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## Editor

As Editor, my requirements are as follows: All information must be to editor before 25 Oct for November Issue, 25 Feb for March Issue, 25 Apr for May Issue, 25 June for Jul Issue, 25 Aug for Sep Issue, and 25 Dec for Jan Issue. Anything after that date will not be included in the issue. I will not call anyone. If the report is not in on time I will print without it. I will send copies to KCA members and vendors only due to printing costs. Please call and leave a message if you want a paper copy (1 only) or you are receiving a paper copy and want email. I will add additional items as they become available. Also send me any suggestions for future Newsletters. Either email or snail mail your reports, I will not take them on the phone. My address is 4769 N Portwest St, Wichita, KS 67204. If you want additional copies please print them yourself. Mail copies will be in black and white. I am getting my list from the State Treasurer so if you chapter member got one and you didn't then I have the wrong information. I printed 70 papers copies last month. Two reams of paper and one ink cartilage. Also postage. Please consider email.

If you want to receive your Newsletter by email. Please email me and let me know. [bschreck1@gmail.com](mailto:bschreck1@gmail.com). The price of stamps is going up again.

## Presidents Notes

Hope everyone is staying cool. Looking forward to a little cooler weather soon. The Region Three campout was great to attend at Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch. The history was given by the owner on Friday night and was very interesting. There was a good turnout with a lot of time for relaxation and visiting. Fall State is coming up September 29, 30 and October 1 with Sunchasers the following week. Anyone who is interested is invited to stay in town for Dalton Defender's Days October 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. They do a shootout arresting the Dalton gang when they rob the bank. There are also a lot of other things going on during the weekend.

Remember this is your organization and it is only as good as what we, the members, make it. Stay well, safe travels and God bless.  
Forrest and Faye Tennyson

## State Directors Notes

What a busy summer. It seems that we just started and here the kids are going back to school. Wow. There is still lots of good camping weather left for this year. In fact, sometimes I think the fall camping is the best of all. Hope to see lots of you at the State campout coming up.

This fall most of the chapters will be planning your campouts for 2024. (Hopefully by the end of the year.) Be sure to include the districts and statewide campouts. There may not be lots of details yet but set aside the times to join others beside your chapter. Meet some new folks. While you are making these plans, most chapters will be holding their elections for officers. **DON'T** be afraid to volunteer for a position. There is always someone to help and you don't have to do it the same way the predecessor did! You can do something. Do it your way. Help your group grow. Spread your wings.

On that note, as a state, we do not have anyone to promote the following positions: Conservation, Wildlife, Youth, and Teens. We can and should all help with all of these. If you are interested in any of these, please let us know and we will help you.

Don't forget to invite folks to your functions especially during the winter. Help them get acquainted then so that they will want to camp with you next year. Keep camping and sharing the life activities we all so love.

Earl and Ivalee Vanderhoff, Kansas State Directors for Family Campers and RV'ers

## NEWS AROUND THE STATE

### AREA I

#### Campfire Campers:

Campfire campers camped at Curtis Creek Campground at Milford lake in June where the group had an old fashion wiener roast with sides. Then most of the group attended the District I campout the weekend of June 16-18 at Wolf Creek group site at Pomona Lake. The Smith's grandson and friend entertained everyone with their piano, marimba and a variety of string instruments. A lot of talent in those boys. There was no meeting scheduled for July. In August we met at Cour D Alene Campground at Melvern lake. We spent some time in Melvern touring the town and a one room schoolhouse being restored that Vern Failor attended in his youth.

Vern shared stories and interesting antics of those school days in the early 50's. Town history was discussed as well as information about a train wreck in 1970 where the Methodist church burn to the ground. The weather was very warm but the group made the best of it by staying in the shade and enjoying the breeze off the lake. Thats all the news for now. Looking forward to seeing friends at Fall State in Coffeerville, Ks.

Ilene Young reporting

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

### **Mustangs:**

On July 13-16 the Mustangs met at Clinton east. 5 families and 4 guests attended. Thursday evening we had bring your own supper together. Friday evening there was rain and strong wind, all survived. Saturday some played card games while others visited. during the afternoon we had our meeting and discussed the regional meet. Most are planning going.

On August 4-6 Mustangs met at the regional meet at sycamore springs.5 Mustang families and 3 guests attended. early Friday morning it rained, leaving water standing in some spots. There were crafts and games Saturday and an interesting talk by Vern Failor about the coming eclipse, also a demonstration by a member blacksmith. we had a pot luck supper followed by card bingo and smores by the fire. Sunday morning was coffee and doughnuts followed by a service lead by Bill and Diane Buggeln. Happy Camping Don Atkins

## AREA II

### **Kansa Travelers:**

The Kansa Travelers found themselves holding another "hot" powwow at Elk City State Park on June 23-25. Members present were Charlie and Clela Winkleman, Bill and Dianne Buggeln, Avis Nelson and hosts Glenn and Lynda Maier. Prospective members in attendance were Carey and Tamra Barnes and Randy and Gloria Morell. Other guests were Dorothy Cole, Ruth Metsker and Lori-Anna Northcutt.

For a change of pace, Friday evening the group experimented making caramel apple angel pie in a pie-iron. As some experiments go, it was neither a total failure nor a complete success. Saturday was quite warm so the day was mostly spent "hanging out" in a "cooler spot". Some went to the Osa and Martin Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute; an interesting museum dealing with their life and work as pioneer film makers working in remote parts of Africa. The day concluded with a "pot-luck" dinner and visiting. Sunday, after the morning service, a biscuit and gravy breakfast was held. Everyone claimed to have had a good time and left looking forward to their next KT adventure -- wherever it is scheduled to be.

Three couples enjoyed visiting and eating while dodging rain drops at the Argonia River RV Park July 7-9. In attendance were Barney and Virginia Barnett, Glenn and Lynda Maier and powwow hosts Gary and Jeanne Dennett. Friday evening Bob and Kathy Schreck joined the group for dinner at the Stock Tank in Conway Springs. Saturday started with a late sausage and gravy breakfast. Later everyone went to Argonia where they toured Sara Jane's and then went for a pizza lunch at The Ox Bar and Grill. Visiting, playing Rummikub and eating watermelon ran out the clock until it was time for the evening covered-dish dinner. Visiting afterwards and on Sunday until it was time to head home finished off the powwow. In spite of the rain, everyone had a good time and were glad that they came.

Barney and Virginia Barnett were hosts for the powwow held at the Smarsh Creek campground at Cheney State Park on July 21-23. The Friday evening meal was a salad and desert pot-luck. A lot of positive remarks were heard for the salad and desert meal. Saturday was open for campers to do their own thing. Some went to Yoder and others to the Cheney swimming pool. Gary and Jeanne Dennett went to a 90th birthday party for Gary's aunt. Later in the afternoon Rummikub and hands-and-foot were played. Saturday's supper was a wiener roast with a variety of excellent sides including salads, fruits, pies and cakes. Sunday morning Gwen Hillis led the devotion. Gradually everyone broke away to head for home. Members camping were Gary and Jeanne Dennett and grandson Vincent, Barney and Virginia Barnett, Glenn and Lynda Maier, Gwen Hillis, Leslie and Barry Bradley, Avis Nelson and great-nieces Lorianna and Lainey Northcutt. Members who drove out on Saturday were Keith and Beverly Koontz and Bill and Dianne Buggeln. Prospective members Jean Boyd, Randy and Gloria Morell and Mike and Karen Jermin camped with the group and Terry and Cindy Shields drove out for the Friday activities.

KCA guests from the Sunflower Ramblers were Harold and Lorie Johnson and grandsons Hunter and Conner and Barb and Marty Mashak.

The following Kansa Travelers enjoyed Cross Timbers at Toronto on the first weekend of August hosted by Barry & Leslie Bradley and Gwen Hillis. Barney and Virginia Barnett, Glenn & Lynda Maier, Carl & Gail Burger, Avis Nelson and Lorianna, Barry and Leslie and Gwen, with membership applicants--Terry and Cindy Shields and Jean Boyd. Trent Bradley, son of Leslie and Barry also camped with the club this weekend. Saturday evening the campers enjoyed a Loaded Baked Potato meal with desserts and the Sunday morning Biscuits/Gravy and Eggs to start the day. A club meeting was held to select campgrounds and events for the coming year and to extend memberships to Jean Boyd and Terry and Cindy Shields. We are delighted they have joined us. Even with a couple of nighttime (noisy) storms it was an enjoyable camping trip.

On 12 Aug 2023 we had our business meeting at Sugar Shane's in Augusta, Ks. Previous meeting minutes and treasures report approved. New officers were approved. Donation to Kansas Speciality Dog Service approved. Initial camping schedule approved and meeting adjourned. Those taking care of business were Gary and Jeanne Dennett, Terry and Cindy Shield, Bob and Kathy Schreck, Glenn and Lynda Maier, David and Sue Dennett, Keith and Beverly Koontz, Car; and Gail Burger, Virginia and Barney Barnett, Bill and Dianne Buggeln, Barry and Leslie Bradley, and Gwen Hillis. We all had a good meal and visited for a long while.

With the temperature being around 111 degrees, the Kansas Travelers had a "hot time" at Spring Lake RV Resort on August 18th-20th. In attendance were Gary and Jeanne Dennett, Gwen Hillis, Jean Boyd, Randy and Gloria Morell and hosts Glenn and Lynda Maier. Friday evening the group enjoyed dinner at The Barn in Burrton; where the Barnett's and the Schreck's joined them. Saturday the group went to The Carriage House in Yoder for lunch. Afterwards, the facilities "cooler" family center was enjoyed while playing table games and having refreshments. Due to the excessive heat, everyone concluded the remainder of the day would be spent doing whatever each person deemed to be best. Gwen gave the devotional service Sunday morning and everyone departed before the temperature rose too high.

### **Ky-O-Tees:**

Hard to believe summer is almost over and the kids are going back to school. For many of our Ky-O-Tees this has been a summer with less camping and more doctors appointments.

Only the Hendricks were able to make it to Pomona in June but had a great time with District One as usual.

No campout in July and none of us were able to make it to Nationals.

August found us at Melvern Lake with Cleaveland's, Rochat's, Limper's, Hendrick's, Miller's, Tutt's and Hilger's present. Campout was hosted by Hendrick's with a biscuit and gravy breakfast one morning and peach cobbler for dessert one evening. Lots of fun and games at Hendricks campsite early in the morning and later in the evenings due to the extreme heat that week.

Looking forward to fall and cooler weather as well as more of our group being able to camp and enjoy each others company. Hope to see many of you at Fall State and Sunchasers in Coffeyville.

## **AREA III**

No Active Chapters

## **AREA IV**

### **Sunflower Ramblers:**

Did not receive report before issue

## **STATE WIDE CLUBS**

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

### **Camping Further Out:**

Nothing This Month

## Kansas FCRV Care Notes

Kansas FCRV Care Notes – July 11, 2023

We hope everyone had a pleasant 4<sup>th</sup> of July and are enjoying a Kansas (warm) summer. I'm slow in getting some updates to you – seems I hit a “roadblock” of salmonella that put me in the hospital for several days. Each day is better but still not up to speed. Thanks to the many of you that have sent well wishes, they are greatly appreciated. The following updates that I have at the moment include:

From the Ky-O-Tees: “Bill Cleaveland recently had kidney surgery. We received word that he came through the surgery just fine, was in the hospital only a couple of days and is at home recuperating now.” Cards can be sent to them at: 8139 Victoria St., Haysville, KS 67060-8396 or e-mail: [Kansas.nascar5@gmail.com](mailto:Kansas.nascar5@gmail.com). Bill & Judy we were so glad to hear that you're doing so well! We'll keep sending Good Wishes your way!

From the Ky-O-Tees: “Lou Steward fell from a ladder on June 7<sup>th</sup>, breaking three ribs and a collapsed lung. After several scares and setbacks as of July 9<sup>th</sup> he is doing much better, is back to Arkansas City, up and walking around, playing cards, etc. If all goes well he should only be in rehab for about a week to 10 days.” Cards can be sent to him at 725 Grand Ave., Winfield, KS 67156 or e-mail to [lindalou03@peoplepc.com](mailto:lindalou03@peoplepc.com). That's really good news and we hope he continues on the road to a good recovery.

From the Ky-O-Tees: “Ed Hilger continues to improve after a lengthy bout of health issues. He continues to be in Physical Therapy and looking forward to getting back to his normal activities.” Cards can be sent to Ed at: 7500 S 215<sup>th</sup> St. W., Viola, KS 67149 or e-mail to [mah427549@yahoo.com](mailto:mah427549@yahoo.com). We continue to send best wishes to Ed & Mary Ann for better days ahead.

From the Ky-O-Tees: “Ann Newport sent word on June 29<sup>th</sup> that she had fallen 3 weeks ago fracturing her left foot. She was on crutches and a boot for the injury. On June 30<sup>th</sup> she reported she had two more weeks in the boot. She said it weighs 2 ½ pounds so will be glad to get it off. She and Tony are looking forward to going camping again.” Cards can be sent to Ann at: 19353 S W Meadowlark, Rose Hill, KS 67133. Ann, we wish you a speedy recovery and that you and Tony stay on the “well side” of life!

From the Sunflower Ramblers: “Mary Ann Musselwhite sent word that on June 20<sup>th</sup> she had a Dr. Appointment that certainly changed her lifestyle. On June 21<sup>st</sup> she went to Salina Regional Hospital for a heart catheterization. It seems things didn't go as planned and thanks to the Medical Staff were able to get the procedure under control. (I'm paraphrasing since there is much more to the story) She got to go home on June 23<sup>rd</sup> for rest and recovery. She states that if it wasn't for walking her dog, Kyle, and being short of breath who knows how this story would have ended.” Cards can be sent to Mary Ann at: 1364 Navajo Rd., McPherson, KS 67460 or e-mail: [nava-joks@hotmail.com](mailto:nava-joks@hotmail.com). Mary Ann we're so glad they diagnosed the problem quickly and that you're on the road to recovery. We're looking forward to seeing you out camping again.

We wish safe travels and good camping for all of you the rest of the summer..

We're sure there are others that we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers. Don't hesitate to let us know so we can share with our camping friends. 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!

Kansas FCRV Care Notes – August 18, 2023

Can you believe Summer is almost over? The kids and grandkids are back in school, we hope all that had planned vacations were able to take them. We've heard lots of good comments from the Campvention, YARS and the Heartland Regional Campout. If you didn't get to attend any of these, check with someone that did and get more information, etc.

We have just a note or two to pass along:

“Frank Powers, Gove, KS, found out a few weeks ago that he has a form of Lymphoma. He currently is taking chemo every twenty-one days and said he had a good report this past week after the first treatment. So he’s hoping the rest will go as well. In visiting with him yesterday he says he’s got things to do and is planning to attend the KCA Fall Campout at Coffeyville, KS the end of September. He said their camper had a lot of hail damage from one of our recent storms and is in the process of getting that repaired. Cards can be sent to him at 319 Sheridan St., Box 3, Gove, KS 67736-3800 or [mpowers\\_1970@yahoo.com](mailto:mpowers_1970@yahoo.com).” Many of you have pitched horseshoes with Frank over the years – that’s one of his favorite pastimes. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Frank and wife, Ferol, as they go through this journey. With his positive attitude cancer doesn’t stand a chance.

From our household: “Garold went into the hospital on July 22, with an obstruction in the abdomen caused by excessive scar tissue, which also created more problems for his lungs, etc. After surgery, spending two weeks in the hospital, a week at the Kansas Rehab Hospital he is home recovering. He will be in physical therapy for about six weeks. Someone mentioned we should share that prior to this incident we thought he would have to go on oxygen permanently, however a wonderful Respiratory Therapist at Kansas Rehab had other thoughts. She kept working with him and so he has been off of oxygen since August 6. We find he might need it once in a while based on activities, etc. We want to thank everyone that has sent cards, e-mails, phone calls, etc. during our health issues – they are all greatly appreciated. We’re hoping to get out camping another time or two this season and are looking forward to seeing everyone “down the road”.”

We wish safe travels and good camping for all of you the rest of the summer..

We’re sure there are others that we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers. Don’t hesitate to let us know so we can share with our camping friends. 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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## **DATES FOR YOUR CAMPING PLANS – 2023 & 2024**

Use these as you plan the chapter events

**September 29 – October 1, 2023** – **Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout** Hosted by Area II – Johnson Park, 701 Hargis Drive, Coffeyville, KS Contact Faye & Forrest Tennyson @ 620-704-0998

**October 2 – 6, 2023** – **Kansas Sunchasers Fall Campout** – Johnson Park, 701 Hargis Drive, Coffeyville, KS. Contact Bill & Dianne Buggeln for more information @ 316-200-1272

**March 18 – 24, 2024** – **FCRV International Retiree Rally** – Open for all who can camp in March in warmer weather. It is in Mineola, Tx. Early days are March 15 – 17. Contact the Earl & Ivalee Vanderhoff for more information @ 316-830-2115.

**April 19 – 21, 2024** – **District II Spring Thaw Campout** – Deer Grove RV Park, El Dorado – more details later – contact Bill & Dianne Buggeln @ 316-200-1272

**May 3 – 5, 2024** – **Kansas Campers Association Spring Campout** – Burlington, KS – Hosted by Area I – Contact Vern & Pam Failor @ 785-231-3960

**May 6 – 10, 2024** – **Kansas Sunchasers Spring Campout** – Burlington, KS – Contact Bill & Dianne Buggeln @ 316-200-1272

**June 13 – 16, 2024** – **District I Campout** – Wolf Creek Group Park at Pomona Lake, Pomona, KS – Check with Garold & Linda Smith, District I Directors @ 785-862-9053 for more details.

**June 23 – 29, 2024** – **FCRV International Campvention in Herkimer, NY.** We will be celebrating our group's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!

**Summer 2024** – **Heartland Regional** hosted by Iowa – Dates to be yet determined.

**September 27 – 29, 2024** – **Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout** – Battle Hill RV Ranch, 2443 Pueblo Rd, Galva, KS – Hosted by Area IV – Check with the State Directors for information.

**September 30 – October 4, 2024** – **Kansas Sunchasers Fall Campout** – Hosted by Area IV – Battlehill Hill RV Ranch, 2443 Pueblo Rd, Galva, KS – Check with the State Directors for information.



## CAMPING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER PLANNING 2023

**Join any chapter for camping fun.**

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9	8	10	Kansa Travelers	El Dorado State Park	El Dorado	316-621-0303
9	8	17	Kansa Travelers	Kansas State Fair	Hutchinson	316-830-2115
9	14	17	Ky-O-Tee	Hillsboro Cove	Marion Lake	316-830-2115
9	15	17	Dusters	Banner Creek	Holton	785-844-7949
9	15	17	Mustangs	Michigan Valley	Pomona Lake	785-506-6566
9	22	24	Kansa Travelers	Crawford State Park	Farlington	316-990-0376
9	29	10-1	<b>ALL</b>	<b>KCA Fall State @ Johnson Park</b>	<b>Coffeyville</b>	620-704-0998
10	2	6	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Sunchasers Retiree @ Johnson Park</b>	<b>Coffeyville</b>	316-200-1272
10	5	8	Ky-O-Tee	Salt Plains	Jet, OK	316-215-2328
10	13	15	Campfire Campers	T B D		913-909-9978
10	13	15	Mustangs	Westmorland	Westmorland	785-506-6566
10	14		Kansa Travelers	Battlehill RV Park	Galva	316-200-1272
10	16		Ky-O-Tee	Cherryvale Campground @Big Hill Lake	Cherryvale	316-788-4835
10	20	22	Dusters	Mill Creek Campground	Paxico	785-844-7949
10	20	22	Sunflower Ramblers	Sand Hills State Park	Hutchinson	620-200-0784
11	1		Dusters	Fellowship Hall	Onaga	785-844-7949
11	11		Campfire Campers	T B D		913-909-9978
11	11		Kansa Travelers	Stearman Field	Benton	316-218-3803
11	18		Mustangs	T B D		785-506-6566
11	18		Sunflower Ramblers	T B D		
12	2		Dusters	Golden Correl	Topeka	785-844-7949
12	9		Campfire Campers	T B D		913-909-9978
12	9		Kansa Travelers	Texas Roadhouse @ 6707 W Kellogg	Wichita	316-350-6766
12	9		Ky-O-Tee	T B D		
12	9 or	16	Sunflower Ramblers	Christmas Party	Hutchinson	620-664-7225
12	16		Mustangs	T B D		785-506-6566

## ***Regional Ramblings***

***by JeAnne Selby, Region 3 Regional Director***

As I write, our 2023 Region 3 Regional Campvention in Sabetha, KS and 2023 International Campvention in Richmond, IND are both pleasant memories.

My deepest thanks to Kansas State Directors Earl and Ivalee Vanderhoff, their Committee and Kansas FCRVers, for hosting another successful Regional Campvention! Twenty-six Region 3 families attended the 2023 event. Iowa FCRVers will host the 2024 Regional.

Region 4 hosted the 2023 International Campvention July 9 - 14 at Richmond, IND, known as the "rose city," with many of the Campvention activities and events following a rose theme. The 63rd annual campvention offered many of the familiar campvention activities we've come to expect at International Campventions, along with several new ones. Many campvention participants also toured in and around Richmond during their free time, as well as before or after Campvention.

Region 3 FCRVers received numerous national awards presented throughout the week. They included a \$1,500 scholarship (one of three) awarded to Suzy Valderrabano of NE; the 2023 National Conservation Director's Award for Best Chapter Conservation Project, presented to the Aberdeen (SD) Night Owls; a \$500 National Wildlife Grant (one of three) awarded to the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck, ND; **a \$25 cash prize awarded to Vern and Pam Failor, KS for the most colorful entry in the site decoration contest; Conner Smith of KS received a 2nd place ribbon on his "Camping Is" poster in the 7-to-8-year old category; Elinor Smith of KS received a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon for her Coloring Page in the under 4 year old category;** Andrew Schultz, MN and Nikki Lucek, MN placed first in the Washer Toss Doubles; Andrew Schultz, MN placed first in the Men's Washer Toss; and Nikki Lucek, MN placed first in the Women's Washer Toss.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 International Campvention, next year to be hosted by Region 5 at Herkimer, NY June 23 - 29, a bit earlier than in recent years, due to limited availability of the venue. The Campvention theme will celebrate the diamond anniversary of FCRV.

I join Carl Fromholzer in encouraging our chapter tech gurus to submit "event recaps" (composed of "280-characters or less" summaries of chapter outings, plus up to 4 photographs) following club, district or state outings. These can be submitted on-line by clicking on "Camping Today" on the FCRV website, then "News," then "submission forms" and finally the "event recap" portal. Your State Director has an e-mailed step-by-step copy of the fairly easy instructions which can be forwarded. Your State Director, Carl, or I can provide assistance, if needed. We need to let people in the Heartland region know that we are out there having fun in the outdoors!

While I'm on the subject of submissions for the various FCRV social platforms, remember to have your club meet sometime this fall or early January (at the latest) to establish your club's 2024-chapter camping schedule. Your State Director needs to submit all chapter camping schedules to the National FCRV Office by February 28, 2024. If someone in your chapter is comfortable submitting the schedule to the Office, please also submit a copy to your State Director and Jan Selby. Posting your schedule to social media is a good member recruitment tool, plus your members will be covered for your season's chapter campouts. In addition, as more chapters submit their camping schedules, the annual insurance premium paid decreases.

One last tech comment: the public FCRV Facebook page is operational and anyone may join. If you haven't checked it out yet, please do so the next time you're checking Facebook posts!

A few changes implemented in recent months include:

- the field manual, which is on-line, has been undergoing revisions during the past 6 months. When finished, it will be reviewed by the Trustees and voted on by the Executive and Advisory Boards;
- volunteers are in the process of digitizing historical items, making them easier to share electronically for special FCRV events;
- four new National Program Directors have recently been appointed; they are the National Adult Activities, Conservation, and Wildlife Directors, along with a new National Historian;
- if National Guard/Reservists are called to active duty, the FCRV family membership can be placed on hold and extended the length of the deployment, until the soldier's return to family and community. Please notify your State Director, so he/she can notify the FCRV Office of the change;
- twenty-year-olds may hold their own individual memberships, provided notification is received in the National Office by the first of the birthday month;
- numerous changes to the National Scholarship application process will be cited in an upcoming issue of *Camping Today*. Scholarship applications are accepted January through April, to accredited schools only. Scholarships are available to qualified high school seniors for college and trade/tech schools (half scholarship awards), also to adult FCRVers for college and Master's degree programs. Scholarships are also open to grandchildren, if the parents join FCRV for at least 18 months. The grandchild is expected to volunteer for club and state activities/events.

One of the 2 accompanying recommendations must be from an FCRV member. For questions, contact National Scholarship Chair Deb Swanson or Scholarship Committee Member Jan Selby; and  
- National Vice President of Planning & Development Amy deCamp is working tirelessly to secure commercial sponsors and encourages members to partner with their local RV stores or others upon whom they rely for camping needs and wants. Commercial memberships go a long ways toward defraying operational costs!

There is a good chance you may not have noticed, but our National FCRV Office has gone virtual, due to black mold mitigation in the building. Office Manager Pat Wittmeyer is still answering your questions at the usual phone number (716-668-6242).

If you have an interest in becoming a candidate for one of the 3 Trustee positions up for election this coming Spring, let ND/SD State Director Sherry McGuire know this fall. She is one of 5 FCRVers serving on the National Nominating Committee.

If you haven't already marked your calendar for the 2024 National Retiree Rally, save March 18 - 23, 2024 for that national event. This year's Rally is slated for Mineola, TX. Registration forms are available on the FCRV website and in all upcoming issues of *Camping Today*.

As our 2023 camping season draws to a close, I urge you to get out and enjoy those last remaining club, district and statewide campouts for this season! Wishing you fun and safe travels!

### **Joke:**

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

### **Worth Pondering:**

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand at the edge of a pool and throw fish.

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

### **Snowbird Section:**

Items happening at your RV park during the Winter.



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## KCA FALL STATE

September 29, 30, October 1, 2023



### CAMPING FEE FOR WEEKEND \$65.00

Preregistration: Checks payable to KCA, mailed to Faye Tennyson, 106 N Glendale Ave, Coffeyville, KS 67337  
Ron Stevenson Building, Walter Johnson Park, Coffeyville, KS 67337

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra nights are \$15.00 electric and water only, \$25.00 full hookup (to the east of the Ron Stevenson Building)  
Registration begins at 1 p.m. on Friday September 29.

Friday night: sloppy joes and card bingo. Saturday morning: biscuits and gravy breakfast.

Games: bean bag baseball, cornhole, cards, etc Saturday night entertainment

Saturday supper: uncooked potluck (sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, anything you can think of)

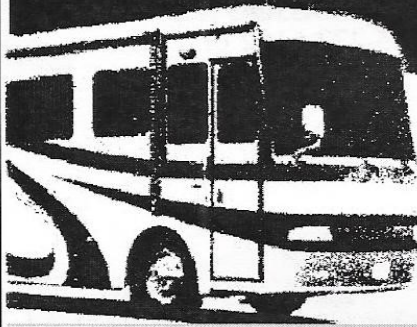
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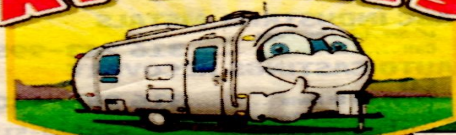


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## WANT TO BE A KCA MEMBER?

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.

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