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# State Director's CORNER

## Jeff & Shirley Kendle



Now that Jeff is finished with his Trustee duties, we will once again share the duties of Region 1 Directors. For those that may not know, Region 1 is one of the biggest Regions, however we do not have members in all of the states.

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We also have the responsibility of keeping the newest National chapter: Family & Friends Camping Club informed of the latest with FCRV.

At Campvention this year, we met the families that attended Campvention from California and many more from other states. Region 1 had a luncheon on Thursday and like always there was enough food to feed an army.

The Southern Colorado Retiree Rally and Colorado Fall Campout is just around the corner. If you didn't get your Registration in and want to attend, let us know. As long as the KOA has additional sites, you are welcome to attend.

As most of you know, membership throughout FCRV is declining. Currently, FCRV membership is 1,776 members with Colorado at 320 members. So what can be done? If you have any ideas, let us know.

Jeff is Chairperson for the next Trustee election which will take place Spring of 2024. Positions available are President, Vice President of Programs, and Corresponding & Recording Officer. Now is the time to get involved to move FCRV forward. If you or you know someone that is interested in running for one of these positions or have questions, please send Jeff an email at [farwest1fcrv@gmail.com](mailto:farwest1fcrv@gmail.com).

We know some chapters have already started working on schedules for the 2024 season. If your chapter has not you may want to start soon as your 2024 schedule and member roster is due to the State by December 31, 2023.

Also, as a reminder, No more than six photos should be submitted with your articles to be published. If more than six photos are submitted, some may not be included.

# 2023 - 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

| DATE              | EVENT                            | LOCATION                                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Sep 10 - 14, 2023 | Southern Colorado Retiree Rally  | Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO        |
| Sep 14 - 17, 2023 | Colorado Fall Campout            | Pueblo South KOA, Colorado City, CO        |
| Jan 2024          | Colorado Retiree Luncheon        | TBD  |
| Mar 18 - 24, 2024 | 53rd International Retiree Rally | Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX          |
| May 2024          | Colorado Spring Fling            | TBD  |
| Jun 2024          | Colorado State Retiree Rally     | TBD  |
| Jun 23 - 29, 2024 | 75th International Campvention   | Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY |
| Sep/Oct 2024      | Colorado Fall Campout            | TBD  |

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## FIRESIDE EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

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| Mar - Apr | Feb 15th |
| May - Jun | Apr 15th |
| Jul - Aug | Jun 15th |
| Sep - Oct | Aug 15th |
| Nov - Dec | Oct 15th |

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Merle Newton  
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# CHAPTER NEWS

## Trailblazers

The Trailblazers first campout of the season was April 17-20 at the Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA. A BIG thank you to Bill and Barb Jones and Ron Purvine for hosting.

Monday evening we all brought hors d'oeuvres to share. We met in the social hall later for games.

Tuesday afternoon for our potluck, our hosts provided a spaghetti lunch. They had several different sauces, as well as different types of pasta. Sides and desserts were provided by the members attending the campout.

After our meeting, member John Fulks, did a presentation for us on the use of fire extinguishers.



In the evening, we enjoyed a sing-a-long with Ron Purvine accompanying us on his guitar. A good time was had by all!

Wednesday we started off the day by having breakfast at the KOA. Thank you to Brittany who managed to get all of us fed!



Many of us decided it was a perfect morning to play some miniature golf. We had some pretty good players! Sandi Wingert got the most holes in one and Ken Harper had the lowest score.

Wednesday evening, we all had dinner at the Three Sisters Restaurant across from the KOA.



Submitted by Cathy Vegvary

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Rambl'n Rec's



Rambl'n Rec's had a great time getting together at Chatfield for our 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 campout in April. Everyone was anxious to get all the cobwebs knocked out of their rigs and I never tire of watching the deer walk through camp, and watching the pelicans and the powered parachutes fly overhead.



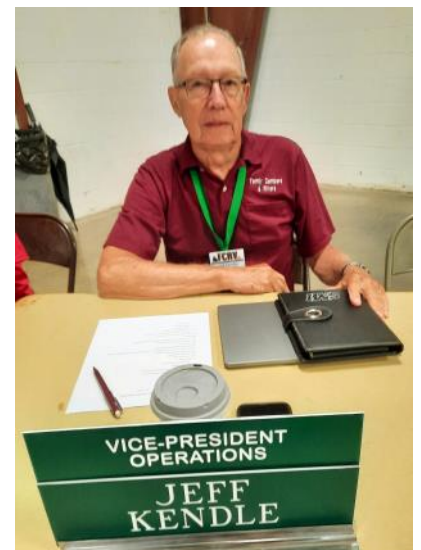
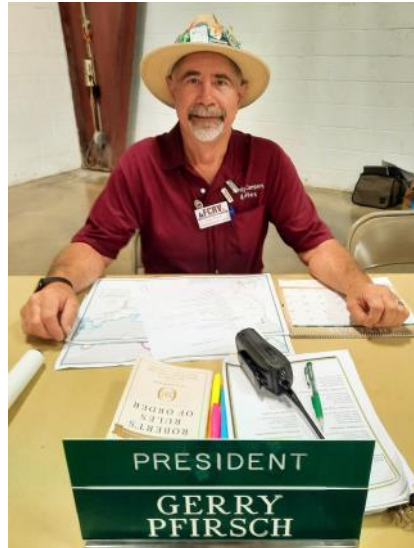
The group went across the road to the Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms. It was fun walking around the old historic working farm with buildings dating back to the 1880s including the one room Deer Creek School House. A big thank you to Art and Judee Colton for organizing this campout.



We had a great time!

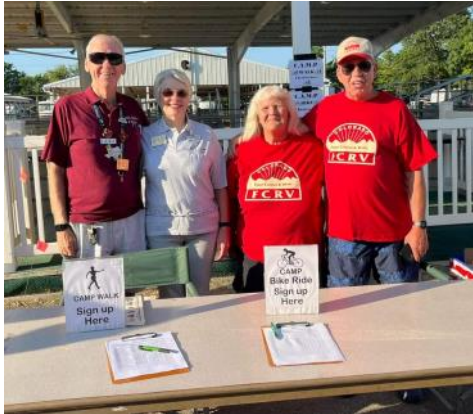
Patrick Dougherty's immersive sculpture at Chatfield Farms is created by weaving flexible saplings and branches into a complex and whimsical architectural form and it was a blast walking through. If we were still kids, it obviously would have been a game of tag.

# Campvention 2023 Richmond, IN





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# CHAPTER NEWS

## Trailblazers

Our May 15-18, 2023, campout took us to the NRA Whittington Center outside of Raton, NM. This was the first time we have camped here. Our hosts, Russ and Dawn Skillman, did an excellent job of planning our time together and we all say a BIG "Thank You" for a great campout!

Russ and Dawn arranged for all of us to have lunch on Tuesday, followed by our meeting, at the Cafe located at the Whittington Center. We enjoyed green chili cheeseburgers with fries, homemade cookies and assorted drinks. Eric, from the Whittington Center gave a brief talk about the different activities that they engage in at the Center. Not only are there campgrounds with FHU, but they also have modern lodging, rustic cabins, and much more.



After our meeting, we returned to camp and the First "Pignodrome" Contest (pine cone tossing!) was held. Congratulations to Joe Wingert-1st Place (58'1"), Ron Frindt-2nd Place (57'8"), and Don Nord-3rd Place (56')! Our hosts had special prizes for all the winners!



On Wednesday we had the day to explore the area, There is so much to see. Cimarron, Eagles Nest, Red River; Dawson Cemetery, and the Vanhouten Mine were easy day trips. Russ and Dawn had a delicious chili dinner waiting for all of us when we returned from our explorations.

We all had a wonderful time enjoying the beautiful area with deer waking through our campsites, an abundance of hummingbirds, and the camaraderie of cherished friends.

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Rambl'n Rec's



In May, the Rambl'n Rec's made our way down to Sante Fe, NM for some really fun adventures. Rose and Steve Selko put so much thought and effort into organizing this trip and everyone had such a great time!! Each day was a different site with a private tour. We began Monday with the Pecos National Historic Park. Did you know there was a civil war battle fought close to here. I sure didn't. It was the Battle of Glorieta Pass which some refer to as the Gettysburg of the West. We toured the ruins of the Pecos Pueblo and the remain of the Spanish mission there.



Tuesday we saw the El Rancho de las Golodrinas, a historic ranch & now a living history museum. The adobe ranch provided goods for trade and was a place where caravans would stop on their journey to/from Santa Fe. Guess you could say it was a hands-on experience for some of us 😊



Wednesday we toured the Nedra Matteucci Gallery & Gardens, a dramatic adobe house & garden with huge collections of Western/Southwestern art and history. Art valued at \$275,000 was not unusual here.



Thursday was a tour of the Seftel Gallery in Cerillos, NM and our guide was the artist himself, Paul Seftel. You'll have to google him as he has a very interesting bio. He makes his own paints from semi precious minerals and pieces. To say his art is unique and different is an understatement. While in



Cerillos, the group walked through the town and then had lunch at the Blackbird Saloon.



I have to give a shout out to the Santa Fe Skies RV Park... such friendly hosts, gorgeous views of the city, a great walkway around the park with antique vehicles and sculptures, beautiful patio and clubhouse where we played games almost nightly. An awesome week! Thank you Steve and Rose!!



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Silver Foxes

CO Silver Foxes had their June campout at Grape Creek CG in Westcliffe. We had 11 rigs attending (3 rigs guests) Great potluck (potato bar plus sides), everyday walks (41 miles) & indoor games, line dances, brunch at Alpine Lodge, crafts and some exploring to Bishop's Castle & Isabel Lake & town star gazing were enjoyed by many.



Submitted by  
Waltraud "Willi"  
Walker

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Woodland Wookies

The Woodland Wookies had to cancel the camping trip for May! Snow, snow everywhere! Our Spring has been such a challenge because of the weather! Other camping events with us Wookies happened though. A Festival in Manitou Springs and also camping in West Cliff! With our pictures of us under rainy conditions we had entitled it " Welcome to the Pacific North West!"



# Chapter NEWS

## Weekend Warriors

For June the Weekend Warriors traveled to beautiful Buena Vista, Colorado. Buena Vista is situated between the towering Collegiate Peaks and the beautiful Arkansas River. There are lots of things to do here from whitewater rafting, hiking, biking, and ice cream at K's Ice Cream shop. We stayed at the Snowy Peaks RV Park on the west side of town. The park is surrounded by mountain peaks making for a beautiful setting. A great time was had by all who came – good food, bingo, and just socializing. A few campers extended their trip and went up to Clear Creek Reservoir for several days.





# CHAPTER NEWS

## Woodland Wookies

The Woodland Wookies had a very adventurous weekend campout dry camping near Eleven Mile Reservoir, Wheeling and Skeet shooting! What a way to enjoy the great outdoors. Looking forward to July and the rest of summertime camping now that the Season is underway!



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Weekend Warriors

The Weekend Warriors went to Mueller State Park near Divide, Colorado in July. Mueller State Park has to be one of the prettiest state parks in Colorado. The sites are spacious and all within the national forest. Members took advantage of the many hiking and biking trails throughout the park. E-bikes have become a popular means of transportation for our group. Some went fishing, some went to Cripple Creek for lunch and a little entertainment, and others just relaxed and spent time with grandkids. The theme for Saturday night dinner was "Red White & Blue". Great food and fun times had by all.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## Silver Foxes

The CO Silver Foxes had a wonderful campout at the Aspen Acres CG near Isabel Lake with 6 rigs (11 members) attending and some visitors for Eileen Carter's B-day party. First day get together with snacks and as always we had a great potluck with meat provided by the hosts, everyday walks, line dances, in and out-door games, exploring and lunch at the Isabel Lodge. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed their stay. Submitted by Waltraud (Willi) Walker



# Ice Cream Flavors

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# Trivia

**What Is The Only Mammal Born With Horns?**

Giraffe

Deer

Elk

Rhinoceros

**Which Car Manufacturer Was The First To Offer Air Conditioning?**

Mercedes-Benz

Tatra

Packard

Peugeot

**What Color Are A Beaver's Teeth?**

Purple

Blue

Orange

Yellow

**What Are Baby Porcupines Called?**

Joey

Porcupette

Porcupuppy

Porcupup

**What Is The Only Bird That Can Fly Backward And Upside Down?**

Honduran Emerald

Orange-Bellied Parrot

Walden's Hornbill

Hummingbirds

1. Giraffe
2. Packard
3. Yellow
4. Porcupette
5. Hummingbirds



## Easy Sugar-Free Granola Recipe

A healthy and delicious homemade sugar-free granola that's gluten free, vegan, sweetened with stevia, and perfect for breakfast, snack, or even dessert!



### Ingredients

|                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 tablespoons flaxseed           | 1 tablespoon cinnamon                 |
| 5 tablespoons water              | 1/2 teaspoon salt                     |
| 1 1/2 cups rolled oats           | 1/2 cup walnut pieces                 |
| 1 cup coconut flakes             | 1/3 cup almond butter                 |
| 1/2 cup slivered almonds         | 2-3 tablespoons SLENDA® Stevia        |
| 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract | 1/2 cup dried cranberries (optional*) |

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper in a medium sized bowl combine flaxseeds with water, mix and set aside to thicken (about 5 minutes).
  2. In a large bowl combine rolled oats, coconut flakes, almonds, walnuts, cinnamon, and salt.
  3. After a few minutes, stir the flaxseeds and water and to the same bowl add in the almond butter, stevia, and vanilla or almond extract.
  4. Mix until completely smooth then pour the wet mixture into the large bowl with the dry ingredients.
  5. Mix until everything is well coated and combined.
  6. Spread the granola mixture evenly on the baking pan and place in the oven.
  7. Bake for 10 minutes, then remove granola from the oven and give it a stir.
  8. Before returning to the oven, press granola down using an oven mitt as this will help create a more chunky granola consistency.
  9. Return to the oven and bake for another 10 minutes.
- Remove granola from the oven and let it cool for 10 minutes, then sprinkle on dried cranberries (if using), give everything a loose stir or break up into chunks, and serve or store for later!

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