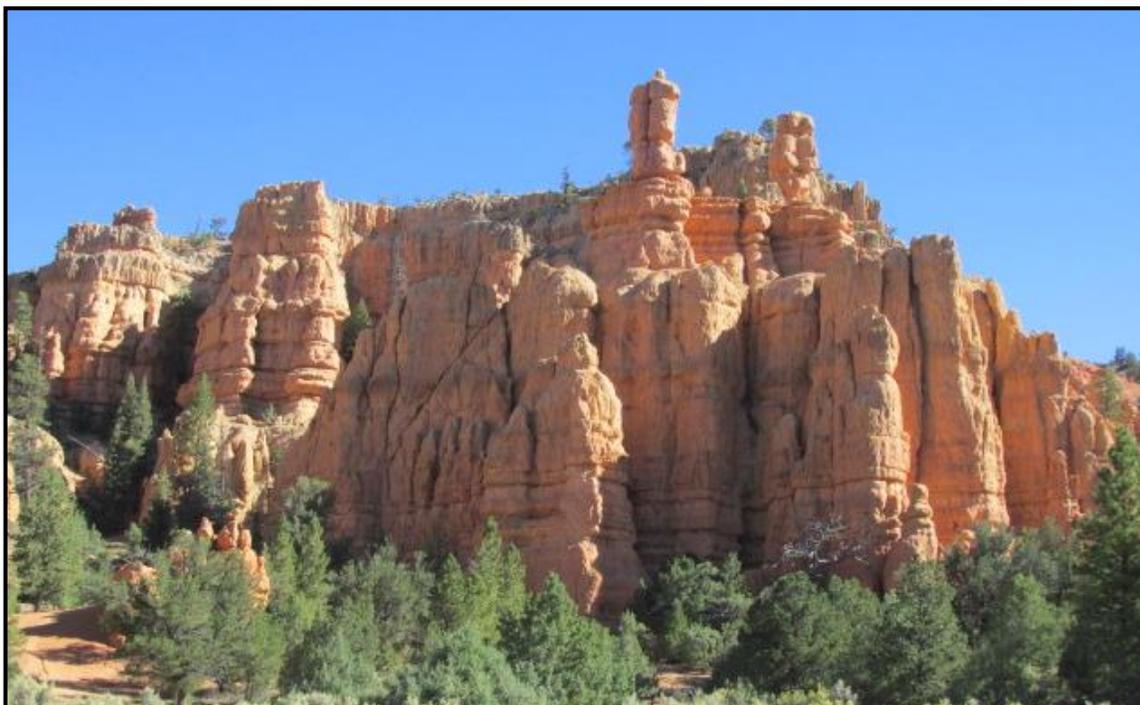


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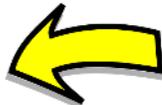
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From the President - Shari Weber



This past month and a half has been interesting for Craig & I. We sold our campground on September 4th after 24 ½ years of ownership. We enjoyed campouts with our FCRV family. In New York we had Thanksgiving with the Fiddler's Green. Complete with turkey cooked under a garbage can!

The turkey was delicious and we had a lot of fun. In Ontario we joined the Spooky Wooky campout. There was great Halloween fun with spooky games, pumpkin carving and trick or treat. It was a chilly weekend, but the fellowship was warm and friendly.

ELECTION

There are three trustee positions up for election in 2019. Those are Vice President Planning & Development, Comptroller and Vice President Operations. The nominating committee is working diligently to identify candidates for the upcoming election. Shirley MacKenzie is the chairman of the committee. The committee also includes Jeff & Shirley Kendle, Regional Director from Region 1, Lawrence Phillips, State Director from Region 2, Ron Braley, Veterans Program Director from Region 4, and Carl Wood, Scholarship Director from Region. You can help! Please look in the field manual at fcrv.org for the job descriptions for these positions. Please contact any of these people with recommendations for people to fill these positions. The deadline for nominations is November 30.

RV SHOWS

This year FCRV is attending an RV show in New England. The hope is to build members in that area. Glen & Donna Dains, State Director from Connecticut is taking the lead on this. If you want more information about the show and want to help, please contact Glen & Donna. I know many states/provinces have RV shows coming up. These are used to make people aware of our wonderful organization. Contact your state/provincial director to find out where and when RV shows are in your area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many opportunities to join campouts coming up. Check the website for camping near you. I would like to highlight three events. First held this year in Owensboro KY is the Kentucky Colonel

Campout. This is a fun time with games, food and fellowship. In March is the retiree rally in Houma Louisiana. There is information included in this magazine about this event. I hope to see you there. Finally our premier event of the year, campvention, is in July. All Roads Lead to Kansas is the theme. Region 3 is working hard to create a great event for us. More information about this event is also included in this magazine.

Until the next campfire.
Shari

Here's your chance to be an FCRV officer!

Nominations are being accepted for the slate of officers (Trustees) who will govern the operations of the Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) during the 2019/2021 term of office. These positions include Vice President Operations, Vice President Planning and Development, and Comptroller.

Any FCRV member in good standing is eligible for nomination consideration. Please immediately contact your respective State/Provincial Directors or Regional Directors if you are interested in any of these offices. The deadline for receiving nominations is November 30, 2018.

Once a nomination slate has been selected by the nominating committee, each candidate will complete a resume and platform which will be published in the March 2019 issue of "Camping Today". Ballots for a contested election will be distributed the beginning of March with the deadline for voting as April 15, 2019. If you cannot participate in electronic balloting and will not be at your membership residence on file with the office, absentee ballots must be requested by January 15, 2019 indicating the alternate address. Make your request for an absentee ballot to Pat or Carl at the national office 716-668-6242 or by email fcrv-nat@verizon.net. You can also update your email address through your state/provincial director or by contacting the national office directly.

Family Campers and RVers

BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2018

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1005 Checking - General	0.00
1007 Checking - Office	-30.72
1008 General Checkings 004836814107	6,274.60
1010 Closed Bank Accounts	0.00
1025 Edward Jones (At Cost)	0.00
1013 Federal Home Loan Bank	0.00
1021 TVA Bond 07/15/45 6.235% Life	0.00
1029 Money Market	0.00
1035 franklin total return fund	0.00
1037 Franklin US Government	0.00
1038 Franklin Income Fund CLA	0.00
1040 Lord Abett Bond 4.74%	0.00
Total 1025 Edward Jones (At Cost)	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$6,243.88
Other Current Assets	
1041 2019 CAMPVENTION ADVANCE	3,500.00
1042 Pre-Paid Legal	0.00
1043 FCRV CAMPVENTION 2016	0.00
1044 2017 FCRV Campvention Advance	0.00
1045 2015 CAMPVENTION	0.00
1046 pre-paid liability insurance	12,042.76
1047 2018 CAMPVENTION ADVANCE	3,000.00
1048 Un-Deposited Funds	0.00
1059 CLOSED OTHER ASSET	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$18,542.76
Total Current Assets	\$24,786.64
Fixed Assets	
1049 Equipment - At Cost	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00
Other Assets	
1050 Inventory Merchandise	2,957.61
1051 Inventory Insignia	17,060.58
1052 inventory Cookbooks	0.00
1055 Deposit - United Parcel	400.00
1056 Deposit - Office Rent	510.00
1057 Suspense - Exchange	211.30
1060 Long Term Investments	
1061 Edward Jones Investments (FMV)	
1062 Money Market	2,661.53

	TOTAL
1068 TVA Bond 6.235%	106,914.00
1070 Federal Home Loan Bank	57,736.50
1072 Franklin Total Returns	0.00
1076 Franklin Income Fund A	115,192.33
1078 Lord Abett Bond	128,707.88
Total 1061 Edward Jones Investments (FMV)	411,212.24
Total 1060 Long Term Investments	411,212.24
Total Other Assets	\$432,351.73
TOTAL ASSETS	\$457,138.37
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
1801 Life Memberships	
1804 Reserve Life Membership	190,615.76
1809 Life Membership Amortization	-106,000.00
Total 1801 Life Memberships	84,615.76
1803 Reserve Life Installments	995.00
1805 Reserve Membership Promo ST/PR	4,250.99
1806 Reserve - Equipment	0.00
1807 Reserve Membership Promotion	0.00
1808 Campvention pre-registration	0.00
1810 Closed Liability Accounts	0.00
1813 PREPAID DEALER CHAPTERS	0.00
1815 Reserve-Historian Project	141.00
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	
disability	184.75
Federal Taxes (941/944)	903.35
NY Personal Leave policy	54.31
NYS Employment Taxes	188.10
NYS Income Tax	550.42
Total Payroll Liabilities	1,880.93
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$91,883.68
Total Current Liabilities	\$91,883.68
Total Liabilities	\$91,883.68
Equity	
1900 Fund Balance	320,576.53
1901 Unrealized Gain/Loss Investment	83,063.16
3900 Retained Earnings	-4,677.84
Opening Bal Equity	0.00
Net Income	-33,707.16
Total Equity	\$365,254.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$457,138.37



Canadian Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day is an annual Canadian holiday, occurring on the second Monday in October, which celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year. The earliest recorded Canadian Thanksgiving dates back to 1578. The day wasn't formalized as a national holiday until 1879. Even then, the date wasn't fixed until 1957, when the government officially named the second Monday of October as Thanksgiving Day,

Family Campers and RVers

PROFIT AND LOSS
July 2017 - June 2018

	TOTAL
Income	
3000 Dues	
3001 New Member Dues	5,724.13
3002 Renewal Dues	50,338.87
3003 Second Year Dues	8,704.00
3004 Third Year Dues	3,534.00
3010 Life & Extra months	8,208.92
Total 3000 Dues	76,509.92
3006A Non-Dues	
3005 FCRV Insignia	776.00
3007 Postage Income	8.00
3008 FCRV Merchandise	828.50
3014 Commercial Member Dues	1,250.00
3020 Retiree Rally Net Income	5,000.00
3024 Camping Today Subscriptions	2,040.92
3050 Campvention Net Income	8,412.28
Total 3006A Non-Dues	18,315.70
3100 Interest and Dividends	
3102 Edward Jones Capital Gains	793.54
3103 Edward Jones Interest	8,735.00
3104 Edward Jones Dividends	11,597.08
Total 3100 Interest and Dividends	21,125.62
3500A Miscellaneous	24.47
3500 Returned Checks	-133.00
3501 Refunds	13.93
3502 Canadian Exchange	-220.91
Total 3500A Miscellaneous	-315.51
Total Income	\$115,635.73
GROSS PROFIT	\$115,635.73
Expenses	
4000 Office	
4001 Rent	10,075.00
4002 Telephone	1,344.46
4003 Supplies	1,896.06
4004 Postage	4,808.52
4008 Insurance	597.98
4010 Printed Forms	3,387.89
4011 Equipment Leasing	581.83
4015 Computer Services	2,298.16
4017 Office Cleaning	703.65
4018 Miscellaneous	190.30
Total 4000 Office	25,883.85
4100 Publication	377.00

	TOTAL
4107 Editor Service	5,400.00
4125 Webmaster	292.47
Total 4100 Publication	6,069.47
5000 A Trustees	
5070 VP Operations	133.84
Total 5000 A Trustees	133.84
6000 A Program Dir.	
6005 Conservation Program	424.25
6010 Campvention Director	909.43
6040 Statistics & Ambassador Club	79.88
6065 Teen Program	203.00
6080 Wildlife Program	54.00
6090 Placque & Trophy Co-ordinator	40.27
6100 Historian Program	120.75
6115 Band Program	76.19
Total 6000 A Program Dir.	1,907.77
8000 A State & Pro. Dir.	
8180 Pennsylvania	8.93
Total 8000 A State & Pro. Dir.	8.93
9000 Field	
9001 Liability Insurance	15,985.76
9002 Audit	450.00
9003 Legal	3,750.00
9005 FCRV Merchandise	2,688.39
9006 FCRV Insignia	25,475.61
9007 Awards	985.42
9008 Advertising and Promotion	5,206.09
9009 Teen Royalty Gifts	293.26
9027 Association Dues	638.00
9028 Election Expense	3,192.55
9029 Bank Charges	1,941.74
9037 Training	25.00
9044 Membership Development & Ret.	36.68
9045 Membership Promotion ST/PR	177.50
9046 M/D \$5 COUPONS	-5.00
9047 Program Coupons	
9047A C.A.M.P. COUPONS	384.00
9047B D.A.S.A.T. COUPONS	43.50
9047D CONSERVATION COUPONS	0.50
Total 9047 Program Coupons	428.00
9051 St/Prov. R V Shows	445.75
9090 Miscellaneous	838.76
9509 Exec Board Meeting	2,153.00
9510 Budget/Trustee Meeting	2,350.62
9533 Conference Calls	468.00
Total 9000 Field	67,525.13
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	3,766.05
Wages	44,047.85

	TOTAL
Total Payroll Expenses	47,813.90
Total Expenses	\$149,342.89
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -33,707.16
NET INCOME	\$ -33,707.16

NCHA SCHOLARSHIP, INC.
d.ba. FCRV SCHOLARSHIP, INC
FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2017 (HELD AT EDWARD JONES)	
CASH	60.00
MONEY MARKET	581.93
EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED END FUNDS	159,183.48
MUTUAL FUNDS	<u>106,617.69</u>
	266,443.10
PLUS RECEIPTS - JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2018	
CONTRIBUTIONS	631.50
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	<u>631.50</u>
LESS DISBURSEMENTS - JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018	
ADVISORY SOLUTIONS FEES	(3,758.18)
NAME CHANGE FEE	(30.00)
SCHOLARSHIPS	(11,750.00)
SCHOLARSHIP FEES	<u>(2,300.00)</u>
	(17,838.18)
CHANGE IN VALUE	13,658.30
TOTAL ASSETS JUNE 30, 2018	<u><u>262,894.72</u></u>
ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2018 (HELD AT EDWARD JONES)	
CASH	0.00
MONEY MARKET	19.88
EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED END FUNDS	147,526.09
MUTUAL FUNDS	<u>115,348.75</u>
	<u><u>262,894.72</u></u>

FINANCIAL REPORT
NCHA WILDLIFE REFUGE, INC.
d.b.a. FCRV WILDLIFE REUGE INC.
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS AT JULY 1, 2017	
MONEY MARKET FUND	191.85
EXCHANGE TRADED & CLOSED FUNDS	52,491.12
MUTUAL FUNDS	<u>34,573.83</u>
	<u>87,256.80</u>
PLUS RECEIPTS - JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018	
CONTRIBUTIONS	616.00
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	<u>616.00</u>
LESS DISBURSEMENTS - JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018	
GRANTS	(5,200.00)
ADVISORY SOLUTIONS FEES	<u>(1,114.85)</u>
	(6,314.85)
CHANGE IN VALUE - JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018	4,084.35
TOTAL ASSETS AT JUNE 30, 2018	<u><u>85,642.30</u></u>



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Retiree Rally 2019

Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center

Houma, Louisiana

March 19-24, 2019



Rally Coordinators Info

by Dal & Barb Dodson

November.....some are thinking about winterizing their units (some have already), some about oozing south for warmer weather. It's also time to make your reservations for the 2019 Retiree Rally in Houma. The teams planning the rally are counting on you to be there! Don't disappoint them; they're working hard to make sure you have an enjoyable time. By the time March rolls around, you'll be ready to hit the road south to Louisiana. Warmer weather and whatever food you like, plus plenty of sites to explore. See you in Houma!

To All Retiree and FCRV Members

by Ron & Reba Ray, FCRV Retiree Directors

Our National Retiree Rally will be coming up in March of 2019 in Houma, Louisiana at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. They are anxious to have us back for a second time. We were there in 2016, and had a great time. Everyone was so nice, and they treated us like we belong there. There are lots of restaurants, museums, and other attractions in the area.

Dallas & Barb Dodson have got a lot of great ideas as to what they want to happen. So don't disappoint them and not come. I am sure there is something for everyone. They want everyone to come to the masquerade parade; so get your costume ready.

We have 2 couples signed up already for King and Queen. If your State or Province has a Retiree King & Queen and you would like to be in the competition, and then sign them up so we can make sure they are on the roster for this event.

We will be having showers brought in for this event as there aren't showers on the grounds. Please do not let this keep you away. We are trying to accommodate everyone.

Don't forget the early days start on March 15th; so come early, visit the veterans' memorials around town, art garden and swamp tours.

We hope everyone has a mild winter and is ready for camping come March. We hope to see you there.



Pianist/Keyboardist Needed

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 contact Kip (kcushing@wi.rr.com) or Barb Turner (turnerfcrv@yahoo.com) if you can help. Thank you.

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.



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.

Retiree Rally Alternate Committee



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, mfburrus@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



Door Prizes

by Pat Crow, Door Prize Chair



We don't want anyone to be "blue on the bayou". So don't forget to bring your door prizes to Houma. Thank you.

SOUTHDOWN PLANTATION HOUSE & MUSEUM

by Barb Turner, Rally Publicity Chair

'Blue Bayou', the 48th International FCRV Retiree Rally, will be held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma, Louisiana March 19-24, 2019. The early days will be March 15-18.

Are you planning to attend this March gathering of FCRV retirees and friends? Besides enjoying the rally activities, you will want to enjoy places to visit while in Houma.

Not far from the rally site is the Southdown Plantation House & Museum which is a 19th-century sugar manor house and home to the Terrebonne Museum of history, culture, and arts. The address is 1208 Museum Dr., Houma, LA 70360. It is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM. The website is <https://southdownmuseum.org/>.



The first owners received Spanish land grants in 1790 & 1798. In 1821-1828 Jim and Rezin Bowie buy the property and establish an indigo plantation. (Jim & Rezin were brothers. Jim Bowie is remembered for his 'Bowie knife' and dying defending the Alamo in 1836.) Historically, indigo was a natural dye extracted from the leaves of certain plants, and this process was important economically because blue dyes were once rare.

In 1828 William J. Minor & James Dinsmore purchased 1020 acres and established the Southdown Plantation. Three years later the principal crop was changed from indigo to sugarcane, building the first sugar mill in 1846. Sugar became king in south Louisiana for more than 150 years. There were 86 sugar mills operating during the industry's boom years. The last operational mill in the Terrebonne Parish was the Southdown Mill which was located adjacent to Southdown Plantation House. It closed in 1979 and was dismantled and shipped to Guatemala where it was reassembled



for continued operation.

William J. Minor became the sole owner in 1847 and built a one-story Greek revival house. William's son Henry added the second floor and details of Victorian architecture. The Minor family occupied the plantation till 1936. Beginning in 1932 till 1975 ownership shifted from the Minor Family and the plantation became the property of a large sugar corporation. In 1972 the Terrebonne Historical & Cultural Society was formed, the Southdown Plantation House was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

While attending the 2019 FCRV Retiree Rally in Houma in March, plan a visit to Southdown Plantation House to get the rest of the story. It's the pink house near the rally site. The pink reproduces the paint colors of 1893 which was determined by expert paint analysis during restoration, as discovered by expert paint analysis during restoration.



Campvention 2019

Kansas State Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, KS

July 7-12, 2019

Registration Committee Info



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

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

Parking at FCRV Campvention 2019



by Vern Failor, Parking Chair

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.



Campvention 2019 Door Prizes



We all enjoy getting a door prize at Campvention, and we are hoping that with your help and generosity we will be able to attain our goal. We will gather your gifts at registration, and we look forward to meeting you.

Door Prize Committee
Florence Fox, Chair

Traditional Parade

Sherry McGuire, Chair
jmac2@csicable.net



The theme for the traditional parade is:

"Best Road Trip Ever!"

This can be a reenactment of a childhood memory/family trip, a mode of transportation, a location, let your imagination run wild. This will be a traditional, walking parade, and trailers are scarce in the Hutchinson area, so either participants will need to bring their own trailer, use the back of their pickup or.....there again, use their imagination! The parade

route has shade trees along the way, so those viewing the parade can bring their lawn chair, lemonade and stay relatively comfortable.



Pet Parade

Sherry McGuire, Chair
jmac2@csicable.net

The Pet Parade Theme is:

“Construction Zone ahead!”

Dress those doggies or kitties in the latest construction zone outfit, signage, or equipment you can find!



Site Decoration

Sherry McGuire, Chair
jmac2@csicable.net

The Site Decoration Theme for 2019 is:
“Kansas is....” More on this later.

THE DALTON GANG

by Barb Turner, Campvention 2019 Publicity Chair



Are you a fan of the Old West? Are you planning on our FCRV Campvention 2019 in Hutchinson, Kansas July 7-12? Do you like to visit off-the-beaten-path sites? Last month I suggested visiting Big Brutus in West Mineral, Kansas. In this November issue of Camping Today, I have another place you might want to visit. Coffeyville, Kansas.

Coffeyville, Kansas is located in southeastern Kansas and was founded as a small settlement in 1869 as an Indian trading post by Col. James A. Coffey. Two years later in 1871 Coffeyville became a stop on the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad, leading to incorporation the following year in 1872. Coffeyville was a frontier town, often a rowdy frontier town. On October 5, 1892 Coffeyville would forever be linked with the

Dalton Gang, a notorious gang of outlaws.

The Dalton Gang terrorized the Indian Territory (Oklahoma) and southeastern Kansas for two years, 1890-1892. They were also known as the Dalton Brothers Gang as three members were brothers that specialized in bank and train robberies.

Lewis and Adeline Dalton had 15 children, two of whom died in infancy. Their oldest, Frank, was a U.S. Deputy Marshall and kept the others on their good behavior. They even served as lawmen. However, Frank was killed while tracking a horse thief in 1888. Grat, Bob, and Emmett Dalton who also served as lawmen went to the other side of the law in 1890, becoming outlaws in 1890 after not being paid for their service as lawmen.

The Dalton brothers were cousins to the Youngers of the Younger Gang of which Jesse James was a member. Bob Dalton was ambitious and competitive. He boasted that he could do one better than Jesse, noted bank robber. He said they could rob two banks at one time in broad daylight!!

Coffeyville, Kansas....”On October 5, 1892, the Dalton gang attempted this feat when they set out to rob the C.M. Condon & Company's Bank and the First National Bank on opposite sides of the street in Coffeyville, Kansas. They wore fake beards but one of the townspeople recognized them. An employee of one of the banks delayed them by convincing them (falsely) that the safe was on a time lock, and could not be opened for another 45 minutes. With the delay, word got out that the bank was being



robbed. Residents armed themselves and prepared for a gun battle. When the gang exited the banks, a shootout began.”

“Grat and Bob Dalton, Dick Broadwell and Bill Power were all killed. Emmett Dalton received 23 gunshot wounds and survived (he was shot through the right arm, below the shoulder, through the left – right, in some accounts – hip and groin, and received 18-23 buckshot in his back). He was given a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing, Kansas, of which he served 14 years before being pardoned.” He left Kansas for California where he became a real estate agent, author, and actor, dying in 1937 at the age of 66.

Each year Coffeyville holds a celebration to remember that fateful day and the four citizens who died protecting their town. Today, you can visit the Dalton Defenders Museum, 113 East 8th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas (<http://www.daltondefendersmuseum.com/>) and see mementos of early-day Coffeyville, mementos of Wendell Wilkie (Republican nominee for President in 1940) who lived & taught school in Coffeyville, mementos of Walter Johnston (a Major League Baseball right-handed pitcher. He played his entire 21-year baseball career for the Washington Senators (1907–1927) who lived in Coffeyville, and mementos of the Dalton Raid.

Interested in eye-witness accounts? <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/daltons.htm>



While in Coffeyville, be sure to visit The Brown Mansion (South Walnut & Eldridge, Coffeyville), a three-story 16-room mansion. The mansion, completed in 1906 at a wholesale cost of \$125,000, contains the original furniture, wall and floor coverings. William Pitzer Brown accumulated a fortune through natural gas. He commissioned the Kansas City, Kansas, firm of Wilder and Wight to design the home. The Coffeyville Historical society acquired the house and grounds in 1973. Hours: May-October: Thursday-Monday; Saturday 11 AM.-4 PM Sunday 1-4 PM. Website: <http://www.brownmansion.com/>

Visit Coffeyville, Kansas on your way to/from Campvention 2019 in Hutchinson, Kansas in July.



VIRGINIA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Shirley Mackenzie



First Officers

Back: Jackie Cavell, Edith Perres, Jim Perres, Estelle Langley, Winonia Martz

Middle: John Robert, Elaine Roberts, Shirley Tatum, Charles Cavell

Front: John Martz, Calvin Tatum, Tom Haire, Roy Langley

What a wonderful time we had in celebrating The Wandering Soles Chapter's 50th Anniversary, from September 1968 to September 2018! The original chapter started with six couples joining NCHA in the fall of 1968. The chapter grew to approximately 23 members over the next few years.

Our celebration was held at the South Forty RV Resort just south of Petersburg, Virginia, with most of the entire chapter in attendance, plus our special guest, Winonia Martz at 95, our only charter member left. Although inactive, she still comes to visit us when we are camping close by to her home in Colonial Heights. Our special thanks go out to her daughter, Patti Martz, who brought her mother to the party. Several of us called as many of the former members as we could and invited them to our celebration.

On Saturday morning we put up decorations, and had a pot luck



Winonia Martz, 95, our only charter member left, cutting the 50th Anniversary cake

dinner for everyone at 1 p.m. The original campout was to be held the week that Hurricane Florence came through, dumping lots of rain, wind, and flooding on the North Carolina/South Carolina area as well as some areas in Virginia, but this did not dampen our spirits. We postponed the campout until the following weekend, September 21-23, and had a beautiful Saturday for the activities..

After the pot luck dinner, Winonia related some of the early years with The Wandering Soles, and she brought the chapter's original scrapbook for others to see. A few old stories were told

about some of the chapter members and activities that the members participated in over the years.



Front row l. to r. - Mark and Paula Mierzwa, Winonia Martz, Shirley and Don MacKenzie; 2nd row l. to r. - Cas and Chuck Schirra, Wanda Parkhouse, Margaret and Bill Alderman

2014 FCRV NATIONAL TEEN KING MARRIES



Fletcher Shaneyfelt, FCRV National Teen King in 2014 was married in October to Anna Franke. Fletcher said on his Facebook page, "Two years ago I got engaged to this amazing girl. Then finally last Saturday we got married. We had great plans for our honeymoon, but ironically we had to change our plans. For those of you who don't know, two years ago my family was supposed to go to Hilton Head Island, but



had to change and go to Orange Beach thanks to hurricane Matthew (which is where we got engaged). Now this year we were going to Fort Walton Beach in Florida but had to divert to Biloxi, Mississippi thanks to hurricane Michael. In life it doesn't matter what's planned or not planned. All that matters are the people by your side and I'm so happy that Anna has been by my side this whole time. I'm so excited to see what the future has in store for us."

Fletcher is a Registered Veterinary Technician and the son of FCRV Campvention Coordinators Ed and Angie Shaneyfelt of Decatur, Indiana.

61st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED



Charles and Emma Daniels of Port Barre Louisiana, past State Directors recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Pictured with daughter, Danielle. Daniels email: chasdaniels@hotmail.com

FCRV Activities

FCRV Teen Queen Attends Missouri Campout

Words don't even begin to describe my gratitude and thanks for this past weekend. I had the lovely opportunity to fly to Missouri to attend their Fall campout. The Musselwhite family took me in and treated me like a queen! My weekend started out by going to some places in St. Louis that I had never attended before. I even got to go to Topgolf for the first time in my life which was awesome because I



love golf. On Saturday, Kaitlyn, the Missouri Teen Queen, and I spent the morning hanging out on her farm and after we went to Lazy Days Campground. I got to spend time with many people from Missouri that I had met previously at campvention as well as meet many new faces. **Congratulations** Kaitlyn on being crowned the new Missouri Teen Queen! This weekend would not have been possible without Beth and Brian Musselwhite, I will be forever grateful. Thank you so much Missouri!



Dakota Zoo Receives National FCRV Wildlife Refuge Grant

By JeAnne Selby

Dakota Zoo, in Bismarck, ND, recently received a \$1,000 national Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) wildlife refuge grant.

Submitted in May by State FCRV Director JeAnne Selby, Bismarck, on behalf of the Dakota Zoo, the grant request sought national FCRV wildlife funds for the Zoo's raptor rehabilitation program.

According to Zoo Director Terry Lincoln, the \$1000 award will provide for the installation of privacy mesh shade cloth to flight pens used to house

injured or orphaned raptors brought to the Zoo for treatment and rehabilitation.

The FCRV Wildlife Refuge program offers financial grants to governmental and private organizations to assist them in wildlife conservation projects. The grant requests must be submitted to the national FCRV Wildlife Refuge directors by an FCRV member and be accompanied by a letter of concurrence from an agency/organization.



Dakota Zoo Director Terry Lincoln introduces one of the Zoo's newest raptor patients, an adult red tail hawk with a broken wing, to State FCRV Director JeAnne Selby, Bismarck. The Zoo, located in Bismarck, ND, recently received a \$1000 National FCRV wildlife refuge grant for its raptor rehabilitation program.

Al and Shirley Storksen Crowned 2018 ND/SD FCRV Retiree Royalty

Roaming Buffalo Family Campers and RVers (FCRV) Club Members Al and Shirley Storkson, Jamestown, ND, were crowned 2018 North Dakota/South Dakota Retiree King and Queen during evening coronation ceremonies in early June, at the 2018 State FCRV Campvention, held at Lake Hoskins RV Park and Campground, Ashley, ND.

The Storksons have been members of the Roaming Buffalo FCRV Club since August 2015.



King and Queen Al and Shirley Storksen pause following their coronation at the 2018 State Campvention at Ashley, ND.

Both Al and Shirley are retired, but Al does maintenance work at their church and participates in Bible study. When they're not camping, the Storkson's family keeps them busy. They have 12 children, 30 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In their leisure time the Storksons enjoy camping, pinochle, board games and outdoor activities.

The Storksons will serve North Dakota/South Dakota FCRV as retiree royalty until June 2020, when their successors will be elected.

Southern Colorado Rally – September 2018

by Pat Guild/Marion Waterhouse

The Silver Foxes were fairly well represented at the Southern Colorado Rally. Don & Caroline Jamison, El and Eileen Carter, Willie Walker and Lynn and Marion Waterhouse. Ken and Helen Stanko were unable to camp with us but did manage to come down for several days and participate in activities. We even had Oznur Quinones and Edith Kramer join us for a day trip. The Jamisons, Willie Walker and the Stankos were Silver Fox volunteers for the Southern Colorado Rally. Caroline was tasked for crafts and Willie for games.



Every campout we continue to discover that you are never too old to continue living your life and prove you are never too old to have fun. The theme for the Southern Colorado Rally this year was "I Think I Can" as in the poster exemplified. The Rally continued on that very premise and demonstrated that age is just a number and it had no effect on how much fun can be had. We play the good old standby games of bolo horseshoe, putt-putt golf, bean bag baseball, card bingo.

Every morning started with walking hosted by the Colorado CAMP (SPC) Directors Bill and Rita Newell. Participants from the Several Silver Foxes included Caroline Jamison and Willie who walked 7 miles each. Lynn Waterhouse contributed his one mile.



Monday evening the get-togethers included a pot luck with soup and sandwich provided by the Committee supplemented with side dishes from the other campers. Helen and Ken Stanko's "vegetable soup" introduced us to just how tasty gluten free can be. As usual, a bounty of great food!!! !!

The evening culminated with saran balls filled with candy and money. The Durbins saran wrapped 3 balls filled with "prizes". The first person with the ball started unwrapping the ball while the person on their right rolled a pair of dice, trying to roll doubles. Once doubles were rolled, the ball was passed to the next player and the sequence began again. The person with the ball did not stop unwrapping until the person to their right rolled doubles. This created an urgency to the game! You wanted to roll the dice over and over again as quickly as you could so you get the ball! You got to keep the treasures you unwrap! Watching the fun challenge as the battle in anticipation through dozens of layers of plastic wrap was almost as fun as unwrapping the ball. To think it took only candy and a few dollars to motivate us into fun filled physical activity.



Tuesday Caroline Jamison (crafts) exhibited her talents by showing us step-by-step acrylic pouring art for beginners. You don't need 'talent' to be an acrylic pouring artist – just enthusiasm, some basic instruction, and a willingness to trust and the patience for the art to take form. There were 15 ladies who participated.



Tuesday afternoon was Line Dancing 101 with Willie Walker and Caroline Jamison instructing 13 dancers of which 7 were Silver

Foxes. Oznur Quinones and Edith Kramer (who chair danced) came down for the day to join in on the fun. Bill and Rita gave out fifty cent vouchers to each of the participants.



Tuesday evening was the bean bag baseball hosted by Jean & Clee (Gray Wolves). "The Hot Shots" – the Jamisons, Willi Walker, Lynn Waterhouse all from the Silver Foxes were joined by Jean Berg (Gray Wolves) and Heddy Servant (Rolling Springs) to form the winning team.



Wednesday was the day for Putt-Putt golf as well as real golf for Don Jamison, Lynn Waterhouse and George Hoyland at Holly Dot at Colorado City. Bolo Horseshoe was the name of the game with Willie Walker and Caroline Jamison (Silver Foxes) taking the lead with help from some score keepers. El and Eileen Carter were the big winners of this event.



The Wednesday night pot luck was the smell of grilled charred meat with complementary dishes. Later in the evening, for those whose bucket list included public singing there was karaoke. While they "serenaded" the group, others brushed up on their analytical skills of card games played long ago (pinochle, canasta, cribbage, and jacks and marbles). The karaoke songs even beckoned a few brave souls to cut a rug or two - jitter bugging, line dancing and heaven forbid even slow dancing. Not bad for those of us who have limited mobility. The card playing woke up the hankering in us to possibly consider getting together outside of camping to play cards rather than being a couch potato. Let the winter games begin....

Thursday began with light rain showers which slowly dissipated. The Frog Race which Ron Servant (Rolling Springs) won followed the coffee and walking. Next was the Nerf Gun game hosted by Gray Wolves. Idle time is wasted time so Willie Walker set up the Flyswatter Volleyball game. **Flyswatters and balloons!!!** There was swatting, bouncing, balancing, and all kinds of busy, active play. This hilarious game forced the players to reach and stretch in all different ways to get to the balloon and over the net all the while **sitting down**. The 12 participants had a great time. This game is bound to be on the schedule for next year. Of course, the Rally had the yearly Ice Cream Social. The entertainment for the evening was the great Alan Polka Band. Great music and lots of dancing.

After Friday morning's breakfast we all said our goodbyes. Till next year!!!!!!! El and Eileen Carter volunteered as the new Southern Colorado Rally Directors and will have their work cut out for them.



While the picture may give the impression Lynn and Marion Waterhouse were parked in a remote site, it had its advantages. They had a brick floored picnic area with a "view". They were next to the clubhouse. They were located next to the dog relief and exercise area. And last but not least, they were greeted every morning with two bulls - black with a white stripe around the middle grazing along the fence line. They looked like Oreo cookies!! Come to find out they are the Belted Galloway, a heritage breed of beef cattle originating from Galloway on the west side of southern Scotland. They are adapted to living on the poor upland pastures and windswept moorlands of the region and are bred for meat not milk. The land on the other side of the motor home was in keeping with their lifestyle.



KENTUCKY COLONEL CAMPOUT

Big changes are in store for the Kentucky Colonel Campout this year. Due to major renovations at the Lake Cumberland State Park the campout will be moving to a new location. Diamond Lake Resort in Owensboro, Kentucky have opened their doors to this campout. Traditionally the Kentucky Colonel Campout has been held during the Thanksgiving week. This year the campout will begin on Wednesday the 14th of November and end on Sunday the 18th of November. Most activities will take place on the 16th, 17th and 18th to allow those who wish to join in the fun the opportunity to participate in all the activities that make the Kentucky Colonel Campout one of the highlight event of FCRV. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Opening ceremonies will be Wednesday evening with the traditional campfire lighting. Thursday will include the Kentucky Colonel Chapter Annual Meeting. Additionally a possible golf scramble or disc golf are being planned as well as bingo in the evening. Friday will include bean bag baseball, corn hole, washer toss, euchre tournament, dominoes, card golf, mini golf, poker run (well hike), evening entertainment and hospitality. Saturday we will have a Thanksgiving worship followed by a pot luck Thanksgiving meal with turkey and ham provided. Saturday afternoon we will enjoy the annual turkey shoot and craft sales (bring what you have). Then in the evening we will have entertainment, hospitality and a traditional turtle party. Sunday is still in the planning if you aren't worn out by then.

The Kentucky Colonel Campout is open to everyone. The members of the chapter will be working hard to make sure all are included and have fun. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Come as early as you like and stay as long as you want. We hope the change of location and date will allow more of our FCRV friends to join in this unique chapter campout. By the way, there is a small motel at the campground and some rental units for our chicken campers.

You can make your reservation by contacting Diamond Lake Resort at 270-229-4900. Just mention you are with the FCRV Kentucky Colonel Campout to receive rates of \$36 plus tax for 50 amp electric or \$34 plus tax for 30 amp electric. They offer a weekly rate of pay for 6 get 7 nights. Remember the dates are Wednesday, November 14th through Sunday November 18th. You are welcome for all or part of the

campout as your schedule allows. Mark your calendars now. See you in Owensboro! Questions can be directed to me by email at cdweber50@yahoo.com or phone 309.912.8810.

Craig Weber, 2018 Kentucky Colonel Campout Chairman

Veterans Program

by Ron Braley, FCRV Veterans
Program Director



I would like to start by thanking every one of the Veterans and their families as they all go through the good times and the bad times together.

I also need to apologize for my mistakes during our last Campvention in Virginia as I failed to communicate with other people that I needed to so our program could run smoothly. I appreciate those who came forward with suggestions/criticisms and those who offered help.

FCRV has no official get-together for our Veterans so I hope that those who get to join other Veterans this Veterans Day continue making new bonds. Please remember to share information about our organization and our Programs.

I found the article below and thought it worth sharing.

Veterans Day Facts

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

When Is Veterans Day?

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date. Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World

War I and World War II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

Veterans Today

The military men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children, grandparents, friends, neighbors and coworkers, and are an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the veteran population of the United States:

- 16.1 million living veterans served during at least one war.
- 5.2 million veterans served in peacetime.
- 2 million veterans are women.
- 7 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 5.5 million veterans served during the Persian Gulf War.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 558,000 are still alive.
- 2 million veterans served during the Korean War.
- As of 2014, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.

As of 2014, 3 states have more than 1 million veterans among their population: California (1.8 million), Florida (1.6 million) and Texas (1.7 million). The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930; since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers, more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics, 126 nursing home care units and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

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Thank you for your service and May God bless each of you!



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Your “To Go Kit”

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

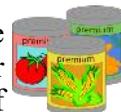
How to prepare for an emergency. A disaster of any kind can and does disrupt our daily lives. The way you have prepared for this occurrence will depend upon your survival in the future. They can occur without any advanced warning. In a few instances warning are given and how quickly one responds will make all the difference in the world. Being prepared can reduce stress and all of the displeasures that appear following a disaster. The most important way to prepare is to share information with all individuals that may be involved within your own given household. Disasters can occur at home, work, school, and in many other places as you travel about in your daily lives. The way you have prepared and your knowledge of what to do and how to do it will be very important.

In this article, what put in your survival kit will be covered. Your survival kit is also referred to as the “To Go Kit.” All of the suggested items need to be in a portable water tight container, which will be easily accessible to you in case you have to grab it and “go.” Medications-have all of the necessary information as to your prescribed medications. Have an up to date list of the medication, doctor’s information-contact phone numbers, and dosage amount written down and enclosed in water tight plastic baggie for safe keeping. If you normally keep your medications in a convenient place for daily usage make sure you grab them as you prepare to evacuate your home.

A basic first aid kit is essential. This should include band aids, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, gauze, and ointments for cuts and scrapes. Various department stores, and drug stores have several varieties and sizes available. Review their contents and decide the best one to purchase. Having the basics is important. You never know what may lie ahead if you have to relocate for several days.



Have several types of nonperishable foods within your container and remember to include a can opener. Several gallons of bottled water will be necessary. Make sure you rotate this out at least three to four times a year. In an effort





to save you some money the larger drink containers you use while camping can be used for this purpose. All you have to do is fill them up prior to the pending disaster.

Include bedding such as a sleeping bag, blanket, pillows, etc. as these items may not be available in evacuations shelters. Pack several days' worth of clothes, remember to change out the clothing as the season change so you are prepared for the seasonable weather. Any infant or children's clothing (wipes, diapers, bottles, etc.) may be necessary depending on the needs of your family. A flashlight and portable radio



with fresh batteries is very useful. Check the batteries in these items at least twice a year. A good time to check the batteries in these items is in the early spring and the beginning of fall.

Any and all personal hygiene items you would need at an evacuation center. Unopened packages in this case work best, these can be purchased in travel sizes at various stores for little to nothing.



Make sure you have the prescription for your eye eyeglasses and remember to take them with you if you require them for reading etc. Games, toys or reading material, are useful especially if you have children with whom you are responsible in an emergency. This will help pass the time of day, and for children having a toy or two will keep them calm and distracted during the emergency. Copies of important document, for example: birth certificates, insurance form, medical papers, what every will help with the recovery process



in the future should be enclosed in a water tight plastic bag or container. Cash-remember banks, and ATM may not be available if the electric is out. When a disaster hits, it can be really difficult to obtain the supplies you may need if the electric is out because electronic transactions may not work. A fully charged cell phone along with a reserve batter, is a very useful device. Just keep in mind that it may or not work in your given situation. This is just a simple list of items one may need if your find yourself having to vacate your home quickly. Take the time to evaluate your own given household-make a list of what you may need. After you have prepared the "to go" kit" think it through again, and make changes as it applies to your given geographical areas. As a suggestion, go to your local office of emergency preparedness and obtain their suggestions as to what to include in your "to go" kit. Then you can adjust this as you see fit to meet the needs of your family. If by change you have used this "to go kit" in an emergency, once you return home replenish the supplies you used. Then take the time to discover what you needed to include that you had not thought about in the beginning and realized that you needed this "items" to be included in the "to go" kit. After you have used the "to go" kit, reevaluate what you have included and make adjustments as needed so that you are prepared to use it in the future.



Being prepared is very important-the better you have prepared yourself the better you will do in an emergency.

Source: Charles County Government Department of Emergency Service, Emergency Preparedness Guide, June 2017.

Bucket List Road Trip

By Vickie Roop

For the first time in our married life, because of time constraints and visiting relatives in California, and Colorado we traveled by car without camping. We traveled 4959 miles in three weeks and stopped to visit the Hoover Dam and three National Parks on our bucket list, Zion, Bryce Canyon and Arches. We didn't pay any entrance fee in these parks as we had a Lifetime Senior Pass which now costs \$80 or \$20 for an annual Senior Pass. The Seven Day Pass is \$35 per car for Zion and Bryce Canyon, and Arches is \$30. They also have an Annual pass for \$80 (see passes article).

Our first interesting stop was Amarillo, Texas, where we enjoyed a meal at the Big Texan Steak Ranch and Brewery, on the original Route 66 and now on I-40. They have an unusual offer, a 72 oz. steak meal including shrimp cocktail, salad, baked potato with roll and butter, which if you can eat it in an hour it's free. Otherwise it costs you \$72. We asked how many people have tried the meal which is served to you at an elevated table in the front of the dining room. Since 1962 about



10,000 people have tried the offer but only 1 out of 10 have been able to complete the meal in the allotted time. Very good food and reasonable price for what we ordered. Fun and interesting place to enjoy a meal.

After visiting relatives in California south of Los Angeles, we headed for Las Vegas where we spent a couple of days. The highlight there was a tour to Hoover Dam. It was amazing to see how large it is and we found the movie about the building of the dam very interesting. We also learned some interesting facts about the dam. There was enough cement in the



dam for a two lane highway from Seattle, WA to Miami, FL or a 4ft. wide sidewalk around the earth at the equator. At its base it is as thick as two football fields measured end to end. It is 1244 feet across, 45 feet thick at the top, and is 726 feet tall. That's almost 200 feet taller than the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Today, the Hoover Dam is the second highest dam in the country and the 18th highest in the world. It generates more than four billion kilowatt-hours a year, that's

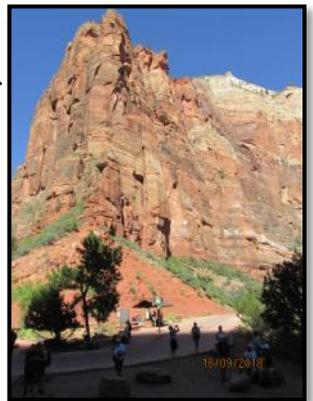


enough to serve 1.3 million people! They placed cooling pipes in the concrete and ran water through them to cool the concrete and help it cure faster. They told us that the concrete is still curing after all these years. They took us down inside the dam to see the one room holding eight of the 17 huge turbine generators. The security to go inside the dam was like that at airports. The only thing different was we didn't have to take our shoes off. Lake Mead where the power to drive the turbines comes from is the largest man made reservoir in the United States. It is 585 feet deep and 115 miles long. It took 6.5 years to fill. The slow process was required to lessen the pressure change on the dam and to help prevent small earthquakes due to land settlement.

Our next stop was Zion National Park in southwest Utah which was the first National Park in Utah. Parking lots are usually full by 10 AM but there are parking lots (\$20) and shuttles running from Springdale, UT just outside of the park to the Visitor Center. They run about every 10 minutes so not long to wait and they bring you back to where you parked at the end of your time spent in the park. It is a beautiful park with the different colors of red, gray, white and black in the rocks. They do not allow you to drive through the park to limit traffic and emissions but they provide shuttle buses that drop you off at several places. There are shuttles that come along about every 10 minutes so you don't have to wait very long to catch one. The roads in Zion run mainly through the notches of the mountains. They offer easy, moderate and strenuous hikes in the park. We did not take any of the hikes but enjoyed the sights



on the shuttles and several of the stops. There is camping in the park and many places for hikers. It was very hot, 90 + degrees while we were there so had to keep hydrated. Zion is probably the most commercial of the three parks we visited.

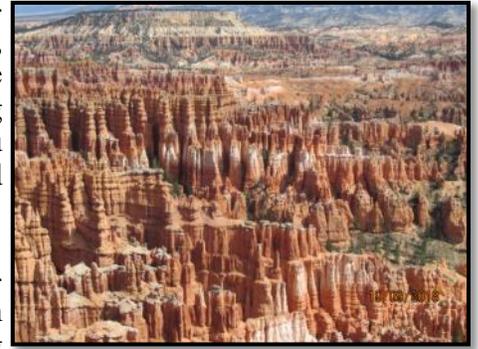


Bryce Canyon National Park, 8000 to 9000 feet, was my favorite and to me the most beautiful. There was a movie about the park and how it was formed by the weather over the millions of years. The park is not a canyon. Rather, it is a spectacular series of more than a dozen amphitheaters, each of which is carved at least 1,000 feet into the chromatic limestone of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. The many amphitheaters have spires called hoodoos which have been carved by millions of years of wind and water. Hoodoos are tall skinny spires of rock that protrude from the bottom of arid basins and "broken" lands. Nowhere in the world are they as abundant as in the northern section of Bryce Canyon National Park. The difference be-





tween Hoodoos and pinnacles or spires is that hoodoos have a variable thickness often described as having a "totem pole-shaped body." At Bryce Canyon, hoodoos range in size from that of an average human to heights exceeding a 10-story building. Formed in sedimentary rock, hoodoo shapes are affected by the erosional patterns of alternating hard and softer rock layers. You also will see windows, arches and thin walls of rock called fins.



They have free shuttles that travel the 18 mile road stopping at overlooks and popular points of interest basically along the rim. You can drive in the park but there is limited parking at most of the stopping points. There is camping in the park (mainly first come first serve) and many hiking trails. We did not do any hiking except to walk around the overlooks and points of interest. Again it was a hot day, 90 degrees. Both of the parks so far have advised people to keep hydrated and provided water bottle filling stations at all of the overlooks, etc.

The last park to visit was Arches National Park north of Moab and bordered by the Colorado River in the southeast. It's known as the site of more than 2000 sandstone arches. This red-rock wonderland will amaze you with its formations. The story of Arches begins roughly 65 million years ago. At that time, the area was a dry seabed spreading from horizon to horizon. Then the landscape slowly began to change. First, geologic forces wrinkled and folded the buried sandstone, as if it were a giant rug



and someone gathered two edges towards each other. Next, the entire region began to rise, climbing from sea level to thousands of feet in elevation. What goes up must come down, and the forces of erosion carved layer after layer of rock away. Today, water shapes this environment more than any other force. Rain erodes the rock and carries sediment down washes and canyons to the Colorado River. In winter, snowmelt pools in fractures and other cavities, then freezes and expands, breaking off chunks of sandstone. Arches emerge when potholes near cliff edges grow deeper and deeper until they wear through the cliff wall below them. Over time, the same forces that created these arches will continue to widen them until they collapse.



There are no food facilities and only one campground within the park with 52 tent and camper sites. Thus you need to bring your own food and remember to carry out trash. The Visitor Center has water containers and chilled water but you need to bring enough water for everyone in your group. There are restrooms at several of the parking lot/viewing sites. The 36 mile round trip road has parking lots near many viewpoints as well as pullouts along the way to stop to take in the beautiful scenery or capture the sights in pictures. Some of the arches are able to be seen from the road, pullouts or parking lots but most of them require a hike to view them. The hikes to view the arches



ranged from 100 yds.to 7 miles round trip and a few of them were handicap accessible. We were able to walk a short distance to a few of them that could not be seen from the road.

These three National Parks and Hoover Dam were definitely worth the trip and the time we spent touring each one. The scenery in each park was unique but absolutely gorgeous with the beautiful colors and different geological formations. We would highly recommend it is well worth spending time at Hoover Dam and in each of these parks. As we traveled from California to our visit with relatives in Colorado, besides the scenery in the three national parks, the drive through the mountains, the mountain passes and tunnels was very scenic as well.



Information used:

<http://www.hooverdamnotes.com/stats.html>

<https://www.nps.gov/zion/>

<https://www.nps.gov/brca/>

<https://www.nps.gov/arch>

America the Beautiful Passes

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series

A pass is your ticket to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites. Each pass covers entrance fees at national parks and national wildlife refuges as well as standard amenity fees (day use fees) at national forests and grasslands, and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A pass covers entrance, standard amenity fees and day use fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per vehicle fee areas (or up to four adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 or under are admitted free.

Annual Pass

- Cost: \$80 annual pass
- Available for: Everyone



How to purchase:

- In person at a federal recreation site
- By phone at: 888-ASK USGS (1-888-275-8747), extension 3 (Hours of operation are: 8 am to 4 pm Mountain Time)



Free Annual Pass for U.S. Military

- Cost: Free annual pass
- Available for: Current U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard as well as Reserve and National Guard members.
- How to obtain: In person at a federal recreation site by showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173).

Senior Pass



Lifetime



Annual

- Cost:
- \$80 Lifetime Senior Pass
- \$20 Annual Senior Pass

Available for: U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.

How to purchase:

- In person at a federal recreation site
- Online—buy the **lifetime pass** or the **annual pass** online now through the USGS store! (<https://store.usgs.gov/senior-pass>)
- Through the mail using the paper application. (Available online through the USGS Store)

NOTE: There is an additional cost of \$10 for passes purchased online or by mail. See more information about changes to the Senior Pass. <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/senior-pass-changes.htm>

Additional information:

- The Senior Pass may provide a 50 percent discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services.
- The Senior Pass generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners.
- Golden Age Passports are no longer sold. However, these passes will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass.

Access Pass



- Cost: Free -visit website for more information (<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm>)
- Available for: U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. Applicants must provide documentation of permanent disability and residency or citizenship

How to obtain:

- In person at a federal recreation site
- Through the mail using the **application form** on the website.

NOTE: The cost of obtaining an Access Pass through the mail is \$10 for processing the application (the pass is free).

Additional information:

- The Access Pass may provide a 50 percent discount on some amenity fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and specialized interpretive services.
- The Access Pass generally does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners.
- Golden Access Passports are no longer sold. However, these passes will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass.



How To Make Campground Reservations Like A Pro

By Amanda Watson

From what questions to ask, to resources for reviews and photos, this fail-proof guide will make all your campground reservations a breeze!

Campground reservations... love or hate them, they are often a necessity for securing that coveted site. I don't know about the rest of you, but I find myself spending a lot of time and energy researching campgrounds and campsites. I carefully read online reviews, search for images of the sites, and use online forums and [social media](#) to gather information from other campers

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/make-campground-reservations/>

Camping World Faces Fines in N.C. Flag Dispute

By Megan Suggs Courtesy of RV Business



Trey Allen chuckled when briefed on the waves of controversy surrounding Camping World's scofflaw American flag in Statesville, N.C.

The *Statesville Record & Landmark* reported that Allen, assistant professor of public law and government at the University of North Carolina School of Government, said he doesn't envy city council members who are stuck in the middle of the tussle with Camping World CEO Marcus Lemonis over Statesville's rules on flag size.

"It's fairly common for people to refuse to follow ordinances," Allen said.

In this case, the person is Lemonis, whose 1.3 million Twitter followers give him a powerful platform

from which to attack Statesville.

"Flag isn't coming down," Lemonis tweeted Oct. 1 after Statesville City Council voted 5-3 against a proposal to increase the allowable flag size to 40-by-80 feet, which would bring Camping World's banner into compliance.

If Lemonis sticks by his promise, Allen said, the city could cite Camping World for a misdemeanor, issue fines or get a court order forcing removal the flag.

Councilman Michael Johnson said Camping World must take down the flag.

His colleague, John Staford, countered that the company shouldn't be put in that position.

"We're a nation of laws," Staford said. "We have to enforce the ordinances. However, it would be shortsighted to spend money on litigation about this."

Staford also suggested that the city is not consistent about enforcing other ordinances, so making an exception for Camping World wouldn't be a big deal.

According to Statesville's Code of Ordinances, a flag violation is a misdemeanor. Offenders can be subject to a daily \$50 penalty. If a fine is not paid within 72 hours of the citation, the city can take the violator to court.

Statesville spokeswoman Nancy Davis said the city plans to send an official notification of the flag violation to Camping World headquarters, and the company will be given a timeframe to comply. If Camping World keeps the flag up, penalties will begin, she said.

Products

Let's Go Aero Debuts Bicycle Carrier for Trucks

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Let's Go Aero has introduced "The Nelsons," an all-new bicycle and multi-sport carrier product line for pickup truck beds.

Utilizing Let's Go Aero's leading VRack technology, the Nelsons take bicycles and gear storage, transport, and organization to the second level, leaving the inside of the truck bed fully open for other cargo, according to a press release.

The Nelson family includes four models to ac-

commodate varying truck bed configurations including the Full Nelson, Half Nelson, and Three-Quarter Nelson.



All models features two bike carrying capacity using the modular and removable SpinWing, which turns 360 degrees for easy loading access from the ground or interior of the bed. A four-point adjustable wheel grip system provides Zero-G stability of each bicycle, while the adjustable Wings accommodate all bike sizes and frame styles. An all-new anti-theft RingLocker security system is included to lock bikes to the Nelson and separately, the Nelson carrier to the truck bed.

All Nelson models ship ready to carry two bikes. The Three-Quarter and the Full Nelson include two additional V-Wing attachment sockets to carry up to six bicycles using the optional SpinWing accessory.

Coleman-Mach Expands 'Power Saver' A/C Lineup

Courtesy of RVBusiness

RV Products, a division of Airxcel, has added several models to its Coleman-Mach Power Saver air conditioner series. According to a press release, the Power Saver line complements customers' power management systems and allows for the greatest cooling efficiency.



A 15,000 Btu capacity Power Saver unit has been added to the medium profile lineup while an 11,000 Btu capacity unit has been added to the low-profile lineup,

commonly known as the Coleman-Mach 10.

"Coleman-Mach's Power Saver series is designed to use less power without sacrificing cooling performance. Customers can use multiple appliances and air conditioners at the same time, because of the air conditioners' low amp draw," said Rob Leach, RV Products president.

RV Products has been offering Power Saver models to the RV industry for more than 20 years. The range now covers capacities from 11,000 Btus up to 15,000 Btus to fit any application, the release stated.

"The Power Saver product line with its low amp draw allows you to use other appliances without sacrificing cooling performance," Leach said.

Coleman-Mach offers a complete line of air conditioners and heat pumps in medium, low and ultra-low profiles. Single-zone and multi-zone thermostats are available, with a Bluetooth application available on Single-Zone thermostats.

Leach added, "We listen closely to our RV customers and our OEM partners to provide great products that enhance their RV experience, and the addition of these two new Power Saver units meets the market's power management requirements."

Suburban Introduces the Voyager Portable Fire Pit

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Suburban, a division of Airxcel Inc., has introduced the Voyager portable fire pit for outdoor recreational use. According to a press release, the Voyager is the perfect alternative to traditional campfires, creating a relaxing outdoor ambience whether at home, camping, tailgating, on the road, at the beach or on the trail.



"It's lightweight and easy to carry with legs that fold and lock and a locking lid for transport and storage," said Larry Lebryk, director of marketing for Airxcel.

"Its large 15-inch diameter burner provides 54,000 Btu of smoke-free comfort and sets up in seconds."

The Voyager eliminates the need for firewood since it operates on LP Gas and comes with large white pumice stones. The durable construction provides seasons of use, while the 360-degree flame view allows everyone to enjoy the fire pit. To operate, turn on the LP gas and the Piezo ignitor, and adjust the variable flame.

"Now you can take the fellowship and warmth of a campfire with you wherever you go. It is the perfect addition to your outdoor entertainment space," said Lebryk.



Suburban Introduces Six-Gallon RV Water Heater

Courtesy of RVBusiness

Suburban, a division of Airxcel Inc., announced a new line of six-gallon RV water heaters for the after-market designed for new water heater installations and to replace existing water heater models with aluminum storage tanks.



According to a press release, the Suburban Advantage six-gallon water heater fits into the same cutout as a six-gallon Atwood/Dometic style water heater. The heater is manufactured with a porcelain lined steel tank that, with the use of an anode rod, and is expected to have a longer life than aluminum tank models.

“Producing 10,000 Btu/hour of LP gas provides a fast recovery time. Combine that with the optional 120 VAC 1440-watt Incoloy electric element and the recovery rate is even faster,” said Mitch Cornelius, product manager for Suburban water heaters. “The recovery rate basically gives an idea of how fast a water heater can heat water. The larger the recovery number, the more hot water (at the desired set point) the end user can expect to be delivered over any given use period.”

“Larger recovery rate means less waiting time for more hot water. Plus, by using flue tube baffles, which is an industry exclusive, we are actually able to transfer more heat to the water in the tank, further enhancing the recovery rate,” he added.

The tank has a three-year limited warranty and is offered in three models.

Farewells

WALTER SHEALY, PAST FCRV CHAPLAIN



Reverend Walter W. “Walt” Shealy, 86, passed away Sunday morning, October 6, 2018 in Columbia, South Carolina. He was a 1951 graduate of Columbia High School where he served as Drum Major of the marching band. In 1955 he received a degree from Clemson College. He earned his Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC.

Walter was commissioned as an Air Force Chaplain and served from 1967 - 1991. He served in five U.S. states, District of Columbia, and four foreign countries. He served during the Vietnam war and Desert Storm and was chosen for Chaplain for the Presidential Squadron during Ronald Regan’s years. He received numerous medals during his military service including the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service.

Prior to his military career he served as Pastor at several churches in SC and GA. Following military retirement he served as Pastor at Springhill Parish and Peak, SC as well as several interims in SC.

Walter and his wife, Marilyn took up camping as a hobby and as members of NCHA / FCRV volunteered for “duty.” They were members of the Dutch Fork Campers and also served as South Carolina State Directors. They were on the committee for FCRV’s 2005 Campvention in West Virginia and Co-chaired the 2011 Campvention in Ladson, South Carolina. Walter was Chaplain for FCRV’s Board of Trustees and later for



Retiree Rally 2008

I. to r.– Jim Bob Ealey, Walt, Eldon Sellers, Jack Smye

Photo by Jude Marks

Retiree Rallies for several years through 2014. Marilyn Shealy was on the Board of Trustees serving as Corresponding Secretary from 2002 – 2006. Barb Turner said, “We FCRVers remember Walt as a man of God and our Retiree Chaplain for many years.” Jack Smye noted, “His wisdom was welcome at Board meetings and he often MC’d rally events.”

Walter was a talented musician and sang at many weddings in the Columbia area. During his Air Force tour in Germany, he sponsored a high school age choral and dramatics group which toured and performed throughout Germany and England. He was a past Governor for Lions Club District 32D and past President of the Mid Carolina Lions Club. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Newberry College.

Grandson, Sam Dowd said, “The Lord has gained an amazing angel. My years with him were full of lessons, fun, and love.”

Walter Shealy is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn, and children – Walter Wesley Shealy Jr., Bonnie Shealy Bates (Paul), Sarah Shealy Cousins Dowd (David), seven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Marilyn at 147 Heidelberg Circle, Chapin, South Carolina 29036 or inmorepieces@aol.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2018 – FALL FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION RALLY

The fall FSA campout will be at Blueberry Hill RV Resort, 6233 Lowery Street (CR609), Bushnell, FL(exit 314 on I-75). If you want to come early, Thursday November 1st will be an early day. The camping fee will be \$35 per night. If you would like to attend, please let Cecil Baker (813)988-4213 know. There is a \$10 registration fee for the weekend. Send the registration fee (make check payable to FSA), your name, address and phone number to Peter Brown, 304 Kentucky Avenue, St. Cloud, FL 34769-2319. If you have any questions, call Cecil Baker at (813)988-4213.

NOVEMBER 14 - 18, 2018 – KENTUCKY COLONEL CAMPOUT

Diamond Lake Resort in Owensboro, Kentucky. Make your reservation by contacting Diamond Lake Resort at 270-229-4900. Just mention you are with the FCRV Kentucky Colonel Campout to receive rates of \$36 plus tax for 50 amp electric or \$34 plus tax for 30 amp electric. Thursday will include the Kentucky Colonel Chapter Annual Meeting. Additionally a possible golf scramble or disc golf are being planned as well as bingo in the evening. Friday will include bean bag baseball, corn hole, washer toss, euchre tournament, dominoes, card golf, mini golf, poker run (well hike), evening entertainment and hospitality. Saturday we will have a Thanksgiving worship followed by a pot luck Thanksgiving meal with turkey and ham provided. Saturday afternoon we will enjoy the annual turkey shoot and craft sales (bring what you have). Then in the evening we will have entertainment, hospitality and a traditional turtle party. Questions can be directed to Craig Weber by email at cdweber50@yahoo.com or phone 309.912.8810.



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



LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE/OTHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

LAST NAME OF OTHER: _____ ADDRESS: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/PROVINCE: _____

PHONE #: _____ OTHER: _____

WHICH ARE REGISTERING FOR? CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: _____ IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: _____ NO: _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN UNIT? _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT IN PDF: _____ OR WORD: _____

CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO ANOTHER ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADDRESS IN THE SPACE BELOW:

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

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.

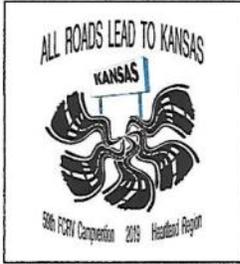
RALLY FEES: MARCH 19 – MARCH 24 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping, water and electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	<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 ___ 5th Wheel ___ Travel Trailer ___ Pop-Up ___ Want in shade trees ___

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND HUTCHINSON:

Cosmosphere (Smithsonian-affiliated Space Museum), Strataca (a salt mine museum), Yoder (a Amish community), Hutchinson Zoo, Dillon Nature Center, Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial, Reno County Museum, Kansas Kids Museum, Reno County Veterans Memorial, Salt Discovery Site & Memorial Marker,

Make checks payable to: 2019 FCRV Campvention

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

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

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

We would like to volunteer for: _____