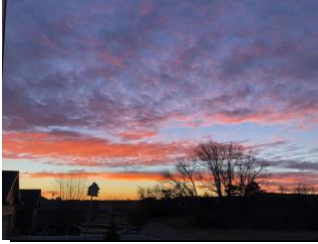


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May 2022

Where Strangers Become Friends & Friends Become Family!

State Director's Message : Rob and Joleen Baker

We are asking that, if you are a Program Director, you consider putting something together for the program at June Bug. Please plan an event at June Bug and at State. Also, have reports printed to hand out, for members to review and ask questions at State.

Please make sure to contact Tara Mueller or Anita Mueller if you would like to help with activities or have presentations at June Bug.

FCRV Recording/Corresponding Officer: Beth Stadiford

2022 National Awards Notice

It's that time of year to begin our quest for national award nominees. Many of you have submitted excellent recommendations in the past and it gives us great pleasure to recognize their achievements. The forms and instructions are attached.

2022 Dates to Remember

June 10-12	June Bug, Seward County Fairgrounds
July 10-15	Campvention, Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo
Aug. 5-7	Heartland Regional Campvention
Sept 9-11	State/Fall Workshop, York
Sept 12-15	Retirees, Stromsberg

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Please take a few moments to review the criteria for each of these awards – Chapter of the Year, individual/couple (Citation or Plaque), Humanitarian, Lifesaving, and the Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award.

This is our only opportunity to recognize our fellow campers for their contributions to FCRV and the community at large. Please do not nominate previous recipients. As a reminder, a member may only receive a plaque once; however, a second citation may be awarded for exceptional or distinctive service. There is no limit on how often a chapter can earn this award. For more information, please contact:

Beth Standiford
National Recording/Corresponding Officer
Family Campers & RVers
(716)-668-6242

FCRV Website: Carl Fromholzer

Spring is here and our organization is starting to get active again! A lot of you are having your first campfires of the season. I'm starting to see them pop-up through social media in your public and private groups that we follow here at the national office. I would really like to see us all make a hard push to document and submit your recaps via the form that was set up on the website:

<https://fcrv.org/event-recap/>. This is not something you need to do for every outing, but you should familiarize yourself with the process as soon as you can so it is easier to do in the future. The future of FCRV depends on us being able to properly promote our organization via the internet and social media.

WCM just released their data on RV buyers for 2021 and the median age of the RV buyer was 33 years old! 71% of all new RV buyers of 2021 were Millennials or Gen Xers. Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7NQ3pCFtLo>. These age demographics have extremely high use of the internet to digest their hobbies. Camping is a recreational hobby and falls into that category.

Some good news with FCRV. Since we went live back in September with the new website and national office social media push, we have seen almost 20% of our new members coming in as complete strangers from just google searches. This was almost 0% previously. So please keep submitting your events and recaps for us to promote with. We depend on you getting on board with this movement to make FCRV more relevant and visible in the 21st century.

As always, if you need help doing this, reach out to your state or regional directors. You can even reach out to me at the office. Working together is the best way for us to achieve the best promotional outcomes for our organization.

Carl Fromholzer
National Office Staff / FCRV Website
Developer

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FCRV Lifetime Membership

If you are a Lifetime Member of FCRV and have not contacted National to verify your contact information and email address, please do so as you risk being dropped from the FCRV membership roster. Please contact:

Pat Wittmer
FCRV Office, 4804 Transit Road,
Building 2, Depew, NY 14043.
(716) 668-6242

FCRV Trustees: Beth Standiford Teen Pageant

The FCRV Trustees met on the evening of March 9, 2022, to make a difficult decision regarding the 2022 Campvention. After many, many attempts to find a new Teen Pageant Coordinator, no one has come forward. Having no one to organize the Teen Pageant at the Campvention, it was decided that our only option is to suspend the pageant for 2022. At the end of the 2022 Campvention, all current title holders will retire their crowns. This means that there will be no Teen King or Queen for 2022-2023. That does not mean there will be no teen activities. The Trustees understand and are aware of the deep disappointment this decision may cause but see no way a pageant could be put together at this late date without a Coordinator.

The Trustees have heard from many members that the pageant is no longer the spirited event that it used to be and have heard many comments that it has not kept up with the times. The Trustees have listened and understand your concerns. It is hoped that a new Pageant Coordinator will step up during this break will allow a better event to emerge and to be developed in the future.

For questions or comments, please contact

Beth Standiford

FCRV Recording/Corresponding Secretary,
fcrvsecretary@standiford.net

Regional News: JeAnne Selby

2022 Region 3 Regional Campvention

Attached is the 2022 Region 3 Regional Campvention registration form. ND/SD State Director, who is currently on the road returning to ND, has very restricted access to wi-fi and internet service, and asked me to forward the Regional Campvention registration form to each state to share with your state's members at your earliest convenience. She sent it to Carl Fromholzer at the National FCRV Office last week, so it may by now be posted on the various social media platforms that Carl manages.

While I'm thinking of Sherry forwarding the 2022 Regional Campvention registration, submission form, and accompanying information on the Regional, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you all to also submit your info and registration forms for your statewide Campventions to Carl for him to upload to the various social media platforms. I hadn't been made aware that any of you had done so by the time you submitted your March 1 state trimester reports to me. I do encourage you to go on the FCRV website and search for the info on the Region 3 Regional Campvention, which should be available

by now. If you're completing a submission form on your statewide to forward to Carl at the office and you have questions, give me a quick call. Or, Carl has offered to help you through the process, too. Do read through the form before you begin entering information., as you may need to do a bit of research to answer a couple of the questions.

One of my South Dakota friends here at our resort was telling me about the wonderful low-60s temps there this week. Hopefully, springtime is arriving in all of your home states. I noticed on my phone weather app, not so much in North Dakota!! Looking forward to camping in the Midwest soon.

JeAnne Selby

Heartland Regional Director

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State Meeting: Jan Van Arsdall

FCRV State Meeting , Sept. 25, 2021

Trophies were given out for the Corn hole tournaments.

Award for "Camper for the Year" was given to Steve and Marcia Witmer.

Award for "Family of the Year" was given to Anita and John Mueller.

A discussion on where and when to hold the State Campout in 2022 didn't bring a result. The place is unknown, possibly Seward, with the date being, hopefully, the 2nd week of September. Any suggestions would be helpful.

June Bug will be held on the second weekend of June at Seward Co. Fairground with a Western theme, hosted by the Muellers, Tara, Anita and John. I imagine help would be greatly appreciated.

It was announced that the Nebraska FCRV Scholarship Committee would receive a \$550.00 donation from Regional, \$121.50 from the silent auction at the State Campout, and \$100.00 from the Retiree Club. As chairman of the Scholarship Committee, I thanked everyone for the donations. It will be a great help.

As a member of the Retirees, I didn't have a chance to announce that Linda and Gary Sander were named King and Queen for 2021/2022.

Meeting adjourned

Jan Van Arsdall, secretary

Retirees Report: Gary Sander 2021 Retiree Rally Report



The 2021 Retiree Rally was held at the York Fairgrounds September 20-23 due to predicted low attendance. Three units and 3 drive-ins were in attendance.

Crafts were taught by Marcia Witmer. The project was an attractive rag doll.



The Retirees lunched at the York Senior Center. A Retirees general meeting was held. The following actions were approved:

1. Next years' Rally will return to Stromsburg



2. The Rally dates to be the four days preceding State Campout.
3. Retirees donated \$100.00 to the Nebraska Scholarship fund.
4. Linda and Gary Sander were selected as King & Queen -2022.



*Linda and Gary Sander, Retiree
Directors
gsander43@gmail.com*

State Chaplain: Mert Feikert

I sat down in my Easy-Boy yesterday and was able to take a 5-minute voyage around the moon. I was even able to see the Apollo 17 Lunar Lander setting on the moon's surface. I've always dreamed of going into space but I'm afraid I won't ever be able to work that out budget-wise. I'm just thankful that God gave us the reasoning ability to be able to develop the technology needed to investigate the beautiful universe He created.

As true believers in Christ we have been blessed with both human and spiritual wisdom. It is the human wisdom that has enabled us to get as far along as we have technically; however, it is the spiritual wisdom that we were given because of our belief in Jesus Christ, that allows us to search out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

1st Corinthians 2:vs 9

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, or no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."

We will sometimes encounter problems that we are unable to solve until we rely upon the spiritual wisdom given to us by our heavenly father. His answer will always be based upon the love He has for us as His children.

Chapter News

Heartland Runabouts: Sandy Kendall

Heartland Runabouts met at the Exeter Fire Hall in Exeter on December 12 for our Christmas party. Fried chicken was ordered from Highway 41 Express in Milligan, and everyone else brought sides to go with it. There were 21 members present for the meeting.

New Business: \$200 in donation money was collected for the Fairview

Manor in Fairmont, NE to be used for haircuts.

Our Calamus campout was moved from the second weekend in July to the third weekend in July due to a conflict with the host for the weekend, and it seemed to work better for everyone else as well. July 15-17, 2022 in Homestead, is when and where we will try to camp at Calamus. Witmers will make their reservation and then let us know their site number so the rest of us can make our reservations.

A donation to the Fire Hall was made for the use of the building and a thank you to Muellers for organizing the Christmas party and ordering the chicken.

A suggestion was made by Linda Sander that we get together, if we are tired of being cooped up over the winter months, to go out and eat, see a movie, or do whatever if the weather is nice.

Officers for 2022:

Pres. Ken Kendall, 2421 Sheridan Ave.
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Vice. Pres. Dennis Hoagland, 8908 Osborne
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Treas. Anita Mueller, 207 East Liberty, Box
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2022 Camping Schedule

Chapter Location: Central Nebraska

April 22-24 Pioneer Trail, Aurora;
Vavras hosting

May 20-22 Pawnee SRA; Hacketts
hosting

June 10-12 June Bug, Seward

June 24-26 Stromsburg City Park

July 15-17 Calamus; Witmers

hosting

Aug. 12-14 Wilber; Sanders hosting

Sept. 9-11 State Campout TBD

Sept. 16-18 Oak, Nebraska; Kendalls

hosting

Oct. 14-16 Mormon Island; Hoagland
Sr., hosting

December TBA



Heartland Runabouts

Back row: Allen Vavra, Eric Williams, Tara Mueller, Linda Sander, Dennis Hoagland, John Mueller, Denny Hoagland
 Middle row: Carri Vavra, Pam Williams, Gary Sander, Steve Witmer, Anita Mueller
 Front row: Chuck Warner, Peggy Warner, Debby Hoagland, Marcia Witmer
 [Zelia Hoagland, photographer]



Sitting: Chuck Warner Standing left to right: Jerrick, Camerik, and Zelia Hoagland, some of Denny and Jessica Hoagland's children

Heartland Runabouts Campout September 10-12; Hebron City Park

Attendees:

- Mary Kay and Jim Hackett
- Linda and Gary Sander
- Debby and Dennis Hoagland
- Anita and John Mueller
- Mary Kay and Jim Hackett

Friday evening as units arrived, everyone prepared their own meal and ate in their camper.

We all prepared our own food and sometimes ate together.

Saturday morning, we observed a period of silence to honor those who were killed in the 9/11 attack 20 years ago. Cammrick Hoagland presented the flag as members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Sander recapped the events of 20 years ago. Members shared their memories of that day, and how they heard of the attack.

Linda Sander taught a Fall Craft in the afternoon. The group enjoyed watching the

Huskers football game and the snacks that were available.



Cammrick Hoagland

The next campout will be Oct. 8-10, 2021, at Crystal Lake near Ayr. This meeting is also a planning meeting for next year.

Submitted by Linda and Gary Sander

Rollin' Turtles: Mary Brehm

**Rollin' Turtles Business meeting
March 20, 2022**

Our President, Jan Van Arsdall, called the meeting to order and we all said the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members were present.

No Treasurer's report.

Old Business: The April campout will be April 21-23 at Wilbur. We have rented the building for Thursday thru Sunday. There will be no steak night but Saturday night is pot luck. On Friday night we can go to 9th Street Bar and Grill.

New Business: 1. Jan had an update about the 2022 Convention. There isn't a coordinator at National so there won't be a Teen Pageant. 2. It was voted and approved not to have meetings in January and February. 3. Jan made a suggestion for a couple of people to make up a tentative camping schedule for the coming year and bring it to the group to vote on. No discussion. 4. On April 9th the

Legion Club in Wilbur is having a steak fry.

Medical Update: Merna Steiber isn't on her own yet but at home with oxygen. She will be getting a scan to see how her cancer is. She hopes to be camping by June. Allan Smith fell and bruised himself pretty good. Earl Franklin had prostate surgery and is slow in his recovery.

Personal News:

Jan Van got a different class B 22-foot motor home, and is ready to go camping. Hal Dipple is retiring April 1st and their traveling will begin. Anniversaries and birthdays were read and the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Brehm, secretary

Officers for 2022:

President	Jan Van Arsdall
Vice President	Jeanette Nickelson
Secretary	Mary Brehm
Treasurer	Joe Schneider
Members-at-Large	Myrna Stieber

Campouts and meetings for 2022:

Jan. 16,	2 pm	Anderson Library
Feb. 13	2 pm	Anderson Library
Mar. 20	2 pm	Anderson Library
Apr. 21-23		American Legion, Wilbur, Pot Luck
May 16-19		Platte River State Park Pot Luck
June 13-16		Pawnee SRA; Pot Luck
July 18-21		Two-Rivers SRA at Lakeside Pot Luck/Ice Cream
Aug. 15-18		Homestead at Branched Oak SRA, Cookout
Sept. 19-22		Indian Cave SRA at Ash Grove, Cookout
Oct. 20-21		American Legion, Wilbur, Soup Supper
Nov. 13		Anderson Library
Dec. 4		Christmas Party

Special Events:

June Bug	Seward Fairgrounds
State	Seward Campground
Sept 15	Retirees, Stromsburg



**Heartland Regional Campvention 2022
Brown County Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, SD
August 5th—7th, 2022**

Local tour	Friday evening hospitality, hosted by ND/SD
Craft: Gnomes	Saturday evening hospitality, hosted by Kansas
Conservation & DASAT programs	Saturday evening catered Regional fund-raising dinner
Daily CAMP hikes	Sunday breakfast provided
Games	Worship service
On-grounds evening bonfires, weather permitting	

Please note: Some activities may be canceled or adapted, based on local/national COVID mandates

- Local Points of Interest**
- Wylie Park; and Storybook Land (entry fee \$26.95 in 2021) Campground and Park
 - Dakota Prairie Museum (open Fridays 9—5 and Saturdays/Sundays 1—4); free admission
 - Stock car races Friday evenings (admission \$25; youth 7-13 \$10; under 6 free in 2019)

Make checks payable to: **North Dakota Family Campers**

Please send registration forms and fees to: **Mary Dietz, 1702 Dick Drive, Aberdeen, SD 57401**, by July 10, 2022

For questions or additional information, call or text **Gary Eldevik, cell 605-290-4848** or e-mail: **gmeldevik@abe.midco.net**

Full hook-ups should be available to all FCRVrs, but will be on “first come, first served” basis



Name _____ Partner’s Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Partner’s Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

of Adults: _____ # of Teens: _____ # of Youth: _____

Handicap accommodations needed? _____ Yes _____ No

Registration fee \$20.00 (\$25.00 at the gate) \$ _____

Camping fee \$23.00 per night X _____ nights \$ _____

Early arrival \$23.00 per night X _____ nights \$ _____

Tent sites \$10.00 per night X _____ nights \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

June Bug 2022 Itinerary

June 10-12th

Seward County Fairgrounds

Rip Roaring Good Times

For all meals, please bring your own plates and utensils!

Friday:

Arrival

Food on your own.

Bonfire with Snacks - Charcuterie Board

Saturday:

8:15 a.m. Flag Ceremony
Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy
Registration

9:15 a.m. CAMP Walk

10:00 a.m. Road Rally Scavenger Hunt

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m. Candy Bar Bingo

1:45 p.m. Trivia Game

2:15 p.m. Cornhole Tournament: Singles/Doubles

Games: (available all day/weekend for fun)

- Charades
- Ladder Golf
- Corn Hole
- Lasso the bull?

6:00pm Supper: Pork Loin Sandwiches with Cheesy Potatoes (sides and desserts)
Meeting & Costume Winner Announced Following Supper
Come to supper Dressed in your best (Cowgirl/Cowboy Style)

@Sunset Outside Movie

- Showing: City Slickers
- Movie Synopsis: A trio of middle-aged men in search of their lost youth gets more than they bargained for during a two-week vacation on a cattle drive.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

8:45 a.m. Sing a few songs Yeah

Rip Roaring Good Times
June Bug
Seward County Fairgrounds
Seward, NE
June 10-12, 2022

Cost per person \$8.00 includes Saturday breakfast and main course and potatoes for supper. Members with last names A-L bring Desserts and Members with last names M-Z bring Salads or Vegetables. Dress up for supper in a Western theme. Cowboy hats, boots, etc

*****Bring one regular-sized candy bar per Bingo card you want to play.*****

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: You need to make your own campsite reservation through the Seward County Fairground. I have enclosed the online link for you to see the campground map and the campsite availability for June 2022. These are FCFS, but they will put your name on a site, so you will have a site reserved in your name if you pay for one ahead of time.

<https://sewardcountyfairgrounds.com/rentals/campground/> I have also included a form for you to send in by mail or you can call in and use your credit card if you prefer not to use the internet. Ginny can just tell you the sites that are open.

***** Please let us know the following information:

Name _____
Address: _____ # of
People attending: Youth: _____ #Teens: _____ #Adults: _____

Send registrations to Tara Mueller, 207 E Liberty Street, Exeter, NE 68351 or taramueller18@gmail.com Please pre-register by May 15, 2022.

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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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