

Nebraska *CALLING*



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Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

The weather has changed over the last few days. Most of us have winterized our units or are heading south to avoid the cold temperatures ahead. For those heading out, we wish you safe travels and good health while you are traveling.

Over the winter months, we will try and make some of the off-season meetings with the clubs. This year our focus is going to be membership retention. Not so much focusing on new membership, but on the members we already have. We are going to focus on the quality, not so much quantity, of our activities. National is stressing build membership, increase membership, sign people up, etc. FCRV will not reap the benefits of those new members if they do not camp, participate and attend events at the local, state, regional and national levels.

Ask yourselves a question, "How many community, volunteer, leadership, church, work organizations, military and/or non-military, profit or non-profit commitments do you or your significant other belong to?" "How many of those organizations have meetings (organized or otherwise)?" "How many have events when you are asked to participate or volunteer your services?" "How many meet on a weekly basis, whether it be a church service, prayer service, luncheons, planning meetings, etc.?" Those activities are no different than the ones we have in FCRV. Do you ask your other organizations, "What am I getting for doing this work?" Probably

not. We cannot tell you how many times in the past two years that we have been asked the question, "What does FCRV provide me in return for my efforts?" Folks, you make time for those things that are important to you, fun to do, provide benefits you like, involve activities with friends, and aren't much of a time commitment; the list could go on forever. We understand that there are times where it seems as though we ask for a lot of workers and volunteers. But that is part of being involved in a volunteer

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2020 Dates to Remember	
May 29-31	Regional Campout, York County Fairgrounds
June 12-14	June Bug, Windmill SRA, Gibbon
Sept 13-17	Retirees Rally at Stromsburg
Sept 18-19	State/Fall Workshop, York

organization, and helping it to thrive.

We have been busy ourselves this year. Chores around the house, yard work, FCRV activities, and, of course, our jobs. We needed one last weekend of camping. We took Friday off, left Thursday afternoon to go to Weeping Water City Park. The camp host was the gentlemen that told Rob to go to Wynne Transport for work a few years back.

The point is, we renewed friendships with people we had not seen in a long time and were invited by our “neighbors” to watch the game. We had a relaxing time and were able to enjoy the weather until Sunday when we finally burned the last of the propane off in our tanks. Came home and quickly winterized the camper and put her up until next year. Our good ole Nebraska weather seems to have taken a drastic turn in those last 24 hours.

In the end, we want everyone to enjoy camping, have fun, venture to new places, camp with different Chapters, meet people in the campground, etc. Don't lose sight of why we love to do this crazy activity.

We look forward to next year seeing you again around the campfire. We wish you all the best in the off season.

State Chaplain . . . Mert Feikert

As most of you know, Janene and I purchased a Class C motor home a little over a year ago. The few times I drove it right after we purchased it, I noticed a little back and forth play in the steering wheel which meant two hand driving on rough roads and on windy days.

After an internet search Janene found that many others had experienced the same problem and recommended installing a different steering stabilizer. The one that was most used included a heavier shock with a coil spring installed around the body of the shock to aid in centering the steering mechanism.

About a month ago I decided to purchase one and have it installed. WOW! What a

difference. I still have to use two hands on the real windy days, but most of the time I have the control I need using just one hand. The coil spring will always straighten the wheels without much effort on my part.

Because we are in the world and can be influenced by others around us our Christian lives are also in constant need of a steering stabilizer to keep us moving forward on the roadway to our heavenly home. There are many things in the world today that will cause us to weave back and forth at times in our lives, but the stabilizer will always be there to bring us back on the road. This stabilizer is one of the many gifts given to us by our loving father and was given to us to constantly remind us that he will always be with us. Because that Spirit is always with us, we will always be able to come back into the loving arms of our savior.

1stJohn 4,vs 14:

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us.

God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

As the warmer months slowly (hopefully) slip away, I hope that each of you have a joyful time with family and friends while the holiday seasons approach. Never forget that you will always have someone to talk to when times seem to get tough. He is always there, and aware of what is going on in your life.

Isaiah 65:vs 24

Before you even call out to me, I will answer;

And while you are still speaking, I will hear.

Chapter News . . .

Courageous Ramblers

I'd like to thank Judy Dickey for the nice pictures of the memory tree.

Pearl Shaw, a long-time member, has had a really hard year. She needs all the prayers we can give her. She has lost her

brother Sept. 3, and her son-in-law Oct 18. We want to thank all who have been praying for Mickey Hetrick. She is doing ok at present so keep praying for her.

We didn't get to meet when we had planned, as two of our officers left for Texas Oct. 1. Those of us here plan to get together Oct. 27. We can play cards or do a craft. The weather has been too rainy to camp.

We wish we could hurry Spring. All have a Happy Holiday season. Hope to see some of you come this Spring.

Norma Hetrick, Field Director

Heartland Runabouts

Heartland Runabouts camped at Lakeshore RV Park in Geneva, Nebraska, in October 2019. We had six families present and were happy to have the Vavra family join us as guests of Muellers.

It was a cold weekend but we had fun anyway. On Saturday we ventured to downtown and visited several of the businesses there.

Due to the cold weather we ate supper in town on Saturday night and then back to the campground for the Nebraska game and campfire. We toasted puff pastry on dowels over the campfire and filled them with whipped cream for dessert.

Cold weather is no hindrance to enjoying each other's company.

November will be our planning meeting for 2019.

Sandy Kendall, Secretary

Republican Valley Sodbusters

Seems camping this year has been a little trying with the weather. The Sodbusters had another warm campout at Superior City Park in September, but we are especially happy to see all of our current members able to join the group for at least part of the time. It was especially nice to have Phoebe Sprague come for a Wednesday afternoon visit. We

are sorry to learn that she will be leaving Nebraska. John and Elaine Guilky also joined us for Wednesday evening meal and visit.

Our October meeting will be at the Nuckolls County Fairgrounds on October 15 – 17. Jim Staehr offered to make hamburgers for all of us on Tuesday evening, and we will bring side dishes to go with them. On Wednesday we will have our usual October soup supper. We would certainly enjoy having guests and anyone who might be interested in joining the group. It is always a joy to visit with past members and visitors.

Shirley Rippe

Rollin' Turtles

Rollin' Turtles Camping Club met October 17-19 at the American Legion Club, Wilbur, Nebraska; 29 members were present. We were blessed with exceptional weather for a Nebraska October.

We enjoyed a steak or chicken meal Friday evening, catered by the Legion members. Saturday, we had our traditional soup supper featuring three soups, loads of salads, and a plethora of deserts. Campouts and meetings for the coming year were planned, as follows:

January 19, 2 pm	Anderson Library
February 16, 2 pm	Anderson Library
March 15, 2 pm	Anderson Library
April 16-18	American Legion, Wilbur,
May 14-16	Victorian Acres, Nebraska
June 18-20	Pawnee SRA/ 22-52,
July 16-18	Louisville SRA/175-199,
August 20-22	Two Rivers SRA
Sept. 24-26	Branched Oak SRA
Oct. 15-17	American Legion, Wilbur
Nov.15	Anderson Library

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