

Nebraska **CALLING**



May 2019

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message . . . Rob and Joleen Baker

April has flown by and we are sure some of you have either started camping with your clubs or will be soon. April has been unusually cold and here is hoping for warmer weather soon.

National Campvention is fast approaching; we are working hard on planning the activities and events. We are excited to go and we are hoping to see more of our Nebraska Membership sending in their registration forms. We are working to get more information on planning and will get that to you as soon.

We look forward to camping season this year. We want to get out, see of all of you again, and meet potential new members. Membership is, and always will be, our number one focus.

As you all you should have heard by now, Gene Carriker passed away this last month. The services are to be held on May 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Assembly of God Church in Jansen, Nebraska. Please keep Ina and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

We have not been receiving comments, suggestions, pretty much any communication from membership. If there are

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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

problems/issues, please let us know. If there are not problems/issues, let us know that as well. We need to keep our communication open. This is important to us so that we can serve the needs of the membership.

If there is anything you need, please email us or contact Rob at 402-639-4837 or Joleen at 402-639-4628.

Nebraska Calling Publication on FCRV Website Joleen Baker

Some of you have noticed that it is taking longer to get The Calling on the national website. There have been changes at National regarding the website design. Vickie Roop still receives all the items, but once she gets a copy she forwards it on to the web designer. This person is also publishing Camping Today on the website. They apparently are still working through some issues with the new system and we ask for your patience during this transition.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Smith, The Calling Editor at psmith031@gmail.com or as always, Rob and me at rojopapio@cox.net.

Reports. . .

Communication from National by Shari Weber:

NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

We welcome Bill Buggelin from Kansas as our new Chaplain. Please give him your support. He follows Dennis James from Indiana who recently resigned due to health concerns. Larry Roop has already sent out a new mailing list with Bill's contact information.

ELECTION

Ballots were not needed this year as the positions had only one person running for each one.

Please support the newly elected Trustee, Matt Mantia, Vice President Planning & Development; and re-elected Trustees: Jan Cushing, Comptroller and Sue Fromholzer, Vice President Operations. These three will be installed at the general membership meeting at campvention.

AWARDS

The awards period ends on April 15th. Sue Carlsen, the Awards coordinator, would like to thank all of those who made nominations. There are several well-qualified nominations. Our members are doing lots of good work within and outside of our organization! I look forward to seeing friends recognized at campvention in Hutchinson.

MEMBERSHIP

You are out there camping. Some of you are putting out signs and brochures, and finding people interested in that group over there who seems to be having a lot of fun. From February to the end of March we recruited 34 new members. Great job everyone! Seven of our state/provinces increased their membership in March. Illinois recruited 7 new members, Missouri recruited 5 new members, Connecticut recruited 3 new members, South Dakota recruited 2

new members, Louisiana, New York and Quebec each recruited 1 new member. Way to go! All of these states and provinces worked hard for this growth. Thank you. Now it is everyone's job to make these new members feel welcome.

State Chaplain Mert Feikert

I have always been fascinated by the nighttime sky, and I always look forward to the appearance of the constellation Orion every fall even though it means colder months ahead. To the astronomer, the colder months of the year are the best for viewing the wonders of the universe because of the colder atmosphere, which provides a clearer view of the heavenly display. With the newer telescopes we are now able to see even further into the outer parts of our universe, but no one has been able to see the heaven we know of as Christians.

Recently however, astronomers believe they have captured a picture of what they call a Black Hole. They believe the gravitational pull surrounding this celestial feature is so massive that everything surrounding it is pulled into its center. I wonder, does that mean it will become so large that this massive force will eventually overcome everything in the universe?

In the meantime, lets come back to the earth on which we live. We are aware of the powerful forces present in the world today that try to pull us away from our belief in God and into the black hole of Hades. The evil in the world today sometimes seems to surround us and temptations are constantly bombarding us. But we know that God's love for us will always be there through those times when we feel we are being pulled away from Him.

God's word tells us in Corinthians 1 verse 13:

*No temptation has overtaken you
but such as is
common to man; and God is
faithful, who will not
allow you to be tempted beyond
what you are able,
but with the temptation will
provide the way
of escape also, so you will be able
to endure it.*

Millions of years from now, the sun may burn itself up, the giant black hole may swallow everything up, but our heavenly home will still be there and all of us who believe in Him will be safe in the arms of our creator.

MISSING:

TENTERS and FUN FINDERS photo albums.

We shared them at either a State or June Bug campout.

Wondering if we left them and if someone picked them up.

They were in a large plastic tote. Thanks for any help in locating them.

Sharon Gies 308 832 7202

June Bug . . .

Shirley Rippe & Marcia Whitmer

We are hoping you are making plans to attend June Bug – “Camping with Hattitudes” at Windmill SRA, June 28-30. Bring your favorite hat, decorate a hat or make a hat never before seen, wild, crazy, colorful or where ever your imagination leads.

There will be Root Beer Floats served by the Scholarship Committee. Water fights are a must with Leonard and Rob, games, craft making, and an auction with baked goods, crafts and other items.

Everyone is asked to bring a baked good or a craft to be auctioned off. The

proceeds from the Food/Craft auction will be going to the Make -A-Wish foundation.

It would be nice to have an idea how many will be attending. You can RSVP Marcia at switmer@neb.rr.com call or text 402-366-1918.

Come join the fun!

Chapter News . . .

Courageous Ramblers

We held the first meeting of the year Sunday April 14. We met at the home of Mahlon and Judy Dickey. They have returned from wintering in Texas.

We had a good meal to celebrate Judy's birthday. The Hetricks surprised her with cake and ice cream. We will meet next time at Donna Hansen's house May 6th at 7pm. Donna will have desert and coffee. Donna will be doing crafts at workshop in York. Any one interested should bring a t-shirt to make a carrying bag.

Retirees will be at Stromsburg Aug. 18 -24.

*Norma Hetrick
Field Director*

Triple F Campers

Triple F has continued to meet monthly throughout the non-camping months and can hardly wait for the start of our regular camping season. A couple of extra hardy members have already had their campers out in April this year, but most of us are waiting for warmer weather.

For our April meeting we reserved the pavilion at City Park in Papillion for a potluck dinner and Easter egg hunt for the kids. We were joined by several visitors which added to the fun. It turned out to be a rather cool and windy day, but no one seemed to mind and the young ones in the group kept warm running around finding candy filled eggs.

In May we will kick off our camping season at the American Legion Park in Wilber. Our campout coincides with Wilber's annual city-wide garage sale weekend which is a big draw to some members of our group. We are sure to come home with "new" treasures and a few things we had no idea we needed.

Mary Brashaw, Secretary

Heartland Runabouts

The Heartland Runabouts held their first campout of 2019 at Fort Kearny April 26 – 28th. In attendance were John & Anita Mueller, Ken & Sandy Kendall, Steve & Marcia Witmer, and Gary & Linda Sander. Guests for this campout were friends of the Mueller's, the Vavra Family (5) from Exeter. The young boys in the Vavra family enjoyed fishing in the lakes at Fort Kearny campground.

On Saturday, the weather was cool and winds were strong, so the group headed to Kearney where we toured the G.W. Frank Mansion Museum of History & Culture and the Nebraska Firefighters Museum. An interesting and informative time was enjoyed by all. With the uncooperative weather, the Runabouts enjoyed a heartwarming supper from four pots of soup, and of course, deserts.

Disappointingly the high winds and rain didn't allow for our usual evening campfire and social time. We awoke Sunday morning to 37 degrees and windy weather, so we enjoyed breakfast together inside of an RV.

The Runabouts next campout is May 10-12th at Pawnee Lake Recreation Area

Linda & Gary Sander

Rollin' Turtles

Eighteen Rollin' Turtles participated in our club campout at the Double Nickel at Waco on April 18-21. We enjoyed both the pleasant weather, and the

annual Saturday night Potato Bar. Friday evening the group dined at The Kitchen, in York. Our next campout will be at Victorian Acres, in Nebraska City, May 7-10.

Allan Smith, Secretary

REGIONAL RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEARTLAND

by Gerry Pfirsch

We are at the start of another new camping season. Have you been able to get the rig out and go camping this year? I hope you have. I must say that I have not yet. Weather has been something for us here this year. Sunday morning I woke to about 1 inch of snow on the ground. It has been a rough spring here in the North West.

May is the first planned outing now for me. Many of our members have had a rough go of it this spring, from unsettled weather to major flooding, including heavy spring snows in our Region. We need keep our members in our prayers as they work to put life back to normal.

We have lost long time members; please keep the families in your prayers. Reach out to them with cards and calls as I know that you are and have been doing.

Planning is ongoing for July and it is growing closer each day. We still need volunteers and have positions to fill. We need each of you in July. There will be many jobs that you will be able to help with after getting to Campvention and are on site. It is time to get your registration in and we would love to see you there.

I am going to take this time to let you know that the Regional Directors have been looking at the Future of Campvention and FCRV. We have a job and a half ahead of us and that job is

going to be many fold. We need to increase membership and the membership recruitment work in the days to come. This will take each of us to reach out and sign up family, friends, neighbors that we know that are camping families. It becomes each of our jobs to make them part of our camping family. This will be hard for some of us to do and will be easy for others to do. Let me say it is not as hard as we build it up in our mind when we go out and talk to them.

At the end of this I will have a short survey that I will ask that you send me with your thoughts and answers to questions that we need information for what we are working on. I will keep it short and ask that you return your answers by email or regular mail to me as soon as you can. I would like to have these by mid-June to take with me to Campvention. Your input is very important to me as your Regional Director. Like Uncle Sam I need You and Your Voice so please take a moment and help us out with your answers.

You will be also getting a survey from the National Office. This is a survey for National, and I ask that you also answer it as well. It will be a different list of question and we will use this to look at the future. Please take a few moments and answer both.

As you know, in 2019 we will not be holding a Regional Campvention here in Region 3 with the hosting of Campvention in Kansas. I ask each of you to support your State outing and be involved in the activities that they have planned. I also ask that you support your State Directors as they have stepped up and are doing the job that in many cases no other person would step up and take. Many of them go above and beyond to fill the job that they have

taken on. Your support is critical to help them fill the needs of your state.

I also ask that you help by being willing to take on a job and help by filling and doing a job that is open in your state and ask that you just do the best that you can to fulfill that job. Many states have open positions that need someone to step up and take the job and make it the best that they can. Please consider a position and just do the best that you can your state needs you and your talent, just as we need you and your talent at Campvention this year.

SURVEY:

1. Do you work____
 - a. Full time
 - b. Part time
 - c. Retired
2. What are your thoughts about Campvention being held every other year with an expanded Region Campvention on the off years?
3. Would you be more likely to attend Campvention or Regional if both were not held every year?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
4. What is the vacation time allotment you have each year?
 - A. 1 week
 - B. 2 Weeks
 - C. 3 Weeks or more
5. Do you think we need to make FCRV more family friendly to bring in more working families?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
6. In your opinion what could we do to make FCRV work better for you and your Family?
7. Would you support the reduction of the number of Regions from 8 to 4 or 5 based on the current 2696 members of FCRV?

- A. Yes
- B. No

I ask you to take a moment and send me what you think, and your answers to the above questions. Your input will help us to move FCRV into the future. Please send to the email address or the postal address listed below. Let me say Thank you for your input.

See you at the next campfire. Until then, be safe and spread the work about FCRV.

Email is : heartland3fcrv@gmail.com

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Gerald Pfirsch
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See you camping!

Gerry

NEBRASKA CHAPTER CAMPOUTS FOR 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">HEARTLAND RUNABOUTS</p> <p>January 5 Exeter Fire Hall February No Meeting March 9 Perkins, Grand Island April 26-28 Fort Kearny, Kearney May 10-12 Pawnee SRA June 28-30 June Bug, Windmill, Gibbon July 19-21 Branched Oak SRA August 9-11 Hebron City Park September 13-15 Fall Gathering, York Fairgrounds October 11-13 Lake Shore, Geneva November 9 York Library December TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRIPLE F</p> <p>January 12 Pizza Ranch, Papillion February 9 Papio Bowl March 9 Prehistoric Putt on Q St. April 13 Halleck Park Shelter May 3-5 Wilber American Legion Park June 14-16 Rock Creek Station June 28-30 June Bug at Windill July 7-12 Campvention, Hutchinson, KS July 19-21 Branched Oak August 7-11 Lewis & Clark, Onawa September 13-15 Fall Gathering at York Fairgrounds September 20-22 Viking Lake October 11-13 Waubonsie State Park November 2 Planning Meeting at Meinstad's December 14 Christmas Party at Meinstad's</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ROLLIN' TURTLES</p> <p>January 20 Anderson Library, Lincoln February 17 Anderson Library, Lincoln March 17 Anderson Library, Lincoln April 18-21 Double Nickel, Waco May 16-19 Victorian Acres, Nebraska City June 20-23 Branched Oak SRA July 18-21 Louisville SRA August 22-25 Two Rivers SRA, Omaha September 19-22 TBA at May meeting October 17-20 Wilbur Sportsman Club, Wilbur November 17 Anderson Library, Lincoln December 1 - Christmas Party</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REPUBLICAN VALLEY SODBUSTERS</p> <p>April 16 - 18 Nuckolls County Fairgrounds at Nelson May 14 - 16 Crystal Lake June 28 - 30 June Bug at Windmill Campground July 16 - 18 Hebron City Park August 18 - 22 Retirees Campout at Stromsburg Park September 17- 19 Hunters Cove October 15 - 17 Nuckolls County Fairgrounds</p>

**COME CAMP WITH US
 PRINT THIS PAGE AND TAPE IT ON YOUR FRIDGE
 IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ANOTHER CHAPTER
 HERE ARE THE SCHEDULES WE HAVE RECEIVED**

June Bug 2019
June 28-29
Windmill State Recreation Area

Camping with Hattitudes

Registration \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 13-17 years of age, children 12 and under free.

Friday

8:00 p.m. Gather together to get reacquainted. A CAMP walk to follow so bring flashlights.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony
Breakfast
Registration

9:00 a.m. CAMP

10:00 a.m. Craft

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Auction with proceeds to be donated to Make -A-Wish

2:30 p.m. Root Beer Float time

3:00 p.m. Game time

6:00 p.m. Supper Walking Tacos

7:30 p.m. Hat Parade & Judging
Movie Night

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Service
Meeting following services

Please bring your own dishes, cups and utensils. We are an environmentally conscious camping organization.

Times/Activities are subject to change

FCRV RETIREE RALLY STROMSBURG, NEBRASKA

Buckley Park Campground

August 18 – 22, 2019

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

Parking: Jim Hackett

MONDAY

- 9:00 Registration begins with Coffee Time. A thru H bring something to share.
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:30 Yard Games-Bring games you have.
- 5:30 Supper, main dish provided. Please bring salads, veggies, pickles, olives, dessert, etc. Bring your own dishes.
- 7:00 Get acquainted night. Share your musical talents.
Volunteer snacks

TUESDAY

- 9:00 Coffee Time. I through Sa bring something to share (initials of last name)
- 11:00 Leave for Senior Center for thrift shop and lunch
- 3:00 Crafts
- 5:30 Dinner on your own
- 7:00 Card Bingo
Volunteer snacks

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 Breakfast provided (bring your own dishes)
- 10:30 General meeting
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:00 Ice Cream Social, bring toppings to share
- 5:30 Pot Luck
- 7:00 Fun Night, crowning of the New King and Queen
Volunteer snacks

THURSDAY

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

Each person attending is asked to bring an item for door prizes (Please no "White Elephants.") Please bring your own cup for coffee time and dishes and utensils for meals. Please bring books for sale or exchange, money to benefit our Retiree group.

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NEBRASKA CHAPTERS OF FCRV
2019 STATE MEETING/FALL WORKSHOP
Sept 12-13-14
Tentative Schedule

Friday afternoon

- Registration \$10.00 per unit Teresa Mathews/Jan VanArsdall
- Hobo parking (no parking on the concrete pad outside the building please)

7:00 Friday Evening

Hillbilly mixer Triple F (Scavenger Hunt)
Board games/card games and puzzle Triple F
State Awards
Campfire Singalong (as we get closer, a determination will be made about campfires at the location)

8:00 Saturday Morning

Flag Raising – outside building

8:15 – 9:00 Breakfast – Jan Van Arsdall, Linda and Gary Sanders

10:00 Camp Walk/Wessels Farm Tour No admission

Youth/Teen Activities – Dawn Morgan-Baker

11:30 Cornhole Tournament - John and Anita Mueller

Saturday 12:15 lunch on your own

1:00 State Fall Workshop Meeting-Reports will be required from Program Directors

2:00 Cornhole Tournament (Continued if necessary)

2:30 Scholarship Committee Root Beer Floats

3:00 Hillybilly Skiing Contest (Teams of 4) Need volunteers

3:30 Crafts – Donna Hansen; bring old t-shirts

5:00 Supper – Triple F provides main dish, A – M to bring a side dish or salad, N – Z bring a dessert.

Clean up

7:00 Evening activities – Auction - New Items, Crafts, Baked Goods, proceeds will be given to the Wessels Living History Farm

9:00 Sunday

Social time

Prayer Service

Room Clean up



**59th INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers**
Hosted by the Heartland Region # 2
"ALL ROADS LEAD TO KANSAS"
Kansas State Fairgrounds, 2000 North Poplar St.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
Campvention Days: July 8 – 12, 2019 fees covers
July 7 – 12 (6 nights)



Early Bird Days: July 5 & 6, 2019 @ \$25 / night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2019

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.
Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST/PRV:** ___ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ___ No ___

Number of people in your unit:

Of Adults: ___ Teens: ___ Youth 9 – 12 ___ Youth 5 – 8 ___ Young Adults ___ Total number of people in Unit: ___

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

The gates will be open all days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first 211 registrations will be parked in the full hook up sites. All others will be parked with water & electric. If you are not registered prior to arrival, you will be in a water & electric site. The full hook up area has paved streets and gravel parking sites. The water & electric sites are in grass areas. Tent sites are available in grass with shade and close to the shower house.

Special Needs Information:

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: ___ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency of checks or money orders. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$300.00	\$310.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$160.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 7 – 12)	\$175.00	\$185.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$35.00 Per Day	Same
Motor Home ___ 5 th Wheel ___ Travel Trailer ___ Pop-Up ___ Want in shade trees ___		

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND HUTCHINSON:

Cosmosphere (Smithsonian-affiliated Space Museum), Stratataca (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

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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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