

NEBRASKA

Calling



March 2023

State Director's Message:

Hi Everyone!

We weathered the last storm with considerable amounts of snow! The days are getting longer and soon we will be out camping.

Over the last several months, we have checked out several locations for the State campout. We checked Saunders County Fairgrounds, Syracuse Fairgrounds, City of Oakland Campground, Seward County Fairgrounds and Stanton Lake, Falls City, Nebraska. We have ruled out City of Oakland and Syracuse. The others are in contention. If you are reading this and have an idea of where you would prefer to go or have another idea, please let us know as soon as possible. A decision will need to be made very soon. Please keep in mind these things when sending in your recommendations: location, number of sites, amenities and local activities. These things play an important part of deciding on a location.

The National database is finally up and accessible. I plan on attending a Zoom meeting the end of February for instructions on using it. After that meeting, I am hoping that I am able to continue sending out the drop/ renewals as we have always done in the past. If not, I may have to figure out a different way of getting this information to the Field Directors. I have checked it out and like what Carl has done thus far. I can make "real time" changes and will no longer have to wait a month to see the results of those changes.

We have attended several Zoom meetings with National over the winter months. One of which entailed changes to the FCRV Field Director Manual. We ask that those officers holding State Positions of Field Director please read through your job description and provide any changes and recommendations you would like to see and submit them to our email rojopapio@cox.net. We will then forward to Linda Henne.

We have submitted Chapter Camping Schedules and State Campouts to National as requested and those are accessible via the website. If you have not done so, please check out the website as it has undergone some extensive updates and upgrades. We are slowly moving into the new age and hopefully will be able to keep the momentum forward.

We would encourage you all to recruit, recruit and recruit new members. We still have the 18-month membership for new members.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us. See you all soon on the campgrounds!

Nebraska State Directors,
Rob and Joleen

Coming up in 2023

National Retiree Rally—March 28-April 3
Dothan, AL

June Bug—June 9-11 -**Mormon Island**

63rd Campvention—July 9-14, 2023,

Richmond, Indiana

Regional—August 4, 5 & 6 at

**Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch,
Sabetha, KS**

Retirees—September 11-14, **Buckley
Park, Stromsburg NE**

State Campout

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Retirees

Retiree Campout, 2023, will be at Buckley
Park, Stromsburg Nebraska -

★ September 11-14

Regional Ramblings

by JeAnne Selby, Region 3 Regional Director

Greetings from Sunny Arizona!

I just got a newsy e-mailed update from VP/Operations Jeff Kendle earlier today and wanted to share with you all, in case you're needing something to occupy your days! My thanks to those of you who were able to participate in the January 15 Zoom meeting with National President Gerry Pfirsch and other Trustees.

Changes to the monthly reports from National FCRV are coming along nicely. We can look forward to having the reports operational again at the end of January or beginning of February. When the reports are again available, accessing instructions will also be provided to us.

The format for our trimester reports will currently remain as is. Please include the chapter information (number of chapters, number of staff, etc.), and the activities/events, and other highlights since your November 1 report. Jeff is hoping that the number of drops and members will be available to us by February 1, and available for inclusion in your report. ***Your reports are due to me March 1.***

Jeff remains concerned about the number of chapters that still DO NOT have G-mail addresses. He is asking that if you have one or more of those "left out in the cold" chapters in your state, to help them get a G-mail address on record. The G-mail accounts will then be included in e-mail blasts from National, as appropriate to geographical area, activity, event, etc. I currently do not have a list of the neglected chapters in our region, but do encourage you as State Directors to offer to help chapter leaders establish the G-mail accounts.

I understand that you may have been asked during your January 15 Zoom call to review your job description as State Directors and make note of any changes, additions or deletions that you see as appropriate, and e-mail them to Jeff. He'll then forward your suggestion/s to the appropriate Field Manual Revisions Committee member. (Look for your job description on the FCRV website, under the field manual, December 2020 edition.) [Regional Directors are also being asked to review their job descriptions.]

I'm guessing you were asked during your recent Zoom meeting to get your chapter and state events in to Carl to post on the various social media platforms. Remember to submit at least the basics (event, date/s and location), even if you don't already have the pre-registration form finalized. Our posts may be edited, and additional information may be added later. I'm hoping to see Region 3 state campventions posted soon, along with the Region 3 Regional in Kansas in early August.

The annual budget will be finalized in May 2023. No money has been allocated for participation in RV shows this year. Jeff suggests contacting show sponsors, explaining our non-profit status, and requesting the best rates. Another option he suggests to to ask to tag along with local participating dealers. He cited one CO club that has done that without paying any participation fees. You may send a cost estimate to Comptroller Deb Swanson (frogscook1@icloud.com), but he cautions that FCRV will cover only partial costs. States will have to cover the balance.

Registrations today were at 69 for the March 28 - April 2 National Retiree Rally at Dothan, AL; organizers have room for many more attendees! The registration form is available on the FCRV website, fcrv.org.

At last count there were 90 - 100 registered for the 2023 International Campvention at Richmond, IND July 9 - 14, 2023. Forty of the registrations were first timers. These registration forms are also available on the FCRV website.

(Regional Ramblings continued from page 2)

If you have questions, please e-mail them to me or text them in WhatsApp only, if you have an account and use that platform. Don't expect an immediate answer, as I'll be traveling in Australia and New Zealand, with a few days in tents in the Outback, off the grid. I'll be back in time to welcome your March 1 tri-semester reports!

Please share appropriate items from above with your Field Directors, District Directors and Chapter leaders.

I hope you're having a good winter, wherever you're spending it!

Jan Selby

HEARTLAND REGIONAL 2023

Come one – Come all

The Heartland Regional for 2023 will be August 4, 5, & 6, 2023 at Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch north of Sabetha, KS near the Nebraska line just off Highway US 75.

They would like to know approximate numbers so that they can block campsites for us. They ask for this by January 1 so if you think you may be able to come, please call us at 316-830-2115 or e-mail us at vanderhoff79@yahoo.com and let us know (Earl & Ivalee Vanderhoff, KS State Directors). Registration forms will be coming soon.

You can also let us know if you need 30 or 50 and if you really need electric, water, and sewer (additional charge) or just electric and water.

June Bug 2023

June 9-10-11 2023

Mormon Island- Grand Island NE

It's a tea party

Friday -

Arrival—Food on your own

Campfire with tea and cookies

Saturday

9 am — Flag Ceremony

9:30—Craft and registration

11:30 am—Salad lunch with decorated tables

3 pm—Games (Corn hole)

4 pm—Ice cream

5:30—Supper: Free will donation - Scholarship Fund

7 pm—church / meeting

8 pm—CAMP walk & Campfire with friends

Sunday

Coffee cake –bring our own drink

Subject to change



Mormon Island



REGISTRATION

June Bug Registration

(Theme--Tea Party at Mormon Island)

Mormon Island - Grand Island NE

June 9 ,10, 11

Cost is \$8.00 per person (kids age 10 and under free)

Make your Camping Reservation at: Reserve America (Outdoor Nebraska)

Please let us know the following information.

Name _____

of People attending: Youth : _____ # Teen _____ # Adults _____

Send registration to:

Debby and Dennis Hoagland,
8908 Osborne Dr,
East Hastings NE 68901

or email: hoagie74@windstream.net

Please pre-register by May 9, 2023 (Registration Fees will be collected upon check-in)



2023 Chapter Camp Schedules

Rollin' Turtle Camping Club

January & February – no meeting

March 19 – Anderson Library

April 20, 21, 22 – Wilber, Ne

May 15,16,17,18 – Platte River

State Park (1-30) non-reserve

June 12,13,14,15 – Louisville SRA

July 17,18,19,20 – Pawnee SRA Area 3

August 14,15,16,17 – Branched Oak Homestead non-reserve

September 14,15,16 – Nebraska State Campout

September 18,19,20,21 – Two Rivers SRA Lakeside

October 19,20,21 – Wilber Am Legion

November 12 – Anderson Library

All campouts will be potluck unless decided by the club to do different.

Other suggestions: Men's Breakfast and ice cream social

Triple F Campers and Rv'ers

December 10, 2022 6:00 p.m. Christmas Party – Rob and Joleen are hosting

January 14, 2023 2:00 p.m. Prehistoric Putt Putt – Supper TBD

February 18, 2023 4:30 p.m. Parkers in Greenwood, NE

March 18, 2023 TBD Mahoney State Park

April 14-16 – Pawnee SRA Area 3 (Hosts Luke & April)

May 26-29 – Oakland City Park (Hosts Shawn & David)

June 9-11 – June Bug TBD

June 16-18, 2023 Prairie Rose SRA, Walnut, Iowa (Hosts???)

July 7-9, 2023 Indian Cave SRA – Ashgrove (Hosts???)

August 4-6, 2023 Regional – Sabetha, Kansas

August 18 – 20, 2023 Victorian Acres, Nebraska City (Hosts Steve & Marcia)

September 1-4, 2023 Two Rivers SRA (Hosts Shawn and David)

September – Retirees

September TBD State Campout/Fall Workshop

October 6-8, 2023 Falls City Campground (Hosts Jeremy and Julie)

Heartland Runabouts Camping Club

February 11 TBD

March TBD

April 21–23 Mormon

May 19–21 Omaha

June 9–11 June Bug TBD

June 23–25 Edgar City Park

July 14–16 Davis Creek

August 11–13 Crystal Lake

Sept. 8–10 Prairie Lake, Juniata

Sept. ____ State campout

Sept. 11-14 Retirees

Oct. 13–15 Lone Star, Milligan

November TBD

December TBD

Memorials



Byron Johnston, Colorado, who passed away January 6, 2022.

1/30/1934 - 1/6/2023

Byron & Jan joined NCHA/FCRV 1969. Have attended about 25 National Campventions. Chaired Youth Center at Nebraska in 1985. Have attended some Retiree Campventions. We also attended 5 Executive Board Meetings. Together, we've held all chapter offices, numerous times, Field Directors for many chapters, chartered numerous chapters, District and State Directors in Nebraska. Represented FCRV at several annual activities before chairing a booth at the Boat, Sport and Travel Shows for 5 years. Moved to Colorado in 2008 to be near son, Tom. In CO, we participated in multiple membership drives, 2 nationals, chapters' activities, chartered a chapter, and we're active in numerous other FCRV activities. Byron is survived by wife Jan, son Tom, daughter-in-law, Amy, granddaughter,

Camryn, many nieces and nephews, great, great great and 2 great, great, great nieces. Many friends. Byron had open heart surgery 26 years ago. The last 3 or 4 years were the hardest, with new things happening -COPD, congestive heart failure, several bouts of pneumonia, lung disease, 2 bouts of Covid, and finally kidney failure. Funeral service will be at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 13119 W 20th Ave, Golden CO. Date to be determined, probably mid-March and will be posted on Facebook under my name.

"We extend our sympathy to Jan & their family and will keep them in our prayers. I add that they attended Campvention in Pueblo last summer. We enjoyed catching up with them. We've know them for a long time, from their Nebraska days! NCHA/FCRV have been a big part of their lives, and we are their family. Cards may be sent to Jan Johnston, 235 Fawn , Golden, CO 80401. Jan's email address is Jaybeeco1218@comcast.net.



Thank You

*"Tom's family and I thank many of our Nebraska friends for the calls and cards you sent to us for Byron's passing. That meant so much to us. We really appreciate hearing from you."**Jan Johnston*

Memorials



A celebration of life service for **Shirley A. Langenberg** was held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church near Smithfield, Nebraska. Shirley Ann Langenberg, 87 years of age, of Bertrand, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the Bertrand Nursing Home in Bertrand. She was united in marriage to LaVern Walter Edward Langenberg on June 27, 1954. Shirley and LaVern were able to do some traveling throughout their marriage to Hawaii and Canada just to name a few. They belonged to a camping group called "The Fun Finders" which they thoroughly enjoyed attending from 1976-1999. Shirley and LaVern enjoyed taking their grandchildren camping. From 2000 to 2015 Shirley was still able to drive her motor home to her camping group with the help of her two grandsons Dustin and Derek Langenberg. They were a great help in



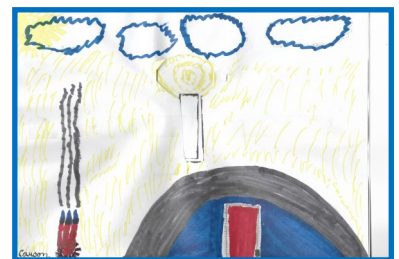
Glema Mae Jeary King, 90, died unexpectedly on February 11, 2023. Glema was born in Seward, NE on May 15, 1932 to Walter and Bonalyn Jeary. Glema and Melvin were married on June 8th, 1952. She gardened, canned, sewed, baked, and seemed to always be busy. Glema enjoyed her friends as well. Glema and Mel loved entertaining, playing cards and traveling together. They camped for many years, wintering in Texas and had wonderful adventures together. Glema deeply missed Mel, her husband of 70 years, after he passed on December 20th, and while we mourn her unexpected passing, we find comfort that she is together with him again. Celebration of life service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, February 23, 2023, at Havelock United Methodist Church, 4140 N 60th St.

Camping Is Contest

The "Camping Is" contest gives the youth of FCRV an opportunity to express themselves through art in defining what camping means to them. The contest is divided into 6 age groups; 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years, and 11-12 years. The 0-2 and 3-4 year olds will have a coloring contest with an official entry form. The other age groups will have a poster contest. The contest is conducted on both a state/provincial and a national level. Entrants compete in their state/province and the first place winner in each age group is brought to the National campvention to compete in the national contest. For more information regarding the contest visit www.fcrv.org click on the members tab, programs, youth.

This picture was drawn by our grandson, Carson, when he visited last time. I asked him to make a picture for me of what he likes about camping. He drew a tent, partly sunny sky, some type of beam coming from something, maybe a flash light? But, he said his favorite thing about camping was that he had learned to build a campfire with his dad in Cub Scouts. Sounds right for a 10 year old. If your kids or grands would like to make a picture or another art form about camping— please submit a photo to me via my email or text and I will publish their picture. Carson signed his picture and I'd like your kids to do the same.

Janene Feikert, Calling Editor



Chaplain Comments

We often use metaphors such as “it’s raining cats and dogs” or “the devil made me do it” when trying to describe certain situations that we encounter in our lives.

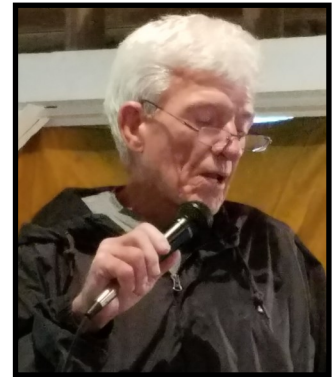
Another common example that many actually get caught up in is “follow the yellow brick road”, thinking that in the end there will be a wizard there to solve our problems. Poets often use metaphors when writing their poems. Emily Dickinson wrote in her poem “Hope is the thing with feathers”

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all”*

Hope is the thing in feathers given to us as Christians by our Heavenly Father as: 1st Peter: Chapter 1 vs 3, tells us:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord,
Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant
Mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope
By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*

It is this Hope that will sing a tune within our soul throughout our lives and continue singing on into eternity.



Campers Actively Moving Program (C.A.M.P.)

By: Dick & Kathy Buresh, C.A.M.P. Directors

We are pleased to inform everybody that we are adding 7 new C.A.M.P. activities. These additions are effective immediately.

- Bean Bag Baseball – 50-cent certificate for each game
- Cornhole – 50-cent certificate for each game
- Bocce Ball – 50-cent certificate for each game
- Horseshoe – 50-cent certificate for each game
- Kubb – 50-cent certificate for each game
- Washer Toss – 50-cent certificate for each game
- Ladder Golf – 50-cent certificate for each game

Family Campers and RVers members may earn Campers Actively Moving Program merchandise certificates for completing Campers Actively Moving Program activities. A Family Campers and RVers member can apply for only one Campers Actively Moving Program merchandise certificate for each activity completed and will be awarded according to the guidelines for each activity. Those guidelines are listed under Activity Guidelines.

Each Campers Actively Moving Program merchandise certificate can be redeemed for Family Campers and RVers merchandise from Family Campers and RVers or from a cooperating Family Campers and RVers merchandise vendor. The certificate can also be redeemed as part of the International Campvention fees. There is currently no limit on how many you may redeem at a time, and this includes other Program merchandise certificates as well.

The C.A.M.P. Activity Guidelines page on the website is at <https://fcrv.org/progr.../national-programs/c-a-m-p-program/> which includes the link to the form to redeem the certificates. The page is in the process of being updated.



From the Scholarship Committee:

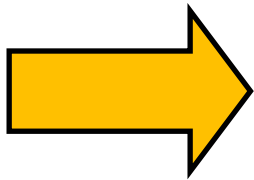
We have 2 students on scholarships at the present time, Tara Mueller and Paxton Hoagland.

We would be happy to help anyone who is a member of Nebraska FCRV and thinking about furthering their education. Just contact Jan Van Arsdall, Linda Sander, or Steve & Marcia Witmer. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you next camping season in 2023.

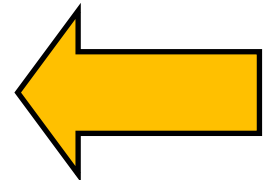
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September 30, 2022	
Chaplains Fund	472.60
Regional Fund	1426.01
General Fund	1497.83
Conservation Fund	74.50
CAMP Fund	65.00
Teen Fund	137.73
Youth Fund	61.58
Wildlife Fund	0
June Bug Fund	551.27
TOTAL	\$ 4286.52
INCOME	
September Bank Interest	\$ 1.89
Deposit for campsites and breakfast (from State Campout)	\$ 205.00
EXPENSES	
Check to JeAnne Selby	\$290.00
Memo: FCRV Heartland Regional (auction proceeds from 2021 Regional)	
Check to Anita Mueller (food for June Bug)	\$ 87.13
Check to York Ag Society (7 nights(30 amp) sites for State)	\$ 140.00
Check to Joleen Baker (food for State: breakfast, donuts)	\$ 67.93

Financials

NEBRASKA FCRV FINANCIAL REPORT	
October 31, 2022	
Chaplains Fund	472.60
Regional Fund	1426.01
General Fund	1499.42
Conservation Fund	74.50
CAMP Fund	65.00
Teen Fund	137.73
Youth Fund	61.58
Wildlife Fund	0
June Bug Fund	551.27
TOTAL	\$ 4288.11
INCOME	
October Bank Interest	\$ 1.59
EXPENSES	



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