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Unlike local camping clubs or chapters, specialty chapters have members from various locations in the U.S. and Canada who meet and rally based on their mutual interests. **Page 15**

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From the President - Shari Weber



Ground Hog day is just around the corner. Many our members are in dangerously cold temperatures. Hope you have all stayed safe and warm. We are all eagerly awaiting the coming camping season.

RV shows are in full swing. We are out showing who we are and inviting folks to "Come Camp With Us". Remember we are a unique camping organization. The uniqueness about FCRV is important to potential members. They also like the fact that we are member owned and volunteer run. The fact that we welcome all campers regardless of type or brand is something our potential members like. Finally the fact that we have been around since 1949 lets our potential members know we have longevity. All of this and the education aspect of our organization make us unique. With our Conservation Program people learn how to enjoy the outdoors and keeping it for future generations. Our Wildlife Program teaches about the animals and how to protect them. Our members learn the value of remaining active through our Campers Actively Moving Program. Learning what to do during disasters and to remain safe is the focus of our Disaster & Safety Awareness Training Program. Then there is the higher learning aspect where we provide scholarships for those working on post high school degrees. We have a fantastic organization! Be sure to share all this information with our potential members. Remember also that the Cadet Program now adds 6 months to a new membership.

In addition to the RV shows we need to always be ready to invite folks to join in the fun. Are you asking others to join your campfire? Are you remembering to wear logo when gathered with FCRV? We make an impression wherever we go. It is very noticeable when people in a campground are having fun. Snow birds, are you talking about our organization with the people at your winter retreat? Even if they don't want to move while in the south, they eventually go back north and will enjoy a camping group up north. When you make that invitation, be sure to let the state/provincial director know. The Florida Snowbird and Winter Texan chapters are both very active. Invite guests to join in the fun and tell them how they can camp with us during the camping season. It takes all of us to invite folks to join our camping family.

Staff Changes

There have been a few changes on the Executive Board recently. Marjory Bates resigned as Regional Director for Region 6. George and Ernie Reynolds were appointed to that position after vacating the NC State Director position. Larry and Betty Stone of NC have been appointed to the State Director of NC. Marjory and her late husband Don are appreciated for all they have done. Recently they co-chaired campvention in Doswell VA and served as the Regional Director for Region 6 for the past several years. In addition Don & Marjory were Alabama State Directors for a total of 14 years.

Election

Please look for the election article in this issue for information on the election process. Vice President Planning & Development, Comptroller and Vice President Operations are the positions up for election. As was announced last month there is only one candidate for each position. In 2016 the executive board determined that paper ballots do not need to be sent out when there is only one nomination for each position. You will still be able to see the platforms and bios of the candidates as those will be in the March issue of "Camping Today"

Scholarship

This is the time to be working on your scholarship application. Contact Carl & Lynda Wood, Scholarship Director (fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com) for the necessary forms. Carl & Lynda will also be glad to inform you of the deadlines for submissions.

Awards

It is an annual tradition for us to recognize outstanding volunteers at campvention. Sue Carlsen, Recording/Corresponding Officer is our awards coordinator. She will make a call for nominations soon. Consider nominating someone for recognition. The nominations must come from a member of field staff. If you are not a field staff member and know of someone who should receive recognition, please contact your state/provincial director for assistance. Awards forms and more information are on fcrv.org.

Camping

Within this magazine you will find information about the retiree rally in Houma LA. Dal & Barb Dodson and their team are a fun week starting on March 18 – 25. Be sure to read the articles about the rally.

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Retiree Rally 2019

Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center

Houma, Louisiana

March 19-24, 2019



FCRV Retiree Rally 2019 Coordinators Info

by Dal & Barb Dodson

Spring is just around the corner; now I'm talkin' Southern Louisiana, not the upper section of North America! Start getting your stuff together; won't be long before you will need to fill up the vehicle and head to the 2019 Retiree Rally in Houma, Louisiana. By the time the rally starts, things will be blooming and the days will be getting nice. There will be fresh crawfish and seafood available in the restaurants, sights to see, with plenty of old and new friends to visit.

We would prefer you preregister as it gives us a count on numbers for food, welcome bags, etc., but we also want you to come on the 'spur of the moment'. **We want you here!** Early days start March 15th; rally runs March 19-24. The registration form, found in issues of Camping Today, will have the info you need.

See ya' in March!!!

From FCRV Retiree Directors

Ron & Reba Ray

March 15 is drawing near and that begins the early days for the FCRV International Retiree Rally. The Rally actually starts on March 19. We are looking forward in meeting up with old friends and start to make new friends at this rally.

We are having showers brought in for this event. As you may remember, in 2016 the Civic Center did not have showers for our use; so we are making mends on getting showers transported in. We are do-

ing our best to accommodate everyone. There is no sewer there, but we will have a honey wagon for your convenience.

Bring along your Mardi Gras costumes to be in the parade. It is going to be a great time in Houma. Hope to see everyone there.

KING AND QUEEN COMPETITION



by Ronald & Jo Hersom, K & Q Coordinators

It appears we will have two very qualified couples running for the coveted honor of 2019 FCRV International Retiree King and Queen: Matthew and Marla Mantia of Illinois and Steve and Diane Hitchens of Kansas. You've seen their bios in Camping Today. We're sure they will be campaigning vigorously for your vote at Houma. We hope a lot of you can make the Retiree Rally and participate in the fun.

Past Retiree Kings and Queens and current State or Provincial Kings and Queens are invited to an evening eat out (location to be determined) Monday evening (18th) after the initial K & Q meeting.

And, of course, this is the time for future wannabes to be thinking of submitting an application to run for the 2020 event. It's certainly a good way to meet all the retirees. See us at the Rally or contact us at:

Ronald & Jo Hersom
FCRV Retiree K & Q Coordinators
641-750-2774
RJ50158@aol.com



ALTERNATES COMMITTEE

by Linda Smith & Mary Burrus, Chairs

The Alternates Committee is a group of members that help out at the Retirees Rally wherever needed, i.e. helping with games, crafts, assisting others at the catered meals, etc. Serving on this Committee is an excellent way to meet others and have a good time, also. If you would be interested in adding your name to our list, you may contact Mary Burrus, mfurrus@ptmc.net, PH 336-339-6844 or Linda Smith, smithgandl@aol.com, PH 785-862-9053 or 785-224-4128 (cell). You may also sign up when you arrive at the Rally; however, if we have your name prior to arrival, it helps us with our planning. We're looking forward to seeing you in Houma, LA in March, 2019.
Mary Burrus, Chairman
Linda Smith, Co-Chairman

4. Remember bring any medical directives that you may have.

Enjoy your stay and have a wonderful time at the rally

Retiree Rally Chaplain Request



by Rev. Harold Braley, Retiree Chaplain

Please send any FCRV deaths to Rev. Braley at hbraley@outlook.com so they can be read at the Memorial service at the Retiree Rally.

FCRV Retiree Rally Choir



by Kip Cushing, Choir Director

CALLING ALL VOICES! Sign up for the Retiree Rally Choir. Sign-up sheets will be located in the registration area. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience.



Door Prize Request



by Pat Crow, Chair

No more waiting
No procrastinating

Please be wise and pack your door prize
For Houma

Our goal is for everyone to receive a door prize.
Counting on you to make this come true

Pianist/Keyboardist Needed

by Kip Cushing, Choir Director



The Retiree Choir director Kip Cushing is again asking for someone to accompany the choir for the Memorial Service as well as the Sunday Non-denominational Service. A keyboard will be available so you don't have to furnish it. Please Kip contact (kcushing@wi.rr.com) or Barb Turner (turnerfcrv@yahoo.com) if you can help. Thank you.



Rally Info from the EMS Chair

by Jack Thomas, Chair

Things to remember prior to coming to the rally.

1. Make sure you bring all your medications that are needed for the trip coming down to and leaving from Houma.

2. For those that have special medical conditions, make sure that you bring the supplies needed such as oxygen, spare oxygen bottles, needles, insulin etc...

3. Make sure you have a complete list of all your medical information, a complete list and strength of all your prescriptions and supplements that you take. This is in case that you have to go to the doctor's office or to the emergency room for any unexpected problems.



Food Bank & Lap Robes



by Ashley & Gloria Taylor, Food Bank Chairs

We are coming to you in asking for aid and support of the local food bank in Houma, Louisiana in March, 2018. 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 for-

ward to receiving many this year in Houma. Your efforts are so appreciated.

C.A.M.P. Directors Info

by Dick & Kathy Buresh

Kathy and I are looking forward to serving F.C.R.V. as C.A.M.P. Directors. We would like to thank George Walters and the Trustees for their confidence in us to do this job.

We would like to encourage everyone to join in the C.A.M.P. activities (walking, biking and line dancing) at each rally or camp out and earn vendor bucks that can be spent for F.C.R.V. Merchandise



From the Retiree Registrar Penny Ramlow

Confirmation Letters were sent 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 via email: pramlow@aol.com or 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.



Variety Night Show Tradition Continues



by Jack Smye, Chair; George Walters, Co-Chair

For the last several years it has been the tradition of the Retiree Rally to have a variety show after the very moving Memorial Service. This has allowed us to transition from a fitting remembrance of FCRV members who have died since the last rally to a relaxing and fun evening that features our own homegrown talent.

The variety night lasts about 90 minutes, and we try to have 12-15 'acts.' Individuals are allowed 5 minutes, and group skits are allowed 10 minutes. We usually have several states and a couple of provinces represented in this variety night.

Sign-up will be during the first two days of registration, but now is the time to be thinking about something you, your chapter, state/province could perform to entertain us all. If you can sing, do recitations, play an instrument, dance, do monologues – comic or serious-, or have a group skit, we hope you'll sign up.

Think about it, and we'll see you at registration.

Retiree Rally C.A.M.P. Plans

by Dick & Kathy Buresh

Bill Stirewalt will be lining up a bike ride for our Retiree Rally in Houma. Remember to bring your bikes to participate. Sign up will be at the rally.

Join Kathy and me for your walk every morning. The first morning walk will be our Poker Walk.

Want to learn to line dance? Come to the line dance class.

Earn vendors bucks while participating in biking, walking and line dance sessions. We are looking forward to seeing you at the rally.



FCRV WELCOMES OUR NEW COMMERCIAL MEMBER

RV STATION 214 W. Expressway 83, Donna TX 78538, Phone 956-464-0378
RV Dealer and Service with a Parts department. They have new and used RV's to choose from. Service hours Monday-Friday 8AM - 5PM, No Service on Saturday

8AM - 5PM. Mobil Service is available within area. You may call Danny Garcia in Service for assistance. Show them your FCRV Membership card and receive a **10% discount**. Lets take advantage of this money saving event.

Visit web site www.rvstation.com



Hi, I'm looking forward to seeing you in Houma. We will be making Mardi Gras masks to use in the Mardi Gras parade.



I'll have patterns and bling for decorating. Bring scissors and ideas. See you in Houma

Mardi Paw Pooch Parade

Chair - Robert & Rita Letellier
Co-Chair - Alice Corkran

Come join us at the Mardi Paw Pooch Parade. Participation Awards, goody bags, dog treats and more will be given to all participants. Six awards will be given out on Awards Night. Cats are invited. The awards will be:

- 1) Best Costume
- 2) Most Adorable
- 3) Best Trick
- 4) Best Behaved
- 5) Best in Show
- 6) Cat - Best in Show



“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”!!!

Craft

by Judy Elenburg, Craft Chair



Hi, I'm looking forward to seeing you in Houma. We will be making Mardi Gras masks to use in the Mardi Gras parade. I'll have patterns and bling for decorating. Bring scissors and ideas. See you in Houma!

‘Hitting the Bayou’

Red Hat Frenzy



Thursday, March 21st

Plan to join Diane and Dianne to see what they've cooked up for this celebration.

Dianne Buggeln, Chair
Diane Hitchens, Co-Chair

Retiree Rally 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?

(Cont –President)

Campvention is being planned by the Heartland Region. It is in Hutchinson KS from July 8 – 12. Ivalee & Earl Vanderhoff and Gerry Pfirsch are leading the team making the plans for a great week. I plan to see you at one or both of these events.

Regional and state/provincial campout schedules are included on the website. Check for a campout near you. While the southern folks and snow birds are enjoying camping this time of the year, those remaining in the north are dreaming and planning for the start of the camping season. The next campfire awaits us.

Until the next campfire...

Shari

Entertainment



TUESDAY - Cajun Music Preservation Society

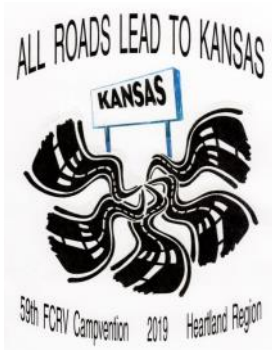


WEDNESDAY - Seabrook Band



THURSDAY - Variety Show

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - The C



Campvention 2019

Kansas State Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, KS

July 7-12, 2019

2019 CAMPVENTION

Are you registered??? We are, and we hope to see you there in Hutchinson, KS. We have 5 teams of folks working on all of the various areas. The Co-Chairs this year are Gerald Pfirsch and Ivalee Vanderhoff. We have 8 others helping by leading the teams. We know we can't do it without them. Thanks.

Adult Games – there will be contest for washer toss and horseshoes that are open for everyone. Come show your stuff. Register when you get here. You don't have to be a state/province champion!!!

Aluminum Tabs – do bring them in for weighing. We are blessed in Kansas with two Ronald McDonald houses in Wichita and one in Kansas City. Let's really help them out.

Band – do you play an instrument? Everyone is welcome to practice in a room that you can lock your instruments in and not have to carry them back and forth.

CAMP – You bet that we have a great walking area even some of it under shade trees. The roads are black-topped so smoother than walking on a dirt path.

Commercial – the crew is working to get a variety of vendors ready for you to browse. Be ready to spend your \$.

Conservation - be sure to bring your State/Provincial winning CONSERVATION and CAMPING IS posters.

Crafts – look at the January issue for items that will be worked on during the week.

Door Prizes – We welcome any donations to be used for door prizes. We will have a posted list of winners and times to pick them up.

First Aid – IF you need help, we will have several ready to do so, but let's not need them. We want a safe week.

First-Timers – Are you bringing friends from your chapter that have never been to a campvention? Be sure they attend the First-Timers to get more information.

Golf Carts – will be available to rent. The form will be available soon, and we think it is a good price for the week. There will be 2 seaters and 4 seaters available for you to choose from. IF you bring your own cart, we will ask you to register it and follow the same FCRV rules.

Hard Hat activity – Yet bet – look for registration when you get here.

Hospitalities – we all love them – even the lines. Yep – come join them.

Market Place – does your chapter have a project they are doing to raise money for the chapter? Bring your

stuff. It is also available for the individuals. Registration coming later.

On Grounds Transportation – we will have help to get you from here to there. Never fear.

Parade – look at December and January issue for details on the “real” parade around the grounds.

Pet Parade – yes – bring the outfit for the pet you live with – again under the shade.

Red Hat activity – brings that hat and see what the gals have in store for you.

Special Needs – remember that all sites are on rock with paved streets. There are special need sites that are paved but only if you register now.

Teens – there will be a separate center (building), pageant, games, fun, food, etc. for all that are registered – meet some new friends and catch up with the old ones.

Tours – we aren’t planning for any as a group, but information will be available to show you how to get to some of the great places within a short distance from the grounds. Look at some of Barb’s information for some ideas. There are also many great stops as you are coming into the state. Tell them where and why you are passing by. If you need suggestions, give the registration folks a call.



2019 Campvention Entertainment Update



CALLING ALL FCRV MEMBERS!!!!

Hello everyone!! This is Gerry Pfirsch, the Region 3 Regional Director; Ivalee Vanderhoff and I are co-hosts for the 2019 Campvention in Hutcheson, Kansas. We are extending an invitation for you to join Region 3 for this great Campvention. It is our hope that you will join us in this celebration as an FCRV Member. This is the one time a year that we get to see some of our friends, and I know that I look forward to seeing each of you there. I would ask that you join us during this wonderful time.

I have teamed up with Kip Cushing (who you will remember as a past Entertainment Chairman) to round up some super entertainers to light up our stage. We took member suggestions and explored local entertainment acts which have been endorsed by first-hand experiences. Our goal was to support the regional and local community and to have a diverse spectrum of entertainment to reach one and all of our membership.

In 2019, we are excited to announce an explosive week of terrific entertainment. We are going to start off with an action-packed Family –yes, Family – Mom, Pop and the Kids playing banjos, guitars, and fiddles, and Bluegrass is their specialty. The Baker Family Bluegrass Band will set your toes tapping and make you get up and dance. Remember, they have been on America’s Got Talent for those of you who watch that show. You can check them out on the web and get a taste of their music. <http://thebakerfamilybluegrass.com/> and on YouTube.

Now for some close harmony and good looks on the stage. The Hutchinson Sweet Adeline’s are sure to tickle your fancy. They have groups all over the country. We got a taste of the Barbershop sound with the men last year in Doswell; well, now the stage will have the “better-half” performing. <https://www.facebook.com/Hutchinson-Sweet-Adelines-228356673862900/>

And, you rock and roll fans, we have Streetside to bring back those days of poodle skirts and slick-down hair styles. We will try to have some room out front to do some dancing so put those shoes in the RV. Streetside is a vocal group that primarily performs doo-wop music from the 50's & 60's, and has expanded its repertoire over the years to include Country, Gospel and more modern pop songs. Originally an acapella quintet in high school, the current four members (together since 1988) perform a 50/50 mix of both acapella and keyboard-accompanied songs. Streetside performs over 50 shows a year, including private conventions, public concerts, county and state fairs and local festivals throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Colorado. Streetside has produced six albums. <https://www.facebook.com/StreetSideGuys> and <http://www.lutzagency.com/streetside.htm>

We don't want to spill all the fabulous entertainment beans, so to speak, but we are saving Thursday Night headliners for next month's Camping Today. Okay, a little hint, C W, and no it's not Charlie Walker, but hopefully, you will not be disappointed. If you have seen the line dancing that took place in 2017 on both sides of the stage and the Teens also having a great time dancing, well, we hope to do that again. We will also try to have time set aside for Karaoke as this was a popular request.

We are happy to inform you that the contracts for the acts have been sent out, and we are moving forward with additional plans to make this a memorable experience. We ask you to come and enjoy these wonderful acts with us in 2019 and remember the Teen Talent on Wednesday. So, get your vacation requests turned in soon for your July time-off because, we look forward to entertaining you.

Your Entertainment Chairman Gerry Pfirsch and Co-chairman Kip Cushing



REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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. If you have sent in your registration and haven't received a confirmation by e-mail or U.S.P.S. mail, please contact Keith Koontz immediately at Ph: 316-655-2970 or E-mail: k.koontz@sbcglobal.net. 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



Parking at FCRV Campvention 2019

I need to remind all of you that the first **211** that register will have full hookups. **Not the first that arrive.** If you register in the first **211** and someone travels with you that **did not** register in the first **211**, the non-pre-registered party will not be able to camp with you. So it is to your advantage to pre-register in advance so you can all camp together. We don't want anyone to be turned away. We have many more water/electric sites so everyone will have plenty of A/C in their unit. A dump ticket will be provided if you are parked on a W/E site. We want everyone to come to the Campvention so if you are not able to pre-register but want to attend, just show up. Tenters or campers with pop-up trailers - there will be a space for you next to a bathhouse with electricity.

Vern Failor, Parking chairman



Door Prizes Needed

Florence Fox, Chair; Diane Hitchens, Co-Chair



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.





Campvention Wildlife Program

by Joanie Stone,
FCRV Wildlife Director



The traditional wildlife auction, birdhouse contest and photo contest will be held at Campvention in Hutchinson. Bring items to donate for the auction. Build those birdhouses this winter. Get your camera out and/or review your photos this winter.

Leavenworth, Kansas Awaits You

by Barb Turner, Campvention Publicity Chair

Leavenworth, Kansas awaits your visit as you travel to Hutchinson for Campvention 2019. When mentioning Leavenworth, you might bring to mind a little history of the Old West, thinking of Ft. Leavenworth that was built in 1827 as a key supply base in the settlement of the West. It was also a destination for African-American refugee slaves who escaped from Missouri and other slave states during the Civil War. Today we probably think of Leavenworth as the location of several federal and state detention centers and prisons and that Ft. Leavenworth is known as the ‘Intellectual Center of the Army’, as home to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center. For our purposes of suggesting places to visit on the road to Hutchinson, attractions await you in Leavenworth.

The Frontier Military Museum (100 Reynolds Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS) might be your first stop. The museum is focused on the story of Leavenworth ‘from its roots as a frontier outpost to the main operational and supply headquarters for the army’s activities on the western frontier’. Learn about The Corps of Topographical Engineers which was concerned with ‘recording all of the western phenomena as accurately as possible, whether main-traveled roads or uncharted wilderness. As Army officers they represented the direct concern of the national government the settling of the West. The Corps of Topographical Engineers was a central institution of Manifest Destiny, and in the years before the Civil War its officers made explorations which resulted in the first scientific mapping of the West. They laid out national boundaries and directly promoted the advance of settlement by locating and constructing wagon



roads, improving rivers and harbors, even performing experiments for the location of subsurface water in the arid regions. In short, they functioned as a department of public works for the West - and indeed for the whole nation, since the operations of the Corps extended to every state and territory of the United States.’ You will have to visit the Visitor Control Center a block from the main gate to get an access card to get through the main gate. We understand that only your driver’s license is needed.

Do you like carousels? If so, visit the **C.W. Parker Carousel Museum** (320 S Esplanade St, Leavenworth) which ‘celebrates all that is beautiful and good with carousels. Visitors can ride a carousel that’s more than 100 years old’, the website tells us. C.W. Parker is known as the Amusement King. He was born in Griggsville, Illinois in 1864. His family moved to Abilene, Kansas when he was 5. As a young adult, he became interested in creating and operating amusement devices as a career. He bought a portable shooting gallery and traveled with it. He worked on improving its design. Soon he built his own and began his career of manufacturing amusement devices. Parker would begin building carousels as well. ‘As the story goes, Parker and his daughter were headed towards the general store one afternoon. Parker had one dollar in his pocket to buy the family’s groceries. Suddenly, his daughter no-



ticed a carousel offering rides for a nickel. After much pleading from his daughter, Parker paid for his daughter to ride the contraption. His daughter did not stop riding until Parker had spent eighty-five cents, leaving only fifteen cents to pay for the family's groceries. Seeing that the excitement of a carousel could get him to spend most of his last dollar, Parker decided he should be in the carousel business. After saving enough money to make the purchase, Parker bought a portable carousel. Similar to his ideas concerning his shooting gallery, Parker decided that he could build carousels in superior ways. Parker built his first carousel in 1892, and started the Parker Carnival Supply Company two years later.' Step back into the age of beautiful carousels and visit the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum as you travel to Campvention.



Among the many other attractions in Leavenworth, the small **Richard Allen Cultural Center & Museum** (412 Kiowa Street, Leavenworth) might be of interest. The museum highlights the African-American history of Leavenworth. The museum opened in 1992 in the former home of U.S. Army Captain William Bly, a Buffalo soldier during WWI. In reading the reviews, several mentioned that the museum is one of Kansas' hidden gems. Add the museum of your 'must-see' list in Leavenworth as you travel to Campvention 2019 in Hutchinson in July.

tion 2019 in Hutchinson in July.

Over the next few months, the Campvention 2019 Committee encourages you to plan your trip to Hutchinson in July with many interesting stops on your journey.

Letter From Miss FCRV 2018

Family and Friends,



It is my pleasure to be writing to you this New Year, Happy 2019! I just wanted to give you all a brief update on what I have been up to and what I am excited for this camping season.

I recently started a new semester at school, Ferris State University, where I will be earning my degree in Pharmacy. I have joined a few new clubs and participated in some heartwarming community events. I attend club meetings for the Pre-Pharm club and Circle K. I am looking forward to our upcoming events such as Relay for Life and our big day of service in the community.

I am looking forward to this camping season to meet more of your chapters and to make more friendships and memories as Miss FCRV 2018. I wish you all blessed and safe travels on your adventures this camping season!

Forever grateful,

Katie Kurburski
Miss FCRV 2018

FCRV Activities

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GATHERING

On December 15, 2018 the Dupage Drifters (IL) held their annual Christmas dinner gathering at White Fence Farm restaurant. After dinner Matt Mantia was asked to install the new officers for the coming 2019-2020 years.

Along with that Bonnie Scherer presented a homemade Flag, made from the winning ribbons the Dupage Drifter received from the games at the IL Retirees. Matt received the flag and it will be kept as part of the Illinois retirees History.



MID-FLORIDA SNOWBIRDS



The FCRV Mid-Florida Snowbirds and guests flocked to Homer's Buffet in Sebring, Florida on January 16th to enjoy a luncheon and fellowship. Several states & Ontario were represented.

The next flocking will be February 20 at the Golden Corral in Winter Haven at 2 PM.

All FCRV members and guests are invited.

FCRV WINTER TEXANS

FCRV Winter Texans Chapter met January 15th at the Smoking Oaks BBQ Restaurant in Mercedes, Texas. The luncheon meeting was organized by Sharon Sandau. 83 of the approximately 95 members attended.

Nancy Herberholz read a letter from Marlene Adams of the Alfred Gonzales Texas State Veterans Home thanking the group for their donation of \$420. The group also donated signed Christmas cards, bingo prizes, and stuffed animals for the Memory Care unit.

The FCRV Winter Texans meet the third Tuesday of each month from April through March and like to try new meeting places. Choices are limited for groups of this size in January and February. They also have a full schedule of outings and activities. For information contact nanron5350@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

The camping season started in April with the first semi annual PANS and Directors meeting to plan the summer's activities. The Spring Provincial Campout known as Cobweb, was held the 3rd weekend of May. We had a very good turnout and an interesting program which was hosted by the Directors. It was a good time to renew old friendships and create new friends after a winter of slow activities. During the Campout we played games, had many hospitalities, a potluck supper, jam sessions and daily CAMP walks.

As in previous years, in June and July respectively Hub Campers and High Tide Drifters hosted their annual Special Weekends. All FCRV members and guests were invited to a weekend of fun, games, lots of food and friendship. Also in August, Barb and I attended the Canadian Regional in Bryden, Ontario. It was very enjoyable as we renewed old friendships and made many new ones.

The 48th Provincial Campout was held on Labor Day Weekend by PANS. This year's theme was "HILBILLY", starting Friday night with our Opening ceremony followed by the parade of flags, ending with a hospitality. Saturday we had games, jam session and a fun filled coffee party where everyone was



served Hillbilly food and drinks and given a homemade souvenir. During the evening, clubs and individual members provided entertainment with skits and music.

A theme parade was held and judges had difficulty crowing a winner. The evening ended with a hospitality. Sunday morning started with a delicious breakfast provided by the Directors prior to a church service. The afternoon started with more games, a jam session and cards. At supper time a corn boil was the main dish followed by a hospitality. The evening entertainment was provided by a local band. They played great music where members could listen or dance to. Of course this was followed by another hospitality. Monday morning we had door prizes along with awards and the retiring of the flags. A hospitality and an emotional Friendship song concluded this wonderful weekend.

Throughout the summer there were many campouts across the province with each club having a Thanksgiving campout to conclude the camping year. As in previous years, the moneys collected at our church services are donated to the "Christmas Daddies". Christmas Daddies is a telethon raising funds for children who otherwise would not receive gifts at Christmas.

Our 2019 Cobweb will be held May 17 to 20, with the Provincial scheduled for Aug 30 to Sep 2. This year's theme is "Flower Power remembering the 70's". We hope that many visitors come and enjoy these festivities with us, both events will be held at the Windsor Exhibition Grounds in Windsor N.S. If you are in the area and would like to attend any of our activities contact us at doregilles@hotmail.com.

2020 will be the 50th Provincial Campout, our PANS presidents are already working on this special

anniversary, mark your calendars for Sep 4-7, 2020 and join us in this celebration in Windsor N.S.

Gilles & Barb Doré
Nova Scotia Provincial Director

SPECIALTY CHAPTERS ADD INTEREST TO FCRV

Unlike local camping clubs or chapters, specialty chapters have members from various locations in the U.S. and Canada who meet and rally based on their mutual interests.

KENTUCKY COLONELS – For the past 55 years, the Lake Cumberland Kentucky Colonels has been holding a Thanksgiving week campout at Lake Cumberland state Park in KY. They also do service projects at Campventions and Retiree Rallies. It is a multi-generational, family oriented group who has built traditions and long lasting friendships throughout the years. The Thanksgiving campout is open to all current and ‘wannabe’ FCRV members. You do not have to be a Kentucky Colonel to attend and enjoy yourself. For information contact President, Melvin & Nancy Coy (melvinlc@juno.com or Edwin Griffin (Edwin.griffin@gmail.com).



FULL TIMERS – The Full Timer Chapter has been around for many years offering advice and friendship to those who take the leap into full time RV living. They meet as a group at Campventions and Retiree Rallies and then have a chapter campout together afterwards. They too are family friendly and members need not be 100% full time campers. Contact Melvin Coy –(melvinc@juno.com)



YARS – (Young Active Retirees) – This chapter was

formed 16 years ago by some recent retirees who wanted to camp together in an informal setting less structured than a rally. Their trademark is ‘Pirate’ garb – since YARS sounds like Ahrr (as uttered by movie pirates). They also do service projects at FCRV rallies and camp together after the Campventions and Retiree Rallies. Although young is in the title, there is no age restriction. You just need a youthful attitude. For information contact Secretary, Barb Turner (turnerfcrv@yahoo.com).



WINTER TEXANS – FCRVers who winter in the Rio Grande Valley of Southeast Texas get together monthly for lunch from November thru March and also plan outings and activities. Contact Nancy Herberholz (nanron5350@yahoo.com).

MID-FLORIDA SNOW BIRDS – FCRVers who winter in Florida also meet for lunch and outings. Contact Barb Turner (turnerfcrv@yahoo.com).

Other specialty chapters a little less active are Red Hat, Singles, Ham Radio, Golf, UIE Club (past Trav-along participants), and Ambassador Club (membership building).

RED HATS



FCRV Merchandise and Badges



Available from **Dale & Karen Huston** at **Karen's Embroidery**. Look for them at rallies or email heartlanders57@gmail.com

NCHA/FCRV VESTS DISPLAYED



Jim and Dora Lewis of CT, show the NCHA / FCRV member vests that are on display at the RV Hall of Fame in Elkhart, IN. NCHA's history is in the Hall's archives.

Check out FCRV's Facebook page and web site (www.fcrv.org).



D.A.S.A.T.

Kitchen Safety

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

The most dangerous place in your home or RV is the kitchen. Why you may ask? Well, let us take a few minutes here to look at how this simple space is so dangerous. Knives for instances, are they stored in a wooden block, or a drawer. Are they stored with a shield over the blades or just uncovered. A dull knife is actually more dangerous than a sharp knife. Simply put, if you by chance just happened to cut yourself while using it, a sharp edge will give you a clean cut, while the dull knife will leave a jagged mess. When using a knife, remember to cut away from your body, a slight slip of the knife can result in a nasty cut to the hand or fingers. Use a clean cutting board and not the counter. Do not put a knife in soapy dishwater, as you cannot see it to retrieve it for cleaning. Always lay a



knife down flat, and if by chance you have dropped a knife do not attempt to catch it, let it fall completely than pick it up safely and clean it to continue your use. Never cook in loose clothing, why, because the strings of your robe or other loose particles of your clothing can become caught thus causing a dangerous situation. They can make contact with the stove, and can ignite with fire, pull a pot off the stove, and so many other things can happened to put your own safety at risk. Scalding is one of the most common injuries that occurs in the kitchen. This can be from the boiling water, or steam from the pot of food you are cooking. Keep your hair tied back, or wear a hat. Every notice that in the food service business, many employees that work in the kitchen wear hairnets or wear hats. This is part of the health regulations but also prevent you hair from coming into contact with the food or other objects located in the kitchen. Dangling jewelry is a danger, necklaces can become caught and put your face and neck into dangerous situations. Wither or not you believe it, rings on your fingers can do exactly the same thing. You can catch your fingers- and ouch or even lose a finger in the process.



Anytime you are cooking, and have to remove that hot pot or something from the oven, use potholders. They keep you from burning your hands. Are you cooking something on the stovetop, and then take the extra seconds to turn the pot handles to the back of the stove. This prevents the pots from becoming grabbed and knocked down to the floor creating a very different dangerous situation. If you have, small children in the household who like to reach up and “grab”, this could cause the pot to fall and they could become badly injured as a result.



Do not let temperature sensitive foods such as fish, chicken, and any dairy products, sit out on the kitchen counter for an extended period. These items will spoil quickly and if eaten cause you to become very sick. E-coli in this case would be the culprit and the causes of your illness.

Spills are a regular occurrence in the kitchen. Wipe them up carefully and quickly so they do not cause harm to you or others that might happen to be in the kitchen. In the process of cooking remember to separate raw meats and poultry from the other foods that you are about to prepare. This can cause cross contamination. For storage purposes these items, such as raw meats need to be stored in containers that will

not leak and in a different location in your refrigerator away from other foods.

Personal cleanliness is next to godliness. Simple enough wash your hand before, during, and after you prepare food. You can never underestimate what may be lurking in on the foods you have handled for preparation.



Fire extinguisher, ok, how many really have one in the kitchen ready and available for use. In most instances, no one. You should have an ABC fire extinguisher hanging on the wall that is ready for use when you need it. In the case of a grease fire, salt and or baking soda will help if you do not have a fire extinguisher handy. Sometimes just putting a lid on the pot will put out the fire. Many household fires originate in the kitchen because of carelessness, simple forgetting about that pot on the stove you left there only moments ago, can be the cause of a fire.

How many times have you used a cooking thermometer? Different foods require different temperature for the best cooking results. Raw meat is unhealthy; make sure you cook meats to the required and acceptable cooking temperatures. On most thermometers, the proper cooking temperatures are there for your convenience.

Do not use extension cords in the kitchen and make sure your junction box (electrical plug) has built in GFI (ground fault interrupters) this will help avoid water/electrical shock accidents. Your appliances should not have frayed cords and have 3-prong grounded connections; this could include coffee makers, toasters, blenders, microwaves, mixers, etc. Get rid of appliances that are broken, or need repair. Nowadays, replacements are not that expensive.

Remember the kitchen is not a playground for young children. Put childproof locks on cabinets that contain medicines and cleaning supplies, and on your oven. Do not allow toys to gather on the floor, as these can become tripping hazards.

Small children should not be in the kitchen while you cook. Teach older children about the dangers in the kitchen and you can also teach them how to be safe in the kitchen.

The above thoughts are some simple ways one can become safe in the kitchen. Remember that the kitchen in the RV is the same, but in a much smaller, more fined space thus the increased potential for danger. Safety is the key to success in the kitchen.

Source: Straighten-Up-Now.com

Durango Half-Ton: Luxury at a Value Price

SHIPSHEWANA, INDIANA – KZ recently debuted the all-new Durango Half-Ton, designed for luxury fifth-wheeling with a smaller footprint.



“The mid-profile Half-Ton is lightweight and compact, but also loaded with luxury standards at a very nice price point,” said Brent Froman, general manager. “All seven floorplans are under 12,000 pounds GVWR, for towing with almost any truck.”

Lifestyle perks are a huge draw. The standard Towing Package with two-inch receiving hitch, 4-pin wire harness, 300-pound hitch rating and 3000-pound tow rating lets you tow your favorite fishing boat, or a trailer with motorized toys. And the end of summer doesn’t necessarily mean the end of camping ... extend the season with Half-Ton’s standard Climate Package, which keeps tanks and pipes safely tucked away in the heated, insulated and enclosed underbelly.

“All these upgrades really set Half-Ton apart – our competitors typically don’t offer these features at this



price point,” said Froman. “The 5/8 inch tongue-and-groove plywood flooring construction is a step up from OSB, and the partially-painted front cap is a high-end aesthetic.”

Interior upgrades include maple-glazed hardwood slideout fascia, an under-mount stainless steel kitchen sink and LED TV with multimedia stereo and DVD. All floorplans, including the D256RKT, shown, include an upgraded tri-fold hide-a-bed.

KZ Recreational Vehicles, a subsidiary of Thor Industries, Inc., is headquartered in Shipshewana, Indiana, and was founded in 1972 on the principles of quality, fairness, courtesy and integrity. KZ produces several widely-recognized brands of recreational vehicles, including Classic, Connect, Durango, Escape, Sportsmen, Sportster, Venom, and Venture RV, including Sonic, Stratus and SportTrek. For more infor-

mation concerning KZ and its products, please visit www.kz-rv.com and venture-rv.com, or call (888) 829-6320.

MobileRVing: French Firm's Expandable Trailer

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Editor's Note: The following report by MobileRVing.com, a website hosted by Southeast Publications, offers a look at French-based BeauER which manufactures expandable travel trailers.

How do you re-invent the towable RV and create something new and different? Many would say it is impossible – but in France, that is exactly what has happened. A new style of trailer has been born, and it is attracting massive attention.



It all began when an inventor and vintage car enthusiast named Eric Beau realized he needed a bigger caravan. His preference was the lovely '60s trailers such as the Sologne, Georges et Jacques, Baillou and Escargot, but there was nothing on the market that could give him the style and size that he wanted. Undaunted, he set about building one in his father's backyard.

Beau's concept was simple: a small but expandable trailer based on a telescopic concept thus allowing a small unit no wider than a normal car to expand horizontally by tripling in size in less than a couple of minutes. The hardest part was developing the modeling; once that was complete there were no major technical issues to overcome. Pleased with the result, he took it away on vacation. It immediately attracted attention at every campsite, with people commenting on his brilliant idea, and wanting to know where they could get one.

What started as a personal interest quickly became a business, named BeauER. Having patented the concept worldwide, the BeauER won the highly prestigious Concours de Lepine innovation prize in 2016. An artisanal workshop involving local craftsmen was set up at Cholet, near Nantes and the concept began to be marketed to the general public in early 2017. Orders began to flood in via the compa-

ny's website from as far afield as Germany, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, China, Korea, Spain and the U.S. The Hymer Museum in Germany has already added one to its displays of caravan memorabilia.

For the full story click [here](#).

Roadtrek Unveils First Transit B-Van in Tampa

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Erwin Hymer Group North America Inc. will be debuting its first Ford Transit model under the Roadtrek brand at this week's Florida RV Super-Show in Tampa.



According to a press release, the Roadtrek Haven is built on the extended 3500 Ford Transit chassis and will offer two interior styling options, four different interior layout options and an exterior sport package.

"We are thrilled to be launching the Roadtrek Haven at the Tampa Super show," said Mike Snell, vice president of sales and service for Erwin Hymer Group North America. "We are kicking off the New Year with a great new product introduction on a new chassis under the iconic Roadtrek brand and we can't wait to see customers' reactions to it."

The Haven was named for its luxury interior styling, the release stated. The galley features a light quartz countertop, deep stainless-steel sink and induction stove, extended galley and sizable counter space and cupboards. The coach also features a roomy full wet bath along with four-season capability. The pecan color cabinetry and soft accent fabrics combine with formed wall panels and rich interior lighting.

A sports exterior package is also available that includes a roof rack, bike rack, ladder, exterior decals, fog lights, upgraded front grill and rims.

The Haven is backed by Roadtrek's six-year warranty and two-year roadside assistance. Roadtrek will be showcasing all week at the Florida RV Super

Show and in booth No. 130. For more information on the Roadtrek line up of products, visit www.roadtrek.com

Winnebago Intros Wheelchair-Friendly Models

Courtesy of RVBusiness



Winnebago Industries Inc. has launched three **accessibility-enhanced motorhomes**, the Intent 30R AE, Adventurer 30T AE, and Forza 34T AE, which are

showing at the Jan. 16-20 Florida RV SuperShow at the Florida State Fairgrounds.

According to a press release, the new wheelchair-friendly models, based on the company's 40 years of experience customizing its models for customer accessibility, are available in three standardized floorplans that include the most commonly requested options. The standardization of floorplans aims to make the accessibility option more visible to customers and as easy to purchase as a standard Winnebago.

Before our accessibility-enhanced Winnebago, the thought of going on vacation was more stressful than just staying at home, said Mike Freeman, Winnebago Forza 34T owner. Most people take for granted the ability to hop in a car, plane, train at will to take a vacation, visit friends and family, or explore a new destination. Our

accessibility-enhanced RV has opened up a wider and richer world for our whole family and even makes day trips easier. We

can leave the house with confidence, and excitement, rather than anxiety and stress. I hope more people like us will discover their freedom and adventure with Winnebago's new offerings.

Our accessibility-enhanced customers are looking for the same freedom from home that many RV owners seek and in many cases the ability to travel is much more meaningful. Over the past four decades, we've optimized our accessibility enhancements to take them beyond simple add-ons, to developing them into design features founded in countless real-



world experiences and with Winnebago's legendary construction standards," said Ashis Bhattacharya, Winnebago vice president, strategic planning and specialty vehicles. "RV dealers across North America count on Winnebago for superior quality and innovation, and we look forward to making these options easier to stock and obtain as we understand options for accessibility that are available to drive off the lot are hard to find in the broader industry."

Customers interested in purchasing a Winnebago accessibility-enhanced RV can choose from three standardized floor-



plans available for the Intent 30R AE, Adventurer 30T AE, and Forza 34T AE. Features include: Platform wheelchair lift with an 800-pound lifting capacity. Powered roll-up lift door, with wall-mount and key-fob remote controls for wheelchair entry and exit.

The expanded hallway and bathroom areas for greater accessibility offer:

- Large roll-in shower with an assist bar and available folding bench seat, with extended lever faucet controls and adjustable shower head.
- Raised toilet with assist bars and a roll-under sink.
- Electric adjustable queen bed.
- Thermostatically or remote-control roof vents.
- Wall-mounted light and generator switches.
- Lower installation of the systems monitor panel.
- Optional six-way power transfer seat and lower microwave placement.

Beyond these standard options, further customization on a Winnebago accessibility-enhanced RV is available, including bed and toilet height specification, placement of handrails, ceiling track system installation for mobility without a wheelchair, specific furniture requirements, cabinetry, and aesthetic changes



'Unique' RV Crowd Jams Quartzsite Show in Ariz.

Story by Caitlin Morton Courtesy of RVBusiness

Attendees started lining up at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday (Jan. 19), waiting for the 9 a.m. opening of the 36th Annual Quartzsite Sports, Vacation and RV Show. The event, held annually on the vast acreage of the Arizona Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Sonora Desert, runs through Jan. 27.

"It took them five minutes just to get in the gates," said Kenny King, the show's founder and manager.

This year, King expects 100,000-150,000 visitors to walk through those gates over the nine-day event, all eager to experience the famous "Big Tent" and browse the over 350 exhibitor booths.

The show offers a truly unique venue, with a sea of RVs stretching out into the desert in every direction, ATVs driving alongside the roads, and dazzling flags lining nearly every street. In turn, the event draws in a crowd that is distinctly different from traditional RV shows.

"The Quartzsite Show is a little bit of a different crowd than we're typically used to," said Billy DiDonato, technical sales representative with Truma North America. "It's a lot of DIY, adventurous people, and a little more eclectic. People aren't really here to see the latest and greatest RVs. They are looking to see how they can make their existing RVs a lot better — products like our AquaGo on-demand water heater. We fit in perfectly in here."

Denis Phares, CEO of Battle Born Batteries and a first-time attendee to the Quartzsite Show, also noticed a change from the typical show crowd. "We have been to a lot of trade shows and this show is unique," Phares said. "I've never seen a show like this. It's just been so crowded with so many interested and enthusiastic people. It's been a great venue for us to talk about our lithium-ion batteries and really just socialize, too."

The Quartzsite Show hosts many non-RV-related vendors and has neighboring shows within walking distance that create a carnival-like atmosphere of shopping excitement. "Sales have been fantastic; we keep selling out. It's almost a flea market type vibe," said Phares with a smile. "We just came from CES in Vegas, which was kind of corporate- and industry-oriented, but this is just more fun."

The sheer number of RVs and RVers may seem surprising to some in this little town that seems to be in the middle of nowhere, but King pointed out that Quartzsite lies in the middle of four popular winter locations: Yuma, Ariz., Phoenix, Ariz., Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Palm Springs, Calif.

"It couldn't be in a better central spot for snowbirds," King said. "If you can find a larger gathering of RVs and RVers anywhere on this Planet Earth, I'd like to see it."

Ingrassia: Recreation.Gov Worth Checking Out

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Editor's Note: The following column by Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) President Phil Ingrassia, appearing in the December issue of *RV Executive Today*, details the recently relaunched Recreation.Gov website.

During last month's RV Dealers Convention/Expo, members of RVDA's board of delegates were briefed on several public land use topics by the Department of Interior's Ben Cassidy, including the Recreation.Gov website.



Cassidy said that the website is designed to be a gateway to explore outdoor destinations and is a significant upgrade of the old site.

It provides tools and tips to discover new adventures through a one-stop shop for inspiration, trip planning, information sharing, and most importantly for many RVers, campground reservations.

The trip builder portion of the site allows users to designate "RV site" as part of the search process and can facilitate site reservations at many federal campgrounds. It's an ideal way to see what's available when traveling to a region, especially if there are several different public lands recreation areas nearby.

Once you create an account on the site, you can start planning your trip and making reservations. For

instance, I tested booking a family trip to the Stuart Recreation Area Campground, near Parsons, W.V. I was able to find several RV sites with electric hookups for three nights in late June 2019 at this popular fly fishing and hiking spot in the Monongahela National Forest.

There were photos of the sites and vivid descriptions of the outdoor activities available. It's hard not to get excited about your trip when you see all the possibilities in one place.

You can also purchase the annual America the Beautiful pass for national parks and federal recreational lands. Site-specific passes will be added soon. Recreation.gov also provides an opportunity to enter lotteries for limited-edition outdoor experiences, such as river floats and other special events on federal public lands throughout the year.

If you ever tried using the old recreation.gov, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised with the upgrades.

I've received feedback from dealers that it's getting harder for their customers to make RV site reservations on public lands. The popular campgrounds are usually reserved months in advance. Now, the recreation.gov site provides a valuable resource for customers to find alternative, and perhaps lesser-known, areas to travel with an RV — and it's probably worth putting a "trip planning" link on dealership websites.

Products

ITC Introduces New Lighting Collection for RVs

Courtesy of RVBusiness



market.

According to a press release, the collection was created to embody the idea of Thomas Edison's classic filament bulb design while incorporating a touch of contemporary styling and function.

ITC Inc., a Hudsonville, Mich.-based LED and technology company, is releasing its newly designed and engineered Tom.E Collection of lighting fixtures for the RV

The new Tom.E Collection utilizes a patent-pending socket and attachment system and 12-volt lights to specifically meet requirements of the RV market. Along with meeting RV standards such as UL quality levels, ITC created the collection with customization in mind.

The collection consists of three post sizes available in chrome, nickel, or black finishes; three bulb shapes available in clear, frosted or amber; and three blown glass shapes available in bubble or clear options.

KING's Falcon Awarded at Northern Wholesale Show

Courtesy of RVBusiness

KING announce that its KING Falcon (KF1000/01) was voted the Best New Product for the 2019 show by RV dealers at the Northern Wholesale RV Super Show in Red Wing, Minn.

I would like to thank the dealers. Our team spent a lot of time at the show educating on the basics of Wi-Fi as well as both the premium and exclusive nature of the KING Falcon. Due to RV dealers' interest and time invested, we are now able to call the Falcon an award-winning product," said Vice President of Sales and Marketing Matt Catlin. "In the RV industry, only KING provides a superior Wi-Fi signal utilizing an automatic and directional antenna with the Falcon. Anyone that has ever sold our KING Jack Directional Over-The-Air Antenna with mount and built-in signal meter completely understands both the premium performance and KING exclusivity I am talking about."



RVers can maximize connectivity to the Internet with the KING Falcon with no monthly service fee and no contract. The new KING Falcon offers easy-to-use solutions to deliver a faster, more powerful internet connection.

Features include:

- An antenna 10 times more powerful than competing antennas.
- Fastest speeds for streaming – antenna extends 2.4GHZ networks, for the best range, while still allowing the KING Wi-FiMax (IDU) to use its 5GHz network for the fastest speeds.

- Impact resistant.
- Customizable Wi-Fi name and password for a secure connection
- Beamforming technology.
- Ability to connect all devices
- The KING Falcon w/ WiFiMax bundle (model KF1000/01) has a suggested retail price of \$449.99. The KING Falcon is available through all participating KING resellers today.

LTA MANUFACTURING LLC EXPANDS LOADMASTER PRODUCT LINE WITH TWO NEW CARGO MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

OTTAWA, Kan. - LoadMaster, a subsidiary of LTA Manufacturing LLC, has expanded the product line to include two new in-bed cargo management systems: Full Extension (FE) and Dual Slide (DS). These two new styles join the Standard Duty (SD), Heavy Duty (HD) and Composite (CP) in-bed cargo management systems.



The LoadMaster FE provides 100 percent extension from the bed of the truck with four different locking positions. Available in 1,000 and 2,000 pound weight capacities, the FE system fits multiple bed sizes, including

full-size and mid-size short and long beds. FE cargo management systems come complete with a removable rubber deck mat, laser cut steel side rails, a spring release T-handle and powder coated reinforced steel frames. The FE is also available with optional Extreme Side Rails (XT). The XT option is bed-deep, water jet cut and powder coated with multiple tie-down locations and is comprised of lightweight aluminum that is formed over the wheel wells.



LoadMaster has also added the new DS to the product line. The DS features two sliding in-bed trays which offer a total weight capacity of 1,200 pounds with each tray supporting up to 600 pounds. The DS allows for up to 70 percent extension from the bed of the truck and features three locking positions: in, half-way and fully extended. DS systems are



comprised of powder coated steel frames.

A five year limited warranty is offered to general consumers, and commercial applications receive a warranty period of three years. The warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship and requires that products be installed by an authorized LoadMaster dealer. Weight capacities are designed for evenly distributed weight.

To find a dealer, visit <http://www.4loadmaster.com/dealers/>.

About LTA Manufacturing LLC
LTA Manufacturing LLC is a subsidiary of the DeBruce Manufacturing Group. The company acquired ATC Truck Covers, Jason Industries and Ranch Fiberglass in 2017 and handles the sales, marketing and manufacturing of all four brands. ATC, Jason, Ranch and LoadMaster produce truck caps, tonneau covers and cargo management products at two manufacturing plants, one in Elkhart, Indiana and the other in Ottawa, Kansas. For more information, contact LTA Manufacturing at 800-983-2787 or visit <http://www.ltamanufacturing.com/>.

Farewells

Jiles Tucker 11-10-18 North Carolina, Charter member of the Carolina Cardinals FCRV camping club. Rarely missing a campout in 49 years.

Russell Jennings 11-30-18 Crows Mills, Nova Scotia, Hub Campers Truro NS

Henry Porter 12-30-18 Cambridge, Nova Scotia, High Tide Drifters NS

Larry Kahle, 77, 1-2-19, Wichita, Kansas, Man-Kans Chapter, Past VP Winter Texan Chapter. Long time active member

Alvin Alft, 86, 1-18-19, Shawnee, Kansas, Brownsville, TX, longtime active member, KCA. Father of Edwin (Jane) Alft, former FCRV Teen Director and grandfather of Kara Cornwell Wolf, former Miss FCRV.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Don't Miss the fun!

**Be sure to get signed up for the Retiree Rally in
Houma, Louisiana and the**

Campvention 2019 in Hutchinson, Kansas!

**Great time to meet with old friends and make some
new friends!**

So you think you know everything!

- **A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.**
- **A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.**
- **If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.**
- **Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.**
- **There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.**
- **Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.**



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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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.

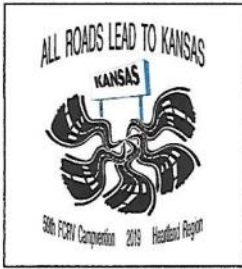
RALLY FEES: MARCH 19 – MARCH 24 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping, water and electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	<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	

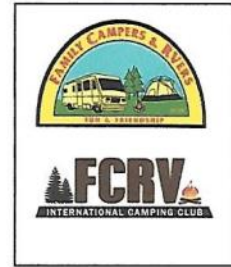
REFUND POLICY: Refunds must be requested in writing by mail, email or phone call to the Registrar. Refunds requested before March 8, 2019 will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$210.00, one person in a unit \$175.00, second family in unit \$75.00. After March 8, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL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

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

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