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From the President - Shari Weber

Spring has sprung! We are cautiously ready to enjoy camping and the outdoors. However, our lives are changing daily. Unfortunately, the Retiree team chose to cancel the rally in Dothan with the support of the Trustees. Cancellations, closings and delays are occurring all over. Kids are learning at home, some are working at home, many have been laid off, and store shelves are empty. Social distancing is a thing we have become familiar with and are practicing. Let's hope things settle back into normalcy soon. The Trustees are paying attention to all these details in both countries. We will review the situation in early May regarding campvention and do whatever seems to be right at that time. Local and state/provincial wide FCRV events should follow guidelines being requested by your state/province. Many states have now completely shut down. Again, let's go outside! And remember, as Barb Turner said, the 3 P's – Patience, precaution, and prayer. We will get through. It is my sincere hope this situation will resolve quickly.

NATIONAL OFFICE

The governor of the state of New York mandated 100% stay at home on March 20th. This means the national office is closed indefinitely. Procedures have been put in place to keep the office running as much as possible. There are some things that can be done remotely, but some things simply cannot. Be patient during this very trying time.

ELECTION 2020

By now you have received your election ballot. If you haven't already done so, please vote. Electronic ballots were sent to everyone we have an email address for. Paper ballots were mailed to anyone we did not have an email address for. All ballots are returned to a company hired to monitor our election called Votenet. This company will inform me of the results of the election after April 15th which is the deadline for sending in the ballot. There will be a slight delay to allow mailed ballots to arrive. Remember, in addition to the bios included on the ballot March "Camping Today" contains platforms for each candidate.

CAMPVENTION 2020

The campvention host team chaired by Camy Hicks, Lynne Acre, and Loren Douglas is well positioned to give us a great week in July in Brigden. Registrations are coming in after setting a price in US dollars. The Canadian price of $325 was converted in February to $255 US. This means a check can be written and sent to the Registration chair, Marilyn Rosenberger for $255. Marilyn's address is on the registration form at the end of this issue.

AWARDS

You have received information from Sue Carlsen, Recording & Corresponding Officer, on the national awards program. The period for nominating someone who has worked hard and deserves to be recognized has begun and ends April 15th. I am sure you know someone who deserves to be recognized. The forms are located on the website fcrv.org under the tab Members Area, then FCRV Forms, then Forms for National Awards. The forms are in pdf format which is read only and can be printed. Once complete, it can be scanned back in to send to Sue. Additionally, the forms are provided in an editable Word file. This file can be used to fill out the nomination form, but please do not change the form. Changing the form could cause the nomination to be returned to you to be corrected. If you are not a field director, then send your recommendation to your state/provincial director or your field director to send in. Nominations are due by April 15th. Don't miss this deadline!

FOCUS GROUP

The trustees recently approved a focus group to look at our programs and offerings at rallies to see

how we meet the needs of the market segment out there purchasing RVs. According to statistics the people currently buying RVs are between age 40 & 55. Other ages are buying, but this is where the most purchases are made. I am looking for 3 families or individuals who fall in this age category. Additionally, I am looking for 3 families or individuals who are between 25 & 40. If you have someone to recommend, please feel free to send me name, email, and cell phone. It is our hope this will help us identify how our programs need to adjust and what we need to offer during our campouts and rallies.

MEMBERSHIP

Very exciting news this month. We saw an increase in membership during February! Fifteen (15) new members were recruited in February. This month we were able to replace the drops and then actually exceed the number of drops with our new memberships. Great work everyone! It is not easy to get a new member. Thank you to all of you working hard to invite new people into our camping family. Twelve states/provinces saw their membership grow. A trophy for the most increase in membership will be presented at campvention. Will it be your state/province? I am aware this is a small victory but let's celebrate small victories and work hard to keep them going.

NATIONAL OFFICE CLOSED

Due to so many Covid 19 diagnoses in New York State, the New York Governor has mandated a 100% shutdown for the whole state. This means effective Monday, March 23rd, the national office is closed indefinitely. Procedures have been put in place for much of the office work to be done from home. There are aspects that are not able to be done remotely.

Memberships can and will be processed as they come in. When provided the new member will be sent temporary information indicating their membership by email. In addition, state/provincial directors will be notified of new members brought in. Membership cards can only be printed at the office. Therefore, new membership packets will not be mailed until we are able to be back in the office. Please accept the email confirmation as proof of membership until we can send cards to the new members. If email is not provided, an email address will be obtained by contacting the new member by phone or the state/provincial directors.

Incoming calls will continue to be answered as the office phone is forwarded to a personal phone.

IMPORTANT CAMPVENTION INFORMATION

Due to what is going on in the world a decision will have to be made by the Trustees and Campvention 2020 Committee if the Campvention will be held. They will make the decision in May. Because of this, no checks sent for registration are being deposited due to the complicated process that this would entail. If the decision is to cancel Campvention then no checks will be returned to sender due to the costs. They will be destroyed. Hopefully this will not create any problems for you and that you will understand the situation.

Thank You

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

An attempt was made to set up an account to make it possible for our members to register and pay for campvention using a credit card. For the Canadian Campvention this has proved to be impossible. Sorry. Please follow these procedures to register for the Brigden campvention. Even though initially we did not allow you to write a check to pay for campvention due to the exchange, we now have a process to allow us to take your check. Please be sure to include the registration form which can be printed from "Camping Today" or be found on the website fcrv.org then click the campvention tab. The registration fees have been converted to US funds and are as follows: Campvention registration fee is $255: golf cart registration fee is $275; and the extra family fee is $155 . FEES IN ONE CHECK. Write your check payable to 2020 FCRV Campvention and mail to Marilyn Rosenburger, 1505 Ottawa Street N, Apt #511, Kitchener, ONT N2A 0E8 All of these are US dollars. PLEASE INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE REGISTRATIONS!

FCRV INTERNATIONAL BAND UPDATE

It is that time of year when I beg, cajole and bribe all those coming to the Campvention in Brigdon, Ontario to think about being part of the FCRV International Band. Even if you haven't played your instrument in years you will have no problem with the easy music we play. Please dust off your old instrument, make sure nothing has taken residence inside and be ready for some special Campvention fun. Music for this year will be available for early practice after May 5th. If you would like advanced copies of the music PLEASE e-mail me at cdweber50@yahoo.com. I will need to know what instrument and your address so I can mail you copies. We need everyone with any ability to join us.

And now the bribe. All member recieve an FCRV International Band Member badge with year tabs, a FCRV International Band tuxedo T-shirt, free pizza party for member and family the night of our performance and the appreciation of audience. This does include the opportunity to meet new people and be a unique part of Campvention.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Write me at cdweber50@yahoo.com. See you all in Brigdon, Ontario

Craig Weber, FCRV International Band Director

FCRV TRAVALONG 2020

by Jim & Barb Turner, Travalong Directors

The 2020 FCRV Travalong will begin on June 29th in St. Ignace, Michigan, which sits on the shore of Lake Huron at the north end of the Mackinac Bridge, opposite Mackinaw City, serving as the gateway to the UP for travelers coming from the Lower Peninsula. It is one of two ports with ferry service to Mackinac Island. St. Ignace is the second-oldest city founded by Europeans in Michigan. **We will arrive at Lakeshore RV Park & Campground on Monday June 29th and leave July 6 for our other stop.** **The campground has assured us of 8 full hookup sites with a shelter with a cut-off date of May 1st!** The campground info is Lakeshore RV Park Campground, W1234 Pte LaBarbe Rd., Saint Ignace, MI 49781 - (906)643-9522 - www.lakeshoreparkcampground.com/. When calling, tell them you are with Jim Turner's group. We are on site 216. The campground offers free shuttle service to the casino and to the boats for Mackinac Island. Free WiFi. We are planning a day-trip to the Sault Ste. Marie to watch the boats go thru the Soo Locks, too. The weekly rate is $252. They want a credit card to be on file. It will not be charged till we check in. Jim is suggesting that if you even think you want to join us to make your reservation now. If you find you have to cancel, call and cancel; there will be no charge. If you don't call to cancel and just don't show up, your card will be charged for one night.

Mackinaw Island

Soo Locks

We will arrive on our other stop on the 2020 Travalong on July 6th at Pine Ridge RV Campground, 11700 Gera Road (M-83), Birch Run, MI 48415. (989) 624-9029 - www.pineridgerv.com/ Pine Ridge RV Campground is located 3.9 miles from historic Frankenmuth which is known for its Bavarian-style architecture and its German roots, 2.5 miles from the Birch Run Outlet Malls, 3.5 miles from Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, family-style dining in Frankenmuth, St. Julian Winery, Tony's Restaurant (Home of Tony's Original One Pound BLT!), and many more attractions. Like Lakeshore RV Park & Campground, we have full hookup sites. The cost is $40 per night. And, **we have a cut-off date of May 1st.** No deposit. We will be going to Campvention 2020 from Birch Run via the Blue Water Bridge at Pt. Huron, MI to-Sarnia, Ontario. Campvention is about 12 miles from Sarnia. We personally will be going to Campvention on Friday July 10 as we need to be there for the weekend. You may leave later if you so desire. You'll make those arrangements with the campground when you register.

Frankenmuth

On the FCRV Travalong, everyone makes their own reservations. It is also a 'drop-in/drop-out' format which simply means join us at any time/leave us at any time. Once you make your reservations by May 1st, please notify us that you have done so at turnerfcrv@yahoo.com and/or if you have any questions. We look forward to another Travalong prior to Campvention.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR THE FCRV ELECTION. BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY MIDNIGHT APRIL 15TH!

This is the Camping Is coloring page for ages 0-4 years old.

CAMPVENTION 2021 COVER DESIGN

The Trustees , along with much help from across both countries, will be hosting Campvention 2021.We have formed our steering committee and working teams, but one of our top priorities at this stage in planning is to have a design for our registration form and Campvention Booklet.We are soliciting ideas from the membership. As each submission is received, it will be given a number. The Trustees will judge the designs by their assigned number and not the submitter's name nor state or province.

Art work can be in color but must also look good in black and white.
The intent is to use the design as the cover page of the booklet (roughly 5"x7") and at least parts of the design for our registration form.

The prize for the chosen submission will be FCRV's new light weight jacket personalized with your name.

The following information must be contained in your submission.

1: Campvention Theme – "Wander Wisconsin"

2: Campvention number – 61st

3: Campvention date – July 11-16, 2021

4: Campvention Site – Elkhorn Wisconsin

Submissions must be received by Jack Smye by **May 1, 2020.** The winner will be notified by mid May 2020.

Submissions may be mailed -see address below, or e-mailed. Submissions may be done free hand -so long as it is reproducible- or by Power Point, Word, Publisher.

Mailing and E-mail addresses:

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Please take the time to submit your designs. You may submit more than one.

Thank You.
Jack Smye
Past President

APRIL FACTS

- The daisy, which symbolizes innocence and the sweet pea are the flowers for the month
- The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800
- Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his dictionary April 14, 1828

CONSERVATION PROJECTS REPORTS AND ESSAYS

BY Mary Lehnerd, National Conservation Director

We need Conservation Reports to be considered for Awards at Campvention.

We also have not received any Conservation Essays. We need participation.

Please contact Mary Lehnerd at 30 Bonniebrook Rd, Cabot, PA 16023 -
Phone: 724-352-2377 email: elehnerd@juno.com

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello fellow campers, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Christopher Weiss and I am the new National Membership Director for FCRV. I took over in August and am just getting my feet wet. We are looking at the ways each state/region are getting their new memberships and would like to get information from each state/province as to how they are recruiting and keeping their members. We are open to hearing any new ideas or tried and true ones as well. There seems to be a swing on the upward side for families to go camping again after a drop off and would love to see our numbers to increase. My goal is to have a regional membership director in each region and if our numbers increase have a state/provincial membership director in each state/province as well. If you are interested in becoming a regional or state/provincial membership director please email me or call me. My contact information is below. I am available to answer your questions and provide ideas to assist with your recruiting new members. I will be at the 2020 campvention in Brigden and will be happy to talk with you in person**. Remember, you are the key to our FCRV family growing.**

D.A.S.A.T.

THE CORONAVIRUS AND YOUR HEALTH

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Director

When you check the FCRV web site under the DASAT information you will find a topic area: Health and Wellness. Your health matters, as everyone prepares for the up-in coming camping season. Some are looking forward to traveling to Canada to attend the Campvention. Maybe you are just trying to get your camping units on the road for the up-in-coming camping season. In that regard, this month the focus will be about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) that everyone is hearing about in the news. It is important that everyone has the proper information and works to maintain your own health and the health of others in your community. The Coronavirus is spreading and when it will be under control no one knows at this point in time. Information about this disease is changing from day to day, thus information herein may be out dated by the time of publication. It is important that you pay close attention to accurate facts and act accordingly. In the United States the Center for Disease Control is working closely with the World Health Organization and the various health agencies from other countries around the world in an effort to resolve the spreading of this virus.

The Coronavirus is a disease that is a respiratory illness that can and is spread from person to person. From the information available, it was first identified in Wuhan, China. It is spreading, and the risk factor is increasing especially for those people who are in constant contact with others is close quarters especially if the other person has the virus. Healthcare and household workers who are in close contact with individuals who might have the disease are most likely to contract the virus. Others who are in close contact with someone who has been exposed to the virus may have spread the disease or have captured it germs. This disease is spread when droplets are spread through a sneeze, or a cough especially if individuals are within 6 feet of each or closer. Individuals in confined spaces, such as airplanes, conference rooms and other smaller rooms are more likely to obtain the

germs. If by chance you have traveled overseas, you may have been unknowingly exposed to this virus. In all of these instances the virus can be spreading by touching surfaces or objects that have the virus on it and when a person touches their mouth, nose or eyes, they may have been spreading the virus. In all cases, to protest yourself from this virus it is best to consult your health care provider for additional information and possible medical treatment if warranted.

The possible symptoms include: severe respiratory distress, a fever, cough and shortness of breath. In some instances some of the symptoms mimic those of the flu, so it is best to seek medical treatment. In some instances patients have pneumonia in one or both lungs, and other organ failures. In the worst case, it has caused death.

Preventative measures include some or all of the following to prevent respiratory illness. Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick. If at all possible avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with

unwashed hands. Wash your hand frequently, (referrer to last month's article for hand washing specifics), using soap and water for more than 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% or more of alcohol. If you are feeling sick and to stop the spreading of this virus, stay at home. If you cough or sneeze cover your mouth, and use a tissue, and dispose of it properly. In an effort to prevent spreading the germs, clean and disinfect objects you have touched.

The big question arises, is there a cure or shot that can be received for preventative measures. The response is no at the current time. The best way to prevent the spread of this virus is to self "quarantine" by staying home and away from others until the potential for spreading the germs has passed. As part of this process, seek medical care and follow their instruction carefully. Stay indoors, avoid travel, and stay away from other individual if at all possible. The likely hood of recovery is good at this point in time. A simple preventative measure that is recommended by the CDC is to avoid close contact with people who are sick and to reduce the danger of spreading the virus, wash your hands frequently.

The Coronavirus is an on-going health issue facing many countries and individuals. What will be done and how it will be done is yet to be determined. The best preventative measures are to take care of your own individual health. If you have any of the symptoms listed above, seek medical attention. Let the medical professional make an accurate determination. The Coronavirus is a major health issue affecting each and every one of us at the present time. Time will tell how this is dealt with as we all continue to monitor the situation. It is important that you keep listening to accurate information as it becomes available. Follow the instructions from the various Health Organizations and with their help this too shall pass. Wishing everyone healthy days ahead.

Source: The Center for Disease Control, COVID 19, (March 3, 2020), www.cdc.gov/COVID19

90TH BIRTHDAY

Mollie Stirewalt celebrated her 90th Birthday on March 25th. You can send greetings to stirewalt@vnet.net or 951 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Mt. Pleasant NC 28124.

MARSHALL'S CREATIONS

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PLEASE READ

Family,

Sometimes we Trustees get comments from members wondering how we make our decisions particularly ones that have an impact on members. Just like you, we became part of FCRV to enjoy camping. We are volunteers. Each of us has specific talents we have chosen to share with the national organization to keep it operating smoothly.

We have volunteer staff which includes the Trustees, Regional and State Directors, and Program Directors. Additionally, there are two people who are part time employees of the organization to manage our national office in Depew NY. Legal guidance is provided by an attorney we have on retainer who gives us very sound advice when we face situations that have a legal impact. Our attorney provides guidance and recommendations particularly when we are uncertain of how to proceed. Our attorney helped us develop our procedures and guidelines for background checks for adults working with our teens and youth. Our final guidance comes from our insurance agent who make sure we have the proper coverage for liability and our officers.

Our Trustees now meet monthly on an electronic platform and twice a year face to face. The executive board meets face to face once a year and electronically as needed. This allows leadership to be informed and responsive to happenings within the organization.

Sometimes a situation arises that falls outside the comfortable decision-making power of the leadership. This happens when a member is involved in an alleged sex offense or another illegal act. This can be something that occurred at an FCRV event or more often completely outside of FCRV. Notification of the situation is made to the President. The President then contacts our attorney for advice. While the situation is being investigated the alleged offender is asked to not attend FCRV events and is given the opportunity to leave the organization with prorated dues. Once the legal system has completed its process and a decision is rendered, we are obligated to abide by the decision. So, when a member has been deemed innocent, he/she is welcomed back into the organization with no restrictions. If a member is found guilty, he/she is asked to leave the organization and is not allowed to attend FCRV events. We hold that everyone is innocent until proved guilty. When a not guilty decision is made, it must be accepted. Not accepting the decision leads to negative legal consequences and potential legal action. Further, it is a moral obligation to accept and abide by legal decisions.

We are a family in every sense of the word. We enjoy each other and camping together. Sometimes we have conflict and must find the best way to get through it. As with families, not everything that happens is known by all members. Privacy and safety are our primary concerns. You will always be informed of issues that impact you and the rest of the membership.

Thank You for a Wildlife Grant

PARKS GROUPS REPORT MEMBERS ADAPT TO VIRUS EFFECTS

By: Ben Quiggle|Published on: Mar 20, 2020

Bobby Cornwell, executive director of both the Alabama Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (Alabama ARVC) and the Florida Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (Florida ARVC), reported that that both of the association's members are being "strong and resilient" as they adapt to the changing environment bought on by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

"Our members are incorporating all the recommended safety precautions, and most of the RV parks are doing very well at this time," he noted. "We are optimistic and hopeful that this will be a very short blip in an otherwise thriving year for our members."

Woodall's Campground Management reported that with the announcement that the U.S./Canadian border could be closing as early as today (March 20), many Canadian snowbirds have been heading north earlier than normal. Cornwell said that some parks did lose some Canadian visitors early on due to the Canadian border closing, but quite a few parks actually saw an increase in reservations since the beginning of the coronavirus.

"We have been sending out the message that RV parks are open, following all the recommended safety guidelines, and naturally provide fresh air and open spaces for social distancing," he explained. "RVing provides the ability to enjoy the safety of being in your own home on wheels."

Amir Harpaz, who sits on Florida ARVC's board of directors and operates the 474-site Cypress Trail RV Resort in Fort Myers, Fla., along with another park in Georgia, told *WCM* that while his Canadian snowbirds had left, many long-term RVers at his Florida park have decided to stay.

"Even though our clubhouse and our amenities, including our pool, are closed, many of them still feel that staying in their RVs at the park would be safer than traveling to their homes or condominiums in the north," he explained. "A lot of our long-term campers live in larger cities where they could potentially have more contact with other people in stairwells and on elevators. At our park, every site is 20 feet away from the next site.They feel like they can have more control over their environment here."

Harpaz noted that reservations have been steady as Florida enters the tail end of its season.

"We have been focused on disinfecting everything at the park and our high touch areas, including bathhouses, get disinfected hourly," he explained. "We have disposable gloves located outside the entrance of our check-in office for people to wear if they choose to do so, and we are telling everyone to wash their hands before entering the office too."

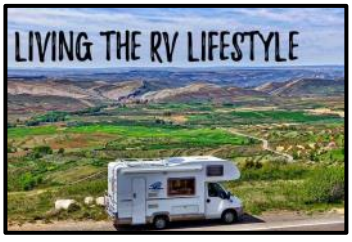
Like many owners, Harpaz is having a difficult time getting his hands on basic park supplies including toilet paper and paper towels. He noted that his stock room was full before the coronavirus hit, but that due to high usage of the supplies he has had to order more.

"We have supplies on backorder at the moment," he noted.

For the full story on WCM click here

"LIVING THE RV LIFESTYLE"

Jose and Jill Miller are full time RVers who gave up the corporate life to travel across the U.S.A to see the scenery and small towns. Their learning experiences offers good advice to RVers in their e-book, "Living The RV Lifestyle." On how to get it see www.your-rv-lifestyle.com. You'll also see the current online publication "Your RV Lifestyle" containing a helpful list of 63 RV accessories and supplies.



Living the RV Lifestyle ebook

MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY: PROTECT IMPERILED MANATEES AND THEIR HABITAT

This April 22nd marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, a worldwide movement to support environmental protection. At Save the Manatee Club, we often hear from people who love manatees and want to do their part to protect them, and Earth Day is a great time to get involved. And with the unfortunate news about record manatee mortality rates from boat strikes in 2019, manatees need your help now more than ever. While the average person is not able to rescue a manatee or enforce habitat protection, there are plenty of ways one can get involved. Whether you see manatees in your backyard or live thousands of miles away, here are several actions you can take to be a voice for the manatees, on Earth Day and every day.

Help Manatees From Home: Join Save the Manatee Club's grassroots effort to inform policymakers about issues facing manatees. Contact Florida's Governor and your U.S. Senators and Representatives to tell them you support strong manatee protection measures. The Save the Manatee Club team advocates for these measures, and takes legal action when appropriate, but we need your help. Join our Email Action Network at **savethemanatee.org/signup** to be notified of manatee issues, and get more ideas on ways you can help at **savethemanatee.org/moreways**. While you're there, don't forget to follow Save the Manatee Club on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram** to share manatee news with your network.

Share Free Resources: To increase public awareness and education about manatees, Save the Manatee Club offers several free resources. Boaters and those who live on the water can order awareness signs, boat decals, and waterproof manatee protection tip cards. Teachers can request education guides, coloring and activity books, and posters. And those who can donate space in publications or on their website can request custom-sized manatee public service ads to help spread the word. Contact **education@savethemanatee.org** for more information.

Volunteer: Do you love talking to people about your favorite aquatic mammal? Then you would make a welcome addition to the Save the Manatee Club volunteer team. Help Save the Manatee Club's outreach efforts by staffing education tables at festivals or giving presentations about manatees. You can also join the Manatee Sighting Network to provide information to researchers, participate in cleanup efforts, or join the Manatee Observer Program to educate and prevent manatee harassment. Live far away from manatee habitat? You can still join the team. Visit **savethemanatee.org/volunteer** for more information.

Adopt-A-Manatee®: Did you know you could adopt a real, living manatee and help protect manatees and their habitat? Save the Manatee Club's Adopt-A-Manatee® program features dozens of real manatees around Florida with unique families and histories. Choose from manatee rescues, rehabilitation, and releases. Go to **savethemanatee.org/adopt** for more information manatees like Howie, a curious winter visitor to Blue Spring State Park, or Ariel, a rescued manatee that resides at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Proceeds from Adopt-A-Manatee® support Save the Manatee's conservation efforts, including sponsoring.

Save the Manatee Club was founded in 1981 by singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett and former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham and to protect manatees and their aquatic habitat. For more information about manatees and the Club's efforts, go to **savethemanatee.org**. You can also call **1-800-432-JOIN (5646)**, or write 500 N. Maitland Ave., Suite 210, Maitland, FL 32751.

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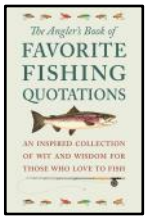

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NEWMAR TARGETS SUPER 'C' MARKET WITH TWO MODELS

By: RVBusiness|Published on: Mar 9, 2020

This year is shaping up to be a particularly good year for Newmar Corp. and its customers. *Mobile RVing* reported that the company made a foray into the Super Class C market and is moving forward with construction on an integrated design center at its campus in Nappanee, Ind.

Super Star Model

Newmar jumped into the Super Class C market last year with the Super Star model, a move prompted from dealers' suggestions. The **Super Star** and the **Supreme Aire** are the two models that make up the Newmar Super Class C line.

Super Aire Model

"Newmar began this endeavor at the suggestion of two of its largest dealers, both of whom have been selling other Super C brands for many years," said John Sammut, Newmar's VP of sales and marketing. "They understood this customer and this segment of the market and felt that a super C product with Newmar's quality, designs and innovation would be a perfect fit."

The Super Class C offers expanded engine capacity, provided by a heavy-duty diesel engine. Similar to a Class A in terms of livable space and amenities, it offers more power than that which is found in Class C lines.

Once determining that the suggestion to create an interpretation of the Super Class C was a viable idea, Newmar proceeded to research the marketplace and competitors' offerings. This included discussions with the dealers experienced in selling competitors' Super Class C models to determine the features, consumer needs and wants from this type of RV.

"We also asked these two dealers which specific features in the current Super C brands they sold were desirable, and what were these Super C manufacturers

not providing to this market that would be desirable to their customers and make Newmar Super C brands different then what was available now," Sammut explained.

From information gathered on surveys and competitive brand information, Newmar took steps to determine the size of the Super C Class marketplace and what percentage of overall RV users were moving to Super Class C lines.

"Many Super C customers are RVers that have the need for more towing capacity than is offered by products in other segments of the RV market," Sammut relayed.

For the full story click here

LIVING VEHICLE CUSTOMIZED TRAILERS TARGET FULL-TIMERS

By: RVBusiness|Published on: Feb 3, 2020

Living Vehicle has been around for two years and was formed out of a decade of design for small spaces by owners/husband and wife team, Matthew and Joanna Hoffman. *Mobile RVing r*eported that the company is based out of Santa Barbara, Calif., while manufacturing their trailers in Iowa.

"We are architects by trade and have been doing mobile space renovations for a decade," explained Matthew Hoffman. "Living Vehicle is our segue into the RV realm."

In doing design and experiences with living in small spaces, Hoffman found that there was a need for a camper that is truly meant for the full-timer. "Most everything we found was for recreational use and short-term," Hoffman said, "So we decided to design a place for full-time living and it evolved into a luxury brand that pushes how far you can travel with as little reliance on the grid as possible."

To meet that need, Living Vehicle creates travel trailers that abound with choice. From a design standpoint, this means that the interior is customizable with many different options in order to optimize the space for the specific needs of the client. From a traveling standpoint, it means creating a trailer that is four season, off-grid, and built to last.

The 2020 model of Living Vehicle is 28 feet long and weighs 9,500 pounds dry and includes a self-supporting deck that can support 1,500 pounds. The unit sleeps four in the base model, with an optional upgrade to six with an automatic drop-down bed for two guests above the dining room table. Windows, skylights, and a sliding glass door make the living space full of natural light and integrated with the outdoors.

The bathroom has a rainfall shower and skylight and looks more like a shower in a spa than in a camper. Solar panels come standard on the Living Vehicle, however there are options to up the amount of solar panels. The roof is a single sheet of aluminum, which helps avoid potential water infiltration by cutting out extra seams. The interior is sleek, comfortable, and meant for full-time living. The base costs about $200,000 and options can push that price to about $500,000.

Some of the options that clients can have are geared towards specific needs of clients. For example, there is the Chef's Kitchen Option, which includes a marine grade oven, counter-top grill and wine cooler.

For the full story click here.

MARATHON COACH FIRST TO USE NEW PREVOST X3 CHASSIS

By: RVBusiness|Published on: Feb 14, 2020

Marathon Coach is the first industry manufacturer to feature Prevost's new X3 chassis. Debuting at the Prevost Motorhome Expo in West Palm Beach, Fla., Marathon Show Coach #1317 features increased structure rigidity and safety, offers a more spacious feel of the coach interior with updated side windows and offers an 8% to 10% boost in fuel efficiency.

"I love the new front end," said Marathon Engineering Manager Jay Graham in a press release. "It is a great update to the X chassis and makes the coach look more current and contemporary."

Although the body is now more aerodynamically advanced, crucial features such as low overall exterior measurements and increased interior height remain intact and top in the industry.

"The additional 2 1/2 inches of interior height combined with the less rounded upper corners of the previous model allowed us to raise the ceiling another half an inch. So, compared to previous X3s, the finished ceiling is three inches higher, including the rainfall shower," said Graham.

Opening up the salon and galley areas enhanced the contemporary, open feel, also allowing wider window views. A mid-ship art door hides the guest half bath, extending the look of the salon and galley while enhancing the decor. The redesigned rear closet area provides more storage and hanging space, while also featuring a table top for folding laundry or organizing belongings. The wardrobe's three-panel exposed pocket door glides open to the standard 24 inches, but can also hinge to increase the opening to 36 inches, making laundry and stored items easily accessible.

Body adjustments include modernized front and rear designs, improved roof shape, aerodynamic side windows with an increased view framework, tilted windshield and new flush windshield gaskets — all resulting in enhanced airflow, which decreases highway fuel usage as much as 10%. With the use of more stainless steel components, increasing rigidity, along with new front and rear roll bars, the Prevost X3-45 chassis also safer than previous chassis. Headlamp maintenance is also less complicated because the headlamps are easily accessible, no longer integrated into the bumper.

Additional adjustments include side windows, providing an enhanced view and the window release mechanism also improves the ease of emergency escapes. With narrower posts and the windshield now slanted inward and the driver's front and side views are also improved, reducing blind spots. Other features include a refined cockpit area and new scissor-type sunshade and new gutter system (catching dirty water cast aside from the driver-side windshield wiper).

Built on the bath-and-a-half floorplan with rear walk-in wardrobe, Marathon Show Coach #1317 features a 360-degree camera system, slideroom roof camera system, fireplace in the salon end table, multiple 55-inch televisions, rainfall shower, standard king bed and Marathon's patented TechLink and Freedom Plus systems.

"It's always exciting to see the continued evolution of the X platform from Prevost combined with our design prowess to make the world's greatest, and most innovative, bus conversion," said Marathon Chief Operating Officer Steve Irvin.

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DUO FORM IS RELAUNCHING 'DUO PURE' PLASTIC CLEANER

By: RVBusiness | Published on: Mar 14, 2020

Duo Form announced the relaunch of its Duo Pure RV kitchen and bath plastic cleaner.

According to a press release, the product is now available on Amazon and direct from Duo Form. DUO's cleaning products are specially formulated to safely clean all Duo bath and kitchen RV components, and have become popular cleaning products in the RV aftermarket.

"We are excited to offer a more-natural, safe and effective cleaner for our customers," explained Shelly Ditmer, vice president of sales, "The improved formula is made without artificial ingredients and synthetic chemicals. It's crystal clear, and combines plant-derived ingredients with essential oils to keep your RV kitchen and bath components clean and fresh."

With the relaunch Duo is also introducing biodegradable cleaning wipes. The wipes are 5 inches by eight inches and are packed in a canister that holds 60 wipes. The cleaner wipes offer the same new formula, clean ingredients and features the all-natural eucalyptus scent.

For a limited time, Duo is offering special stock-up savings on the new cleaning products. Presale prices will be honored until the end of March, and orders will begin delivering March 30. These prices are only valid on the Duo Form website, http://bit.ly/ShopDuoForm.

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Farewells

Charlotte Fowler, 86, 1-27-20, Green Valley, Arizona, formerly Ohio And Florida, longtime active member

Elizabeth Merton 3-6-19, Courtright, Ontario, wife of Scope publisher,Harold Merton, FCRV member.

Shierrey 'Gerry' Matney, 79, 3-10-20, Arkansas City, Kansas.Past District Director and State Conservation Director. LifeTime Member.

Eleanor Schmook, 3-26-20, Cabot, PA. Moraine Blazing Stars Chapter

SONYA SMYE, WIFE OF PAST PRESIDENT

Sonya Louise Smye, 79 of Oakville, Ontario passed away March 9, 2020 the Waterford LTC facility. She was the beloved wife and best friend of Past FCRV President, Jack Smye for 55 years. Sonya was

a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She applied that nursing and first aid skill at many FCRV Campventions and rallies over the years. As most NCHA / FCRV spouses, she was a helpmate to her husband who accepted positions of leadership by helping organize two state and three provincial chapters.

The Smyes were members of four chapters - Load Luggers (ON), Travellin' Turtles and Quackers, (IN) and YARS. The coffee pot was always on at Jack and Sonya's campsite. They received a National Citation for service and Jack went on to co- chair and chair several Campventions and Retiree Rallies. He was a Trustee for a total for 4 years before being elected FCRV President from 2012 – 2014. The Smyes put a lot of miles on their camping vehicles and made many friends over the years. Sauble Beach was a favorite camping spot. Sonya was dedicated to her family and grandchildren and her faith. She also enjoyed reading, her cat, and Red Hat events. Barb Turner said, "She was a real Red Hatter and was a great resource. She pinned the Red Hat luncheon tickets to her hat and had quite a collection." She was also an accomplished seamstress and won prizes for her needlework. She shared her Handicraft skills including cake decorating and chocolates molding, raising money for church, school, and other charitable organizations. She also shared her latent of playing English hand bells and founded a handbell choir at St. Simon's Church in Oakville.

In 1964, Sonya graduated from Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a Registered Nurse for 39 years starting at Kitchener then dedicated 21 years working on the maternity ward of Henderson Hospital delighting in the births of thousands of babies. When the Smyes relocated to Indiana where Jack had a 43 year career with the Otis Elevator Company, Sonya finished her nursing career as a licensed Public Health nurse. She was particularly that at the age of 58 she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Waterloo. She was also proud of her Advocate work with the Mountain Fund to help Boat People, sponsoring many families displaced by the war in Vietnam come to Canada.

Sonya Smye is survived by her husband of 55 years, children, Stephen (Stacey) and Lynne Rosenberger (Tim), and three grandchildren, Natalie, Aithne, and Claire. Condolences may be sent to the family at slsmye@sympatico.ca or Jack Smye, 1167 Masson CT., Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6H 2B8.

ROBERT CARL YOST, JR. (BOBBY)

Robert Carl Yost, Jr. (Bobby) aged 84 earned his wings on Sunday, March 22, 2020 surrounded by family and friends at his home in Rociada, New Mexico. Bobby was born to Edna and Robert C. Yost, Sr. on September 12, 1935 in Philadelphia.

He was a licensed master electrician by trade. Bobby opened J and M electric with his friend Gary Dalrymple from 1967-1984. He became a member of the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) in

1970. He later worked for his son Robby Yost at AAA Electrical until 1997 when he and Charla (his wife) opened CB Electric. In 2013 Bobby and Charla moved to Rociada, New Mexico where he worked a few more years before retiring.

They enjoyed traveling and were members of the FCRV campers association for many years. Bobby and Charla shared the duties of Texas State Director for several years and also Regional Directors for South Central West before retiring to New Mexico. They also chaired the 2003 Campvention in Hutchinson, KS and 2009 Campvention in Sedalia, MO.

Bobby leaves behind his wife of 54 years Charla Yost, son Robert R.Yost and companion Durenda Meints of Springtown, daughters Pamela Yost Weathers of Justin and Paula Yost Tackel of Paradise. Grandchildren Debbie Swan-Jason Swan, Kristina Yost, Dee Yost-RJ Wilson, Coltyn Yost, Haley Varner-Colby Stuart, Kevin Weathers-Morgan Weathers, Chris Weathers-Jess Weathers and 10 grandchildren along with several nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Bobby is preceded in death by his daughter Kimberly Yost Varner and sister Wahnita Lewis. Bobby will be missed by all who knew him. He was as sincere as he was funny and always left you with a smile on your face.

You may contact Charla at charlayost@aol.com or P.O. Box 947 Rociada, NM 87742

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April 17 – 19, 2020 - KS District 2 Spring Campout, Winfield, KS - **CANCELLED**

MAY

May 1-3, 2020 - Kansas Campers Association Spring Campout, CANCELLED

May 1-3, 2020 – Blue Water Mini Mixer – CANCELLED

May 15 - 18, 2020 Spring OPA Campout—CANCELLED

JUNE

June 8 - 12, 45th FCRV Ontario Retirees Spring Rally
Norwich Community Centre, 53 Stover St S, Norwich, ON,
Registration Form and additional details:
https://opa-fcrv.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Retirees-2020-final.pdf

June 19-20, 2020 – South Central West Regional Campout—CANCELLED

JULY

July 13 - 17, 2020 - Campvention 2020
Bigden Fairgrounds, Brigden, Ontario

AUGUST

August 5 – 9, 2020 -2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout
Shipshewana Campground North, Shipshewana, Indiana for more information, please contact dencin5356@embarqmail.com or angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com You will need to contact the campground and make your own reservation let them know you are with FCRV. Shipshewana North Park Amish Log Cabin Lodging & Campground, 5970 North State Road 5, Shipshewana IN, 46565, Ph: (260) 768-7770. Once you have your site number please email it to: comecampwithus@hotmail.com

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OCTOBER

October 16-18 - Spooky Wooky Campout
Tavistock Fairgrounds, 1 Adam Street , Tavistock, ON
Registration Form and additional details:
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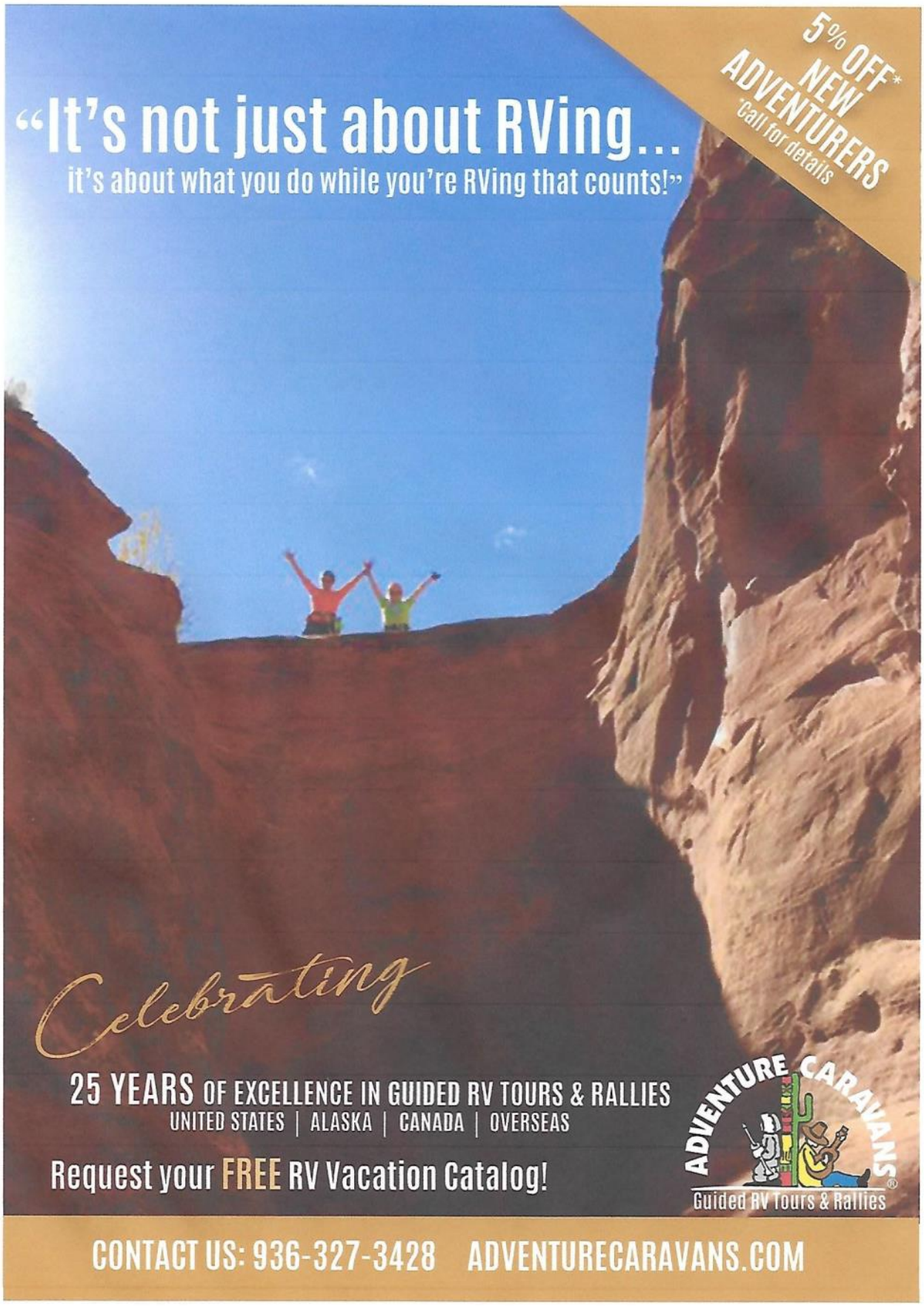
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