

Nebraska **CALLING**



November 2018

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen

The end of the 2018 camping season is here. This year was a learning experience for us and for several of the Program Directors. That being said, we would like to thank each and every one of you for extending your support, hospitality, helping hands and words of wisdom and encouragement. Those things have made the transition easier on Nebraska FCRV members and on us as your State Directors.

We would like to acknowledge the awards from State, those chapters receiving certificates, individual membership certificates, and Family of the Year. We truly appreciate the amount of time and effort you have given to FCRV. Thank you and all members of FCRV for your commitment.

We are going to continue attending winter meetings and scheduled camping weekends next year as often as possible. We would like to encourage attendance at June Bug at Windmill SRA, National which is being held in Hutchison, Kansas, and finally, State/Fall Workshop to be held at York Fairgrounds.

Safe travels to those heading out for warmer climates. We wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays and look forward to seeing you throughout the winter months. Take care everyone and again, thank you for helping make this year enjoyable for everyone in Nebraska FCRV.

Rob and Joleen Baker

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Regional Director's Report Gerry

REGIONAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND

We are about to close another chapter in our camping adventures as 2018 winds down. This is a time of the year that we often look back and think about the camping trips that we did not get to take. It is also the time of the year that we look back on the trips when we had a good time like Regional Campvention in Iowa. It was great to see each of you that were there. If you missed Regional, you missed a wonderful time. For me, this was a special year as the first

2019 Dates to Remember

June 28-30	June Bug, Windmill SRA
July 7-13	Campvention, Hutchinson, KS
Sept 13-15	State/Fall Workshop, York Fairgrounds, York, NE

Regional Campvention where we had a full slate of State Directors including two new State Directors, Dale and Karen from Iowa, and Rob and Joleen from Nebraska. A special Thanks goes out to Dale and Karen for the great job they did putting together the Regional Campvention, and for the job that they did this year in their state of Iowa.

We will not be doing a Regional this coming year 2019 as we are hosting the National Campvention. Nebraska will host the Regional Campvention in 2020. Rob and Joleen have been looking for a location and have started some of the planning for that.

With the camping season drawing to a close for many of us, we will be continuing on with the preparations for National. We still have positions that need to be filled. If you have already volunteered for a position, thank you. Let's make this a great Campvention. All of you are needed and we look to seeing you there.

I am going to ask each of you to think about what campout was your best campout this year. Then I would ask you to write an article for your newsletter and share it with everyone. Camping is not only stories around the campfire, it is sharing adventures with all of your camping family. Each of you belong to my camping family, and I enjoy the few campouts that we get to be together as a Region. This holds true with National as well. When you go to a National you will meet people that you will only see at a National Campvention, but they are none the less your camping family.

At your first Campvention, possibly at the first timer meeting, you will meet someone with whom you will form a friendship, and that you will see at Campventions over the years to come. The friendship will be ongoing and will grow with each Campvention.

What is your Chapter planning for recruiting this year? An RV Show? Inviting that new neighbor on your block with the camper on a camping outing with your chapter? Inviting that co-worker that just

bought that new camper to a chapter meeting? Whatever it is, always be looking for that possible new member with whom to share FCRV. They could be interested in getting involved with your Chapter.

This is a good time to sign up new members. When you sign them up and they pay for the first year, they will get an enhanced membership. They will pay for 1 year and will get 6 months free. That is 18 months for the price of one year! This will give your Chapter two camping seasons with that new member, and a far better chance of getting them involved in FCRV. This is a great tool that we have been given, so put it to use and sign up some new members.

I have said this many times and will say it again: if each of us were to go out and sign up one new family this year, FCRV would double in size. Do you think you can find one new family in the coming year? Let's see what we can do. Let's make it happen.

We close this wonderful camping season smiling at the memories made with our camping friends and family. I hope that you all experience good health and good cheer in the year to come. We will see you at National if not before. So, till then, enjoy your time over the Holidays and we will look forward to next year.

See you camping!
Gerry

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National Director's ReportShari October Update

Craig and I are figuring out what retirement is all about. We have enjoyed several campouts. Just recently we attended the Ontario Spooky Wooky campout. We enjoyed being with our Canadian family.

The nominating committee is working diligently to identify candidates for the upcoming election. Shirley MacKenzie is chairing the committee. This is the time to put forth names so we have an election with choices. The executive board voted to not send out ballots if there is an uncontested election. Please, if you know someone who would be good in any of the three positions being elected in 2019, contact any member of the nominating committee or Shirley. The people on the nominating committee are Jeff and Shirley Kendle from Colorado and Region 1, Lawrence Phillips from Texas and Region 2, Ron Braley from Ohio and Region 4, and Carl Wood from Ontario and Region 7. Our chair, Shirley, is from Virginia and Region 6. The nominating period ends December 1, 2018, so put on your thinking caps and help the committee.

The three trustee positions up for election in 2019 are Vice President Operations currently held by Sue Fromholzer, Vice President Planning and Development, currently held by Scott Serbousek, and Comptroller currently held by Jan Cushing.

FCRV will be represented at several RV shows during the upcoming winter season. I look forward to welcoming all the new members of our family.

Don't be too surprised at the impact of electronic promotions. The Ontario Spooky Wooky campout was promoted on their provincial website. A young family with children saw the campout on the website and thought it sounded like something they would enjoy. They came and I believe enjoyed the weekend. They went home with an award for site decorating along with awards for games, jack-o-lantern carving and costumes. A job well done by Ontario! This shows we just need to create an interesting campout and engage the attendees. Get out those thinking caps and plan exciting creative campouts with fun things to do.

As of the end of September our membership was 2838. States and Provinces

with an increase of one member each are Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. All members are appreciated for their help in recruiting new members. During the month of September we recruited 11 new members.

Shari

State Secretary's ReportJan Minutes of the State/Fall Meeting

The Fall Workshop was held on October 5 – 7, 2018, at the Double Nickel Camp Grounds in Waco, NE, and was called to order at 3:30 pm by State Directors Rob and Jolene Baker. There were 35 members in attendance.

Reports from the Program Directors:

Treasurer: Showed a balance of \$4,439.28

Secretary: None available

CAMP: 2 chapters (Triple F and Heartland Runabouts) are active. Reminder: all you have to do is walk ½ mile for credit.

Conservation: None available

Youth: None available

Calling Editor: Pat explained the use of copyright material. Also please contact Pat if not getting the newsletter, or to send in articles.

State Chaplain: None available

State Photographer: None available

Presentation of National Awards

Chapter of the Year: Explorers Chapter; Explorers received a Certificate of Participation in Chapter of Year Contest.

Youth Awards

Jernaile Morgan-Baker – 1st Age 3-4 poster contest

Camerick Hoagland – Age 7-8 Hon. Mention poster contest

Haylie Baker – 2nd Age 11-12 poster contest

Lucas Mathews – Participant Conservation Essay Contest and acknowledgment with letter

Presentation of State Awards

Retiree King & Queen – Jim and Mary Kay Hackett

Conservation Project-Ken and Sandy Kendall – In charge of the Hall County clean up.

Rollin' Turtles Camping Club- 45 year certificate

Courageous Ramblers 45 year certificate
Individual Anniversaries:

Gene Carriker & Ina-Hill Carriker--45 years

Shirley Rippe – 25 years

Chuck & Peggy Warner-20 years

Robert & Ann Berggren - 15

Gene & Deloris Robb – 15 years

Brian & Michelle Kiel – 15 years

Charles & Cindi Atkins – 10 years

Harry & Vickie Dipple- 10 years

Gene & Glenda Anderson – 10 years

Most Charitable Chapter – Heartland Runabouts – providing food for the Senior Citizen Center, supplies for the Animal Center, and working for other charitable organizations.

Most Active Chapter – Triple F Chapter, is active in many club activities.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR – Mathews, Erich, Teresa, Lucas & Tyler.

Planning Meeting for 2019

JUNE BUG Co-chairs Shirley Rippe/Marcia Witman

Dates June 28, 29, 30

Location Windmill SRA

Meals Sat. morning – Muellers

Sat evening – Walking Tacos

Sun morning: - Triple F Chapter

Worship Service – Chaplin Fiekerts

Games – Ken & Sandy Kendall

Youth Activities – Youth Director

Extra activities- Crafts, Water fight – Leonard Mckinney, Auction of Baked goods, crafts & misc during Saturday; Scholarship Committee will have root beer floats, and another money raising project.

STATE/FALL WORKSHOP – Chairmen – Triple F camping Club

over 7,000 promises made by our heavenly father that cover every aspect of our lives.

Dates – Sept 13-14-15

Location – York Fairgrounds, York, NE.

Meals – Breakfast: Rollin' Turtles, Jan Van Arsdall & Peggy Warner

Crafts – Donna Hansen

Supper: To be decided

Additional activities will be added.

The Triple F Club will be contacting members to help on the Fall Meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,
Jan Van Arsdall,
Secretary

State Chaplain's Message. . . . Mert

It's that time of year again. Time to put away the fans and get the humidifier ready for the months ahead. Time to bring the houseplants we have displayed outside into the warmer climate indoors. Time once again to winterize the camper so we don't have any surprise showers next spring when we get ready for the upcoming camping season! With the changing of the seasons, we must always do certain things to maintain the physical world in which we live.

Fall is a beautiful time of the year with everything in nature getting ready for the upcoming winter. It's that time again when we campers go into hibernation! The weather will turn blustery and make it difficult to get out and enjoy fellowship with each other. It can bring on a time of sadness for some because they know that the colors of fall will soon fade away and be replaced by a white blanket of snow.

That is one of the reasons why we must have someone or something in our lives that will help us through not only this time of the year, but also help us cope with the world in general. That someone is Jesus, and the something we need are the many promises that God has given us through His word. It is through these promises that we are given the hope we the need. Bible scholars have found

2nd Peter 1:2-4 tells us:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord:

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Take some time this winter to sit down, put your feet by the fire, and open the Bible to see if you can find some of these promises. The one promise I can make is that, if you do this, I know that it will make your day much better.

Mert Feikert

Chapter News . . .

Courageous Ramblers

Donna Hansen, Pearl Shaw and Norma Hetrick went to Waco to fall workshop. We saw a lot of friends we had not seen for a while. We had a good afternoon. We played cards and received our 45-year Anniversary Certificate. Norma won a great door prize - a large Husker cooler. Pearl won a dishpan with kitchen supplies.

On Oct 14 Don, Norma and Mickey braved the snow to go pickup Donna and go to Pearl's for lunch of sandwiches, chips, and dip. We had cake and ice cream for Don's birthday, visited, and played a game of cards. A great way to spend a snowy afternoon. We could not have a meeting as two chapter officers are in Texas.

*Field Director,
Norma Hetrick*

Republican Valley Sodbusters

The September meeting of the Republican Valley Sodbusters was held at Hunters Cove on September 17 – 19, with hosts Thaine and Donna Tomlinson. We were pleased to have 12 members camping. We enjoyed having

Janet Staehr's brother and wife join the group for dinner on Tuesday.

Donna provided delicious breakfast sandwiches for our Tuesday breakfast and rolls and special sausages Wednesday morning. Tuesday evening was our usual potluck with more delicious food than we could possibly eat; in fact we couldn't even get it all gone Wednesday noon before heading home!

Though it was very warm weather during the days the evenings were beautiful and all enjoyed the view of the lake as they visited and played games. Tiny black bugs tried to drive us inside, but evenings were so nice that most of the group swatted bugs and enjoyed the outdoors. We may have suffered later from the bug bites!

Don Haresnape reported that Carol is in a swing bed at the Smith Center hospital, and is gaining strength as her shoulder heals. For those who are unaware, Carol took a fall at Retiree camp and injured a shoulder as well as many bruises and black eyes. What a trooper! She wouldn't go home, but spent her time in the camper.

It was decided that the business meetings in the future will be held on Tuesdays after breakfast, so if someone needs to leave early it will make it easier for them.

The October 15 – 17 meeting will be at Nuckolls County Fairgrounds with hosts Jim and Janet Staehr.

Planning for the next year will be done at the October gathering. Meeting dates will also be reviewed.

Guests and anyone interested in joining the Sodbusters are always welcome, Come and learn about the group and the good times to be had camping together.

*Shirley Rippe
Secretary*

Triple F Campers

Triple F closed out our camping season at Louisville SRA October 19 - 21st. It was a bit

windy, but turned out to be a perfect, cool autumn weekend that was spent mostly outdoors. A few of us even started our weekend early by arriving on Thursday afternoon.

Saturday we all gathered around an outdoor TV and two huge fires next to Bill and Roni's camper and watched the Huskers win their first game of the season. This was followed by a soup supper, and an evening around the campfire. We couldn't have asked for a better end to our camping year.

Triple F will bring our ideas, and food of course, to Jon and Kathleen's in November to plan our adventures for 2019.

Mary Brashaw,
Secretary

Rollin' Turtles

The Rollin' Turtles camped Oct. 20-22 at the new American Legion Park in Wilbur; 35 members were present for the business meeting. Another 6 dropped by during the

day, but couldn't stay for the meeting. That made this the largest attendance of our Club year.

And what a weekend it was! The weather was Nebraska balmy, the new meeting room was out of this world, and would you believe, **THE HUSKERS WON A FOOTBALL GAME!** This was our annual "Soup Supper" which has evolved from a simple Chili feed, to your choice of conventional Chili, Moroccan Chili, Chicken Noodle, Potato, or Ham and White Bean soup. And as usual, the women outdid themselves on desserts. Try as we might, we could not eat more than half of the spread.

During the meeting, we elected (or wheedled and begged) a slate of officers for next year. And we decided on the Saturday meal feature for each of our seven campouts next year. We have a lot to look forward to.

Our next meeting will be at Anderson Library at 2 pm Nov 17, and our annual Christmas Bash will be in the Autumn Wood Clubhouse on December 4.

Allan Smith
Secretary

Notice . . .

As is usual, this November issue is the last planned for the 2018 season. We will begin again with the March 1 issue in 2019. Please remember to send in all the items for that newsletter by February 25, 2019. If, in the meantime, something needs to go to the membership, I will be happy to send it out.

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I, Pat Smith, certify that all material contained within this newsletter is used by permission and is acknowledged.

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