

# CAMPING TODAY®



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# From the Trustee - Matt Mantia



Hello everyone,

We all know FCRV has lost members because they have just stopped camping and also due to the Pandemic, we will miss them.

All of us need to take part in recruiting new members. Some of us think "It's not my job" or it's too hard to get people to join, and yes, it is; but as members of FCRV we are not quitters, we always find a way to get something done. Over the last few months the national Membership Director, Chris Weiss and myself started thinking about how to get people to join. After coming up with an idea, we tried it and at first it failed, until we tried a different approach then it started work. And we started getting some new members. But it takes more than two of us working on it.

So we also added an update to the Ambassador Club for the members still working on getting the next pin. This update should make it easier to get to the next level. After that we looked at the National awards given out at Campvention for membership building. The update is awarding more members who are working to increase the membership. A meeting was held with the Regional Directors where it was explained to them how the new recognition concept works, and we have given them printed information about it. You will find copies of the 3 letters in the back of Camping Today; please read them over and try your hand at building members in your chapter. If everyone could just bring in 2 new members, or even a group that camps independently, just think of the new fun we all could have. In the coming weeks you will find all information on the FCRV site, under the Members area called the New Member incentive.



## CHANGE FOR NEW MEMBERS

At the last trustee meeting, we talked about membership and trying something new. For some time now we have tried building membership by offering to new members the cadet program. It had work well at that time but now, it looks as if has fallen to the way side.

A discussion was held about a change, but what could work? We need to help keep FCRV up with the times and moving forward. The idea was suggested, after you explained FCRV to potential new member, you could offer them the New Member Incentive.

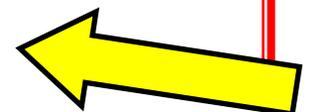
What is the New Member Incentive? Well in lieu of signing them up for one year at (\$35.00 US Dollars - \$45.00 CA Dollars). Sign them up for two years at \$52.50 US dollars- \$67.00 CA dollars. They pay for 18 months, and FCRV will give you 6 months free. This rate is less than some other Camping Clubs charge for 1 year, and you're getting 2 year. Starting 1/1/2021

As we know most new members have a hard time making the campouts the first year. Now you have them for two years, to help them explore FCRV, and enjoy all their new friends, campouts and activities. O yes, it works. Don't believe us? Give it a try! What do you have to lose? You just might gain some new friends.

See you at the Campfire, with your new friends.

**Please be advised that the "gift Card" scam is making the rounds again, this time under the name of our national President Gerry Pfirsch. The SCAM asks you to purchase gift cards at his request and he will reimburse you. The cards are allegedly then sent to Veterans and other needy groups. THIS IS A SCAM!!! Please do not buy any gift cards, or follow any of the instructions in any message you may receive about purchasing gift cards at his request. There will be NO reimbursement coming from Gerry or from FCRV.**

**Pat Wittmeyer**, Office Manager Family Campers & RVers





Hello Everyone,

The Trustees have recently approved an update to the Ambassador club. Starting 1/1/2021 anyone who signs up a new commercial member like a RV Dealer, RV Campground, Resort or something in the camping field, that is a new commercial member will now be counted as new member, in your total for the next level.

In the up-and-coming weeks, all the information about cost and forms will be listed on the fcrv.org website under the commercial tab. We have been making the information and forms convenient and accessible to everyone, with the hope that this will assist you in reaching your next level in the ambassador club,

Remember your name must be listed on the "**Form**"

Good luck everyone.

The Trustees have approved a change in the membership growth area. In the past the State/Providence that had the highest number of new members for the fiscal year, received a Certificate in recognition for the states/providence's hard work.

Starting 1/1/2021 with the new change everyone that helped and worked in recruiting new members at any RV Show, RV Dealer sales event or a Campout, where a Chapter as a group, did a membership drive, that had recruited the highest number of new members, for that state/providence, in that fiscal year will be issued a Certificate at Campvention . A form will be placed on the fcrv.org website site. The person or persons that organized the membership growth event, will be responsible for completing and ensuring that who helped, worked the event have all the names listed.

Remember the "**Form**". Form may be found at the end of the magazine.

Good luck everyone

Matt Mantia

Vice President

Planning & Development.



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY

MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER

1150 NORTH NEWSOM STREET

MINEOLA, TEXAS 75773

# FCRV NATIONAL RETIREE DIRECTORS INFO

by Ronald & Reba Ray

To All Retirees and more,

The Rally:

2021 FCRV Retiree Rally

Mineola Civic Center Mineola, Texas

March 23-28, 2021

Early days will be March 19-22, 2021

With great optimism, with the Covid-19 vaccine, we are in hopes of having the 2021 Retiree Rally in Mineola, Texas. Our plans are going ahead forward in order to have this rally. So please make plans on being there.

By now you should have had an e-mail for a response if you plan to attend. Please respond to this e-mail by February 15<sup>th</sup> or as soon as possible. We need to know how many will be attending this rally in order to know if we will have the numbers up there to make this rally happen. If you did not receive this e-mail and you want to sign up for the rally, you can e-mail me at [reba256@yahoo.com](mailto:reba256@yahoo.com). Please send me your name, address, phone number and email address. For the ones I receive an e-mail from, you will pay at the gate as a pre-registered guest, which is a \$10 discount.

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We are looking for a historian for the FCRV Retirees. If you are interested or know someone is willing to take on the job, then please let me know. Their biggest job would be to keep scrapbooks up-to-date. Pat Beasley is having a lot of health problems and has put in to give it up.

If your state or province would like to run a king and queen for the 2021 Retiree Rally, please get in touch with Ron & Jo Hersom. We did not have one for 2020, so let's make this a big year for our king and queen.

Remember to bring door prizes, food for the food drive, and lots of waves to all your friends, and by all means plan to wear masks, especially inside building. We will have hand sanitizers and wipes so we can all stay safe.

Hope to see everyone in Mineola!



## FCRV INTERNATIONAL KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES



We are hoping for an actual Retiree Rally at Mineola, TX this year. Think positively. We need to plan as if it will happen. That being said, couples who are King & Queen of their state or province should consider now if they would like to compete for International King & Queen at the Retiree Rally in March 2021.

First, you don't need to be selected by a separate retiree chapter – it can be just your province or state or-

ganization that selects you.

Next, contact us for an application form and information about conducting your campaign. Prepare a write-up about yourselves that we can use to introduce you to the attendees at the Rally. We need all applications by the end of January.

Next, prepare a bio (300 words or less) to publish in Camping Today, (a picture to DeWayne Johnston would be good). [D\\_johnston01@outlook.com](mailto:D_johnston01@outlook.com) (need an underline sign “\_” between D and j) . You can send it any time.

Then decide on campaign handouts & plan your hospitality at the Rally.

You get to meet many new people and make new friends. Other friends will help you prepare for your Hospitality (yum-yum).

The couple selected as K & Q are expected to represent FCRV for the year and attend the next Retiree Rally to pass on the crowns to the next K & Q.

Enjoy your selves, have fun, and be part of the FCRV Retiree Rally. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Ronald & Jo Hersom, King & Queen Coordinators  
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641-750-2774 (cell)  
[rj50158@aol.com](mailto:rj50158@aol.com)

winter---400 E 18<sup>th</sup> St. Site 9  
Weslaco, TA 78596



## FCRV RETIREE RALLY VARIETY SHOW

by George Walters



As always, we are looking forward to new talent. If you can sing, play an instrument, tell a funny (clean!) story, please consider sharing our talent with your fellow campers

So let's get busy, find a new song, dust off that instrument, and join us for a night of fun! If you can, bring a cd for your background vocals or to play your instrument to a track. Lawrence Phillips does a great job putting the sound together, so don't forget to get your CD ready! Sign up at the registration area!



## FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED

March is just around the corner. It's time to consider preparing for the annual Retirees Flea Market. Bring crafts you have created or white elephant items you have on hand. Join us with your items to sell or come look around for some great buys. Vendor spaces are free!





## RETIREE CHOIR

by Kip Cushing, Retiree Rally Choir Director



It is that time again to remind all those interested to sign up for the choir at the Retiree Rally. I hope to make it a joyous and uplifting musical experience. If you are a piano player and would like to get involved, be sure you let me know.

I would also like to take the choir members to a new level and become Minstrels for the talent show. Some of you may be familiar with the “New Christy Minstrels” or the old “Hootenanny Show” where the groups showcased many popular Folk music songs. If we could find us a guitar player or two and maybe a banjo player, not to mention a fiddle player, we could light up that stage with more fun music. Because of the many activities at the rally, I’m not sure when we can practice; so if you are interested in this Folk music type of singing, try to let me know. I have some music and could try and get some to you beforehand.

I’m not sure how many songs George will let us sing, but if we get him involved, maybe we could get the stage longer? Eh? And then if we get the audience to help us sing the chorus, and well, if we get them clapping to keep the beat, who knows what can happen! I think we could stir up some real good feelings and memories.

If you just want to get in on the Folk music group, I better have a signup sheet for that as well. If you have favorite folk songs that you’d like to suggest we sing, get them to me as well. A Pete Seeger song “Get Up and Go” or Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind” comes to mind, there are many, many more. I’ll love to hear from you if this sounds like an interesting endeavor. You can contact me at [kcushing@wi.rr.com](mailto:kcushing@wi.rr.com).

Should the FCRV Minstrels singing talent go over good, (with rousing applauses) and we have some positive response and participation, we could continue on and help with entertainment at Campvention” (seeing Kip is in charge of that) .



## FOOD BANK & LAP ROBES

by Ashley & Gloria Taylor, Food Bank/Lap robes Chairs



We are coming to you asking for aid and support of the local food bank in Mineola, Texas in March, 2021. It would help them to be able to purchase more food with cash, but we will take all gifts. Our FCRV family has always had an open heart to give to the area where we enjoy your rallies.

Are you sewing, knitting, or crocheting? We are also asking for lap robes. We’ve been sharing lap robes with local nursing home/hospitals for several years at the Retiree Rally. We look forward to receiving many this year in Mineola. Your efforts are so appreciated.

## FROM THE CRAFTY LADIES....

Judy Elenburg, Dora Lewis, Sandi Wingert, and Shari Weber are looking forward to crafting with you in Mineola, Texas. We have planned three crafts for you. You are welcome to do them all or whichever ones strike your fancy. We are going to feature one craft each month until March. So let’s get our craft on!

## Craft – Tile Trivet – By Sandi Wingert

This craft is making a glass tile trivet all materials needed will be supplied and available for your use. The craft will cost \$6.00 for the materials needed to make your trivet. It will take about one hour to complete and may require additional cleaning of the tile surface after the grout has set overnight. This can easily be done with a damp paper towel, or cloth.

- We will provide a frame and back board for the tiles. (Left side on picture)
- You will select glass tiles and create your own personal design. (Center of picture)
- Grout the backboard and set tiles per your design.
- Grout between tiles and as grout sets clean excess grout from tile surface. (Finished trivet on right side of picture)



## GAMES IN MINEOLA

by Craig & Shari Weber, Gamers Chairs



We are planning our usual games for the rally in Mineola. In addition to planning the games, we are planning safety protocols to make playing games as safe as they are fun. We will see what Covid requirements are in March, but masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer may be needed. Please bring your own mask, protective gloves, and hand sanitizer to help keep yourself and your friends safe. If you are willing to lead one of the games during the rally, please email [fcrvnd@yahoo.com](mailto:fcrvnd@yahoo.com) with the game you would like to lead. Cornhole is a game that many enjoy. The retirees do not have boards, so we ask that you bring boards as we will need several. There will be a variety of competitive games and the always fun frog races. Bring a fun attitude and competitive spirit to join us throughout the week.



## 61<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's

"WANDER WISCONSIN"

Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.

Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Campvention Days:** July 11-16, 2021 fees cover  
(6 nights)



# WANDER WISCONSON

by Shari Weber, Wander Wisconsin Chairperson

The Wander Wisconsin team has provided a lot of information about our upcoming campvention for this issue of "Camping Today". Please be sure to look at those articles. You will find new things planned, and some things being planned a little differently. It is looking promising that we should be able to hold campvention. The next thing to hope for is opening of the Canadian/US boarder for non-essential travel (although I think coming to campvention is essential! ☐) We continue to watch the vaccine rollout in both countries.

One of the new things for campvention this year is a Mystery Play feature FCRV members. This will be Thursday afternoon and will include an ice cream treat. This is for everyone at campvention and is being planned as a different time and way to enjoy entertainment. The Great Lakes Region is taking the lead on this. If you have an interest in performing in the play, please contact Connie Black 217.885.1347 or Linda English 248.797.5030.

One of the things we do at campvention is give back to the community we are in by donating to the community food pantry. I am looking for someone to head up this effort in Elkhorn. The communities are always very appreciative of our efforts.

The discounted registration deadline has passed. Thank you to everyone who has already registered. Planning is much easier when we know in advance who is coming. The next deadline is to register in time to be parked with your state or province at campvention. The team decided to park hobo by state/province for those registering before June 1<sup>st</sup> (May 15<sup>th</sup> for Canadians). We are all looking forward to seeing our camping family soon. We continue to plan for it in Elkhorn Wisconsin in July!



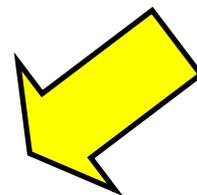
## CAMPVENTION 2021 PARKING INFO

The 2021 FCRV Campvention plans are under way. The campvention is being held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Watch for your registration in Camping Today. **This year's parking for the campvention will be hobo-by-state. If you would like to camp with your state/province, your registration must be post marked no later than June 1st. Canadian registration must be postmarked by May 15, 2021.** Hope to see everyone in July.



## GOLF CARTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PLEASE READ!**



**Change in policy:**

In the past the Campvention Team has sub-rented golf carts for use during Campvention. Starting with the 2021 Campvention, FCRV will no longer be the middle person for golf cart rentals. Members wishing to rent a golf cart may contact the company and make their own arrangements. FCRV will identify the company along with contact information.

Brown's Service Wisconsin Golf, Inc.  
459 Madison Street  
Walworth, WI 53184  
Phone 262-394-5505  
[brownswisgolf@gmail.com](mailto:brownswisgolf@gmail.com)



If you wish, you may have your golf cart delivered to the grounds the same time the carts that FCRV requests are to be delivered. Any issues you have with the cart, YOU will deal with the golf cart rental company yourself.

## CAMPVENTION 2021 PROGRAM BOOK INFO



Here's another article as we prepare to put on the 2021 Campvention at Elkhorn, WI. Sue Carlsen and Beth Standiford are putting together the Program Book and are looking for your input.

Is there someone in the organization for whom you'd like to show support? Your favorite Teen King or Teen Queen candidate? Is there someone you'd like to thank for a job well done? Perhaps someone is having a major milestone event in their lives and you'd like it to receive some special recognition (birthday, anniversaries, etc.) Or perhaps you'd like to remember one of our own who has passed and is missed so very much at campvention. Well you can do any or all of these things in the Program Book! Here's an example of what's possible:

Best wishes to our Teen Representative (THEIR NAME HERE).

You make our state proud!

Thank you, (person/group) for all the hard work you have done to put on such a great event.

John Doe – 1953-2019 – Campvention isn't the same without you

\$2.50 gets you two lines of print or \$5.00 gets you a business card sized box with your sentiment.

Send your check, payable to NCHA and send the wording you want on a separate piece of paper to

Beth Standiford, Recording Secretary  
7 Oakrail Drive  
St. Peters, MO 63376

## CAMPVENTION TEEN ROYALTY INFO



Hello!

As Campvention planning is fully in swing, I wanted to let you all know of the amazing things that are being planned for teens at nationals this year thanks to our wonderful chairman and co-chairman. I have also included the International Teen Royalty Registration form. I encourage all State Directors and Teen Directors to reach out to the teens in your state/province and encourage them to run in this pageant and participate in teen activities at Campvention. As a reminder, we are extending the age limit for ALL teen activities this year due to not having Campvention in 2020! I know from my experience as a teen, the friendships and memories you create will last a lifetime. We hope to see many of our teens join us this year at nationals and bring a friend along to experience all the fun that is planned! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out by phone or email!

Thanks,  
Emily and Anne Kurburski, National Teen Directors, [emilykurburski@gmail.com](mailto:emilykurburski@gmail.com), (231) 526-7102

**Note: Registration form will be attached at end of magazine.**

# CAMPVENTION 2021 SEMINARS

by Ray Suennen, Seminars Chair



If you or you know of someone who would like to be a seminar presenter during the 2021 FCRV Campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin from July 12 – 16, 2021, please contact Ray Suennen at [raysuennen@yahoo.com](mailto:raysuennen@yahoo.com) or mobile phone 920-606-0289.

Ray will be presenting one seminar on cast iron cooking and another on seasoning and salvaging cast iron cookware, and discussing vintage cast iron cookware. Bring your cast iron pans for cleaning ideas and for show and tell.



## VOLUNTEER REQUEST

by Pat Wittmeyer, Campvention 2021 Registration Chair

As we move forward to Campvention 2021 the Teams are all assembling personnel to assist with various jobs in Wisconsin. Registration is no exception. Several people will be needed to assist campers at the gate with getting their site information, confirming personal information, and processing our attendees in a prompt and friendly fashion. Would you like to help? If so, please contact the National office (yours truly is overseeing registration for 2021!) by email at [FCRVNAT@VERIZON.NET](mailto:FCRVNAT@VERIZON.NET) and let me know. Thanks so much!

## FIRST-TIMERS INFO

by Donna and Delbert Powell, Matt and Marla Mantia



Hello from the First-Timer Chairpersons: Delbert and Donna, along with co-chairs, Matt and Marla Mantia, are planning to welcome you to the Wander Wisconsin Campvention in July 11-16, 2020. There will be a sign-in booth at registration; please stop by. We are busy putting together a welcoming/get-acquainted meeting for all to meet us, some of our National Officers, maybe even some of our Trustees. We welcome you to this year's Campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.



## FOUR GUYZ IN DINNER JACKETS NOW IN TECHNICOLOR

Kip Cushing, Campvention 2021 Entertainment Chair, is announcing the Monday night entertainment at Campvention 2021.....

Experience the sounds and sights of the Golden Age of Entertainment as stirring vocal harmony, comedy and captivating choreography combine to produce Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets "Now in Technicolor." Whether you are a fan of classic doo-wop, pop, rock or bubble-gum, these Guyz will please the lover of time-honored Americana that spans the genres of the 50's through the 70's. The Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets succeeds in thrilling audiences with their high energy and dynamic shtick.

The newest production celebrates the transforming era of music entertainment that was delivered to living rooms across America through the iconic and enthralling invention - the television set! Just as this wooden box thrilled generations of viewers, relive your childhood and adolescent years through the music and fads that have become legend. Take a tour through boomer life as this fabulous foursome charm audiences with delightful snapshots of the most vibrant period in entertainment history! This production will hold you, thrill you and delight you as your feet and heart are carried away by Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets “Now in Technicolor.”

This is exciting news for Campvention! Check out their website - [www.fourguyzindinnerjackets.com](http://www.fourguyzindinnerjackets.com). You will note that the group has our FCRV Campvention on their schedule for July 12<sup>th</sup> in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

## CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN

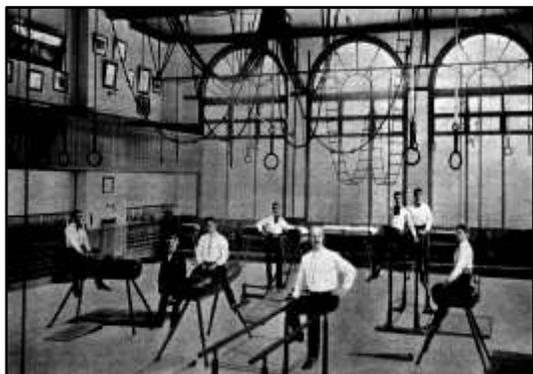
by Barb Turner, Campvention 2021 Publicity Chair

‘Wander Wisconsin’, the 2021 FCRV Campvention, offers many sites to visit within an hour or so of the campvention site.

Cedarburg, located about 70 miles from Elkhorn, is one of those sites. Like so many cities and town in early Wisconsin, Cedarburg began as a mill town with the arrival of German immigrants in the 1840s. Water-powered gristmills and woolen mills were built along Cedar Creek. As a community grew around the mills, Cedarburg was formed. As noted in research, the city was distinctly German into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with several Lutheran churches, a brewery, a European-style spa resort called Hilgen Spring Park, and many German cultural associations, including two Turner societies.

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Hilgen Spring Park, spa resort, opened in 1852, covering 74 acres of which about 30 acres were forested. The resort was a project of Frederick Hilgen, an early founder of the city. (Mr. Hilgen and William Schroeder built a wooden gristmill on Cedar Creek. After 11 years of operation, the wooden structure was replaced with the five-story stone Cedarburg Mill.) The resort sported two hotels, a bandstand, a spring & bathhouse, along with artistic flower beds and gravel walks. ‘By the 18180’s, it was visited by people from Chicago, St. Louis, and New Orleans each summer.



Turner societies? What were they? ‘Turners were members of German-American gymnastics clubs called Turnverein. They promoted German culture, physical culture, liberal politics, and supported the Union war effort during the American Civil War. Turners were the leading sponsors of gymnastics as an American sport and the field of academic study.’

During early days at Campvention 2021 in Elkhorn, WI, a day-trip to Cedarburg might be placed on your ‘to-visit’ list. The Cedarburg Visitors Center within the Cedarburg History Museum (N58 W6194 Columbia



Road) would be the suggested start of your visit. Learn about the history of Cedarburg and ask for suggestions of places to visit, especially local breweries and eateries. Unique shops, museums, breweries, wineries, and restaurants await you in Cedarburg when you ‘Wander Wisconsin’.

Info and photos from:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedarburg,\\_Wisconsin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cedarburg,_Wisconsin)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turners>

<http://www.cedarburg.org/visitor-center>

<http://www.cedarburg.org/>



## MENTAL HEALTH SAFETY

By Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.

In this time when things are uncertain, and when our own state of mind is, experiencing difficult decisions as Covid 19-is spreading faster than one can grasp our topic this month is something many people just push under the rug. It will pass others might say. Mental Health is an issue that has only recently come into the fore-front and many are truly finally beginning to understand and comprehend its reality. To add to this confusion, we are finally beginning to recognize the trauma associated with PTSD (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder) that has been around for centuries. For the time being PTSD will be a topic for a later discussion. The information presented here is not medical advice, it is only suggestions and its sole purpose is to be informative and educational. Mental Health is the topic of discussion. First, one needs to understand the definition of mental health.

Mental health can be defined as; “the condition of being sound mentally and emotionally that is characterized by the absence of mental illness and by adequate adjustment especially as reflected in feeling comfortable about oneself, positive feelings about others, and the ability to meet demands of daily life. (Also) the general condition of one’s mental and emotional state.” (Source: Merian-Webster.com/dictionary/mental health)

Therefore, where does that leave us in our discussion? Mental health is something that we all deal with every day. It is our “state of mind” what we do and how we do it, reflects on our personalities and wellbeing. Yes, we all have those days where no matter what we try to do or how we try to do it nothing goes as planned. For example, we all have “drowsy days” where no matter what we pick up it seems that we just drop it before we can get anything accomplished. We all have those days and that is human nature. Some would say, “Did you get out of the wrong side of the bed this morning” because things just are not going well. It happens to all of us at some time or another. This is a simplistic way of explaining what can happen in our daily lives.

Mental health is more complicated. “Mental health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood” (Source: Mental Health.gov.). Everyone experiences hard times at one point in the life. How we all deal

with the situation is up to us. “Over the course of your life, if you experience mental problems your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected” (source: Mental Health .gov.). Sometimes we fully do not understand that our actions define our personality. Our perception toward others may or may not be the greatest. Looking at it from a different viewpoint, remember first impressions are lasting impressions.



Individuals with mental health problem can get help and many recover completely. It is not the end of the world-at times, we all need help. It is important to seek out help and help is readily available. Sometimes doing some simple things differently from your normal pattern of life gives you a fresh start. In a rut with your lifestyle, find yourself doing the same thing all the time and all the time doing the same thing day after day. Get away, go somewhere, go camping for example, for the weekend-a change of scenery will benefit you greatly. This is a simple refresher-change in lifestyle for a short time can be refreshing. Cabin fever, one needs to get out and away even for the shortest of time can do wonders. Camping- for one is-a great experience, the great outdoors, the scenery change always is rewarding in so many ways.



Let us explore this topic scientifically by looking at some of the following early warning signs of mental health. Are you or is someone you know experiencing the following. Eating or sleeping too much or not sleeping at all. Staying away from people and your normal day-to-day activities. Lack of energy and unwilling to do much of anything. Nothing matter anymore, and you are feeling numb. Experiencing lots of unexplained aches and pains within your body. A total feeling of helplessness and hopeless. You have begun to smoke, drink or are using drugs when previously you did not engage in such activities. You have become unusually confused, forgetful, edgy, become angry more too often, upset over the little things, constantly worry, or scared. You find yourself yelling or fighting with family and friends-a behavior that is outside of the norm. Constant mood swings that are causing adverse effects in your relationship with your wife, husband, children, and others. Are you having persistent thoughts and memories, which you cannot seem to get out of your mind? Have you begun hearing voices in your head or thoughts that things are not true when in all actuality they are true? Thought of harming yourself or other creeping into your mind. You have lost the inability to perform your daily tasks such as taking care of your family members or getting to work/school at the required time. All of these items mentioned are early warning signs that some type of mental health is occurring. If any of these are becoming part of your daily, routine that you may need some help.

Looking forward, we all have mental health and wellness issues from time to time. With a positive mental health, it will allow people to live up to their fullest potential. We are able to cope with the stresses of life adequately day-to-day, month-to-month and so forth. Our work productivity is up to par with work performance and our evaluations express our positive accomplishments. We “volunteer” and make a meaningful contribution to various organizations such as FCRV and to our communities.



Here are some simple suggestions and ways to maintain positive mental health. When you need professional help- seek it before things get out of hand. Make connections with other, especially friends and family. Participate willingly in an organization, be involved, volunteer, step forward and express yourself by saying, “I will can/do that” this time. Stay positive by being around positive people. Get out of the house/apartment-become active. For example, take a daily hike with others, ride a bike (helmet included), go on a short or weeklong adventure. Help others by volunteering in a hospital, school or community center. Keep your body healthy by getting adequate sleep. Develop coping skills that will be an asset you going forward.

This is simply an introduction to you about the topic of mental health. It involves a lot more and additional exploration is essential. The overall emphasis here is to introduce this topic to you and to open the door for further discussion and education.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.mentalhealth.gov/basic.what-is-mental-health>

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ANNOUNCES 2021 FREE ENTRANCE DAYS

By: [RVBusiness](#)



On five remaining days in 2021, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. Mark your calendar for these entrance fee-free dates left in 2021:

- **April 17:** First day of [National Park Week](#)
- **Aug. 4:** One year anniversary of the [Great American Outdoors Act](#)
- **Aug. 25:** [National Park Service Birthday](#)
- **Sept. 25:** [National Public Lands Day](#)
- **Nov. 11:** [Veterans Day](#)

National parks are America's best idea, and there are [more than 400 parks](#) available to everyone, every day. The fee-free days provide a great opportunity to visit a new place or an old favorite, especially one of the [national parks that normally charge an entrance fee](#). The others are free all the time. The entrance fee waiver for fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

The annual \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that normally charge an entrance fee. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current members of the military, families of fourth-grade students, and disabled citizens. Learn more about the variety of passes offered by the [America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass](#) series.

## "NATURE VACATIONS" SURGE DURING PANDEMIC

Public lands saw a record number of visits in 2020 and interest in "nature vacations" surged.

TripAdvisor says more than 50% of its consumers are more likely to take a nature trip than they were before the pandemic. Booking.com's data shows that 56% of its travelers are searching for "off-the-beaten-track escapes". Pitchup.com, a lodges, cabins, and campsites booking engine, reports that reservations for 2021 are more than six times higher than last year. RVshare says 73% of millennials indicated they are likely to rent an RV in 2021.

In the race to lure back travelers, vacations in nature are leading the pack. We have assembled a list of nature-focused vacations, ranging from touring Canyonlands National Park by mountain bike to wrangling cattle on a remote ranch in Wyoming.

1. **Ride the Rockies and More:** With maps and other resources from Adventure Cycling Association, plan a ride on the remote Great Divide Mountain Bike Route crisscrossing the crest of the Rocky Mountains through the U.S. and Canada. Or visit Yellowstone National Park, Devils Tower National Monument, the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Badlands National Park on the Parks, Peaks, and Prairies route between Montana and Minneapolis. <https://www.adventurecycling.org/>

2. **Channel Your Inner Cowboy:** Red Reflet Ranch is a 28,000-acre luxury resort and working ranch on the west slope of the Bighorn Mountains, just three hours from Yellowstone National Park. Guests stay in private chalets and enjoy family-friendly activities like horseback riding, cattle wrangling, ATVing, ziplining, swimming, hiking, fishing, shooting and feasting on farm-to-table cuisine. <http://redrefletranch.com/>



3. **Explore National Parks by RV:** Blacksford is a new recreational vehicle rental business with an all-inclusive pricing model that includes unlimited miles, no generator fees, bedding, bath, and kitchen supplies, free Wi-Fi, a free annual national parks pass, and 24-hour roadside assistance. Blacksford also curates road trip experiences by connecting travelers with vetted campsites, guides, and other hand-picked attractions. <https://www.blacksford.com>

**4. Teton Tiny House Retreat:** Just minutes from Jackson Hole, WY, Fireside Resort offers 25 pint-size, luxuriously outfitted tiny house rental units designed by Wheelhaus. Each has its own outdoor fire pit and deck. And the resort is located just a stone's throw from Grand Teton National Park. <https://www.firesidejacksonhole.com>

**5. Camp & MTB Canyonlands:** Utah's 100-mile

White Rim Trail loops in and out of a multi-colored array of spires, arches, buttes, and mesas carved by the Green and Colorado Rivers. On this tour with Escape Adventures, guests ride the famous off-road route, while detouring to admire secret passages, hidden slot canyons, natural rock arches, and ancient Puebloan ruins. <https://escapeadventures.com/tour/utah-white-rim-mountain-bike-tour/>



**6. Hike, Bike or Ski Big Sky:** Find active adventures on the trails around Big Sky, Montana, when staying



at The Wilson Hotel. On the edge of town, hike to the glacial cirque surrounding Beehive Basin or through the forest to Ousel Falls, or trek to

natural wonders and wildlife in nearby Yellowstone National Park. Mountain biking abounds as well, with over 20 miles of lift-served riding. And in winter, 5,850 acres of ski terrain spreads out from the summit of 11,166-foot Lone Peak. <https://thewilsonhotel.com/>



## REPORT: NHTSA ISSUES LATEST LIST OF RV RECALLS

By: [RVBusiness](#)

The following is the latest list of RV recalls compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA):

- Jayco is recalling 2020 and 2021 Entegra Esteem and Odyssey models as well as Greyhawk, Greyhawk Prestige, Redhawk and Redhawk SE models. Also, 2016-2020 Seneca models. The leveling system mounting bracket may fail.
- Daimler Vans USA LLC is recalling 2019 and 2020 Freightliner and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 1500, 2500, 3500 and 4500 models. Brake calipers may leak.
- Thor Motor Coach is recalling 2018 and 2019 Hurricane and Windsport models. Front overhead cabinets may detach.

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- KZ RV is recalling 806 2021 Sportsmen Classic, Escape and Sonic recreational trailers. The microwave circuits were improperly connected to a 20amp circuit breaker instead of a 15amp circuit breaker.

## RV INDUSTRY IN ELKHART, IND., HAS 4TH BEST YEAR IN HISTORY

By: [RVBusiness](#)

Even with the shutdowns caused by the coronavirus pandemic earlier this year, it appears 2020 will go down as the fourth best in the history of the RV industry, [according to a report by Ed Semmler in the South Bend Tribune.](#)

Pent-up demand, the pandemic and long-term trends favoring the industry contributed to the surge, and that's important for the regional economy, as tens of thousands of people are employed at Elkhart-area businesses that either supply or produce most of the nation's RVs.

According to the RV Industry Association, factory shipments to dealers jumped 43.4% to 42,513 in No-

member compared to the same month a year ago, and shipments for the year are up 3%, even with the shut-downs that lasted from six to eight weeks.

The shift from empty plants to full production caused whiplash for those who keep a close eye on the industry.

When the federal and state governments decided to shut down the economy, I thought ‘holy cow,’ and expected the worst for Elkhart County,” said former county Commissioner Mike Yoder, who will move into a new role as Bristol town manager on Monday.

“But then I started hearing from RV executives that there was still a lot of interest,” he added.

Indeed, plants moved into high gear as soon as they were able to reopen, trying to satisfy the heavy demand from dealers. The RV Industry Association is now projecting that about 423,628 RVs will be shipped from factories this year, and that 2021 could surpass the record 504,600 units shipped to dealers in 2017.

Monika Geraci, director of public relations and communications for the trade group, said the coronavirus contributed to the surge in demand as so many forms of travel were eliminated or limited during the pandemic.

“RVs allow the freedom to travel and the ability to do it in a socially distanced, responsible way,” she said, adding that demand for RVs was also boosted by the shift toward remote work that was instituted as a safety measure during the pandemic.

About 55% of RV purchases in 2020 were made by first-time buyers, which is more than double what is normal, said Geraci, and research indicates strong shipments and dealer sales should continue for the foreseeable future.

“We did a survey in mid-May that showed that 46 million Americans were looking to do an RV trip in the next year,” said Geraci. “We did another survey in November and it showed that 61 million aimed to take an RV trip in the next year.”

Even when concerns about the coronavirus eventually begin to subside, RV officials believe the move toward remote work will stick around to some extent and studies show that the RV lifestyle is attracting younger buyers who are attracted to the outdoor lifestyle.

And they’re not just kicking the tires; they’re buying.

According to the RV Industry Association, towable RVs continue to dominate the market as they’re generally more affordable than a motorhome and can be pulled by the SUVs and pickup trucks that have been gaining in popularity in recent years.

Tiara RV Sales in Elkhart, which specializes in towable RVs, has seen the same trends play out in 2020.

Jarred Campoli, a sales and marketing associate at Tiara RV Sales in Elkhart, said they’ve seen a larger-than-normal number of first-time buyers, who have been interested in RVs but were finally motivated to make a buying decision because of the pandemic.

“Sales about doubled this year,” Campoli said. “We consistently sell about 400 to 500, but we reached well over 800 in 2020.”

The industry’s rapid recovery is reflected in Elkhart County’s unemployment rate, which hit a staggering 28.6% in April but had already dropped to 4.4% by November as RV-related businesses might have helped absorb some of the job losses in other industries.

Despite his initial concerns in the spring, Yoder now believes the RV industry could help propel a faster recovery in Elkhart County and the region as its generating jobs and money that eventually will be spent at restaurants, hotels and stores.

“I know a lot of businesses have struggled,” he said. “The tunnel has been long, but the light at the end is pretty bright.”

See the complete *South Bend Tribune* report [here](#).



A worker installs graphics on an RV inside an East to West RV factory in Elkhart. RV shipments rebounded sharply because of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 and are expected to set a new record in 2021. (Photo credit: Robert Franklin/South Bend Tribune)



## HOW RV CAMPING IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

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An active lifestyle is good for your health. This can be interpreted in many different ways as everyone will have different activities that they enjoy and like to pursue for purposes of health and pleasure. Whether it be a nice morning walk or jog, an intense gym session or any other style of exercise or movement, we all stand to benefit from getting out of bed and shaking the dust out of our bones. In addition to a consistent exercise routine, another great way to increase your wellbeing, both physical and mental, is to get out in nature and experience the world away from the hustle and bustle of modern life. This can be done in a variety of ways but if you are one of the lucky individuals who have adopted the RV lifestyle, it can be a one-way ticket to better overall health and peace of mind! Let's take a look at how [RV camping](#) can make you happier, healthier and altogether amped up on life.

### The Drive to De-Stress

High stress levels are an accepted part of our modern lives. The demands of a career and supporting a family take discipline, focus and plenty of energy. While the rewards of these lifelong pursuits are well worth it, the everyday pursuit of progress can lead to a steady stream of stress for even the calmest people out there. Consistent high stress levels can quickly turn in to a variety of negative health issues including weight gain, heart disease, a weakened immune system and depression. The science behind how stress can impact health is well documented but each individual has to cope with things in their own unique

way.

The idea to drive around to de-stress may sound crazy if you have a daily commute full of stop-and-go traffic. But packing up the RV and heading out on a trip is an entirely different experience than that daily grind. An RV trip typically is a vacation or break from the rat-race – surefire methods to escape common stressors and put a smile on your face. Regardless of where you may be headed, the simple act of committing to some time away from home and work life can ease tension and provide an outlet to relax and enjoy the ride on an entirely different level. Sure, there are times when driving a large vehicle down the road can be stressful, but the adventure it instills far outweighs the normal everyday activities and demands that can lead to constant stress.

Related Read: [Reduce Stress by Fulltime RVing!](#)

### Nature is Nurture

The old adage 'stop and smell the roses' rings true here and can be tweaked to read 'start and smell the engine' for us RV enthusiasts. Well, don't actually smell the engine but rather, start of the RV and use it to get to some [awesome campground](#) near you to escape the rat-race for a night, week or month! Any of the campgrounds listed on [MobileRVing.com](#) are perfect starting points for an easy escape and getaway. Spending time in nature is a great way to improve your health and unwind. Many campgrounds offer easy access to different activities that can help your health and head. Go for a hike on a trail into the woods or a walk on the beach. Take a quick dip in a lake or river. After you have had your fill of active events, light up the campfire and stare at the stars. Take some deep breaths and soak it all in.

After a few days out in nature, you are sure to feel more calm and happier overall. Sleeping habits can also improve while you are out in nature which has a direct link to your body's ability to recover from exercise, improve your immune system and instill a better state of mental health. Nature is the original nurturer and some time spent away from home and out in the wild places that still surround our modern lives is an easy trick towards better health. Use your RV as a tool to access these places and you are sure to be rewarded with benefits of body and spirit.

Related Read: [Campground and RV Fitness Guide](#)

## Disconnect and Discover

Some folks see camping as a way to escape and disconnect from the modern world and some like to bring the modern world with them in the form of a fully stocked and equipped RV. The choice is a personal preference and both are great ways to enjoy camping and nature. Regardless of if you choose to spend your nights telling stories around the fire or watching a movie from the comfort of your RV, enjoy the simplicity and comfort that the lifestyle offers. The simple fact that you've brought a mobile home to some far flung location should bring a smile to your face.

If you really want to feel the freedom that RV life can offer, I would highly suggest disconnecting from it all for at least a few days of your trip. This means turning off your cell phone, stocking up on supplies and just being at ease with the perfect camp spot you've found. Slowing down the pace of life is a great way to reset and recharge the inner batteries. Disconnecting from the many distractions we all place on ourselves can bring new insights and happiness. Take a break from the demands you place on yourself and you'll be sure to feel lighter, brighter and full of life. Giving yourself the time and space to sit quietly reading a book or just sitting in a lounge chair under the awning or your RV provides a peaceful fulfillment that cannot be replicated.

RVing is good for your health. I said it. I've seen it. I've felt it. By allowing you to escape normal life, even for a weekend, you RV provides an outlet to improved overall health. Take advantage of the opportunity and you just might feel like an entirely new person in body and mind.

## TOGO RV ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF '2020 RV CAMPING HABITS'

By: [RVBusiness](#)



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is an excerpt of a report by Togo RV, [Click here to read the full article](#)

Over the past six months, we've polled you—our [newsletter subscribers](#)—about your rigs, camping habits, maintenance preferences, and RV lifestyle.

Some answers surprised us, and others were more expected. It turns out that the RV community is deeply divided on everything from what's considered poor campground etiquette to whether a t-shirt or magnet makes a better souvenir. One thing we can all agree on? There's no such thing as a bad campfire dessert.

Here's what you had to say about your RV habits in 2020.

### WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE A ...

- Class B Campervan outfitted for off-grid adventure?
- Luxury Class A equipped with all the comforts of home?

**57%** prefer a luxury Class A.

### IS WATCHING A MOVIE OR A GAME ON AN OUTDOOR RV TELEVISION BAD CAMPGROUND ETIQUETTE?

- Yes, I'm camping and don't want to see your screen
- No way, I love my outdoor entertainment

**52%** said yes, it's poor etiquette.

### WHEN YOU FIND AN AMAZING, UNDER-THE-RADAR CAMPGROUND OR RV PARK DO YOU ...

- Share it with your RV community
- Keep it a secret

**55%** would share the tip with friends.

### FOR A QUICK OVERNIGHT STOP, WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

- I look for free overnight parking in a Walmart or Cracker Barrel

- I always stay in a campground

**56%** say that they always stay in a campground.

### FAVORITE CAMPFIRE DESSERT?

- Fireside S'mores
- Dutch Oven Cobbler

**74%** prefer Dutch oven cobbler.

## I WOULD RATHER BOONDOCK AT A ...

- Winery
- Farm

53% would choose a farm over a winery.

## HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN A MULTI-GENERATIONAL RV TRIP?

- Yes
- No

67% have taken a trip with their grandparents, parents, children, and/or grandkids.

## DO YOU WORK REMOTELY FROM YOUR RV?

- Yes, love the flexibility
- Nope, RV trips are for relaxing

55% work from their rig.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RV TRIP SOUVENIR?

- Magnet
- T-shirt

51% would buy a magnet over a t-shirt.

[Click here to read the full article at Togo RV.](#)

# Products

# DANDIES<sup>®</sup>

## DANDIES MARSHMALLOWS

If you're interested, please keep in mind [Dandies](#), a cleaner version of a campfire classic and the only vegan and gelatin-free marshmallow on the market.

Free of the corn syrup, artificial flavors and colorings found in conventional offerings, Dandies are made with high-quality ingredients like real vanilla and vegan cane sugar, and free of the common allergens gluten, wheat, dairy, eggs, corn, peanuts and tree nuts. The product is also all-natural, vegetarian-friendly, gluten-free, certified kosher and Non-GMO Project Verified. With a roast and melt just like the marshmallows we grew up with, these better-for-you 'mallows are a must-have ingredient for summertime [s'mores](#).

Dandies Marshmallows are made with NO Artificial Flavors Or Colors, NO Corn Syrup, NO Gelatin, and NO Gluten. Our plant based marshmallows are Non-GMO Project Verified and kosher.

Traditional marshmallows are loaded with unnatural ingredients and made with gelatin (a yucky animal-based ingredient, look it up). We recognized that these family-favorite treats desperately needed an ingredient-list makeover.

Dandies Marshmallows are indistinguishable from conventional marshmallows. Our light and fluffy marshies are perfect for roasting over a campfire, putting in hot chocolate (or coffee—try it!), s'mores, or straight out of the bag!

## Flow-Rite's New 'Pro-Fill' System Eases Filling of Batteries

By: [RVBusiness](#)

Battery banks are often hard to reach, so when electrolyte levels drop and it's time to add water to them, it can be a chore, according to a press release from Michigan-based fluid control manufacturer Flow-Rite.



Flow-Rite's innovative Pro-Fill Onboard Battery Watering System makes it fast and easy to perform this routine maintenance, the release states. Made in the USA, it's a valve manifold that attaches to the battery fill ports and is plumbed to a feed tube. Once connected to an external water supply, it's simply a matter of filling all cells at once, no matter the water pressure.

The primary concern with adding water to a battery is safety. Pro-Fill valves include a built-in water barrier and flame arrestor. These block the propagation of a flame front from entering adjacent cells in the event of accidental cell gas ignition. Plus, the sys-

tem has zero chance of acid splash. It is the safest battery watering system available.

Installing the Pro-Fill Onboard Battery Watering System is straightforward. After donning proper PPE, the user removes and replaces the battery vent caps with a Pro-Fill valve manifold assembly. Each valve has a uniquely-designed winged cap for easy installation. Integrated protective shrouds safeguard the displacer from potential damage from plate growth or accidental knocks. Built-in de-gas chambers allow the cell to expel naturally-occurring hydrogen and oxygen gases in a manner that dilutes them with the outside air, reducing the risk of ignition.

Flow-Rite's Pro-Fill Onboard Battery Watering System is engineered to fit a wide range of 6-, 8- and 12-volt batteries with standard cell spacing. For unusual cell configurations, a flexible manifold is available.

Each battery requires one manifold assembly. Connected, up to eight units fill at the same time in less than 60 seconds.

A three-port swivel tee on top of the manifold rotates 360° and has an easy-in, hard-out design that protects the O-ring. Clampless tubing makes connecting manifolds quick. The system's fill tube is connected to the center of the manifold array for water to dispense evenly. Red end caps are placed over any remaining open barbs. A video is at [bit.ly/Pro-Fill-Install](http://bit.ly/Pro-Fill-Install).

With Pro-Fill's patented technology, expensive water supply equipment isn't needed to generate high pressure and flow. The variable pressure system works from 3 to 35 psi (static) with a minimum flow rate of 2 gpm.

Flow-Rite's Pro-Fill Onboard Battery Watering System is manufactured to rigorous ISO 9001:2008 standards. All components are made from acid-, temperature- and impact-resistant polypropylene for durability and long service life. It comes with a five-year warranty; systems start at \$64.99 that fit two six-volt batteries.

For information, visit [flow-rite.com](http://flow-rite.com).



## OWC ANNOUNCES HIGH-POWERED 6 PORT USB-C TRAVEL DOCK E FOR MACS, PCS, IPADS, TABLETS, OR PHONES

**The best mini-sized dock to connect, charge, display, network, and import on-the-go through one cable**



**OWC®**, the premier zero-emissions Mac and PC technology company, and a respected provider of [Memory](#), [External Drives](#), [SSDs](#), [Mac & PC docking solutions](#), and [performance upgrade kits](#) announces its next-generation mobile connectivity solution, the [OWC USB-C Travel Dock E](#). It reduces the hassle of adapter and dongle heft while expanding your connectivity options with six essential ports: USB 3 Type -A, HDMI 2.0, SD card reader, and all new Gigabit Ethernet, and USB-C 100W power pass-through. Through its integrated USB-C connecting cable, the compact Travel Dock E lets you transform any location, be it a studio, classroom, boardroom, or coffee shop, into a mobile office. The OWC USB-C Travel Dock E gives you the ability to connect, charge, display, and import at will with USB-C or Thunderbolt 3-equipped computers, tablets, and phones.

Based on the original award-winning OWC Travel Dock, the new OWC USB-C Travel Dock E offers fast and reliable sharing, streaming, and surfing. Nothing can quash productivity faster than slow, low-quality Wi-Fi, but the OWC USB-C Travel Dock E isn't going to let you down. Its Gigabit Ethernet port has an industry-standard connector so that you can plug in anywhere for a speedy server connection, uninterrupted downloads, and reliable file transfers.

Unlike other mini docks that sacrifice usability to remain portable, the OWC USB-C Travel Dock E packs a heavyweight punch akin to a desktop dock.

This compact dock is about the size and weight of a hockey puck, and it can be used via bus power when you don't have access to an outlet. Or, connect a USB-C power adapter to the OWC USB-C Travel Dock E USB-C power delivery port to charge your device with up to 100W of power on the go or when working from home.

When finished using the OWC USB-C Travel Dock E, you can safely disconnect it in one click with the free OWC Dock Ejector software. The OWC Dock Ejector was designed by OWC hardware and software engineers to ensure all data is written to one or more connected drives before disconnection, saving time and protecting against data loss.

### **OWC USB-C Travel Dock E Highlights**

- Make a powerful presentation on a 4K HDMI display
- Share, stream, and surf quickly and reliably fast with standard RJ45 Ethernet 1000BT networking
- Transfer files with storage devices in a blink of an eye
- Charge up small mobile devices for on-the-go use
- Ingest photos and movies directly from media cards with the SD card reader
- Enjoy the convenience of a full-sized keyboard or mouse with your notebook
- Connect it to Macs, PCs, iOS, Android, and Chrome devices

2 Year OWC Limited Warranty and lifetime US-based support

"We are so proud to keep the OWC Travel Dock product family going strong," said Larry O'Connor, CEO, and Founder of OWC. "The OWC USB-C Travel Dock E is a great update to an award-winning product."

### **Pricing & Availability**

The OWC USB-C Travel Dock E will be available Q1 2021 in Space Gray for \$64.99 at [MacSales.com](https://www.macsales.com). The customer-favorite and award-winning [OWC USB-C Travel Dock](#) continues to be available as well. Users can choose from four colors to best complement their gear and get connected to notebooks, displays, and more as needed on the go. Starting at only \$54.99, this Travel Dock is fully compatible with all Thunderbolt 3 equipped Macs & PCs.

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# Farewells

## **DENNIS CAMPBELL PAST FCRV PRESIDENT**



Dennis 'Denny' Campbell, Aurora, Colorado passed away on January 10 at the age of 81. He graduated from Fort Hayes Kansas State College in 1964. He was a consultant for Bell Telephone in Casper, Wyoming and transferred to Denver in 1969. He retired in 1985 as a Second Level Programming Supervisor.

The Campbell's first association with NCHA was in 1974 with the Rocky Ramblers Chapter. Along with his wife Jerri by his side, they were State Directors of Colorado starting in 1984. Denny served as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President from 1988- 1990, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 1990 - 1992 and as President from 1992 – 1996, then remained on the Executive Board as Immediate Past President until 2000.



The state of Colorado was praised for its membership building program which got prospective members to sign up at RV / Camper shows, then set up a get acquainted meeting where the activities of the organizations were explained. The newcomers were either absorbed into present chapters or started new chapters. This successful model was shared and copied by other States and Provinces.

It was also in the early 90's that concern about declining membership caused the Trustees to seek the use of The B.J. Thompson Advertising Agency, that concluded the name National Campers And Hikers Association did no longer reflect the true image of what had become more of an RV organization. It took considerable discussion and convincing among the Executive Board at several meetings, but under the steady leadership of Denny Campbell, agreement was approved for a new logo featuring a motorhome, campfire, and a tent. The new name, Family Campers and RVers was announced at the 1993 Campvention in Lebanon, Tennessee with Founder, Hank Nathan on hand,

Denny was looking forward to retirement and some travel, but life was interrupted when Jerri Campbell, his wife of 37 years passed away in 2001. He also lost his brother Terri. Denny continued to camp some with the Rocky Ramblers and was on hand for the chapter's ceremony to receive their 50 Year Certificate. He no longer had the motorhome, but eventually bought a small travel trailer and was able to camp with the chapter. He fought his way back from several times from serious health issues and was determined to see to see 2021, which he did.



His daughter, Denise said, "He was passionate about enjoying life to the fullest and could be found out camping or fishing when not at home. He was the most loving father, grandfather, and husband any family could ask for. He was a force of nature and his family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he often mentioned. He was unendingly proud of his children, Derrick, Denise, and grandchildren, Cory, Cody, and Kenzie. "

Shari and Craig Weber said, "Denny's smile was infectious and his arms were always ready to share a bug hug. He will be missed. He's now around the campfire in heaven."

Condolences or memories may be left at <http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/denver-co/>



**Richard Lee Stucky**, 78, Kingman, KS, passed away December 30, 2020. Member of Sunflower Ramblers with wife Betty.



**David Bell**, 1-9-21, Eaton, Ohio. Prebles Little Turtle Chapter With wife of 65 years Shirley, 20 years in Law Enforcement.



**Betty Smith**, 87, 1-9-2021, Wichita, Kansas, Sun Chasers Chapter, Mother of Lori Johnson.

**Donald Smith**, 92, 1-13-2021, Wichita, Kansas 50 year member with wife, Mareta, KY-O-Tees Chapter.



**Louise Clinkscales**. 1-20-2001, Lagrange, Georgia. Active member of NCHA/FCRV member with Husband John (deceased 2000) since 1960. Attended several Campventions, active in GA State Assn. Lifetime member.



**Tom Westerhouse** 1-2021, Magnolia Springs, Alabama, Formerly Lansing, Michigan. Past State Director with wife, Sharon. Further details not available at this time.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**All OPA campouts CANCELLED until Fall Campout.**

### MARCH

**March 23-28, 2021 – 50<sup>th</sup> FCRV Retiree Rally**  
Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX

## APRIL

### April 30-May 2, 2021 - NC Spring Statewide Campout

Denton Farm Park, Denton, NC Hosted by the Eastern District. Do not call campground to make reservations.. Choose your site upon arrival. Camping fee will be collected upon arrival.\$30 per night water & 30A elec.\$40 per night water & 50A elec. \$45.00 per night water, sewer & 50A elec. Dump stations available. Registration will be \$10.00. \$12.00 at the gate if not registered early. Retirees may come in on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

## JUNE

### June 4 - 6, 2021 - SE Regional Campout

Tom Johnson's Rally Park, 1885 US 70 Hwy West, Marion, NC 2875. Early Days - June 1 - 3. \$35 per night. Full hookups, 30 and 50 AMP available. Do not register with the campground. Registration fee \$35. make checks payable to Traveling Tarheels. Send to Pam Likens, 212 Morris St., Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Phone: 386-365-0823 Email: pamf104@gmail.com

## JULY

### July 11-16, 2021 – 61<sup>st</sup> FCRV Campvention

Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

## AUGUST

### August 4-8th, 2021 - Great Lakes Regional Campout

Shipshewana Campground North - Shipshewana, IN. This campground only has 50 sites and also a few cabins, call and book now! The number is 260-768-7770, let them know you are with FCRV. For more information or a registration form (\$20 activity fee/\$25 at gate), please email [angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com](mailto:angieshaneyfelt@hotmail.com)





## Groundhog Day



### Bluebonnet RV Resort

3366 N. bentsen Palm DR.  
Mission, Texas 78574

#### Come and Join in with other FCRV members 2020 Fall Special.

Daily rate \$28.50. Includes Elect. Weekly rate \$159.00 includes Elect.

1st Monthly rate \$275.00 plus Elect. 2nd Monthly rate \$255.00 Plus  
Elect.

3rd Monthly rate \$225.00 Plus Elect. 4th Monthly rate \$155.00 Plus Elect.

5th & 6th Monthly rate \$185 Plus Elect.

This rate is for FCRV International Camping Club Members.

FCRV members must show **THIS AD** at check- in.

Phone 956-585-7630. Web: [bluebonnet@rvresorts.com](mailto:bluebonnet@rvresorts.com)

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## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY  
MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER  
1150 NORTH NEWSOM STREET  
MINEOLA, TEXAS 75773

RALLY STARTS: MARCH 23 THRU MARCH 28, 2021  
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 19 TO MARCH 22

### FOR REGISTRAR ONLY:

REG #: \_\_\_\_\_  
CK# \_\_\_\_\_  
CASH: \_\_\_\_\_  
AMT: \_\_\_\_\_  
SEND CON: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE FILL IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS OF OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION SENT: PDF: \_\_\_\_\_ WORD: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MINIMUM OF 2)

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTERING FOR:

CAMPING: \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP PASS: MOTEL STAY: \_\_\_\_\_ ON GROUNDS: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_ (MUST HAVE ON FILE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WITH REGISTRAR:) UP TO DATE: DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PLATE, OR HANDICAPPED PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

**RATES:** REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 9, 2021. ALL ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED.

**EARLY DAYS:** \$35 PER DAY WILL BE COLLECTED AT MINEOLA

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:** FULL HOOK-UP (30 /50amp), PAVED ROADS, WI-FI, ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 DINNERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND LOT OF FUN.

	BEFORE DEADLINE:	AFTER DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2021
2 PEOPLE IN UNIT:	\$290	\$300
1 PERSON IN UNIT:	\$260	\$270
CAMP PASS: (MOTEL STAY)		
1 PERSON	\$100	
2 PEOPLE	\$200	
<b>****CAMP PASS ON GROUNDS:</b>		
1 PERSON:	\$100	
2 PEOPLE	\$200	

**\*\*\*\*\* MUST PAY \$5 PER DAY, PER PERSON FOR EARLY DAYS \*\*\*\*\***

**REFUNDS:** ALL BUT \$25 WILL BE REFUNDED IF RECEIVED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE DEADLINE ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED.

MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 2021 FCRV RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDITS ACCEPTED. MAIL TO: BILL AND PENNY RAMLOW, 8371 NIGHT OWL DR, RIVERVIEW, FL. 33569 OR CONTACT THEM AT: 305-822-6589 OR 813-545-6083, OR EMAIL THEM AT [bramlow@aol.com](mailto:bramlow@aol.com)

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: \_\_\_\_\_



**61<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION  
FAMILY CAMPERS & Rver's  
"WANDER WISCONSIN"**

Walworth County Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St.  
Elkhorn, WI 53121



**Campvention Days:** July 11-16, 2021 fees cover (6 nights)

**Early Bird Days:** July 9 & 10 2021 @ \$30/night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

**Registrations are needed by:** June 1, 2021

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 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**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 and in the form of check or money order.

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$335.00	\$365.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$165.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 11-16)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00

**WIFI is included in your registration fee**

**PAY BEFORE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2020 TO RECEIVE A \$30.00 DISCOUNT (\$305.00)**

Motor Home \_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel \_\_\_ Travel Trailer \_\_\_ Pop-Up \_\_\_ Want in shade trees \_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** NCHA

**Mail to:** Sue & Carl Fromholzer

137 Crandon Blvd

Cheektowaga NY 14225

**Refund policy:** If you are unable to

attend, all except \$ 25 will be refunded

Contact them at: 716-683-5723 email: [FCRV.VP.OPS@gmail.com](mailto:FCRV.VP.OPS@gmail.com)

We would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

**All attendees agree to comply with Campvention guidelines, including the golf cart guidelines, which applies to all golf carts on the premises.**



**2021 Teen Royalty Pageant Registration Form**  
Family Campers & RVers  
Registration deadline May 31, 2021

State/Province Representing:

Teen King  Teen Queen  Escort

Name:

Parent/Guardian Name :

Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail address:

Chapter Name :

Number of Years in FCRV:

Age as of 7/14/2021:

Birth date (month/day/year):

\*You must be between the ages of 13 and 20 the day of the Competition. We have extended it to those that are 20 as there was no compvention in 2020

Grade in School:

Name of School:

Explanation of Talent:

Will you need special equipment (besides CD player)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain

Hobbies:

Ambitions/Goals:

Notable awards:

Please send a recent photo of yourself along with this registration form to:

Katie Kurburski

9278 Middle Village Drive

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Phone: (231)881-6209

E-mail: kurburski@gmail.com

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of participants are paid members of Family Campers & RVers for the current year.

State Director's Signature & stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

# "WANDER WISCONSIN" MARKETPLACE

## TABLE REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: Basic space is for an 8 foot table (provided). There is 'NO FEE CHARGE' for Chapters for tables, a two table limit. There is a \$15.00 fee for Individuals who sell crafts or other items, for an 8 foot space with table provided. If a second table (limit 2) is needed an additional \$10.00 fee is required for a total of \$25.00. Providing your own table does not change the fees.

Remit fee with form.

### CHAPTERS::

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ph number/email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table) \_\_\_\_\_

(No fee for Chapters)

Describe products sold \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### INDIVIDUALS::

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ph number/email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables (limit 2)(Space is 8' per table) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 table= \$15.00; 2-tables + add \$10.00 ==Total \$25.00)

(Supply own table—NO change in fees!)

Describe products sold \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration to: Duane & Ruth Keegan 957 N Lois Ave Addison, IL 60101-1237

Information: e-mail [dentec957@att.net](mailto:dentec957@att.net) or 630-487-8873 (C)

**DEADLINE:** No later than June 15, 2021

Make checks payable to: 'NCHA' write "Campvention 2021" on the memo line



**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE REQUEST & REPORT.**

This form is to be use when you request supplies or equipment for a membership drive for your area. You will need 2 copies.

1st copy- needs to be filled out and sent in as your request for the supplies you need. We would like for you, while at the event, take time when you talk with the people and have them sign up at that time, or invite them to your next campout. We may not be able to have a get acquainted meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> copy – please fill out at the completion of the Membership drive. Remember to list names of everyone that worked the event. If your state recruits the highest number of new members for that year, everyone that worked the event will receive a certificate at Campvention.

Your Name:		Phone #	
Region:#		State /Providence:	Chapter Name:

Check one:

RV Dealer:		RV Show:		Chapter Campout:		Other Specify:	
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Have you worked this location Before		Number of people you signed up last year:	
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Supplies needed: for event.	

**AFTER THE EVENT, PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

Number of visitors you talked with		Number that signed up at the event:	
Number of people you are still working with:			

**Listed name's and membership number of everyone that work the event:**

Your state / Providence director: Signature below.	Your Regional director: Signature Below.

Regional Director Send copy's to: Vice President Planning Development, Vice President Operations And Director of Membership.