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March 2021

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message Rob and Joleen Baker

Upcoming 2021 Events:

As your State Directors, we want to update all of you with our plans for this year. As of now, we are moving forward with this season's events as much as possible. After last year being full of cancellations, restrictions, etc., we are hoping that this year will be a year of renewing our friendships and seeing our friends on the campgrounds. Please keep us updated as to your group's activities, and positive information that can be shared throughout the State.

We need to get motivated, and through this Pandemic, so that we can get back to seeing our camping friends/family as soon as possible. In the event you hold meetings, please maintain social distancing, wear masks if you feel safer doing so, and **respect the choices of other people**. Stay safe everyone!!

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2021 Dates to Remember

- June 11-13 June Bug - Seward Fairgrounds
- July 11-16 Campvention, Elkhorn, WI
- July 22-25 Regional, York County Fairgrounds
- Sept 19-23 Retirees, Stromsburg City Park
- Sept 24-26 State Campout, York County Fairground

National President's Message . . . Gerry Pfirsch

As I learn and grow in this position, I am developing a greater appreciation for all that goes on behind the scenes of this amazing organization. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent changes, elections, and our plans for the upcoming Campvention.

While it may seem that FCRV has gone dormant during the winter months, rest assured that there is a lot of work going on

behind the scenes of this club. Many discussions took place regarding the Retiree Rally, and the difficult decision was made to postpone it until 2022. Everything that has been put in place will be simply carried forward to next year. Monies for registrations will be returned, and we will start with a clean slate next year. We understand that so many of our FCRV members are anxious to see friends and acquaintances face to face once again, but we are not yet at a place where our members will be safe in large gatherings. So, you are asked to hang on a little while longer.

Elections are coming up soon, and we have two candidates running for the position of Vice President - Operations. Jeff Kendle from Colorado and Ivalee Vanderhoff from Kansas have both expressed an interest in this position. Candidates' biographies will be in *Camping Today*.

The board of trustees is also working hard for the 2021 Campvention in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. It is our sincere hope that this event does happen and that we can all once again be there in person. Running a Campvention requires many hands, so if someone comes up and asks for your assistance please say yes.

At the last Campvention where we all met face to face at the Executive board meeting back in Kansas, the trustees were tasked by the executive board to review the structure and members that make up our executive board. We have done so and will be presenting a Zoom meeting to the Executive Board in the extremely near future where proposed changes will be laid out and explained.

In this year following the onset of COVID-19, we are unable to participate in RV shows as a means of increasing our membership. Matt Mantia has been working hard behind the scenes with a new member recruiting campaign where new members are encouraged to join for two years at a

reduced rate; what would normally be a \$68.00 fee for two years is now \$52.50. This is in effect right now. Also, keep in mind that new members to FCRV receive an extra 6 months of membership at no extra cost, whether they join for one year, two years or even three years. This is part of our Membership Incentive Program and is an ongoing discount.

After the majority of us recover from these record snowfalls and horrible temperatures, please go out and promote FCRV membership to your fellow snowbirds and Winter Texans. The rest of us will catch up once we dig out the campers! COVID-19 has given us all a swift kick in the pants; our membership numbers will need to be shored up.

That's all for now. Until the snow melts and that thermometer starts being sociable once again, I hope that you all stay safe, stay warm, and stay healthy!

Gerry

Region 3 Ramblings . . . JeAnne (Jan) Selby, Regional Director

Here's wishing each of you Holiday Blessings during this unusual and incredibly challenging holiday season!

Despite the current worldwide pandemic, local, regional and national FCRV event committees, composed of positive members, optimistically continue planning club outings for next season, for the International Retiree International, and for Regional Campventions. I would like to share a few reminders regarding events currently being planned.

Pre-registrations for the **61st International Campvention**, scheduled for July 11 - 16 at Elkhorn, WI, is \$335, which covers 6 nights. If you're paying by check, make the check payable to **NCHA**. All campvention contracts have a COVID clause, so you'll receive a full refund if the 2021 Campvention must be cancelled.

Campvention golf cart rental, different this year, needs to be arranged directly with the golf cart company. Watch for details in *Camping Today* in January 2021. Look for pre-registration forms in all recent issues of *Camping Today* or on the FCRV website, fcrv.org. Additional information will be available in all upcoming issues of *Camping Today*.

The **International Retiree Rally** Chairs Kip and Jan Cushing, WI, are moving forward with plans and arrangements for the 51st rally, to be held March 23 - 28, 2021, at Mineola, TX. Pre-registration for two people in one unit is \$290 prior to March 9, and \$300 after the deadline. The Cushings and their Rally Committees are planning all of the usual activities we've all come to expect at International Retiree Rallies.

(This event is cancelled. -----Calling Editor)

Save the dates and safely come rushing back from the International Campvention in WI to **Region 3's 2021 Regional Heartland Campvention**, slated for July 22 - 25, 2021, at York, NE. Nebraska FCRVers, who had planned to host the 2020 Regional Campvention, graciously consented to try again -- and host the 2021 event! The 2020 Regional, also scheduled for York, NE, was cancelled, along with so many club, state and Regional events, this past camping season. A pre-registration form and more details will be forthcoming.

Moving on to Regional recognitions, I would like to congratulate a number of Region 3 clubs, club members and youth for their participation in and applications to various FCRV contests and other program opportunities during these past challenging months.

Iowa: Benjamin Moats, Ames, IA, a math major, received a \$1,500 FCRV scholarship.

Kansas: The Sunflower Ramblers, KS, entered a club parade float entry into the July 2020 Virtual International Campvention shoebox parade. The theme of the club entry was "Families Glitter with Camping Fun."

Nebraska: Kiley Johnson, Omaha, NE, an elementary education major, received a \$1,500 FCRV scholarship; Tyler Mathews, Papillion, NE, a Zoo Sciences major, received a \$1,500 scholarship; and Tara Mueller, Exeter, NE, an elementary education major, received a \$500 scholarship.

The Better Ponca Foundation, Ponca, NE, received a \$1,200 wildlife refuge grant.

North Dakota/South Dakota: ND/SD State Director Sherry McGuire of the Roaming Buffalo FCRV Club, Jamestown, received the National Citation, the 2nd highest award given by FCRV, during the July 2020 Virtual International Campvention. After serving 3 years as Assistant State Director and 12 years as Roaming Buffalo Field Director, McGuire was appointed ND/SD State Director in August.

JeAnne Selby of the Roughrider Club, Bismarck, received a 2nd place ribbon on her national conservation poster contest entry in the adult division during the July 2020 Virtual International Campvention.

Dakota Zoo, in Bismarck, ND, received a \$500 wildlife refuge grant, designated for its raptor rehabilitation program.

My personal thanks to all of the FCRV members who put forth the extra time and effort to complete applications or participate in FCRV programs at the national level in recent months!

I encourage all FCRV members to continue thinking positively and putting their time, efforts and talents into their local, regional and national FCRV activities -- along with everything else they do during these challenging times! Hang in there; media reports indicate COVID vaccines are on the way!

Region 3 Director. . . JeAnne (Jan) Selby

You may have already found the information on the New Member Incentive, developed by VP/Planning & Development

Matt Mantia and National Membership Director Chris Weiss, starting on page 3 of the February issue of *Camping Today*. Remember to look for the membership drive request and report on the last page of *Camping Today*.

This information is also available on the FCRV website, under the Members' area; look for "New Member Incentive." The financial impact of this new option is \$52.50 for a 2-year membership, which is equivalent to \$26.25 per year, compared to the standard \$35 per family per year annual dues. The new members would still receive 6 months free membership, as with the long-standing Cadet Membership program (18 months for the standard 12-month registration fee of \$35). The advantage of the 2-year New Member Incentive program is time -- time for you to orient and mentor the new family, thus encouraging their retention in the club.

Additional details for the New Member Incentive are included in the open letter to members on page 4 of *Camping Today*. Please note that, for Ambassador Club members striving to reach a new recruitment level, if the sign-up is a new commercial member, such as an RV dealer or campground, the commercial member will now be counted as a new member toward the next level of advancement in the Ambassador Club.

My prayer is that each of you, along with your families, are staying safe and well -- avoiding the coronavirus! I'm in Mesa, AZ, at the resort I've been at for 10 years. When I arrived here the 2nd week of January, the Arizona positivity rate was at 21% (the highest in the US), compared to about 5% back in ND. Snow birds have been invited to register for the COVID vaccine; however, both the Snow birds and locals are spending inordinate amounts of time, either on-line or on the phone, attempting to get vaccination appointments. One of my close friends from SD finally got an appointment, after about a

week of 4-hour on-line sessions, for Thursday mid-morning in a nearby suburb. Her husband got an appointment at a different site in a different suburb, at 12:05 a.m. the night before hers. And no, they couldn't vaccinate both of them at the same time, despite her carrying her confirmation paperwork! I haven't started working on an appointment for myself here in Mesa-Phoenix yet, as I keep thinking there are still so many who are older, have underlying health conditions, or are living in Arizona skilled care facilities, that haven't had their vaccinations ahead of me. Meanwhile I maintain all the CDC and state COVID protocols intended to keep us all well and avoid large gatherings, till it's my turn for the shot. I'm glad I brought a little volunteer work, my magazines, several new books and my sewing machine. So many resort activities, both indoors and out, are radically restricted or simply not happening this year; but that is as I'd expected! I feel blessed to be isolating in the sunshine, but I want to remain well!

And that is my wish for all of you!

Corresponding and Recording Officer. Sue Carlson

Dear FCRV Friends,

Together we have come through a very challenging year. Despite limited camping opportunities, our leadership and chapter members have done an outstanding job keeping the communication campfires burning throughout our states and provinces. I am asking each of you to look back over the past 12 months and ask yourself WHO in your area deserves some credit for their enthusiasm, encouragement, patience, and planning despite the obstacles we all faced. Is there someone in particular who answered the call in their community to help those in need? Is there someone who perhaps risked their own well-being to save another? We give awards for that -- Humanitarian and Lifesaving.

We also have three awards which are cumulative, reflecting many years of service to the organization -- the Citation, Plaque, and Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement awards. And let us not forget the Chapter of the Year award! Please take a few moments to review the attached forms and give our fellow members the recognition they have earned. As always, I am available to help in any way I can.

Thank you,

(Forms are available from our State Leaders.)

Camping Today Vicki Roop

Hello Fellow Campers,

I hope all of you are doing well and staying safe. We are fine and getting our vaccine next week. Will be glad when we can get back to camping!

We are doing the same thing again this month for you to get the *Camping Today*. This seems to be working for us and we will probably continue to do it every month. You need to go to fcrv.org and click on "Member" and then "Camping Today." You will see a red bar that says "February" which you click on and the issue will pop up for you to read or save.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you soon!

State Chaplain . . .Mert Feikert

The temperature outside is now 54 degrees. How different it is than the same day last week. Hopefully the frigid weather is over with for the winter this year. I hope that this article finds all of you well and ready to start another camping season.

Janene and I have been quite fortunate this past winter. We not only survived the frigid temperatures and piles of snow, but we also somehow contracted and survived that dreaded Covid virus that has been affecting so many this past year.

We did spend much of our time at home this past year trying to avoid exposure to the bug, which obviously didn't work too

well. As a result, I spent a little too much time watching TV.

I, like many, have always been fascinated with the search for treasure. I purchased a metal detector some years back and have had limited success in finding that pot of gold that has to be out there somewhere.

However, I found the next most exciting way to search for treasure is to watch someone else do it for me. I can now search for the Lost Dutchman Mine in Arizona, the Incan gold in Utah, and the bottom of the ocean for Spanish Gold, all I have to do is turn on the TV set.

Even though it does not have monetary value, the gift given to us by our heavenly father is far more precious than all of the treasure that is found here in the world. The gift of God's only son ensures our salvation from sin, and an eternal home with Him. Although Jesus left us to sit by His father, He still lives here on earth because of the gift that He promised:

John 14: vs 15-17

If you love me, obey my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another advocate

Who will never leave you,

He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.

Because of this precious gift, Jesus still lives in each of those who believe in Him. Even though there will always be a constant search for riches in the world today, as Christians we realize we are far richer than those in a constant search for treasure here on earth.

2021 Campvention.

FCRV Campvention Registration Form

Greetings everyone:

Attached below (page 9) is the *most current* registration form for the 2021 Campvention, "Wander Wisconsin." Please note, we need to have checks payable to **NCHA** for this particular event.

Be sure to share this latest form with your members, field staff, and friends.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

*Yours in Camping,
Sue Fromholzer*

FCRV V.P. Operations

Registration Chairman Campvention 2021

Chapter News

Courageous Ramblers

It has been a long winter with a lot of snow to shovel. We planned a Christmas party but, because of the virus, we never had it.

Donna Hansen and her family have been fairly healthy. Mickey Hetrick has had a good winter as her cancer is still in a good place. She will go back this spring for a CT scan. So keep praying for her. Pearl Shaw passed away in Dec. She was 96 yr. old

Our snowbirds are in Texas. They should be back around the first of April. They are still praying for their granddaughter. She had a double mastectomy for her cancer and had to undergo chemo. She is waiting for the outcome of a CT scan. We hope the results are good. If the scan was clear, no more chemo.

We hope the vaccine works to clear away this virus so life can get back to some sort of normal.

*Norma Hetrick,
Field Director*

Heartland Runabouts

New officers for 2021:

President: Anita Mueller, 207 E. Liberty, Box 205, Exeter, NE 68351

V. President: Peggy Warner, 205 N. Exeter Ave., Box 255, Exeter, NE 68351

Secretary: Sandy Kendall, 2421 Sheridan Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803

Treasurer: Jessica Hoagland, 1607 W. 6th, Hastings, NE 68901

*Sandy Kendall,
Secretary*

Rollin' Turtles

The Rollin' Turtles met Feb. 25 at The Eatery Restaurant to make the camping schedule assignment for 2021. Eight members were present. Election of officers will be held at one of the next meetings when there is a quorum.

Jan Van Arsdall



Club Camping Schedules for 2021

Heartland Runabouts

<u>Month</u>	<u>Camping/Meeting Place</u>
April 23-25	Pioneer Trails, Aurora, NE
May 14-16	Lone Star, Tobias, NE
June 11-13	June Bug State Campout, TBA
June 25-27	Petersburg City Park with tanking
July 9-11	Deshler City Park, Deshler, NE
July 22-25	Regional, York, NE
August 13-15	Stromsburg City Park
September 10-12	Hebron City Park
September 24-26	State Campout, York Fairgrounds
October 8-10	Crystal Lake
November	TBA

Triple F Campers & RVers

<u>Month</u>	<u>Camping/Meeting Place</u>
March 19-21	Pizza Ranch, Papillion, NE
April 16-18	Stanton Lake Campground
May	Wilber, Nebraska Legion Park
June 11-13	Seward County Fairgrounds, Seward, NE (June Bug)
July 22-25	Regional, York County Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska
July 30-Aug 1	Waubonsie SRA, Iowa
August 20-22	Victorian Acres, Nebraska City, Nebraska
September 9-12	Mahoney SRA, Nebraska
September 19-23	Retirees Rally Stromsburg, NE
September 24-26	State Campout, York County Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska
October 8-10	Long Creek RV Park, Auburn, Nebraska
November	TBA

Rollin' Turtles

<u>Month</u>	<u>Camping/Meeting Place</u>
March	25 @ 12:00 noon The Eatery on S. 48th
April	16-17-18 Wilber, Ne. Potato Bake
May	17-18-19-20 Pawnee SRA Cookout Sites 22 Thru 52
June	11-12-13 *June Bug – State Seward Fair Grounds
June	14-15-16-17 Rock Creek SRA Walking Taco Sites 1-2, 9-10-11,14-15-16-18-19,23-24-2
July	12-13-14-15 Louisville SRA Potluck Sites 175 – 199
July	22-23-24 *Regional - York
August	16-17-18-19 Two Rivers SRA Potluck Sites 1 – 19
September	13-14-15-16 Indian Cave SRA Tailgate Sites: Ashgrove Area
Reserved	on hill 50-70, Non-reserved 71 – 85 and 87 - 97
September	19-20-21-22 *Nebraska Retirees - Stromsburg
September	24-25-26 *Nebr. State Campout-York
October	14-15-16 Wilber Am. Legion Soup Supper
November	14 ?
December	6 Christmas Party.



**2021 Region 3 Campvention
 "Days of the Pioneers"
 York County Fairgrounds, York NE
 July 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2021**

Pre-Registration Deadline: June 1, 2021

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Prv _____ Zip/P.Code _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Chapter _____

# of Adults	Teens 16-19	Teens 13-15	Pre-Teen 9-12	Youth 6-8	Youth 0-5

Type of Camper _____ Size of Camper (ft.) _____ Slide-Outs [Y/N] _____ Handicap [Y/N] _____

TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING REGIONAL IN ONE UNIT:

Each Family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must pay \$25.00 for the weekend. Early Bird Parking must be pre-registered.

HANDICAP INFORMATION:

Handicap parking will be located near facilities. State issued placard required.

SITE INFORMATION:

All sites are electric only (30 or 50 amp.)

ACTIVITIES:

Site Seeing (On your Own) Wessels Living History Farm, York, NE
 Demonstrations/Games during the day (Fri. and Sat)
 Saturday Evening Live and Silent Auction (New Items Only)

FEES:

Registration & Camping	\$65.00 for 2 nights & 3 days or \$85.00 at the gate	\$ _____
Add'l family in unit	\$25.00/Drive In for 3 days	\$ _____
Early Bird Parking (July 22nd)	\$15.00	\$ _____
Drive In	\$10.00/day	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast (See Below)	\$ 5.00 Pre-register	\$ _____
Regional Dinner (See Below)		
Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs and Juice/Coffee		
Regional Dinner Pot-Luck A-J Entrée K-Q Salads R-Z Dessert		

***Could be changed to Dinner on your Own Depending on COVID Restrictions

In case of cancellation, your registration fees will be refunded less \$30.00.



	Make check payable to: "Nebraska FCRV" Mail to: Anita Mueller, 207 East Liberty, Exeter, NE 68351		Email your questions to: Rob/Joleen Baker rojopapio@cox.net
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For payment confirmation, include E-mail address or Self Addressed Stamped

*There will always be room
 for you at Region 3
 If you decide to come at the last
 minute, bring this registration with
 you.*



**61st 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 –)

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.

Parking Hobo by State if registered by June 1st, 2021

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 31ST, 2020 TO RECEIVE A \$30.00 DISCOUNT (\$305.00)

Motor Home ___ 5th 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

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.

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Editor's Notes...

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I, Pat Smith, certify that all material contained within this newsletter is used by permission and is acknowledged.

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