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Taking off

This pelican must have a bad GPS. It was seen at Crystal Lake in the Morrings in January



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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. The price of stamps is going up again.

Presidents Notes

Hello all. We are having such great weather making a person get camping and gardening fever. I want to remind everyone that you are invited to all campouts, not only the clubs you belong to or your district. The members who plan and put on the campouts are truly grateful for all that attend. There is a lot of work and planning behind the scenes that goes into all campouts. Please plan to attend Spring Thaw in El Dorado April 19-21, Spring State May 3-5 with Sunchasers to follow in Burlington and District One June 14-16 at Pomona Lake. Last I heard there are only 14 signed up to attend Spring State, we would love to see more shining faces there. Attending the Spring Thaw is a great way to start your camping season for the year. District One campout is always enjoyable, they have it all planned out and everyone that attends helps in one way or another by their lottery system.

Any and all suggestions for making our organization more appealing and enjoyable are always welcome. It is all of us working together that will keep KCA viable.

President KCA
Forrest and Faye Tennyson

State Directors Notes

Winter is coming to an end and camping season is soon. Are you making plans to be with a chapter on a regular basis. Invite those Members At Large close to you to join you and maybe they will become more involved. We wish all of those going to the International Retiree Rally a very good time and good weather. Unfortunately, we will not be joining them this year.

We have had a busy winter and mostly good weather. I know that is not the case for many of our Kansas residents. I just kept thinking about the benefits of the snow for the farmers and since we all benefit from them, it must be good.

I have been collecting the information from the chapters into a document to share with you and the web site as to where we will be camping. Be sure that you have the following dates on your calendar.

April 19 – 21 District II at Lake Afton – look for more information in this issue.

May 3 – 5 Kansas Campers Association Spring State at Kelly Park in Burlington – more information in this issue.

May 6 – 10 Kansas Sunchaser's Spring Camp at Kelly Paark in Burlington – again more information in this issue.

See you camping. Earl & Ivalee Vanderhoff

AREA I

Campfire Campers:

Campfire Campers had a great Christmas Party in December with games, food and with a great collection of donated personal hygiene products and nonperishable food for the Hope house and Carbondale food pantry. In January we had best laid plans of visiting the Dole Museum in Lawrence however the weather won out and the result was a canceled January outing. Thank you, Henry and Brenda Dreier, for bringing the big pot of wonderful Chili to the February meeting. We are so thankful for the ELM building in Carbondale where we can meet and stay warm for our winter meetings. Area I is looking forward to the upcoming KCA Spring State campout in Burlington KS May 3-5 and the District I campout at Wolf Creek loop at Pomona Lake June 14-16. Hopefully we will see many of you there.

Dusters: Did not receive report before issue

Mustangs:

On Jan. 20 the mustang club met at Glory Days Pizza for lunch, 6 families attended. after lunch we held our meeting and discussed future camping and reservations. We also herd information on Vanita hunt auto accident. she is in critical condition in icu. we all are praying for her and family.

We met again at Glories Days on Feb.17 with 8 families present. We found out that Vanita Hunt is in the promise Hospital in Overland Park Ks. for rehab. She is seeing visitors but has a way to go yet. we ask prayers for her. Our next meeting will be March 16 at Glory Days

AREA II

Kansa Travelers:

Kansa Travelers met for their February get-together at Hog Wild on South Rock Rd. 12 members attended and one guest. No meeting was held. Bill Bugglen talked about Spring thaw being moved to Lake Afton on the 12th of April. Hope to see everyone there.

Kana travelers will meet at Spears Restaurant non 9nMarch. We need at lease 30 people. Please RSVP to bschreck1@gmail.com.

Ky-O-Tees:

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AREA III

No Active Chapters

AREA IV

Sunflower Ramblers:

Kansas Sunflower Ramblers Minutes January 20, 2024 Spears Restaurant, Wichita Kevin and Kammie Wendler, Hosts

President Denis Hein called the meeting to order at 12:45.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented with corrections.

The treasurer report is as follows:

Mary Ann moved, and David W. seconded that the treasures report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: A suggestion was made to change our By-Laws regarding the election of officers. Harold Johnson had worked with KCA regarding the same issue. After some discussion, a motion was made by Harold and seconded by David W. to adopt the same wording as KCA. (See attached wording) Motion carried.

At a previous meeting, discussion was had regarding when to elect officers and if they could be elected in opposite years. President and Treasurer on the even year (2024) and Vice President and Secretary on the odd year (2025), thus allowing for consistency of ones who may be new to the position to have someone who had been on the officer's team to be of help to new officers. Motion made by Mary Ann. Wilma Fast seconded. Motion carried.

Camping Schedule: The August 16-18 campout is to be held in Kinsley, KS, at the 4-Aces RV Park. Tom and Kathy Howard will be the hosts. The number to call for reservations is 620-659-231, but we are awaiting more information from Howards, soon.

Our March 15-17 Campout will be held at Battlehill RV Park, Galva, KS. Fee is \$25 a night, includes full hookups, 50- and 30-amp service and a cabin with showers, etc. Our business meeting will be inside! Mary Ann Musselwhite is the host.

The October 18-20 Campout is also at Battlehill. Since they have an annual Chili Cookoff, the Cabin will not be available on Saturday night for our meeting. It has been suggested that we have the business meeting on Friday night after everyone has arrived. **PLEASE** make your reservations for this campout as soon as possible as spots will be limited due to the Chili Cookoff Event. There will be more information regarding this weekend soon.

Kammie Wendler gave an update on Kevin. He is home and doing much better.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Date	Transaction Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Beginning Balance			\$533.00
2/13/2023	Wayne's Printing & Copying	\$4.34		\$528.66
2/18/2023	Emory Frey - Reserving 2 Pods at Council Grove	\$240.00		\$288.66
2/18/2023	Dennis Hein - Shelter at El Dorado 5/19-5/20	\$52.75		\$235.91
4/13/2023	Marty - Shelter Cheney Lake	\$26.00		\$209.91
4/13/2023	Glen Perry - Club Dues		\$15.00	\$224.91
4/17/2023	Harbor Freight - 2 Tarps & Zip Ties	\$46.19		\$178.72
5/9/2023	Donation to Scholarship Memorial for Dale Baker	\$20.00		\$158.72
6/18/23	Emory Frey - Reserving Pod 3 for 3rd night	\$60.00		\$98.72
6/18/23	Members Payments for Council Grove Pods		\$300.00	\$398.72
8/9/23	2 Books of Stamps - Postage to mail Minutes	\$26.40		\$372.32
10/19/2023	Paper plates & Napkins for Tote	\$10.06		\$362.26
10/26/2023	Emory Frey - Shelter Rental Anthony 5/18/24	\$18.55		\$343.71
11/18/23	2024 Club Dues Collected		\$460.00	\$803.71
11/18/23	2024 Dues Sent to KCA	\$230.00		\$573.71
11/18/23	Reserve 3 Pods at Council Grove	\$360.00		\$213.71
11/18/23	Meat for Christmas Dinner	\$92.37		\$121.34
12/15/2023	Reserve Cheney Smarsh Shelter for April 20th	\$26.50		\$94.84
12/15/2023	2024 Club Dues Collected		\$20.00	\$114.84
1/2/2024	Donation to Memorial for Sharis Ballard	\$20.00		\$94.84

Mary Ann Musselwhite, Secretary

STATE WIDE CLUBS

Sunchasers

COME CAMP WITH US FOR CINCO DE MAYO

Camping season is fast approaching. As you start to fill in your camping schedule add Spring Sunchasers to the list! Each outing offers opportunities to meet new faces and strengthen friendships. Our 2024 Sunchasers is in Burlington, Kansas following Spring State from May 6th to May 10th at Kelley Park. Registration of \$85 includes 4 nights camping, 6 meals, games and a lot of fellowship.

Activities will include rock painting, camper bingo, Pegs and Jokers, 5 Crowns, a senior style cake walk, bean bag baseball, corn hole and whatever else attendees want to participate in. We not only have a nice building but a great little park area for activities and a hot dog cookout on Tuesday.

Bring nickels and pennies to play PoKeeno - a game combining bingo along with poker hands. Easy to learn and fun to play.

Anyone feel like singing! We will have a Karioke set up for those who like to entertain

Kansas Campers Association Spring Convention

May 3—5, 2024

Kelley Park 615 S 3rd St. Burlington, Kansas 66839

Horse around in Burlington

Everyone is WELCOME

We have 10 sites with 50 amp/water, the rest are 20/30/50 amp service & some water

Date _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E mail _____

Chapter _____

Special Needs Yes No Electrical Service 30 Amp _____ 50 amp _____

Number of Adults _____ Youth _____ High School _____

Pre-Registration is \$55.00, After April 10th Registration is \$60.00

Drive in families activity fee \$25.00

Early days May 1 & 2 at \$10 per night payable at registration Friday May 3

Make Checks to: **Vern Failor**. on the memo line write “**KCA Spring Convention**”

Mail to 5201 SW 27th St, Topeka, Kansas 66614

Parking will be Hobo as you arrive.

For more information e mail ylfailor@gmail.com or call 785 231 3960

Activities for the weekend:

There is a building for activities and we will use whatever health guidelines are in effect. On Friday evening there will be a **campfire** and program to retire **US Flags** that are not useful anymore. On Saturday there will be a breakfast, a flea/craft market for anything of use to a camper. Activities include Games, **A covered dish dinner so everyone bring your favorite dish full of food, bring your own table service, drinks provided** plus the entertainment.

Everyone likes to get something so we ask every family to bring a door prize

A suggestion of \$10

Directions to the Kelley Park: At the entrance to Kelley Park there are 2 Rock pillars that are 12ft. apart, there is plenty of room just drive slow. Kelley Park is in the Southeast part of Burlington, at 615 S. 3rd St. **From the North**, Travel South out of town on U. S. Highway 75, Turn Left onto Alleghaney St the park is in front of you. **From the South** on U.S. Highway 75 turn right onto Alleghaney St. the park is in front of you.

Sunchasers cont

Registration will be from 1:00 till 4:00 on Monday

A member of your chapter will have the list of meals and what each chapter is to provide to help you plan what to bring.

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Camping Further Out:

“Harry John Cornwell, Age 77, passed away December 30, 2023, in Kansas City. He is survived by wife, Donna and son, Darren and daughter Kerri and children. Harry was a charter member of the Wyandot’s Camping Club and was really active in his younger years with District One, KCA and FCRV events. Services were held January 9, 2024 at the Chapel Hill-Butler Funeral Home. His complete obituary can be found at www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/kansas-city-ks/harry-cornwell.” We remember lots of campouts that Harry and his first wife Jennece were so active with, whether it was working with the youth, putting up the big Teepee, playing jokes on others and the list goes on. We miss those days. Later Harry and Donna became Friends of Campfire Campers and stayed in touch as his health allowed.

“Maddie Irene Drennon, August 3, 2004 – January 30, 2024, daughter of Les & Karen Drennon. She is survived by her parents and brother, Bryce. Graveside Services were held February 2, 2024 at Chapel Hill Memorial Hill Gardens, Kansas City, Kansas. Her complete obituary can be found at www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/kansas-city-ks/maddie-drennon-11646361.” The Drennon’s were Special Friends of the Campfire Campers and would attend when health allowed. Heaven gained an angel when Maddie arrived. For those that might not remember, Les Drennon was also a very active member of the District One, KCA and FCRV events for many years and at one time was State Director. His Mom, Betty Drennon was an FCRV Regional Director, etc. so their family were some of the founding fathers of KCA, etc.

Kansas FCRV Care Note

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Joke:

Your kids are becoming you...and you don't like them...but your grandchildren are perfect!

Worth Pondering:

Jury Duty is now considered a good-paying job.

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

Snowbird Section:

Items happening at your RV park during the Winter.

Scholarship

Donation in memory of Sharis Ballard sent by Becky Andrews



Picture taken at the Wolf Creek Group Site Oct. 25, 2022

CAMPIN' IN THE WOODS "AGAIN"

**FCRV District One Campout - June 14-16, 2024
at
Wolf Creek Group Site
Pomona Lake, Pomona, KS**

We invite you to come camp with us for a relaxing and fun filled weekend!

We have 23 sites available at the Group Site (All sites have 30/50 amp electricity and water hookup.) We suggest you make your reservation early.**

**Pre-Registration/Camping Fee \$25 for the weekend
(non-refundable unless campout is cancelled).**

****If we reach capacity, campers can camp in Areas A, C or D – these details will be worked out with any campers in that group well in advance of the campout.**

The Activity Fee of \$10.00 per family will be collected on arrival, includes both campers and drive-ins, to help defray campout expenses. We'd like for each family to bring a door prize.

Be watching for more details about activities, meals, games, etc.. We invite you to bring along friends and family that like to camp.

Pre-Registration \$25.00 Make checks payable and mail to: Vern Failor, 5201 S W 27th St., Topeka, KS 66614. On the Memo line write FCRV District One Campout.

Date _____ Name _____

Address _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Amount enclosed _____

Special Needs _____ Number of Adults _____ Youth _____ Teens _____

Several have expressed an interest in coming in on Thursday night, June 13th. The fee for that night will be \$15.00 payable at campout: We are planning to come in on Thursday night _____ Yes _____ No.

SPRING THAW # April 18 – 21, 2024

Lake Afton Campground
25313 W 39th (McArthur Rd) Goddard, KS

Presented by District 2

Directions – Use West entrance to the Lake. Shelter One is the first you come to on the east side of the road. Camping south of the building sites 9-17. They are electric only and there can be 2 units per site if needed. There is a water spigot east of the clubhouse where people can fill with water if they need to. There are two dump stations at the lake.

Plans

Thursday - April 18 – some will be coming this day – Eating lunch DiMarios. Supper on your own. Bring nickels for Dice Bingo

Friday - April 19 – Doughnuts & Coffee – free Mary Ann will have list of things to do. Sandwich/Salad Bar for supper, bring salads & desserts. Lake Afton Observatory for those who want to go. (Cost \$7)

Saturday - April 20 – Breakfast- Pancakes & Sausage Lunch – China Bar in Cheney. Afternoon Souders Museum. Dinner – Hamburger cookout – condiments & chips provided, Bring salads & desserts. Evening relax, games and a lot of hot air.

Sunday, April 21 – Church - clean up and go home

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Club _____
Phone _____

CHARGE - 2 nights \$50 _____ 3 nights \$60 _____

For reservations - Lake Afton Observatory _____
Souders Museum _____

Send to Bill Buggeln
12215 SW Shumway
Augusta, KS 67010

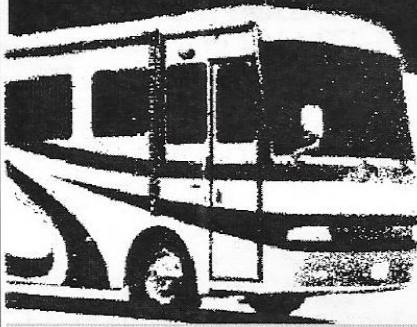
Note : Because District 2 does not have a bank account, make check to Bill Buggeln.

Regardless of whether or not you are armed, I recommend you consider the supplemental items and actions listed below that most likely will enhance your safety:

1. **Keep a powerful flashlight handy** – You need to be able to light up the person knocking at your door in the middle of the night. If you can't see them, ask them to step over to a window.
2. **Consider an air horn in a canister** – Three short blasts, then three long blasts, then three short blasts (repeat the sequence several times) will send out a universal SOS signal to everyone nearby, hopefully prompting a response from a friendly neighbor who happens to be carrying their own flashlight, and maybe a gun if the circumstances warrant.
3. **Consider a CB radio** – If you have no cell service, a CB radio could be a lifesaver in any type of emergency.
4. **Use a lawn rake** – I see you scratching your head. Let me explain. I like to know if anyone has been around my rig. If I'm parked on dirt, sand, etc., I like to run my lawn rake around the rig when I leave for the day and sometimes before going to bed. Makes it easy to spot footprints. Gives me information. When neighbors walk by, some ask me why. I tell them I was a Boy Scout in my younger years.
5. **More than one entry?** – If you have two points of entry, extend the steps for both, even if you only use one door. I watched an ambulance carry away an older woman who got up in the middle of the night and for some reason decided to step outside via the second entry, before the husband could alert her that the steps were not extended. Down she went, resulting in a broken hip.

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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 for information on national organization. See application below for KCA.

Kansas Camper Association

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Please remit with \$10 to

Vern Failor

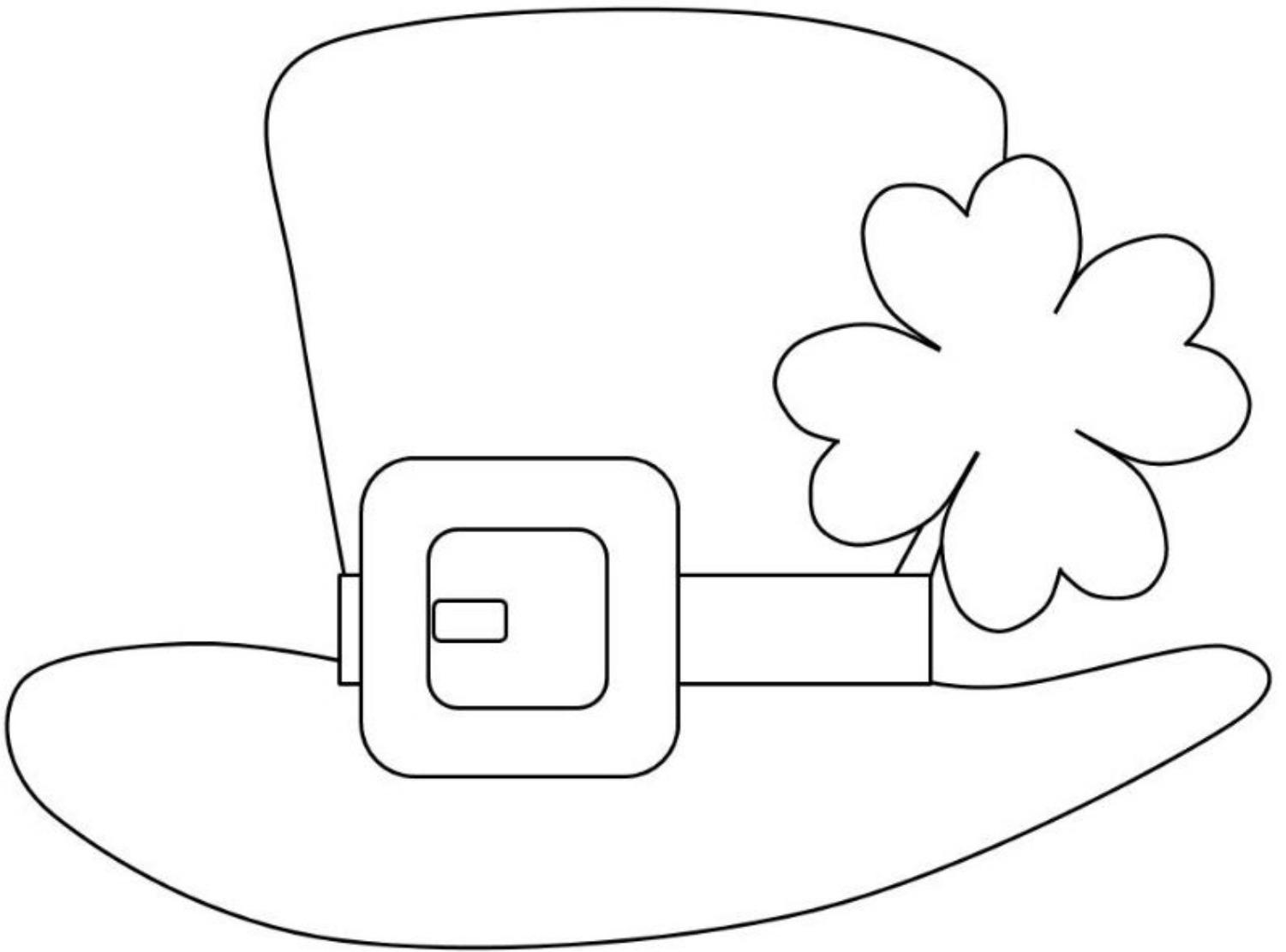
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5201 SW 27th ST

Topeka, KS 66614-1633

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