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## Editor

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## Presidents Notes

Here we are coming to the end of February, two months into our new year. Doesn't feel much different than last year except for being in the deep freeze for about two weeks. We had snow but it was the frigid temperatures that caused the havoc and mayhem. Power outages, busted water pipes (and all the problems those cause) and dangerous temperatures for those having to be outside.

Personally, we were okay and were able to stay home. A trip to the mailbox was as far as we ventured most of that time. And we drew straws to see which one went out. A kind neighbor cleared our sidewalk and driveway several times and each time was appreciated.

Earlier camping ways came to mind as we heard about other areas struggling: cooking with an outside fire and soaping the kettle so the black would wash off easier; heating a small area with clay flower pots upside down over candles and sitting on bricks; melting snow and boiling the water; or packing snow in coolers to hold refrigerator/freezer food items until it could be eaten or cooked. Those were the days!

I'm sure everyone has heard about the increase in RV sales and use of campgrounds last year. Being outside with nature felt like a healthy choice. Understand 2021 has seen even higher sales of RVs and an increase in reservations for campgrounds. This is good news for the industry and for us as members of FCRV. We have new families/individuals to introduce to our way of life and to help learn the ropes. Invite fellow campers to join a meal or activity to get acquainted. You both will be glad you did.

Stay safe and be kind to yourself and others.

Don and Eileen Naasz

## State Directors Notes

Spring is close We are all ready for it to be here. The winter weather has been a challenge for everyone but hopefully the worst is past. Maybe if we have much more it will move thru quickly.

We were sad to hear that they were "postponing" the National Retiree Rally but agree that it is probably for the best. The same plans for this year will be in place for 2022 year. We hope by that time that the vaccine will be available for everyone just like the flu shot has been. We haven't been able to get an appointment for ours but will as soon as we can. Do look elsewhere for the info about the zoom ice cream social for March 23.

Congratulations to all of the chapters and their field staff – The Annual Reports are in!!! Hopefully we will all be able to do some camping and gather out of doors this spring, summer and fall. We have sure missed it and we know that you have also. Check out the list of possible campouts you might be able to join safely. We will be making up for all of the missed times last year. The master list that we keep of campouts for everyone looks a mess with all of the lined out gatherings because of cancellations.

We are still in the Rio Grande Valley of TX but will be back in KS the first of April. If you have any question, don't hesitate to call or send us an e-mail anytime. In March, the Camping Today issue will have info about the elections for the Nationals. If there is any question about your e-mail or any changes, let us know ASAP since that is the way your ballot will be coming if you have one with the National office. Otherwise, you will receive a ballot by mail. Let's as always, vote to raise the percentage of involvement.

Let's get out and camp. See you down the road.

Earl & Ivalee Vanderhoff

## NEWS AROUND THE STATE

### AREA I



### **Campfire Campers:**

We've been meeting at the Carbondale Community Center, Carbondale, KS. This is a really nice large room with complete kitchen and plenty of room for "social distancing". Thanks to Daryl & Joyce Weir for making these arrangements. Fifteen of us enjoyed meeting there in January and sixteen of us met there on a very cold day in February. We brought in pizza, had lots of desserts and salad – added to lots of visiting, it was a fun day. We also welcomed Daryle Frank into our Chapter and had the opportunity of wishing him a Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday. Our March 13th meeting will be at the Carbondale Community Center, Carbondale, KS, at 1:30 p.m. if anyone is in the area and would like to join us. We're bringing our own sack lunches & drink for this meeting.

Our group is anxious for the camping season and have made reservations for several of the campouts this season. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring State Campout and Sunchasers in May and District One Campout in June. We're also looking forward to our snowbirds being back in this part of the country. We wish you all a great Springtime!

Linda Smith, Secretary

**Dusters:** Did not receive report before issue

**Mustangs:** Did not receive report before issue

## AREA II

### **Kanokliners:**

January 23, 2021

Meeting was called to order by the president Dorothy Cole.

Minutes from December and treasurer's report were given. Evelyn made the motion and Dale seconded approval as read. There were 5 pounds plastic and 15 pounds cardboard recycled. No committee reports were given. No old or new business. Dale made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Forrest. Adjourned to make out our camping schedule for 2021.

Faye Tennyson Secretary/Treasurer

**Kansa Travelers:** We have had a very quiet Jan/Feb. We were very happy to know Keith Koontz did very well with his Kidney Transplant. Since we had our schedule, campers were working on reservations. Looking forward to spring and getting together again.

**Ky O Tees:** Did not receive report before issue

**Newton Nomads:** Did not receive report before issue

## AREA III

No Active Chapters

## AREA IV

**Pratt Fireliters:** Did not receive report before issue

**Peacemakers:** Did not receive report before issue

### **Sunflower Ramblers:**

January and February were both lunch meetings and were held at Gambino's Pizza in South Hutchinson. Gambino's has a nice size meeting room and the food is good. One thousand fifty-three pounds of recycled material was reported for the two months.

Twenty-three members and eight guests came in January and twenty members and two pups in training were there in February. Everyone's day was a little brighter surrounded by friends.

Camping locations and hosting opportunities for 2021 were discussed. We have found that spaces at the lakes were being reserved earlier than before. More people are beginning to camp or getting back into camping because of COVID-19 so the parks are filling faster. In addition to that, the State and Federal parks have different timeframes for making reservations. For example, Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> was the first day we could reserve a site at Kanopolis Lake for our August campout. That makes it six months from the time we want to be there.

It's good to see the parks being used like they used to be but on the other hand, it makes it difficult for a group to camp close together. Requires extra planning and patience with the reservation systems. Betty McConnell had triple heart bypass in Wichita and is recovering at home with Larry and their family's help. Cindy Wolf received a state-of-the-art pacemaker. We know David and their family are supporting her. Hopefully, Gene Griffin had his last chemo treatment this week. Elaine is still following doctor's orders to dissolve the blood clot in her leg.

Barb Geuy has carpal tunnel surgery this week also.

Our thoughts and prayers for these individuals and all others in our camping family.

Eileen Naasz, Reporter

## STATE WIDE CLUBS

**Sunchasers:** Spring Rally will follow KCA Spring Convention at Kelly Park in Burlington, KS

### **Camping Further Out:**

Dallas\_Dodson

Richard Lee Stucky

Donald Smith

Betty Smith

Anneta "Neta" Conway

Howard Herrman

Kansas FCRV Care Notes – January 3, 2021

To Our Camping Friends,

A sermon title at our church this morning was "R U Ready?". This provided a lot of food for thought. Are we ready for 2021? For starters we want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a good year ahead. Some of the things we've heard that people are ready for include: visiting in person with friends, eating out, spending time with family that we've had to social distance from, attending Church in person and one that hits close to home is being able to attend funerals and Celebrations of life for family members and friends that have passed away since March, 2020. In those aspects we think most of us are looking forward to a better 2021. We have the following information to share:

From the Sunflower Ramblers: "Richard Stucky died December 30, 2020 from Type A Leukemia and severe complications. He was diagnosed three weeks ago. Richard and his wife, Betty, were members of the Sunflower Ramblers. In addition to his wife of fifty-nine years, he is survived by sons, Dick of Junction City and Pete (Sukwon) of Boise, Idaho and granddaughter, Susie. A graveside service will be held for immediate family members. Memorials may be given to MCC and sent to Betty at 1806 Magnolia Village, Moundridge KS 67107 and she will send it on. Recently Richard helped when chicken was canned for the MCC at Newton to be sent to needy countries. Prayers for the Stucky family." We extend our sympathy to Betty and family during this difficult time.

Also from the Sunflower Ramblers: "Liz Ziegler with the Sunflower Ramblers is having lower back surgery January 4th in Wichita. She will probably be in Wichita for three weeks. Positive thoughts go with Liz. Her email address is [kingspot258@ahoo.com](mailto:kingspot258@ahoo.com)." We wish Liz a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

From Barb Turner and Missouri: "Dallas Dodson passed away December 31, 2020. Visitation for Dal will be Monday January 4th from 4-7:00 p.m. at Wilson Griffin Funeral Home in Ash Grove, MO. Funeral service will be Tuesday January 5th 10:00 am with burial to follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Information can be found also on the website of the Wilson Griffin Funeral Home. (<https://www.wilsongriffin.com/obituary/dallas-dodson?lud=D8DA6BEAD1C602AEA2A420E303A98D1C>) In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made in Dallas' name to My Final Chapter and may be left at the funeral home. This is a local organization that works with adult cancer patients.".....We continue to keep Barb and their family in our prayers. Cards may be sent to Barb at 705 Colby St., Willard, Mo. 65781-8360 and Barb's e-mail address is: [dallas.dodson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dallas.dodson@sbcglobal.net). You can also go on the funeral home website and sign the guest book." The picture that comes up on the website is a picture of

their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and pickup truck – how fitting. Dallas & Barb joined FCRV while living in Topeka, KS so we have always claimed them as fellow Kansans. We were so happy when they were crowned International Retirees King & Queen a few years ago. They truly loved camping and the friendships that they made along the way. Our hearts are heavy with sadness for Barb and family and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with them.

On a happy note from the former Bonfire Busters Chapter: “Warren & Shirley Fritz, Clay Center, celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 1, 2021. They had hoped to have a celebration but cancelled that for the time being due to the virus. Hopefully they can celebrate in the near future.” Congratulations Warren & Shirley and we wish you a good year ahead. Their e-mail address is: [wsfritz@yahoo.com](mailto:wsfritz@yahoo.com). Let’s shower them with good wishes.

Kansas FCRV Care Notes – January 10, 2021

To Our Camping Friends,

Can you believe it’s almost the middle of January? In the past almost year of unbelievable events, etc. time continues to march on, which I believe is a good thing. We hope this finds everyone looking forward to better days ahead. We have several notes to share:

From the Kansa Travelers: “Keith Koontz is having his kidney transplant Monday, January 11, 2021 in Oklahoma City. His son, Kenny is the donor. Keith & Beverly have moved to their temporary quarters for several weeks at their daughter’s home in Oklahoma City. Beverly is the only one allowed to visit Keith and Kenny’s wife, Cheryl, is the only allowed to visit Kenny. The rest of the family is helping with transportation, support, etc. Keith is excited to get this over with so they can get back to traveling again. Good wishes can be sent to his e-mail: [k.koontz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.koontz@sbcglobal.net) or cards can be sent to him at: 2224 Woodland, Wichita, KS 67203-5938 (their mail is being forwarded).” We’re sending our Best Wishes for you Keith and Kenny and to all your family. You’re in our thoughts and prayers.

From the Sunflower Ramblers: “Glenn Perry, Minneola, KS, has been taken to the Hays Hospital by ambulance for tests, etc. Their e-mail address is: [gperry@minneola.net](mailto:gperry@minneola.net) and their mailing address is: P.O. Box 585, Minneola, KS 67865-0585.” Let’s keep Glenn and Betty in our thoughts and prayer.

From the Ky-O-Tees: “Judy Cleveland, Haysville, is having all her teeth pulled and new ones put in on January 18, 2021. Her husband, Bill, is having shoulder replacement on January 26, 2021. Their e-mail address is [Kansas.nascar5@gmail.com](mailto:Kansas.nascar5@gmail.com) and cards can be sent to: 8139 Victoria Street, Haysville, KS 67060-8396.” We’re wishing both Judy and Bill the very best with their surgeries and wishing them better days ahead. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Also from the Ky-O-Tees: “Ed Hilger recently had a pacemaker put in and we’ve heard that he is doing much better. They aren’t going South this winter while he recuperates, etc.. Their e-mail address: [mah42549@yahoo.com](mailto:mah42549@yahoo.com), and their mailing address is: Box 51, Garden Plain, KS 67050-2712.” Ed & Mary Ann we look forward to seeing you out camping again this year. Best Wishes to the two of you.

From the Newton Nomads: /“Karen Hickerson is scheduled for hip replacement Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in Wichita, KS. Karen & Bill’s e-mail address is: [revhick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revhick@sbcglobal.net) and their mailing address is: 1211 Parkwood Lane, Newton, KS 67114-4837.” Karen & Bill our thoughts and prayers are with you and Karen, we wish you a speedy recovery. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

With all the above surgeries, etc. by springtime hopefully everyone will be able to get out and about and enjoy camping, traveling and doing things they enjoy doing. We wish them and others that we may not know about good health.

Linda & Garold Smith, Kansas Care Notes

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Kansas FCRV Care Notes – January 13, 2021

To Our Camping Friends,

It's been a beautiful day for January in Kansas and we hope everyone was able to enjoy some sunshine. We appreciate the calls and e-mails letting us know what's going on with some of our members and consequently we have the following notes to share:

From the Kansa Travelers: "Keith & Kenny Koontz's kidney transplant surgeries went well and they both have been able to be up and moving around. They have been sharing pictures on facebook. It is a sigh of relief for all the family. Good wishes can be sent to his e-mail: [k.koontz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.koontz@sbcglobal.net) or cards can be sent to him at: 2224 Woodland, Wichita, KS 67203-5938 (their mail is being forwarded)." We were happy to hear the good news and look forward to seeing Keith & Beverly out camping again. We're continuing to send our Best Wishes for both Keith and Kenny and to all the family.

From the Ky-O-Tees: "Donald Smith, 92, Wichita, KS passed away unexpectedly this morning, January 13, 2021. Donald's wife, Mareta had previously passed away. Donald dearly loved camping and just yesterday had taken his camper to have some work done on it. He received his 50 year FCRV Membership Certificate last March. Cremation is planned and there will not be any services. Don is survived by a daughter, Marsha Smith, and cards can be sent to her at: 2302 S Fountain, Wichita, KS 67218." We remember many visits with Don, he was always interested in camping and in people in general. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

From the Sunflower Ramblers: "Lori Johnson's Mother, Betty Smith, 87, Wichita, KS, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021 from complications of covid. She is survived by Lori & Harold Johnson, Granddaughter Jessica & Tim Smith (also of Sunflower Ramblers). Her obituary can be found at: [www.bakerfhwichita.com](http://www.bakerfhwichita.com). Cards can be sent to Lori & Harold at: 2929 Roche Dr., N Colorado, Springs 80918 or e-mail: [lori.johnson@cox.net](mailto:lori.johnson@cox.net) and to Jessica & Tim at: 1628 N. Parkridge, Wichita, KS 67212 or e-mail: [jhthaver2@gmail.com](mailto:jhthaver2@gmail.com)." We were sorry to hear of your loss and know it is such a trying time with the covid and all the restrictions, etc. for families that lose a family member. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

From the Campfire Campers: "William & Darlene Burruss, Vancouver, WA, are the proud Grandparents of their first Grandchild, Layne William Burruss. He was born January 10, 2021, weighed 8 lbs 11 oz and is 20 ¼ inches long. He and his parents live in Georgia and William and Darlene have plans to go see him in March. William & Darlene's address is: 10502 NE 90<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA 98662-2193 or e-mail: [peaches1259@gmail.com](mailto:peaches1259@gmail.com)." The Burruss's were very active in our Chapter while living in Kansas and even after moving to Washington have remained members of FCRV, are affiliated with Kansas FCRV and keep in touch with the Campfire Campers. So we're really happy for them and look forward to seeing pictures, etc.

Linda & Garold Smith, Kansas Care Notes

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Kansas FCRV Care Notes – February 3, 2021

To Our Camping Friends,

Can you believe we're already into the month of February? Today is a pretty day with sunshine but the weatherman tells us that a big cold front is headed our way – so we're enjoying today. We hope those that choose to get the covid vaccine have been able to or will in the near future. Those that have had the covid virus we hope you are all doing okay. We're praying 2021 will be a better year for everyone. We have the following notes to share:

From the Kanokliners: "Anneta "Neta" Conway, 82, passed away January 20, 2021. She and husband, Robert have lived in Oswego, KS for several years where he was Pastor of the Oswego United Methodist Church. They had been members of the Kanokliners for five years. Services were held January 30. Friends may view the obituary and sign the guest registry at [www.schneiderfunerals.com](http://www.schneiderfunerals.com). Cards may be mailed to: 903 Second Street, Oswego, KS 67356" We extend our sympathy to Robert and family. We've had the opportunity to visit with them several times and Neta just made you smile. We fondly remember when they went to the Heartland Regional in Sturgis, SD and how she enjoyed the campout. She was also instrumental in the Oswego UMC putting together a beautiful collection of Nativity Scenes at Christmas time (we're not sure if they continued the display the last few years). She will be missed by all who knew her.

From the Kansa Travelers: “An update on Keith Koontz’s kidney transplant – he spent a couple days out of the hospital. Then he developed an infection around the new kidney and some complications. We’re happy to say he’s back home after a total of sixteen days in the hospital, some more surgery, treatment and some rehab. Son, Ken Koontz, is feeling better and should be able to get back in the groove of restoring his truck and working on the lake house soon. The family wants to say thank you for all the prayers, calls, texts, food and support during this time. It has been overwhelming and heartwarming.” We visited with Keith today and he is doing well. Home Health Care workers check on him regularly and each day is better. He and Beverly can still use our notes of encouragement. Good wishes can be sent to his e-mail: [k.koontz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.koontz@sbcglobal.net) or cards can be sent to him at: 2224 Woodland, Wichita, KS 67203-5938 (their mail is being forwarded).” We were happy to hear the good news and look forward to seeing Keith & Beverly out camping again. We’re continuing to send our Best Wishes for both Keith and Kenny and to all the family.

From the Kanokliners: “Dorothy Cole recently sent a picture of her first Great Grand Daughter. She was born October 14, 2020 and as Dorothy comments “she is a doll”. Congratulations Dorothy and we agree. The next time you see Dorothy ask for pictures.

From the Sunflower Ramblers: “A Correction – in the last Care Notes we mentioned the death of Betty Smith. The e-mail address that we gave for Jessica and Tim Smith was incorrect – it should be: [jlthayer2@gmail.com](mailto:jlthayer2@gmail.com).” We apologize for the error.

On a personal note – “We never know how important our camping experiences mean to others. Linda’s sister and husband, Jack & Dottie Frost, Topeka, KS, only belonged to FCRV a few short years and they attended Campventions at Hamburg, NY and Brainard, MN. When something was mentioned about camping she would get a sparkle in her eyes and a little giggle and she treasured the pictures from those times. She especially loved the noise parades and hospitalities. She had been in failing health for the last several years and lost her battle on January 29, 2021 at age 76. So we are thankful to anyone that might have added to that sparkle, etc. over the years.”

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Kansas FCRV Care Notes – February 11, 2021

To Our Camping Friends,

We want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine’s Day and hope you get to do something special. We also hope everyone is surviving the extreme cold temperatures. Planning for the upcoming camping season might help some to take our minds off of the weather, the virus and other disturbing factors.

We have some sad news to share: “Howard Herrman, Age 68, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 at their home in Norway, KS. He is survived by his wife, Paula, two sons, Trevor and Travis, one daughter, Shannon and their families. He has had numerous serious health issues for the last seven years. There will be a Visitation on Saturday, February 20, 2021, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19<sup>th</sup> St., Belleville, KS 66935. A Memorial Graveside service will be held at a later day at the Norway Cemetery, Norway, KS. The complete obituary can be found at [www.bachelor-surber.com/obituary/HowardHerrman](http://www.bachelor-surber.com/obituary/HowardHerrman). Cards can be sent to Paula and Family at 953 Hwy K-148, Scandia, KS 66966-8009, E-mail address is: [hermanh@gmail.com](mailto:hermanh@gmail.com). Howard & Paula and Family have been members of FCRV and Kansas Campers for a number of years.” We extend our sympathy to Paula and family. We have watched this family grow through the years and have fond memories of times we’ve been at campouts with them. We always appreciated Howard’s positive opinions and his quiet demeanor. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Herrman family.

If you know of someone that should be remembered in the Care Notes, send us a note so that we might share the information. We also like to get happy news, i.e. weddings, Special Anniversaries, etc. Staying in touch is one way to help keep our organization a little stronger. Please pass the above information on to those that might not have received the Care Notes. Sometimes the Care Notes end up in your SPAM file (cyber gremlins) – so check your SPAM folder often. Thanks! Good Health and Safe Travels and we’re looking forward to seeing you “down the road”!

Linda & Garold Smith, Kansas Care Notes

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Group Sites & Shelter

***A NEW DATE & A NEW PLACE***  
**FCRV District One Campout**  
**June 18 – 20, 2021**  
*at*  
**Canning Creek Group Sites 1 & 2**  
**Council Grove Lake, Council Grove, KS**

We invite you to come camp with us for a relaxing and fun filled weekend!

**We have 28 sites available at the Group Sites (20 with full hook-ups; 8 with W/E). When those are full campers can make their own reservation close by at Sites # 35 – 47. There are a limited number of sites so we suggest you make your reservation early – either with us at a Group Site or on your own. (All sites are 50 amp.)**

**Camping Fee \$20 for the weekend payable at the Campout – for those in the Group Sites.**

***The Activity Fee of \$10.00 per family, includes both campers and drive-ins, to help defray campout expenses.***

This is the same weekend as Washunga Days at Council Grove so there will be plenty of activities both at the campground and in Council Grove. Be watching for more details about activities, meals, games, etc.. We invite you to bring along friends and family that like to camp.

For more information contact: Linda & Garold Smith, 6241 S E Paulen Rd., Berryton, KS 66409,  
 Ph: 785-862-9053, Email: SMITHGANDL@aol.com.

**Pre-Registration (Activity Fee) \$10.00 Make checks payable to: Linda Smith on the Memo line write FCRV District One Campout. (This fee will be refunded if the event has to cancel).**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_\_\_

**\* IMPORTANT – READ THE DISTRICT ONE UPDATE ABOUT THIS CAMPOUT!!!**



30 amp service by the river maybe water



30/50 amp plus water 10 sites only



20/30 amp maybe some water



Air-conditioned Meeting place with a kitchen

## KCA Spring Campout at Kelley Park Burlington Ks.

The KCA Spring Campout will be April 30- May 2, 2021 in Burlington Kansas at Kelley Park. There are 10 sites 30/50 amp service with water and at least 30 more sites with 20/30 amp service and some will have water. **The first 10 units that need 50 amp service and pre-register will get the 50 amp service and water (only 6 left)** the rest will have 20/30 amp service and some will have water. There will be a climate controlled building for all of the indoor activities including a kitchen. Kelley Park has a large playground for children and a very clean toilet and shower building. Kelley Park is in the SE corner of Burlington, Kansas. (See the registration form for directions to the Park). **We ask each family to bring a door prize of around \$5.** We will have a Breakfast on Saturday morning May 1 and a walking taco dinner on Saturday evening. The program Friday evening will be retiring of old tattered US Flags. For the program Saturday evening we have booked a Blue Grass Band. The plans for Sunday call for coffee/donuts along with a church service. We plan a Craft and Flea Market so bring your crafts and camping fleas if you have some.

There is a nature trail at Wolf Creek Nuclear site for hiking. Other attractions are the Old 75 Arts district including antique shops, the Coffey County Museum, and an exotic plant arboretum in LeRoy, Ks (8 miles South), river fishing plus family Games.

For more info contact Area I Exec. Committeeman Vern Failor at [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com) or 785 231 3960

Let's fill the park this weekend!!!

## KCA Spring Campout

Here are the current plans for the Spring Campout. The dates are April 30 – May 2, 2021 at Kelley Park in Burlington, KS. Friday April 30 we will open registration at 3pm in the evening we will have a solemn flag retirement ceremony. Saturday May 1, we are planning a biscuits and gravy breakfast, a craft/flea market, free time to visit Burlington, a walking taco dinner and an evening program. Sunday May 2, donuts & Coffee/juice and a church service and say goodbye or stay for the retirees. Remember these are not set in stone as we do not know what the future will bring. **We will use whatever health guidelines are in effect at the time of the campout.** To register look elsewhere for a registration form. There are a limited number of 50 amp service so if you require 50 amp service please get registered soon. For more information or to volunteer contact Area I Executive Committee Vern Failor at [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com) or call 785 272 6102 H, 785 231 3960 C.

## Kansas Campers Association Spring Convention

April 30- May 1-2, 2021

Kelley Park Burlington, Kansas 66839

Experience Burlington & Coffee County

Everyone is WELCOME

**If you want 50 amp electrical service and water you need to be in the first 10 to pre-register. (6 left) The rest will have 20/30 amp service & some will have water**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs  Yes  No Electrical Service 30 Amp \_\_\_\_\_ 50 amp \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration is \$40.00, After April 13<sup>th</sup> Registration is \$45.00**  
**No refunds after April 20, 2020 Drive in families activity fee \$20.00**

Make Checks to: **Vern Failor.** on the memo line write **“KCA Spring Convention”**

Mail to 5201 SW 27<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka, Kansas 66614

**Parking will be Hobo as you arrive.**

**For more information e mail [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com) or call 785 231 3960**

### Activities for the weekend:

There is a building for activities and we will use whatever health guidelines are in effect. On Friday evening here will be a program to retire **US Flags** that are not useful anymore. On Saturday there will be a breakfast, a flea/craft market for anything of use to a camper a taco dinner and a Blue Grass Band for the evening program.

**Directions to the Kelley Park:** At the entrance to Kelley Park there are 2 Rock pillars that are 12ft. apart, there is plenty of room just drive slow. Kelley Park is in the Southeast part of Burlington, at 615 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. **From the North**, Travel South out of town on U. S. Highway 75, Turn Left onto Alleghaney St the park is in front of you. **From the South** on U.S. Highway 75 turn right onto Alleghaney St. the park is in front of you.

**Joke:**

The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

**Trivia:**

Baseball great Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep him cool on sweltering days. He changed it every two innings and rarely played without one during hot weather.

**Worth Pondering:**

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE:

Living on Earth is expensive, But it does include a free trip  
Around the sun every year.

How long a minute is  
Depends on what side of the Bathroom door you're on.

**Buy/Sell Section:** (Members Only) (Camping items only)

**Snowbird Section:**

Items happening at your RV park during the Winter.

**2021 RETIREE RALLY CANCELLED**

# District 2

## Spring Thaw

April 2-4 2021

WINFIELD FAIR GROUNDS

**Come to Winfield for a fun filled weekend.  
Hospitalities, Brown Bag Auction, Games,  
BBQ Dinner Saturday  
Special Entertainment**



## Travelalong to the FCRV Campvention 2021

The Hitchens and the Failors are planning a travelalong to the FCRV Campvention in July 2021. The plan is to leave Topeka between 9 and 10 am on July 6<sup>th</sup>. The first day/night we would stay in Winterset Iowa day/night 2-3 and 4 we would stay in Amana Iowa. Day/night 5 we would stay somewhere east of Dubuque Iowa just into Wisconsin. That would take us to about 50 to 60 miles from Elkhorn WI. We would arrive at the FCRV Campvention on July 11 between 11 am and noon.

We would make reservations for each unit but each unit will pay their own camping fees and provide their own site seeing expenses and food. If you are interested in such a plan please contact Vern Failor at [ylfailor@gmail.com](mailto:ylfailor@gmail.com) or call 785 231 3960 or 785 272 6102 or Steve Hitchens at [shitchens@gmail.com](mailto:shitchens@gmail.com) or call 785 234 3318 . We have located nightly camping cost of \$25 to \$40 per night. Final plans would be at the KCA Spring Convention in Burlington. Please contact us if you are interested.

## International Retire Rally Ice Cream Social

On March 23, 2021, we would like to host a zoom meeting for anyone who would to attend an Ice Cream Social. It will be BYOIC (bring your own ice cream). So, get a cone, bowl, or glass, fill it with ice cream and come join us. For those who don't know much about getting on a zoom meeting, it is easy. You can call in with your phone, or you can go on the internet on computer, type in join a zoom meeting, and put in the ID number and then password and you are there. If you don't have a computer, ask your family for help.

Along about March 15 we will send out letters from National with your ID number and password.

If you do not get this letter by the time of the ice cream social, then contact Reba Ray and I will give you the information. You can contact me at [reba256@yahoo.com](mailto:reba256@yahoo.com) or 706-302-6735.

We hope everyone will join us for this Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream Social will last about an hour.

## CAMPING DATES FOR KANSAS March April May 2021

**Camp with some others and have even more fun – Call for more info**

M	D	D	CHAPTER	WHERE	CITY	PHONE
3	13		Kansa Travelers	Cheddar's – West	Wichita	316-775-6575
3	13		Campfire Campers	Carbondale Community Center	Carbondale	913-909-9978
3	19	21	Sunflower Ramblers	Lighthouse Landing	South Hutchinson	620-200-0784
3	20		Kanokliners	Cole Residence	Independence	316-755-5791
3	20		Dusters	Congregational Fellowship Hall	Onaga	785-844-7949
3	23	29	<b>ALL</b>	<b>International Retirees</b>	Minneola, TX	316-830-2115
4	1	4	<b>ALL</b>	<b>District II Spring Thaw</b>	Winfield	316-655-2970
4	9	11	Campfire Campers	Oregon Trial Campground	Westmoreland	913-909-9978
4	14	18	Kanokliners	Below the Dam	Independence	316-755-5791
4	15	18	Kansa Travelers	Washington City Campground	Washington	316-775-6575
4	16	18	Mustang	Shawnee Lake	Topeka	785-640-4920
4	16	18	Sunflower Ramblers	Smarsh Creek	Cheney Lake	620-200-0784
4	16	18	Dusters	Tulip Festival	Wamego	785-844-7949
4	23	25	Kansa Travelers	Elk City State Park- Sunset Point	Elk City	316-775-6575
4	30	5-2	<b>ALL</b>	<b>KCA Spring State – Kelly Park</b>	Burlington	785-231-3960
5	3	7	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Sunchasers Spring Retirees</b>	Burlington	620-662-7984
5	7	9	Campfire Campers	Lake Francis Campground	Ft. Scott	913-909-9978
5	14	16	Sunflower Ramblers	El Dorado Lake	El Dorado	620-200-0784
5	14	16	Kansa Travelers	Fall River - Fredonia Bay	Fall River	316-775-6575
5	14	16	Dusters	Banner Creek	Holton	785-844-7949
5	19	23	Kanokliners	Copan – Post Oak	Caney	316-755-5791
5	20	23	Ky-O-Tees	Lake View Campground	Scott City Lake	316-305-9791
5	21	23	Mustang	Loop A Michigan Valley	Pomona	785-640-4920



**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**

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**Mail to: Sue & Carl Fromholzer**

137 Crandon Blvd

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**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.**

**KANSAS CAMPERS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT – 2020**

Items	Nov. 3, 2019	Beg. Bal	Income 2020	Budget 2020	Expenses 2020	Budget Balance 2020		Acct. Balance
General Fund	\$4,304.18							\$4,304.18
Transfer to Savings								
<b>Membership renewals – 2019</b>								
<b>Membership Renewal 2020</b>			\$930.00					
<b>Advertising</b>			\$437.50					
<b>Other Income</b>								
<b>Spring State 2020</b>			\$463.72					
<b>Fall State 2020</b>			\$990.00					
<b>Teen</b>								
<b>Scholarship</b>								
<b>FUNDS</b>								
Bible Fund		\$464.15		\$0.00		\$464.15		
Royalty Travel		\$152.75				\$152.75		
National Goody Bag Fund		\$70.00				\$70.00		
<b>GENERAL BUDGET ACCOUNTS</b>								
Communications				\$150.00		\$150.00		
Conservation				\$25.00		\$25.00		
Convention Fund				\$2,000.00		#REF!	Fund rein-	
Spring State 2020								
Fall State 2020					\$1,155.00			
Flag				\$50.00		\$50.00		
Convention Float				\$100.00		\$100.00		
Historian				\$40.00		\$40.00		
Indoor Meeting				\$100.00		\$100.00		
Hospitality				\$100.00		\$100.00		
Legislation & Election & Badges				\$200.00		\$200.00		
Kansas Campers Newsletter				\$1,600.00	\$362.81	\$1,237.19		
Kansas Camper Editor				\$50.00		\$50.00		
Membership/Chapter Promotion				\$400.00		\$400.00		
Other								
President				\$50.00		\$50.00		
Pre-Teen/Youth				\$100.00		\$100.00		
C.A.M.P.				\$25.00		\$25.00		
KCA Board Hospitality				\$75.00		\$75.00		

Royalty Warerope - King				\$75.00		\$75.00		
Royalty Warerope - Queen				\$200.00		\$200.00		
Secretary				\$75.00		\$75.00		
Secretary of State				\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00		
Scholarship				\$500.00				
Treasurer				\$100.00	\$108.06	-\$8.06		
Utility Trailer				\$100.00	\$84.74	\$15.26		
Web Site				\$75.00		\$75.00		
Total All KCA Accounts			\$2,821.22	\$6,300.50	\$1,750.61			\$5,374.79
Checking Account Balance								
CD Value								\$0.00
Bank of West Account								
Unrestricted Fund	#####		\$3.35					\$15,815.01
Scholarship	\$5,511.42		\$1.08					\$5,512.50
<b>Total all KCS Funds</b>								\$26,702.30

## How many catalytic converter thefts have there been?

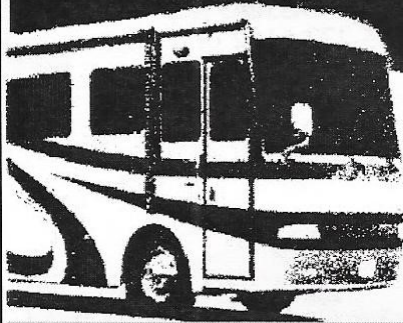
The precise number of thefts is unknown. The National Insurance Crime Bureau, the prime data source for vehicle thefts reported to insurance companies, stopped tracking [converter thefts after 2015](#). In that year, the NICB wrote that nearly 4,000 catalytic converters were reported stolen nationwide – a 23 percent increase since 2008. They added that the real number was “much higher.”

With vehicle emissions systems now well-integrated into a vehicle, it basically will not operate properly without all systems in place. Not that you’d want to drive around with part of your exhaust system missing.

You also would likely void the warranty of a vehicle if you drove without this component. And you certainly wouldn’t pass an emissions test.

The thief may get anywhere from a few dollars to a few hundred dollars selling your catalytic converter on the open market or to a metals dealer. But the cost of replacing one of these units at a dealership can run into the triple digits – some units are over \$2,000.





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## WANT TO BE A KCA MEMBER?

This publication is published by the Kansas Campers Association (KCA). We are a group of campers from across the state of Kansas that love to camp. KCA is the state of Kansas organization that is a part of FCRV (Family Campers and RVers. Listed in this publication are upcoming camping events across the state of Kansas. Come and join us, or feel free to give any of the officers on the front page a call for more information. To be a member you must be a part of FCRV at \$35 per year and then you may join KCA for \$10. If there is a local club that you would like to be a part of they generally have a membership fee of \$5 per person.

We have two state meets a year and most of the clubs camp one or two weeks a month. Look to [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org) for information on national organization. See application below for KCA.

Kansas Camper Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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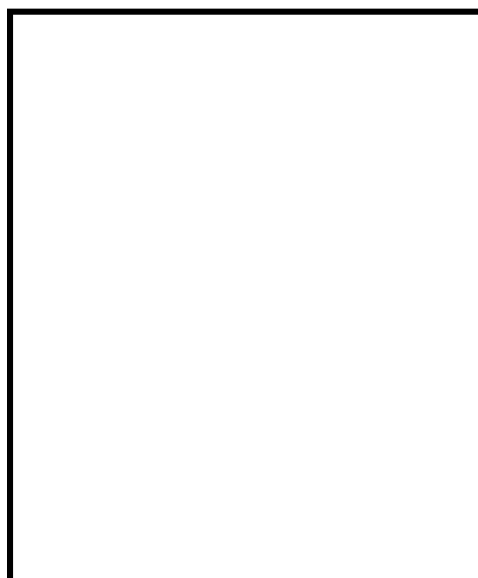
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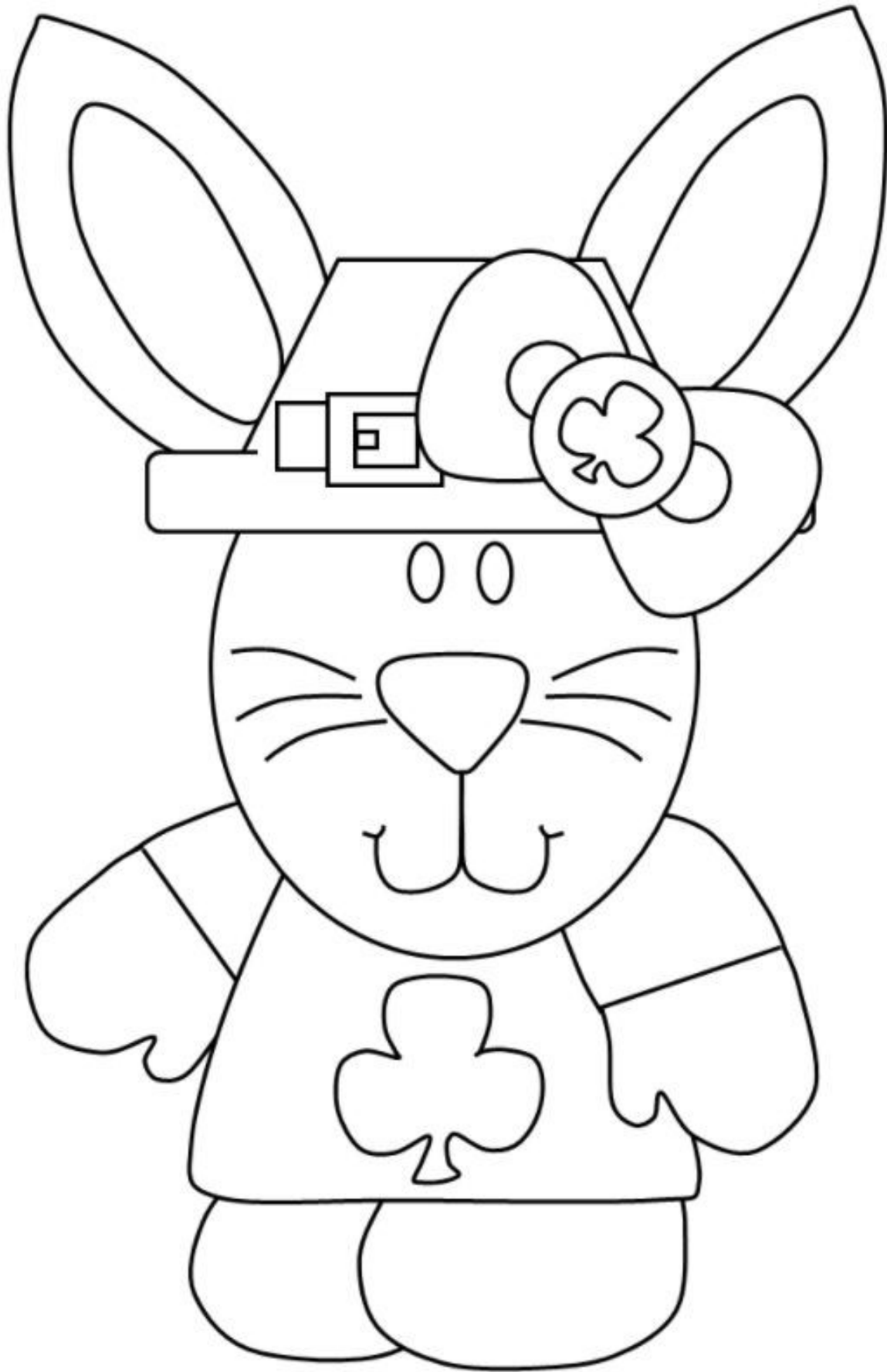
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