, Medicine Lodge, KS). The stockade is a reconstruction. Stockades were a place of protection, but they were also communities where people and families gathered. The Medicine Lodge Stockade Museum gives you a taste of what life was like in a



As you plan your travels to Campvention in Hutchinson, Kansas in July, perhaps you'll add the Gyp Hills Region to your itinerary. Enjoy your planning this winter. We'll see you in Hutchinson where FCRV'ers again gather for a wonderful week of fun and fellowship!

## STEVE AND DIANE HITCHENS KANSAS RETIREE KING AND QUEEN 2018



Steve and Diane Hitchens have been married for 43 years. They camped for lots of years but were not introduced to FCRV until 6 years ago. They have been very active since. They are currently VP's in their Retiree Chapter and Secretary in KCA. They have helped with security, registration, parking and other tasks at the state and international functions. They are very excited to be planning and helping the International Campvention in Hutchinson, Kansas and are hoping to see everyone there.

The Hitchens have 2 children and three grandchildren that live in the same town so they get to play a lot! They enjoy meeting a coffee group at McD's and working on their new "old" house. Diane likes to go online or garage sale to find good buys for antiques and other things for the house. They will use the house for crafting, and renting out for small functions. She also likes to dig up long lost relatives and helps others find their genealogy information. Scrap-booking, card making, quilting and doing almost any other crafts are also a great pastime for her. Steve likes to see who and how far he can contact on the HAM radio. He has made several friends he hasn't met but knows pretty well by just talking on the radio. He also likes to tinker around the house and RV. He enjoys helping friends and neighbors with projects. He can fix anything! They both love camping and traveling. You never know where they will show up!



## SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MICHELE DILLON



Michele Owens Dillon of Charleston, West Virginia, daughter of State Directors, Gerry and Betty Owens was surprised for her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, by lots of friends and family, especially her husband Bobby Dillon.

Her post on Facebook said, "Yesterday Bobby informed me he had plans for the evening for us. I figured he had something in mind to celebrate my birthday. I thought it would be our normal get-together with my parents and some family friends. Imagine my surprise when I walked into the restaurant and it was filled with my extended family and many



friends. There were people who travelled several hours to be there, including Carol McAleran (daughter of Ed Kibbler) and her husband, also named Bobby from Virginia. Carol and I met at an NCHA board meeting in Florida when we were both



16. I couldn't believe they were all there to celebrate my birthday and me!

It was a wonderful evening and I appreciate everyone who joined us. I had already planned on embracing 50, but this made it a lot easier."

Michelle is a courageous long term cancer survivor, having fought many battles with it over the years. Thank you, Michele for sharing your birthday and may you have many more.

## FCRV Activities

### MID-FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS



It's been another busy day here in Zephyrhills. We enjoyed lunch with 26 of our FCRVers at the Mid-Florida Snowbirds gathering today. Lots of catching up and fellowship! The next gathering will be January 16th at Homer's, 1000 Sebring Pkwy, Sebring at 1:30.

February we'll be in Winter Haven on the 20th at 2 PM at the Golden Corral where we gathered last year. So, mark your calendars.



## FCRV WINTER TEXANS ENJOY OUTINGS

From October through March, FCRV Winter Texans from across the U.S. and Canada enjoy a monthly luncheon meeting and various outings in between. Nancy Herberholz and Marianne Samardich set up several enjoyable activities including a Christmas play, a chocolate factory tour, National Weather Service tour, comedy show, and basketball games. At the annual Christmas Party, the group donated \$450 as well as Christmas cards and stuffed animals for Alzheimers patients to the Alfred Gonzales Texas State Veterans Home in Weslaco. Nancy also filled and mailed several Hugs for Soldiers Boxes.



Ron Herberholz loads a car full of presents and cards for the Veterans Home.



An actor at the Tower Theater Christmas show gets J.J. Curtis and Marianne Samardich to do a Czech tradition of throwing shoes over their shoulder. If the toe points toward you there's a wedding in your future. Theirs pointed away.



Susie Zich (l) was a finalist in the Christmas Sweater contest at the Tower Theater.

Photos by Ed Hurley



## KANKAKEE VALLEY WANDERERS



Keeping up with the long tradition the Kankakee Valley Wanderers RV club again made their annual Christmas time donations to Catholic Charities "Share the Warmth" program. Pictured left to right are Terry Fritz, Joe and Carol Fritz and Marla Mantia all of Bradley. Terry also donated gifts representing the C.C.W. of St. Joseph's in Bradley.



Carol Fritz of Bradley recently gave David Fritz of Clifton, (her nephew) several lap robes and hats she crocheted to be donated to cancer patients at David's place of employment. Carol has crocheted and donated many many of these for various charities including local charities, Vietnam and the southern U.S.

**Guinness World Records lists the largest snowflakes as having fallen during a storm in January 1887 at Fort Keogh, in Montana. A rancher nearby, the book says, called them "larger than milk pans" and measured one at 38 centimeters (15 inches) wide.**

## EXPLAINING D.A.S.A.T.



By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

There are several educational program areas within the FCRV organization. One of those just happens to be DASAT. What is DASAT? It stands for Disaster and Safety Awareness Training. To find out more, go to the FCRV home page, (FCRV.org) across the top you will see the National programs, which is in a brown box across the top of the page. Once you have placed the cursor on the brown box tab down to DASAT. Now you can open the various resources for DASAT. Next, you see two green boxes, one for the DASAT web site and the second is the FCRV Emergency guide.

Scrolling down this page is the introduction to the various DASAT programs. You will find that there are four sub heading. They are as follows: *Disaster and Safety Categories*, *Preventing Disasters*, *Participating in Disaster Recovery* and finally *Health and Wellness*. Under each section is listed the topics that apply to the heading. For example, under the *Disaster and Safety Categories* you will find, *Preparing for a Disaster*. This very important topic, covers, Emergency Preparedness for the RV and Home, Insurance-RV, home, Life and disability. Weather Safety is next followed by Disaster Awareness and Resources, (This provided you with additional information from the American Red Cross, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), and Homeland Security. Information on Self Sufficiency, and finally: Preparing for death, illness of a family member, (will, living will, insurance, estate planning, funeral planning, and financial liability).

Safety (for the RV and home) Pet Safety (traveling and at home) Home Hazards (electrical safety) Poison Control which includes Carbon Monoxide, Security for the home and RV, Travel Safety (including Pet safety and children and your home), and finally Camping Safety (the yearly RV inspection, campfire safety, etc.)

The third sub topic is: *Participating in Disaster Recovery*. This includes: Emergency Communication Tools, Search and Rescue and finally basic survival. The last major topic area is Health and Wellness. Under this division you will find some resources for First Aid and CPR, Safe Cooking, Preventing the spread of disease such as colds, flu, etc., Drugs and

Poison Control. And finally under this listing Health and Lifestyles (preventing: heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stress, depression etc.

And this is just the beginning. As time passes, additional areas of consideration may be added to keep up with the ever changing trends dealing with various types of emergencies as they occur throughout the world. Education is the key, the more we know the better we all can be in dealing with an emergency. The purpose for the various DASAT programs is to educate our members of FCRV in how to deal with all kinds of emergencies. As you take the time to review the various resources you will discover that several power point presentations titles are listed. Through the years our past DASAT Director, Marilyn Rausch, and other DASAT Directors shared them with our FCRV membership. We thank them for providing this very important education information. Sadly, when you click on a title, the connecting link has been shut down due to financial reason but on the brighter side, they are still available from the National DASAT Director upon request.

This has been a brief overview of the entire DASAT program area. It is important to note that many within our organization have stepped up with years of professional expertise and offered their valuable resources and knowledge to our membership. They helped educate others about the various areas of emergency preparedness. A thank you to those individuals. Now it is up to everyone to attend a DASAT program at your local, regional, state/providence, retiree and national campouts. Education is the key-remember it can save your life and the lives of others.

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## WHY WE ARE SNOWBIRDS



By DeWayne & June Johnston

Last month Jan and Kip Cushing explained why they chose not to be snowbirds. The fact that my wife said she would not spend another cold, snowy, icy winter in Western Pennsylvania, there are several reasons why we enjoy being snowbirds.



Prior to our retirement in 2000 we had opportunities to visit family in Florida and Arizona and they seemed like good options for winter. Like many new retirees we didn't think we would want to spend 3 or 4 months in one place so the first couple years we moved around. One winter in Florida, the next in Arizona. Bob and Donna Schultz, camping friends from PA invited us to South Texas so we spent part of a winter in San Bonito. We found the cost of living and the price of RV parks considerably less and the next year we came back to Donna, Texas. We also felt very welcome as winter Texans. The local folks were friendly and Texas has some well designed highways where traffic is not a problem. The weather is usually sunny and warm with an occasional rainy day or two and there are lots of things to do in the Rio Grande Valley where we have been for the last several years. Our final move was to Chimney RV Park Resort in Mission, Texas, the only RV Park directly on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande River. There's lots to do if you want to do it. We visit South Padre Island a few times a year and you can't beat Texas Barbecue. The neighboring town of McAllen has great hospitals, a symphony orchestra, and most other things that big cities have. The RV parks book a lot of good entertainment and are open to anyone to attend.



The biggest 'perk' we have found is the number of good friends we have made in our park. Our neighborhood is like a family and we help each other when needed. We mourn the passings, encourage the sick, and celebrate the achievements. We still have a summer home in PA and a second winter family in Texas.



## NUCAMP RV CELEBRATES 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BUILDING TEARDROP CAMPERS WITH A GIVEAWAY

2019 TAB 320 S and other Prizes Part of Celebration

**SUGARCREEK, OHIO,:** To celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> year of building teardrop campers, nuCamp RV is giving away one of its iconic teardrop campers, a 2019 TAB 320 S.

nuCamp will announce the lucky winner live on the company's [Facebook page](#) on February 22, 2019. In addition to the TAB 320 S camper grand prize, nuCamp will also give away several other prizes, including \$100 gift certificates to the All Pro Adventures shop, a Redbudsuds Epic Suds Soap Pack, a one-year membership to Harvests Hosts, a one-year subscription to *Rova Magazine*, autographed copies of *Teardrop Traveler* by Mandy Lea and *Growing Simple* by Jim and Mary Competti.

“For 15 years, nuCamp has been building the highest quality teardrop campers to connect people to the outdoors and encourage them to explore,” said Scott Hubble, chief executive officer of nuCamp. “Throughout the years, our customers have built an incredible community of people who share their enthusiasm about their campers and adventures. nuCamp is giving away a TAB 320 S to celebrate our anniversary and our growing community.”

The TAB 320 S teardrop camper features the traditional teardrop U-shaped floor plan with the addition of a complete wet bath. The TAB 320 S lets campers enjoy the great outdoors and return to the comfort of a well-designed indoor camper cabin.

To enter the contest, visit [nucamprv.com/giveaway](http://nucamprv.com/giveaway) and complete the online form between December 15, 2018 and February 15, 2019. Contestants can enter once per day online and can earn additional entries by sharing the TAB giveaway on Facebook, Twitter and/or Google+. For the complete contest rules, visit <https://woobox.com/vqcyzp/rules>.

### About nuCamp RV

nuCamp RV (<http://nucamprv.com>) manufactures the highest quality recreational vehicles on the market today. Integrity lies at the core of everything nuCamp does – from craftsmanship and customer service to employee development and community relations. Every nuCamp product is built meticulously by hand in the heart of Ohio Amish country. Known for its iconic TAB and TAG teardrop trailers, nuCamp brings a simple, yet sophisticated approach to its products, where form follows function. It's a way of life that empowers people to simplify their lives through travel, exploration and connecting to nature.

## DOMETIC DOMINATES THE READERS CHOICE AWARDS TWO YEARS IN A ROW



**ELKHART, Ind.– Dometic** is honored to be recognized as a top supplier by readers of Motorhome and Trailer Life magazines. For two years in a row, Dometic has won seven gold awards between the two publications.

Dometic has been asking travel enthusiasts what they want the appliances in their travel trailer or motorhome to be able to do in order to make their mobile lifestyle better, and it is paying off.

Dometic took the gold in three categories in MotorHome and four categories in Trailer Life.



In addition, one silver and one bronze awards were awarded to Dometic from MotorHome readers.

### Gold Awards

- ✦ **HVAC/Comfort System** - MotorHome and Trailer Life
- ✦ **RV Refrigerator (Dometic)** - MotorHome and Trailer Life
- ✦ **Toilet** - MotorHome and Trailer Life
- ✦ **Awning**- Trailer Life

### Silver Award

- ✦ **Awning** - Motorhome

### Bronze Award

- ✦ **RV Refrigerator (Atwood)** - MotorHome

“Dometic is dedicated to providing RVer’s with the products they want while on the road,” says Stefan Brosick, Vice President of Business Development—Dometic Americas. “When we ask RVer’s what they would like to experience on their adventures, we listen and provide it to them.”

### About Dometic

Dometic is a global market leader in branded solutions for mobile living in the areas of Climate, Hygiene & Sanitation and Food & Beverage. Dometic operates in the Americas, EMEA and Asia Pacific, providing products for use in recreational vehicles, trucks and premium cars, pleasure and workboats, and for a variety of other uses. Dometic offers products and solutions that enrich people’s experiences away from home, whether in a motorhome, caravan, boat or a truck. Our motivation is to create smart and reliable products with outstanding design. We operate 28 manufacturing/assembly sites in nine countries, sell our products in approximately 100 countries and manufacture approximately 85% of our products sold in-house. We have a global distribution and dealer network in place to serve the aftermarket. Dometic employs.



## 5 Surprising Things I Learned About Winter RVing In The Desert Southwest

By Amanda Watson



*Before we spent a winter in the Southwest, we had no idea what to expect. Now we want to share what we've learned from experience.*

This is my third winter living full-time with my husband in our RV. Like most full-timers, we choose to spend the colder months in a warm climate. For the first two years, that meant wintering in the Desert Southwest.

As native New Englanders, we didn’t have experience living in this part of the United States. Our expectations included blowing sand and scorching temperatures. We also thought of all the rattlesnakes and giant scorpions that would surely be around every corner.

Thankfully, those expectations turned out to be mostly wrong (well...there was that one [rattlesnake](#)). Instead, we found a comfortable climate, perfect for our RVing adventures.

Since our first winter there, we’ve learned a lot about RVing in the desert. Here are the top five most surprising things we figured out along the way.

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/5-surprising-things-learned-winter-rving-desert-southwest/>



## The Best National Parks to Visit During the Winter

By Chelsea Barron

Sure, winter is just around the corner, but that doesn't mean you have to put a stop to your camping and outdoor fun. In fact, depending on what your favorite outdoor activities happen to be and where you like to visit, the very best season for getting outside might just be beginning.



Everglades National Park

You see, despite that fact that winter isn't as popular with most tourists; it is, in many cases, an ideal traveling time. There is something to be said for winter sports, snowy views, and the cooler temperatures found in national parks that are usually unbearably hot or humid. Besides, who doesn't appreciate a distinct lack of crowds when visiting an outdoor destination.



Rocky Mountain National Park

<https://mobilerving.com/blog/the-best-national-parks-to-visit-during-the-winter>



## 6 Ways to Save Propane in Your RV This Winter

By Chelsea Barron

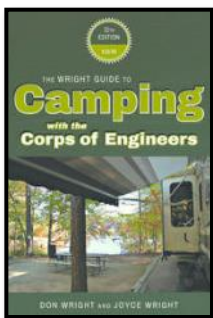
With winter in full swing, winter campers and fulltime RVers alike are likely noticing a huge increase in their propane usage. After all, you have to keep your rig warm, and the built-in furnace does seem to be the most logical way to do that. On top of that, heating up water for showering and washing dishes requires a lot more time when the weather is cold. This means a lot more fuel is used every time the propane water heater is turned on.

Obviously, this enormous increase in propane usage is hugely expensive. On top of that, using lots of propane for heating and cooking in your rig when the weather outside is colder causes condensation to build up on the walls and windows. Eventually, this condensation can cause mold and mildew, two things you definitely don't want to deal with.

Luckily there are ways to cut back on your wintertime propane usage, saving you tons of money and saving your walls from mildew spots. Here are our top 6 tips for using less propane while remaining comfy and cozy in your RV.



<https://mobilerving.com/blog/6-ways-to-save-propane-in-your-rv-this-winter>



## 'The Wright Guide' Growing Publishing Legacy

by Ron Barger Courtesy of RVBusiness

Despite officially turning over his publishing company The Wright Guide LLC to his son and daughter-in-law in 2015, Don Wright continues to have a hand in day-to-day operations.

"I'm supposed to be semiretired since turning over our books and publishing company to my son, Thad, and daughter-in-law, Joyce," said Wright, the former co-publisher of

newsletter “RV EXTRA!” and the consumer magazine *RV Lifestyle*. “But I update books for them on a consistent basis and still work about 10 to 12 hours a day.”

Joyce Wright noted, “Don still likes to do most of the research. He really enjoys that aspect and it keeps him vital. Don continues to be the main author.”

Don, now in his 80s, told RVBUSINESS.com that the book “Guide to Free and Low-Cost Campgrounds” is the No. 2 selling camping directory next to the Good Sam Club’s RV Travel & Savings Guide. He added, “And once in a while, our book takes the No. 1 spot due to big numbers of sales on Amazon.”

The Elkhart, Ind.-based “The Wright Guide” now publishes three main camping guides targeted to the economy-minded camper. “Guide to Free and Low-Cost Camping” is in its 16th edition with 832 pages containing details about more than 10,000 public campgrounds in America — all with overnight camping fees of \$20 or less. The second book, “Camping With the Corps of Engineers” is in its 11th edition, just updated for 2018, and details more than 900 campground locations complete with GPS coordinates. “Western County and City Parks” is the third guide detailing campgrounds in 14 western states.

Don stated that over the years he has published 26 book titles, most RV-related, with multiple updated editions. “The free campgrounds book, for example, is in its 16th edition since I acquired it in 1986,” he said. According to Joyce, the family is working on some new titles for 2019. Don is currently researching a new guidebook that will be titled “The Wright Guide to RV Boondock Sites.”

“It’s scheduled for publication a year from now and is basically a directory of off-the-beaten-path, free boondocking campsites,” said Joyce. “We are also working on a working title called ‘Seniors Camp for Less.’ It’s based on the fact that many of the National Forest America The Beautiful Passes provide 50% off for seniors. This guide will cover all these sites and we hope to have that out by next fall as well.”

She related that an expansion of the “Camping with the Corps of Engineers” book may take that guide to 1,500 pages and be a directory of every campground of any kind on the shores of impoundments and streams managed by the Corps of Engineers across the U.S., is also in the works.

“There is also a ‘Guide to Free Attractions’ that we are just starting to compile as well,” she said. “But we have no tentative schedule for the release of that publication.”

The publications sell for \$17 to \$23 online at <http://thewrightguide.com> and on Amazon.

<http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/11/the-wright-guide-grows-publishing-legacy/>

# Products

## MORryde ‘Trail Kitchen’ Earns 2 SEMA Awards



Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas for its newly released Jeep Trail Kitchen.

MORryde International received two 2019 Global Media Awards from the International News Media Association (INMA) during the Specialty

According to a press release, winners are chosen based on how well their product appeals to international consumers.

“The MORryde Trail Kitchen takes the key components of an entire off-road trailer and tucks them in behind the back seat,” stated Perry Mack, *4WD Magazine* editor-in-chief and SEMA Global new product media judge. “It is an innovatively engineered design that can be set up or packed away in less than a minute.”

MORryde’s compact, modular bolt-in Trail Kitchen allows is perfect for off-roading or tailgating. The kitchen incorporates a sliding tray and collapsible table which owners can customize by adding accessories such as a Molle Grid, counter-top extension, and additional storage compartment. The system fits in the back of the Jeep Wrangler but can be installed in any vehicle with a flat floor.

INMA is a provider of global best practices for news media companies. This year’s program includ-



ed roughly 30 judges from 19 countries who reviewed and evaluated nearly 3,000 product entries.

<http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/11/morryde-trail-kitchen-earns-two-sema-awards/>

## PowerMax Intros PMX Inverters, Generators



Bradenton, Fla.-based PowerMax marked its eighth year in business with the recent launch of two new product lines, the PMX series inverters and PMG series portable generators.

“These further complement our current offerings to the RV, marine and automotive industries for mobile power solutions” said Graham McWilliam, national sales manager, in a press release. “Over the last few years, we had been hearing from many of our customers who were very happy with our power converters and transfer switches about providing more power products that carried our PowerMax brand. These new products have increased our brand’s awareness and now give our customers a single brand solution for all their mobile power needs.”

The PMX inverters supply pure sine wave 120-volt AC power along with 12-volt AC electronic appliance safety operating standards and can be used to power most electronic appliances or equipment. In the initial launch, the PMX series comes in three output sizes, 1,000-, 2,000- and 3,000-watt, with standard features including DC voltage detection, high/low voltage alarm, high/low voltage protection, auto-reset, overload protection and short circuit protection.

The PMG series portable inverter generators are aimed at small to mid-sized RVs available in both a 2,000-watt and 4,000-watt sizes. Both are portable, quiet and campground and CARB compliant plus can be paralleled if more power is needed. The PMG 4000iSR can supply enough 120-volt AC power through its RV outlet to run any 30-amp service. With remote on/off as standard and over 10 hours running time on a single tank, it cuts down on unnecessary trips outside the motorhome through the night.

Graham added “After Hurricane Michael hit the Panhandle, we were also able to help our northern neighbors with the relief efforts by donating several generators to the Bay County Sheriffs Department.”

<http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/12/powermax-intros-pmx-inverters-generators/>

## Transfer Flow Debuts GM Replacement Tank

Transfer Flow has introduced a new 55-gallon high-capacity midship replacement tank for 2017–19 GM/Chevy 2500/3500 crew cab short-bed, heavy-duty diesel trucks, affording drivers increased capacity and driving range.

According to a press release, the GM replacement tank ships complete with everything needed for installation, carries a six-year, unlimited mileage warranty, is constructed with ReliaSteel, 12-gauge high-yield aluminized steel.



Fully baffled to prevent fuel slosh, the tank system is legal and won’t void customers’ truck warranties. The sending unit is recalibrated during installation to ensure the truck’s fuel gauge reads accurately.

Other features include:

- Recommended for drivers who want to maximize their fuel capacity and driving range without sacrificing truck bed space.
- Tank sits above the differential: no skid plate needed.
- Fits in the same space as stock fuel tank.
- Fuel tank mounts inside the frame rail.
- Powder-coated for a durable satin black finish.
- Optional upgrade: Spray-on textured coating.

<http://www.rvbusiness.com/2018/12/transfer-flow-intros-gm-replacement-tank/>

## WiFiRanger Upgrades SafeSurf VPN System



WiFiRanger announced upgrades to its SafeSurf VPN system that improves security and safety of using transitory data services commonly used by the RV industry.

According to a press release, the service will increase connectivity security by implementing stateful packet inspection and malware interrogation while introducing artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning technologies to identify potential threats prior to the data being delivered to the customer.

“As an ISP, and an RV router company, we understand the constant and pervasive threat to users of the Internet. Inserting machine learning and AI in the data delivery path is the best way to stay ahead of future threats, said WiFiRanger CEO Kelly Hogan. “While other RV connectivity solutions are still struggling with security issues, our latest initiative is to build upon our already solid security infrastructure, improving our SafeSurf users confidence that there is another level of inspection being done to protect their identity, data, and internal devices.”

The enhancement will be entirely provisioned at the WiFiRanger Data Center, located within its corporate headquarters in Meridian, Idaho, using some of the most robust and current hardware and AI tools. Users of SafeSurf will automatically be routed through the interrogation system, and threats and compromise data will be stopped prior to being delivered to the in-field WiFiRanger, regardless of the connection type. A free and automatic upgrade to WiFiRangers will be provided as the service rolls out in volume to their 100,000-plus customers.

“As we see RV customers installing more and more off-the-shelf IoT devices that lack firewalls and data inspection, we went to work ensuring data delivered to those devices stays encrypted and inspected for injections of malware that could compromise the customers devices and private network,” noted Hogan. “Regardless of whether connected via WiFi, or LTE, all device connections need to be interrogated for veracity, due to the fact that zero-day future compromises can come from within the weakest device in a private network.”

The upgrades to the data center and service are underway, with external beta users beginning in Q1 of CY2019, and all current WiFiRanger customers using SafeSurf being routed through the new system as the AI models mature and are proven for reliability and consistency.

Information and ordering is available directly at [WiFiRanger.com](http://WiFiRanger.com) and direct inquiries can be emailed to [sales@wifiranger.com](mailto:sales@wifiranger.com), or call 208-321-5544. For OE integration through MITO Corporation in Elkhart, Indiana call 574-295-2441 or email [oem-sales@mitocorp.com](mailto:oem-sales@mitocorp.com).

## TUFFY SECURITY OFFERS HIGH QUALITY SECURITY FOR JEEP JK AND JL OWNERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

CORTEZ, Colo. - Give the gift of security to the Jeep(r) drivers in your life this holiday season. The wide array of Jeep specific products at Tuffy Security Products enables Jeep owners to protect their valuables in the vehicle in a convenient, durable and dependable way without sacrificing space. Help the Jeep Wrangler driver in your life accessorize their JK or JL with a thoughtful yet useful item they can appreciate on a daily basis.



**Security Console Insert  
348 closed**

Jeep Wrangler JK and JL owners have an exposed cargo space in the rear of the vehicle, and Tuffy Security offers two security options to protect this space: tailgate enclosures and security deck enclosures.



**Security Deck**

Tailgate enclosures are a one-piece hinged system which secures shut when the rear vehicle door is locked and provides a large area of lockable storage space. Security deck enclosures provide more than 20,000 cubic inches of lockable storage space in the rear of the Jeep and feature a weight bearing lid.

A new addition to the Tuffy Security product line is a tailgate lockbox for the Jeep JL. The new product mounts directly to the interior of the Jeep JL's tailgate



using the tailgate rail mounts, allowing JL owners to have added secure storage for their gear. Measuring six inches deep, 33.6 inches wide and 14.5 inches tall, the lockbox has more than 2,700 cubic inches of secure storage and works with or without the OEM hardtop. Because the Model 349 affixes to the tailgate, the lockbox works in conjunction with the Model 345 Jeep JL Deck Enclosure offered by Tuffy as well.

Tuffy Security Products offers a large selection of durable, dependable, American-made security products for Jeeps, trucks, offices, home and more. Until Dec. 19, the company is offering free shipping and free key-alike service over the phone and online.

### About Tuffy Security Products

Tuffy Security Products safeguard valuable gear with American-made craftsmanship. The full line of Tuffy security solutions provide premium, superior protection against theft, enable safe cargo management, increase gear accessibility and offer the option of flexible keyless lock-entry for multiple users. Tuffy Security Products is a portfolio company of Kinderhook Industries and a sister company of Bestop, Inc., maker of Jeep and truck soft tops and accessories. For more information, visit Tuffy Security Products' website at [www.tuffyproducts.com](http://www.tuffyproducts.com) or call 800-348-8339. Follow on Facebook: @tuffyproducts, Twitter: @tuffyproducts

## Farewells

**Mandi Wallace**, 55, 12-7-18, Topeka, Kansas, Wagonears

**Van 'Bud' Patton**, 12-8-18, Scott Depot, West Virginia and Winter Haven, Florida. Retired from WV Air National Guard, Charter member of Teas Valley Roadrunners Chapter, member of Kentucky Colonels. Long Time Active Member.

**Laveta Noyce Holmes**, 90, Wichita, Kansas, past State Secretary

**William 'Billy' Theel**, 58, 12-21-18, Topeka, Kansas, Wagonears

**Steve Campbell**, 72, 12-22-18, Troy, Ohio. Roamin' Trojan Camping Club, OSA Southwest Area Delegate & Field Director

**Harold Fast**, 76, 12-23-18, Hutchinson, Kansas, Sunflower Ramblers

**George Powell**, 89, 12-24-18, Topeka, Kansas, Wagonears

**Audrey Elcomb**, 96, 12-25-18, Brantford Sundowners, Past OPA President

**Henrietta 'Sis' Koofer**, 96, 12-26-18, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, Holiday Roamers, PA State Asn.

**Homer Syphert**, 93, 12-26-18, Macedonia, Ohio, attended rallies with daughter, Nancy & Dave Mullen.

### DON BATES, PAST SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR



Donald Ray Bates, 81 of Randolph, Alabama passed away on December 25th. He and his wife, Marjory were FCRV State Directors for Alabama and Southeast Regional Directors. They have been very active in



FCRV over the years, having served as Chairmen for the 2018 Campvention in Doswell, Virginia.

Don proudly served in the United States Air Force as a basic airman. He worked as an electrician for S & W Electric, retiring in 1994. He and his family enjoyed travelling throughout the U.S. and Canada since 1972.

Don and Marjory volunteered with the Disaster Recovery Team of the American Red Cross, assisting with flood recovery in the Midwest, tornado relief in Alabama and Oklahoma and hurricane relief in Louisiana and Alabama.

Don was also a member of the Randolph Baptist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and assisting with vacation Bible School. Until his health would no longer allow it, he was chief of the Randolph Fire Department and a member of the Bibb Medical Center Auxiliary.

Don Bates was preceded by a son, Carl. He is survived by his wife of 59.5 years, Marjory, children Bruce (Angelia) and Vera Williams (Tom) as well as 5 grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House. Condolences may be sent to Marjory at mbates13 @ Bell South.net.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January 16, 2019 – Mid-Florida Snowbirds

Homer's, 1000 Sebring Pkwy, Sebring at 1:30.

## February 20, 2019 - Mid-Florida Snowbirds

Winter Haven 2PM at the Golden Corral

## March 19 – 24, 2019 – FCRV Retiree Rally

Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma, Louisiana

## July 7 – 12, 2019 – 2019 Campvention

Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas



### Winter Fun Facts

- \* **The highest snowfall** ever recorded in a one year period was 31.1 meters (**1224 inches**) in Mount Rainier, Washington State, United States, between February 19, 1971 and February 18, 1972.
- \* **The average snowflake** ranges from a size slightly smaller than a penny to the width of a human hair.
- \* **The direction of Earth's tilt does not change as the Earth orbits the Sun** – the two hemispheres point towards the same direction in space at all times. What changes as the Earth orbits around the Sun is the position of the hemispheres in relation to the Sun – the Northern Hemisphere faces away from the Sun during the December Solstice, thus experiencing winter. The Southern Hemisphere tilts towards the Sun and therefore enjoys summer during this time.



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



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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	

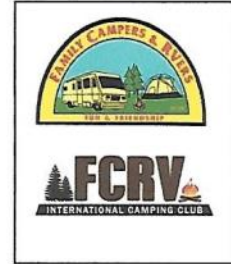
**REFUND POLICY: Refunds must be requested in writing by mail, email or phone call to the Registrar. Refunds requested before March 8, 2019 will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$210.00, one person in a unit \$175.00, second family in unit \$75.00. After March 8, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL 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](mailto:pramlow@aol.com).**

I would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_



**59<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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**

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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](mailto:k.koontz@sbcglobal.net)**

**We would like to volunteer for:** \_\_\_\_\_