

Nebraska *CALLING*



July 2018

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message . . . *Rob and Joleen Baker* Green!!!

Think about this word for a few minutes. What was the first thing that comes to mind? Money, a crayon, grass, leaves, new beginnings?

Your State Directors are green. We do not know everything there is to know about FCRV, Campventions, Regionals, Chapters, June Bug, State, required reports, meeting guidelines, etc. We are learning and making notes for the next time around so that we will be more prepared and steer our State in the right direction. We continue to have phone meetings every Sunday with Gerry Pfirsch to discuss issues that may popped up, reports, Regional and Campvention.

We have Program Directors who are green as well. Again, we look to those of you who have held the positions in the past or are FCRV members for years to provide direction and guidance to them as well. Everyone needs a little help sometime. If you are asked for advice, opinions or help, please be responsive and courteous at the same time. Our goal is to have Nebraska FCRV to be a positive and forward moving force to be reckoned with now and in the future.

We have said in the past that we are open to suggestions and comments. We hope that you all will help us through our learning curve. We have received compliments and reassurances from those of you we have been lucky enough to either meet at a winter meeting or attend a campout with your Chapters.

We attended June Bug this last weekend for the first time as State Directors. We found ourselves enjoying the companionship more this year than ever before. We enjoyed our individual conversations, laughs, water fights, meeting (short and sweet) as it was! Our compliments to Linda Sander and Anita Mueller for putting

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2018 Dates to Remember

July 9-13	Campvention, Doswell, Virginia
July 27-29	Christmas in July, Pine Grove
Aug 20-24	Retiree Rally - Stromsburg
August 2-5	Regional Meeting - Missouri Valley, IA
October 5-7	Corn Picking Good Times, Double Nickel

2019 Dates to Remember

July 7-13	Campvention, Hutchinson, KS
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everything together. We had a great time.

Thank you for your continued support in moving Nebraska forward.

Reports. . .

2019 Campvention Update

State Directors . . .

We attended our first Go-To Planning Meeting. That was an experience. We have made some decisions:

Worker shirts-any style, as long as it is mint green. We are going to have clip on name tags this year so that the shirts can be worn at later dates w/o the FCRV logo. Wal-Mart has a great selection of different style shirts. We would recommend getting your shirts as soon as possible.

People Movers – we are going to contact a group in Hutchison that has antique tractors to use to pull the people movers!! If that doesn't pan out something else will be done.

Entertainment is still in the works, some possibilities – Sweet Adelines, local theater group.

We discussed items that will be in the

Welcome Bags.

Rob and Jo Baker

National President . . .

Greetings from sunny Buffalo! Yes, we do get nice weather here. Shari has asked me, Sue Fromholzer FCRV VP of Operations, to write this update. She has been very busy with the sale of her campground that is now in its last contingency. Looks like August 1st will be her closing day. Congrats Shari and Craig!!

The executive board meeting at Campvention will be held on Sunday July 8th. The gavel will hit the table at 8:30 am sharp so make sure you leave time to be seated and ready to go. We are hoping to have pizza and water available for lunch, so we can jump right back into the meeting quickly. You will be receiving a digital file from the office with the newly revised

operations manual attached. Please make this file available to yourself either digitally or printed for this meeting. We will be going over this with you and answering any questions you have. Please bring your State flags and flag stand for opening ceremonies.

On July 1 we will be starting a new membership program that we have named an "introductory membership." This will be an 18-month membership for the old price of a 12-month membership! No more cadet memberships will be accepted after that date. PLEASE DESTROY ALL CADET FORMS! This membership program will be taking its place.

There has been talk in the air about a possible winter board meeting! The Trustees are asking who would be interested enough in this to pay their own expenses? Please email me to let us know what your wishes are and what percentage you would be able to pay. FCRV.vp.ops@gmail.com

Membership total as of May 31st was 2925.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at camp!

Sue Fromholzer
FCRV VP Of Operations

Co-Chair of 2019 Campvention . . .

"I contacted the National Director for Campvention. He agreed to a \$10 discount for Region 3 members only, and only until July 1 postmark. He did mention that if someone was going to National this year and e-mailed me that they would have the check with them when they got there, it would be okay. I really think I would rather have all sent so that we don't have any questions at Virginia. I don't want others to question why not them. The cost until then would be \$290 check or money order only. I will draft an explanation and send out tomorrow evening if that is okay. I have the members who have already agreed to work in sections and will include directions for them to share with others in their chapters, etc. Could you folks also help

with sending to other members in your states? Please send any info, hints, help, etc., and I will do the letter tomorrow. Thanks.”

*Ivalee Vanderhoff
Co-chair 2019 Campvention*

Regional Director . . .

REGIONAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND

I hope that everyone is enjoying this wonderful camping season to the fullest. What is the best campout that you have had this year? Was there a funny moment that you will remember throughout your camping life? I hope so! It is that type of memory that brings us together as a camping family, and that we will be able to share around the campfire for years to come.

This is the reason that members have built scrapbooks to preserve the memories of the chapter as time passed and memories fade. As a Chapter, are you preserving the memories of the Chapter for the future, and for the new members that will come along.

How many of you have been to a National Campvention? If you have, you will have met people from all over the US and Canada, and I am sure that you will have made a new friend from another part of the country. If you continue to go to Campvention, you will see them one time a year or every other year. Believe me, it will be as if you see them more often. You will catch up on what has happened in their life, they catch up on what has happened in your life, then it is a week of friendship as if you have seen them every week.

This is what FCRV is. It is more than just your Chapter or your State. I hope that I will see you at Campvention. As a reminder, we who are Region 3 are hosting Campvention 2019 and we need your help! We have several positions that we still need to fill, so please plan to be in Hutchinson, Kansas. Help to make this a Great Campvention that all will remember for years to come. WE NEED YOU

and your skill. I ask you to contact your State Director and see how you can help.

Remember that we need to keep recruiting and working to bring friends, neighbors, family, etc. into our camping family. You know people with whom only you and no one else will reach and share FCRV. I hope that you are proud of FCRV and are willing to share with the people that you know. I ask you to do this for FCRV. This is a call to duty for each of us.

I hope to see many of you in Virginia at Campvention, as we are about two weeks away now. I also will see many of you at the Regional Campvention in Iowa in August. I hope that you join us for a great time hosted by Iowa this year, and join us for a fun campout. This is an important gathering as we will have a lot of things to get covered. There will be meetings on Campvention 2019. We will need to have a Regional meeting as well as a meeting with the State Directors. I hope to see you there. I also would like to tell you that it is a lot of fun as well. Remember, you get out of it only what you put in, so come join us and let's have a great time.

See you camping!
Gerry

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State Chaplain's Message . . .

Just got home from June Bug, and it was sure nice seeing everyone again. Luckily, the weather was nice, and the rain didn't start falling until after we left the campground. The rain has been falling at just about the right intervals this year in this part of the state, so hopefully it will continue to do so.

Having thunderheads around however, isn't the best condition for those of us who

are “ham radio” enthusiasts. The continuous wall of static that we sometimes hear does a good job of covering up the signals from other stations.

This morning I checked into the 7:30 A.M. Nebraska Weather Net, and I was greeted with the continuous crackling of static. As I tried to hear what was going on, I was reminded of how similar it was to be living in the world today.

As we go about living our daily lives, we seem to get bombarded by all types of static, especially as Christians. If not in the form of temptations, which is perhaps the most common form of static, then it can take on many other forms which attempt to sway us away from our belief in Christ. When we encounter that static, in whatever form it takes on, we must rely on His word to bring us back into reality.

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

Always keep this in mind, no matter the type of static you encounter in your life. If your faith in Him can remain strong, you can enjoy the hope and peace that is offered to you.

Mert Feikert

State Youth/Teen Director . . .

Hi Everyone!

This was my first time ever at June Bug, which was the highlight of my camping season! We had a bunch of kids present for activities. We made bird feeders (conservation project), tie dyed t-shirts, used perler beads to come up with all sorts of interesting shapes and scenes, had arena-style water fights, made *Camping Is* posters and played glow in the dark freeze tag. Camerick Hoagland, Haylie Baker and Jernaile Morgan-Baker all participated in the *Camping Is* Poster/Coloring Contest and

those entries are going to National Campvention 2018. Tyler and Lucas Mathews participated in the Conservation Essay earlier this year. The teenagers participated in quite a few of our activities and it was great to see them joining in!

I talked with some of our members this past weekend about starting up a Nebraska Teen FCRV Chapter. This will most likely be the teenagers meeting with me each month in an online forum like Go To Meeting. There is no limit to the things we can do with a Teen Chapter and involvement/participation will look really good on those State/National FCRV Scholarship Applications in a few years! For those who have grandkids that camp with them, this would be a great opportunity to help them get an introductory membership so that they can participate. The teen chapters are open for ages 13-19, but I am more than okay with involving 12 year olds, too, in some way if they are interested. If you have teenagers in your group, please talk to them to gauge interest and let me know. I’d like to set up a Go To Meeting for those interested as early as August before they all go back to school. Thanks in advance for your help in getting our teenagers more involved in FCRV!

Our next official Nebraska FCRV event is the Fall Planning Meeting in Waco October 5-7th. I’m looking forward to having some kids present so we can add to the list of fun our kids are having at state campouts this year.

Have a great month and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Dawn Morgan-Baker

Nebraska Acting Youth/Teen Director

Scholarship Committee . . .

We had our yearly meeting at June Bug this last weekend and members in attendance were Charlie and Sharon Gies, Linda and Gary Sander, Chuck and Peggy Warner, Leonard and Lynna McKinney, and Jan Van Arsdall.

It was good to see Chuck up and around, good going, Chuck

Discussed different requirements for scholarship and came up with payment as per credit hour as in this example .

Full time student 12 – 15 hours (4 year)

Part-time student 6 – 12 hours

Below 6 credit hours - an amount per credit hour.

A 4-year scholarship has been awarded to Tara Mueller contingent upon her grades. Tara will be attending Wayne State College working for a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education.

A scholarship was awarded to Eric Mathews, contingent upon proof of registration. Eric is currently taking a course in Truck Driving.

We announced we were looking for some new members for the committee and Eric and Theresa Mathews and Shirley Rippe expressed their interest. The scholarship committee will be informed of their interest.

Thanks to all my committee members for their great help at June Bug. Thanks to everyone!

Jan Van Arsdall

FCRV National Scholarship Board
Directors

FAMILY CAMPERS AND RV'ers

National Scholarship Recipient: 2018

It is our pleasure to announce that Tara L Mueller of Exeter, Nebraska has received one of eleven National Scholarships awarded this year. Tara is enrolled at Wayne State College – Wayne, in year one of the SPED/Elementary Education program. The criteria for a National Scholarship is available on line at the FCRV web site: applicants must demonstrate high academic success; involvement in FCRV activities; participation in community activities and provide two references. This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America.

FCRV is proud of Tara's accomplishments to date and wishes her success in her academic career.



Please publish this announcement throughout your State.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my wife and me at fcrvscholarship2014@gmail.com.

Carl & Lynda Wood

State Photographer . . .

We had fun this past weekend at the June Bug Campout held at Windmill, Gibbon. It is always full of family fun, and this year did not disappoint!

The memories of former years were revived beginning with the honoring of our flag, as our group gathered for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a breakfast of pancakes and sausage prepared and served by the Mueller family and others.





Crafts for adults and children, an old-fashioned baseball game, the charity auction, root beer floats and the OH SO FUN water games were enjoyed by young and old alike!!!



Thanks to Dawn Baker for the crafts and games planned for the kids. They were all excited to make tie dyed shirts and will keep them to remember the excitement of this campout.

Leonard McKenney led the traditional water fight and no one within range was exempt from the water works.



We enjoyed a supper of walking tacos, followed up with an early church service on Saturday due to threatening storms expected on Sunday.

Special thanks to all who planned this great family outing.

More photos of this campout can be found at: <https://nebraskafcrv.shutterfly.com>

No password should be needed; but if one is requested: it is 2018camp

Janene Feikert

Please contact Janene Feikert at 308-440-7169 or necampphotos@gmail.com.

Chapter News . . .

Courageous Ramblers

Seven members of Courageous Ramblers met at Beaver Crossing June 2nd. We went to lunch at their new café that was rebuilt after the tornado. Very nice place, friendly and good food, it was an enjoyable social time.

The campground was also rebuilt, nice shelter and picnic tables, good restroom and showers, all adjacent to the new swimming pool.

We are pleased to anticipate our State Directors coming to our campout in Weeping Water in August. We planned our menu already, hoping they will enjoy our meal.

The State Constitution and By Laws were reviewed. Also we noted the FCRV colors and logo will be changed by National.

Our next campout will be July 13,14,15th at Wilbur.

Donna Hansen read a poem, on how we perceive the initials, ASAP. Could be 'as soon as possible' or.....'always say a prayer'. We were encouraged to use our imagination for other definitions.

Judy Dickey, Secretary

Triple F

Triple F made our first trip to Ponca State Park the weekend of June 2nd. We found the park to be hilly, wooded, and extremely pretty. Jess and Corey hosted and had some fun activities lined up for us.

We toured the park and took in the scenery and wildlife. The entire group visited the Towers of Time sculpture and water feature and the three-state overlook of Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa. A few of us ventured far enough to see the 370+ year-old oak tree which took root in 1644. It was a great weekend despite a couple of small mishaps involving a camper with a flat tire and someone almost falling through a skylight on a camper.

Saturday after dinner we enjoyed a quiet evening around the fire. Sunday morning was a feast of "freezer bag omelets" with all the extras we could think of to put in them. This was followed by our business meeting before we packed up for home.

Later in June we hope to see many of you at Windmill.

On July 13th Triple F will be headed to Pawnee State Park by Lincoln.

Mary Brashaw, Secretary

The following sent in by Jess Baker:

June brought our group to a new park called Ponca State Park. As you drive into this park and head toward the campground, you are surrounded by trees as you go down the road. While the campground was a little difficult to find, there were signs posted that helped you get to your destination. We ended up taking a wrong turn and the reward was seeing their scenic overview of the Missouri river, which shows you 3 states at once: Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. What a reward!



Once we got to our site and set up, there was so much to do at this park we didn't know where to start! Whether you love to sit at your site and just relax and enjoy nature, go hiking on trails, horseback riding, wildlife watching, swim, or shoot at their shooting range, there is ALWAYS something to do to keep busy or relax. For our club we chose to do a water fight! It involved mostly the kids throwing water balloons, adults participated the previous day with giant water guns! Hobo dinners and a campfire finished off our Saturday night.

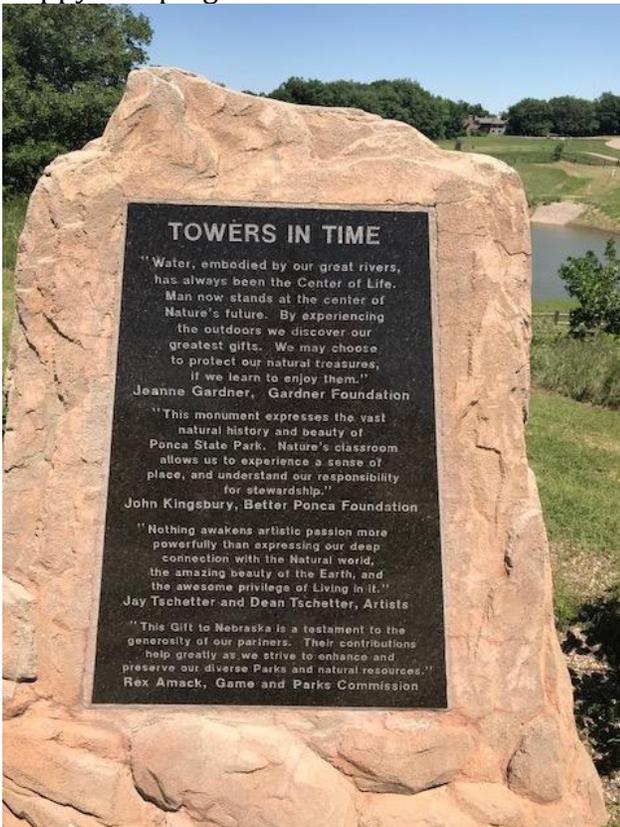
Sunday, we went up to the camp office to view an attraction they call "Towers of Time" which is described on their website as 3 towers that celebrate the origins of life, mammals, and geological formations throughout time. It also had a waterfall and pond called "Stairway of Falls and Reflecting

Pond” We chose to take a group photo here to capture the beauty and history of this area.



They also had a beautiful garden in this area with lots of hummingbird feeders and beautiful flowers.

It was an amazing weekend and I know I look forward to going back soon! I hope your camping season is adventurous and relaxing! Happy Camping!



Triple F is eager to get our youth and teens involved at our camp outs. This camping season, we started passing out

green buckets at our campouts. At the end of the weekend, the kids collect all of the buckets, and we take all of the recyclable items home.



Many of our families have their recycling picked up by their garbage provider, so it makes it easy to recycle. Attached is a picture of all of the recyclables that the youth and teens collected from the FCRV campers at June Bug. We will continue this effort at the remaining campouts! Reduce, reuse, recycle!

Eric and Teresa Mathews
Triple F Campers Presidents

Rollin' Turtles

The Rollin' Turtles camped at Rock Creek State Historical Park June 14-17. 19 members were present despite temperatures in the high '90's, and the fact that the campground had no working sewer system. Table games and conversation in the shelter house were the preferred activities. Saturday evening the club enjoyed our annual "Walking Taco" dinner. Our next campout will be at Louisville SRA, July 20-22.

Allan Smith
Secretary

"THE GATHERING"

"CORN PICKING GOOD TIMES"

NE. FCRV'S end of the season campout & planning meeting.
OCTOBER 5 - 7 2018 Double Nickle Campgrounds, Waco, Ne

Friday evening: Campfire w/hot dogs & chips

Saturday morning:

8:00 - Flag Ceremony

8:15 - CAMP walk

8:45 - Breakfast

9:30 - Crafts

12:00 - **Lunch on your own**

1:00 - Hayrack ride

2:00 - Ice Cream Floats - Scholarship Committee

3:00 - Games

5:30 - Supper - catered - NANA'S

6:45 - Planning meeting

CAMPFIRE after meeting.

9:00 - **Sunday** morning service with Coffee/juice & rolls.

THANKS FOR COMING! DRIVE CAREFULLY!

Registration for "The Gathering 'Corn Picking Good Times'"

Name _____ Phone or Email (for confirmation) _____

Fees for camping & breakfast will be collected at the campground. Please send your registration to Jim & Janet Staehr, 301 Kansas St, Utica, NE 68456. We would like to hear from you by July 1 so we can plan how many places to reserve and amount of refreshments to acquire. Thank you!

Heartland Regional

August 2 - 5, 2018

Fairgrounds, Missouri Valley, Iowa

Join us for a fun time!
Activities, games, hospitalities & MORE!
Saturday night meal (tickets sold at reg.)

Pre-registration cost \$15.00/\$20.00 at gate
Camping cost \$18.00/night

Send Pre-registration to:

Dale Huston, P.O. Box 25, Albion, IA 50005

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Adults__ Teen__ Youth__ Handicap Parking__



FCRV RETIREE RALLY STROMSBURG, NE

Buckley Park Camp Ground

AUGUST 19-23, 2018

Registration fee \$4.00 per person. The parking fee is by donation and will be decided by all at our general meeting.

SUNDAY 5.00 PM Leave for Benedict for evening meal. Devotions when we return.

MONDAY

- 9:00 Registration begins with Coffee Time, A thru F bring something to share
Sign up at Senior Center for lunch on Tuesday (individual donation required to Sr. Center)
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:30 Games
- 5:30 Supper, main dish provided. Please bring salads, veggies, pickles, olives dessert etc.
Bring your own dishes.
- 7:00 Get acquainted night
- 8:30 Hospitality

TUESDAY

- 9:00 Coffee Time, G thru S bring something to share (initials of last name)
- 11:00 Leave for Senior Center for thrift shop and lunch
- 3:00 Crafts
- 5:30 Dinner on your own
- 7:00 Dominos, Cards, Board Games, etc.
- 8:30 Hospitality

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 Breakfast provided (bring your own dishes)
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:00 Ice Cream Social, bring toppings to share
- 4:00 General Meeting
- 5:30 Pot Luck
- 7:00 Fun Night, crowning of the New King and Queen
- 8:30 Hospitality

THURSDAY

- 9:00 Coffee Time, T thru Z bring something to share

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!

Please bring your own cup for coffee time and dishes and utensils for meals. Also bring books for sale or exchange, money to benefit our Retiree group.

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