

NEBRASKA Calling

Where Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family



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State Directors' Message

This page waiting for a new directors

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

APRIL

14-16 Heartland Runabouts, Superior City Park
 21-23 Triple F Pine Grove

DISTRICT/STATE/REGIONAL/NATIONAL

May 5-7 Spring Fling, Wilber
 June 2-4 State, Crystal Lake
 June 23-25 June Bug, Windmill
 July 9-16 Campvention, Lima, Ohio
 Aug 3-6 Regional, Grand Rapids, ND
 Aug 27-30 Retirees Rally, Buckley Park, Stromsburg, NE

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Editor's Notes...

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Regional Ramblings

By Gerry Pfirsch Regional Director

I would like to take a moment to welcome a few people that have taken on new positions in FCRV here in Region 3. First I am pleased to welcome Brian and Kay Dilks as the Iowa State Directors as of December 1, 2015. As some will remember they were an early choice for the position but had other obligations that did not allow them to step into the position. I am excited for the leadership that they will bring to the table for FCRV and to the state of Iowa. I am expecting to see great things from Iowa in the years to come with their steady leadership. So with that I say Welcome!!!

I would also like to welcome Sue Fromholzer the new VP of Operations for FCRV. Sue is the Successor to Hugh Hicks. Many of you know Sue and please welcome here when you see her at the next Campvention. Sue will do a wonderful job in her new position as VP. Now I feel we need to get down to business. I first must apologize for the last year. With a move and sickness my year was shot and I did not make Campvention or Regional in 2016. I also fell short on my duties as Your Regional Director. For that I am Truly Sorry. Having said that we now need to look to the year to come.

I am in the process of searching for successor to step in as Nebraska State Directors, as you know, Ken and Sandy Kendall stepped down as state directors after Campvention 2016. They remain involved and I greatly value their input and I continue to consult with them and will in the future. All Nebraska Field Directors will be sending your reports to me starting with your February report starting on March 1, 2017. You can email. Or mail them to me the choice is up to you.

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Now having said this I ask if you are interested in the State Directors Position in Nebraska please contact me at the above address or at 406-698-5992 cell or at 406-540-2672. I also have added a home phone that number is 406-880-5547. I know that there is someone that will make a good State Director out there just waiting to lead Nebraska to great things. If you feel that you know someone that would be a good State Director contact me with their information and let's see where it goes. Often we do not see the talent that we have hidden in us but others see that talent and it need to be developed and set free.

How many of you are planning to do RV shows this year? If you are let me know and I will let the office know recruiting is and should be a top priority for us in the years to come. We have gone too long without adding to our numbers.

FCRV numbers are falling to an all-time low and I ask myself why is this? Well that first reason is we are not recruiting. Each of us should be promoting FCRV. Yes, by this I am saying we should be telling Friends, Family, Neighbors about the fun we have with our camping clubs.

Invite friends along that go camping. Show them firsthand the fun we have when we go out as a club. Get them involved in our winter activities with our camping friends. I am going to say to you that if we as FCRV are to survive we each and every one of us need to be out there recruiting our friends to be part of this great organization. I must say share what we have with all of your friends that camp. Be a part of moving forward not of setting still and dying as an organization. SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!

This is where RV Shows can help. They get you out and you meet new people that you do not know and if they are out looking at new RV's they are most likely people that like to camp. Guess what they are there for likeminded and could be a possible member. Saying hello, what do you have to loose. Get their name and contact info and set up a few get acquainted meetings and share FCRV with them and possibly get a few new chapter members. I ask what do we have to lose? Oh maybe some time, but just maybe we will gain that new member that will become the next new Field Director of Regional Director or someday VP of Operations, or maybe President of FCRV. You see we do not know what that new person will do for FCRV or what they might become. One given is that they will be nothing if we do not share what we have and get them involved. FCRV will never know what that person can become. SO SHARE WHAT WE HAVE!

I would like to address a few needs if you have open positions on the state level please consider volunteering to fill a position and help to take the load off of the state director. One thing we each must understand is that if there is an open position on in your state someone must fill in and do the work. This is usually the State Director and when this happens it takes the time that they would do their job and after a while they burn out doing the job that is an open position. Show your State Director and the members of your state that you care enough about FCRV and them for that matter to volunteer to take on that open job and help to carry the load by their side. You often find that you start getting better results and better decisions when you share and have input from a larger body that are working together.

On the Regional Level I am looking for an advisory board to start the search for A Campvention location. If you are interested, please contact me. I also am in search of an interested Assistant Regional Director for Region 3. This is a new position and will work to develop as we progress. I also would like to find a Regional Membership Director as well as a Secretary. So if interested please contact me.

It is my hope that February finds you in good health and I look forward to seeing you at Campvention or Regional in 2017. Many of you are planning for spring campouts and gatherings. Please get your Schedules to your state directors for the new camping season as you get them developed. Let's get out there and spread the camping news.

The big news is that Region 3 will be hosting Campvention in 2019 that is only 2 years away and we will need all of our leaders on board from all of our states. The Trustees have not picked the location at this point and we will keep everyone posted on that as we get more information. It is not too late to send a suggestion as to a location. If you do suggest a location, I request that you copy me on that location suggestion. We will have our work cut out for us in getting this together but I do know if there is a Region that can do this it is the great talent that we have here in Region 3.

See you camping!

Gerry

The Chaplain's Word



There are many things that we can take for granted while living in the heart of the nation. But something that effects everyone and cannot be taken for granted is that we are susceptible to many types of illness.

I have been quite fortunate to have lived a life that has been free from any type of major illness and had only been in a hospital as a visitor. That changed this past weekend, when I became the patient lying in that hospital bed. My health issue was taken care of within a short period of time, but the time I spent lying in that bed helped me to realize how delicate our living condition really is. I have recovered and am back to my normal activities. I know God was with me and I want to thank all of you for your prayers.

As Genesis tells us it was the breath of our heavenly father that gave us this precious gift of life (Genesis 2:7). Although he wanted us to be perfect in His image, we have developed weaknesses, but it is through them that the power of Christ dwells within us.

2 Corinthians 12: vs 9

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

When tough times come in your life, keep in touch with God because He will always be there.

Mert

FCRV NE Eastern District 2017 Spring Fling Aloha to Wilber

Bring your grass skirts, coconut bras and Hawaiian shirts. "Leis are free!"

Friday

Jan Van Arsdall will have sloppy joes, chips, coffee and tea available for \$1.50 per plate for dinner. The building will be available.

Saturday

8:00am	Flag Raising Ceremony – John Brashaw at their Trailer
8:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast – Jan Van Arsdall and friends
10:30am – 12:00pm	C.A.M.P. Meet & Sign in at Building – John Brashaw. Outdoor games such as horse shoes, ladder ball, clothespins, etc. will be available to enjoy
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Lunch (on your own). Site Sales at your site as you are available after lunch
3:00pm	Teen/Youth serving Sundae's for \$1 each
4:00pm	Conservation Presentation - Bakers
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Dinner – Triple F will serve Luau themed pulled pork, tossed salad, baked beans, Hawaiian rolls and dessert will be served
7:45pm – End	Entertainment / Games – Building – Bakers and Mathews Closing Ceremonies immediately following

Sunday

Morning Devotions – Time to be determined

Please stay and help clean up the building and shelters.

Have safe travels home! We will see you all at the rest of the events this year.

Nebraska State Campvention

June 2- 4

Crystal Lake, Ayr, NE

Camping fee is \$20.00 per night
Electricity
Water available
Shelter house available

Theme will be "Come to the Carnival"

Note : More information and the schedule will be published in future Callings

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE BUG DISTRICT CAMPOUT

JUNE 23 - 25

WINDMILL SRA

THEME: THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

Submitted by: Sandy & Ken Kendall

Recipe Corner

This page, The Recipe Corner, will be a regular feature of the Calling. It is a known fact that Campers love to eat, and many great cooks belong to FCRV.

So, look to this page to find and try recipes and better yet, submit your best recipes to the Calling Editor. We plan to share your recipes with everyone who reads the Calling.

Dill Pickle Dip

Servings: 3 cups

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Cook Time: 3 Hours

Total Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Ingredients

1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened

1/3 cup diced red onion

1/4 cup pickle juice

2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic

1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

1 teaspoon coarse ground pepper

2 cups diced pickles

Directions

In a large bowl add cream cheese, red onion, pickle juice, garlic, Old Bay seasoning and pepper. Combine with a hand mixer. Add pickles and continue mixing until fully combined. Refrigerate at least 3 hours and up to three days before serving.

Submitted by: Mary Kay Hackett



Heartland Region 3 Campvention

Thursday Aug. 3 - Sunday Aug. 6, 2017

LaMoure County Park Campground, located

1 mile north of Grand Rapids, ND on Hwy 34

Enjoy: area tours, evening hospitalities, golf, traditional Campvention activities or just relaxing; potluck supper Saturday evening.

Chapel and breakfast will furnished before departing on Sunday morning.

Details will be returned with your e-mailed confirmation.

The Flip flop banner pictured above is the craft.

Send by **July 1st** to Sherry McGuire, 1509 9th Ave. SE, Jamestown, ND 58401
 Make Checks payable to Roaming Buffalo FCRV

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Last Name _____ First _____
 Spouse/guest _____

Address _____ City _____
 State/Prov. _____ Zip code _____
 Cell Phone _____ Chapter _____
 E-mail _____ # of Adults _____

Teens- 13-19 _____ Preteens 9-12 _____ Youth 0-8 _____

Registration fee \$12.00.....	\$-- _____
\$20.00 per night camping fee x ___ nights =.....	\$ _____
TOTAL	CHECK FOR \$ _____
Or if you come at the last minute = \$82.00 at the gate.....	\$ _____

Travel Inn motel located 9 miles away at LaMoure, if you'd rather: 701-883-5373

Chapter Officers and Campouts

2017 ROLLIN' TURTLES OFFICERS

President	Joe Schneider
Vice President	Kathy Beverly
Secretary	Allen Smith
Treasurer	Mel King
Callers	Glenna Chapelle and Myrna Stieber

2017 HEARTLAND RUNABOUTS OFFICERS

President:	Gary & Linda Sander
V. President:	Peggy Warner
Secretary:	Janene Feikert
Treasurer:	Jessica Hoagland

2017 HEARTLAND RUNABOUTS CAMPOUTS

April 14-16	Superior City Park
May 12-14	Waco
June 2-4	State Campout, Ayr
June 23-25	Windmill SRA, June Bug
July 14-16	Willow Creek
August 11-13	Hebron
Sep. 8-10	Calamus
October 13-15	Rock Creek
November 4	TBA—Planning

2017 EXPLORERS OFFICERS

President:	Earl Franklin
Vice President:	Dick Provost
Secretary :	Joanie Stone
Treasurer :	Jan Franklin

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2017 COURAGEOUS RAMBLERS OFFICERS

President: Pearl Shaw
 V.President: Donna Hansen
 Secretary: Norma Hetrick
 Treasurer: Marcy Medley

2017 COURAGEOUS RAMBLERS CAMPOUTS

May 12-14 Seward
 June 9-11 TBA
 July 14-16 Weeping Water
 August 11-13 Wilber
 Sept. 8-10 Crete
 October 2911 N. 5th, Lincoln, NE

2017 Triple F OFFICERS

President: Rob & Joleen Baker
 Secretary/Treasurer: John & Mary Brashaw

2017 Triple F CAMPOUTS

April 21-23 Pine Grove
 May 5-7 Spring Fling, Wilber
 May 19-21 Lake Wanahoo
 June 9-11 Lake Icaria, IA
 June 23-25 June Bug, Windmill SRA
 July 7-9 Double Nickel, Waco
 August 10-13 Prairie Rose, IA
 Sep. 8-10 Branched Oak
 October 13-15 Viking Lake, Stanton, IA

Chapter Meeting Reports

Republican Valley Sodbusters

The Republican Valley Sodbusters held their January meeting at Dew Drop Inn in Hardy, NE with 9 members enjoying a delicious meal. John and Elaine Guilkey were gracious hosts. Everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up since the December meeting had been canceled due to the weather. The afternoon was spent playing pitch.

The February meeting will be held in Smith Center at Paul's Cafe. Don and Carol will be hosting the February gathering. Please call Carol with your plans so she can give the restaurant a count for the meal. Guests are always welcome.

Submitted by: **Shirley Rippe**

The Republican Valley Sodbusters held their February meeting at Paul's Cafe in Smith Center and enjoyed a baked steak dinner. Don and Carol Haresnape hosted the event. The group enjoyed playing cards in the afternoon,

The group enjoyed the nice February weather and the drive to Smith Center. There were 9 members and one guest attending. We are looking forward to having our snowbirds back for the spring and summer.

It was announced that the State campout will be held at Crystal Lake on June 2 - 4.

Harry and Phoebe Sprague thanked those who were able to attend his birthday celebration. It was a lovely day with much visiting and remembering past activities.

The March meeting will be held in Hubbell at the Acreage with hostess Shirley Rippe on March 18th. We hope to have lots of members there for another good time visiting.

Submitted by: **Shirley Rippe**

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