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*Holidays are
when we pause to
reflect on the
past year and
look forward to
the new
adventures that
lie ahead.*



*May the spirit of
the holiday season
fill your heart
with peace and
contentment.*

STATE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Rick & Kathy Boatwright



Greetings Campers,

We completed our first year as your State Directors and have made some changes to what we do in Colorado.

Some changes are that we no longer have two Retiree Directors. Carter and Ann Bloomfield have retired as the Colorado Retiree Directors. Thank you for all your work. Elbert and Eileen Carter will no longer be the Assistant State Directors as they are assuming the position of Colorado Retiree Directors.

We are going to have only one Retiree Rally in September. In 2025, we are going to try two Retiree Luncheons. One in the Northern part of Colorado and one down in Colorado Springs. This will let more retirees attend the luncheons. You can still attend both if you want.

We plan on visiting more Chapters during the next year to meet all the members of Colorado FCRV.

By now some chapters have had their elections. Remember to put it in your minutes so we can update the Database. Also remember to submit the chapter's rosters and schedules to the State email by 31 Dec 2024.

We want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope to see you in 2025.

Rick and Kathy Boatwright
State Directors



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2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan 10 - 11:30 am	Colorado Retiree Luncheon	Masters Restaurant, Colorado National Golf Club, 2700 Vista Pkwy, Erie
Jan (TBD)	Colorado Retiree Luncheon	TBD
Feb (TBD)	General Membership & Planning Meeting	TBD
Mar 24-30	International Retiree Rally	Dothan, AL
May 15 - 18	Colorado State Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, CO
Jul 20 - 26	International Campvention	Lebanon, TN
Sep 20 - Sep 24	Colorado Retiree Rally Campout	Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA
Sep 24 - Sep 28	Colorado State Fall Campout	Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA

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FIRESIDE EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

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

Article submission is for chapters, program chairmen and members who have news or interesting articles or classified ads that they would like to share with the membership.

(ARTICLES MUST BE TYPED, PHOTOS MUST BE SCANNED INTO THE WORD DOCUMENT OR EMAIL.

***Please Submit articles as a word document.
Photos must be submitted as a jpeg.***

Include your CHAPTER NAME & YOUR NAME

***DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN 6 PHOTOS PER ARTICLE.
IF MORE THAN 6
PHOTOS ARE SUBMITTED SOME MAY BE REMOVED.***

*Recipes are published when space is available.
Recipes not published will be saved for future issues.
Recipes must be typed.*



Colorado FCRV is in need of VOLUNTEERS

The “HELP (Volunteer) WANTED” sign is still out there
We desperately need volunteers for the following positions.

Conservation Director
Wildlife Director

For further information, contact Rick or Kathy Boatwright at
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In Case You Missed It

Retiree Luncheons

The Colorado Retiree Luncheon has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on January 10th at Master's Restaurant, Colorado National Golf Course, 2700 Vista Parkway Erie, CO 80516. Be sure to check your email for additional information.

There will also be a Retiree Luncheon in the Colorado Springs area in January. Once plans have been confirmed information will be sent out.

Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA Promotion for 2025

Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA has a promotion going on that if you book a stay for next year by 11/15/24 and mention camping25 you will receive 30% off your stay.

You can use it for our Colorado Retiree Rally and State Fall Campout Reservations.

Next year's 2025 Colorado Retiree Rally will be Sep 20-24 (Sat-Wed) and the State Fall Campout will be Sep 24-28 (Wed-Sun).

The KOA is asking for the normal 1 night deposit when you make your reservations.

Feel free to let any other Chapter members know about this special... it is good for ANY 2025 Reservation at the Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA, as long as you've booked by 11/15/24 and mention CAMPING25.

9040 Interstate 25 south, @ Exit 74, Pueblo, CO, 81004; Phone - (719) 676-3376

Campvention 2025 Caravan from Colorado

Jeff & Shirley Kendle and Rick & Kathy Boatwright are making plans to travel to Campvention in Lebanon, TN in July 2025. Tentative plans are as follows:

Depart on Tuesday, July 15th

1st Stop - July 15th (Tuesday), Russell, KS - Triple J RV Park

2nd Stop - July 16th (Wednesday), Columbia, MO - Cottonwoods RV Park

3rd Stop - July 17th (Thursday), Calvert City, KY - I24 Kentucky Lake KOA

4th Stop - July 18th (Friday), Arrive Campvention

For additional information contact Jeff & Shirley at farwest1fcrv@gmail.com

Discord

National and our leadership has moved on from using Zoom as our go to product for Video Communication and moved over to using Discord. Along with using Discord as our main source of video communication comes a slew of other benefits that Zoom did not allow.

Discord is a FREE social media platform that allows users to communicate in real time using text, voice, and video through public or private servers. You can find servers for all types of hobbies, from anything like knitting, bee keeping, video games, or sports, to things that FCRV exhibits like camping, RVing, wildlife and conservation. Your trustees, National Office and 'Camping Today' team have been using it for the last few months to test it out and get experience with using its features before we opened our server up to membership and the general public.

Discord, while giving us a platform for our leadership and members to communicate also comes with a MUCH needed benefit of moving FCRV into spaces used by younger generations. Discord has 3 options for using its services. Those options are a phone app, an app for pc/mac, or you can even access it right through a web browser. So it makes communication VERY easy and FAST with how accessible it is compared to Zoom.

Using Discord requires creating an account for it. Please make sure to take measures to log the name and password you create to reference logging back into it whenever needed. Also please keep in mind that the minimum age to create a Discord account is 13 years of age.

For more information, here is a great video explaining what discord is while showing off its features: [youtube.com/watch?v=xRMD8ley3ZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRMD8ley3ZE)

You can get the discord apps at:

<https://discord.com/>

You can access the FCRV server here:

<https://discord.gg/KjNMve2Rhh>

BLAST FROM THE PAST

While going through some old newsletters, we came across the below version of “On the First Day of Christmas” song. It was published in Tent and Trail, November 1975 and written by Doris Rucker. We hope you enjoy it.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS

“**On the first day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the second day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the third day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the fourth day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, four stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the fifth day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, 50 feet of water hose, stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the sixth day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, a six pack of Aqua Kem, 50 feet of water hose, four stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the seventh day of Christmas**, my true love gave to me, seven colored lights, a six pack of Aqua Kem, 50 feet of water hose, four stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the eighth day of Christmas**, my true love said to me, “the man is here to collect”, seven colored lights, a six pack of Aqua Kem, 50 feet of water hose, four stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the ninth day of Christmas**, my true love showed to me, one bounced check, “the man is here to collect”, seven colored lights, a six pack of Aqua Kem, 50 feet of water hose, four jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the tenth day of Christmas**, my true love showed to me, a threat from the dealer, one bounced check, “the man is here to collect”, seven colored lights, a six pack of Aqua Kem, 50 feet of water hose, four stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the eleventh day of Christmas**, my true love showed to me, a rejection from the bank, a threat from the dealer, one bounced check, “the man is here to collect”, seven colored lights, a six pack of Aqua Kem, 50 feet of water hose, four stabilizer jacks, 30 feet of sewer hose, two side view mirrors, and a mortgage on a brand new R.V.”

“**On the twelfth day of Christmas**, my true love yelled to me, “they just repossessed our RV!!!”

CHAPTER NEWS

RV Rascals



The **RV Rascals** chapter was evidently jinxed in September; time commitments of chapter members prevented scheduling an outing for the month.

But we were rewarded in October by a beautiful fall day. We started off with lunch at **McCarty's Restaurant** at the Eaton Country Club, followed by a short meeting which included choosing hosts or venues for our 2025 monthly activities.

Then we drove a short distance to the **Adam's Apple U-Pick Orchard & Country Store**, just east of Ault, which at this time is open 10:00-6:00pm, Wed-Sun. Their Facebook page says they grow over 150 varieties of apples!! Not all ripen at the same time,

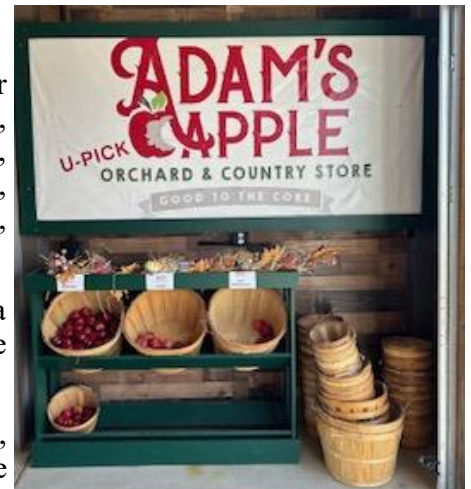
of course, so each week's selections can vary. Their weekly Facebook post tells which varieties will be available the coming week. Due to an early May freeze that significantly limited this year's crop production, **PUBLIC PICKING IS NOT AVAILABLE** at this time.

Question: Who is an apple's favorite relative? Granny

The **Adam's Apple** owners are very friendly and informative about their products. Besides pre-picked apples, their Store also sells fresh apple cider, **MANY** varieties of jams, jellies, preserves, apple butter, salsas, pickles, plums, pumpkins, gourds, and when available local sweet corn, honey, Palisade peaches and more. While perusing the enticing selections, the Rascals thoroughly enjoyed free apple cider samples.

Before making purchases, we participated in a Fall tradition by taking a short hayride out to view the orchard. (It's been **MANY** years since some of us have climbed on/off a hay wagon!!)

Outside the Store are some outdoor picnic tables... perfect for resting, visiting, and sampling of purchases!! The **RV Rascals** had a great time and recommend a visit to the Orchard for your chapter.



CHAPTER NEWS

Colorado Cruisers

Colorado Cruisers September's Campout



Hosted by Gaby Usmar, Heidi Steward and Pat McCullough.

With the help of Gaby's other daughters, the campout was full of fun and activities for everyone. The campout theme was "Happy Birthday Cruisers" and everyone needed to bring a donation to Children at the Colorado Springs Children's Hospital like new toys, games, activity books, or things that children would enjoy.

During this campout we got together and enjoyed old stories and some new ones. Saturday, we had the Annual Volksmarch with a good morning walk. In the afternoon we all enjoyed some old birthday games hosted by Gaby and her daughters, Heidi, Chrissy and Shirley.

During the monthly meeting, Rick Boatwright presented the Colorado Cruisers with their 20th year anniversary certificate from FCRV.

We ended that campout with a hamburger potluck. A very big thanks goes out to our hosts, Gaby Usmar, Heidi Steward and Pat McCullough for a great Cruisers campout weekend.



Submitted by
Rick Boatwright



Colorado Southern Retiree Rally

GAMES



CPR Training & Certification

Congratulations to Linda Baltzer, Colorado Fun on Wheels chapter for receiving her certification.



Colorado Southern Retiree Rally

Social Time & Entertainment



Colorado Southern Retiree Rally Awards



Flyswatter Balloon Badminton

1st Place

- Vodean Benham - Sundowners
- John Nyman - Fun On Wheels
- Ron Servant - Silver Foxes
- Rick Boatwright - Colorado Cruisers
- Jean Irons - Rocky Toppers
- Gary Irons - Rocky Toppers

2nd Place

- Carlyle Glover - Unaffiliated
- Carter Bloomfield - Colorado Eagles
- Ann Bloomfield - Colorado Eagles
- Shirley Kendle - RV Rascals
- Jeff Kendle - RV Rascals
- Cheryl Svoboda - Silver Foxes

3rd Place

- Larry Scott - Camp Stars
- Sandy Scott - Camp Stars
- Paula Shattuck - Fun on Wheels
- Moose Shattuck - Fun on Wheels
- Linda Baltzer - Fun on Wheels
- Dorothy Clark - Good Timers



Blanket Ball

1st Place

- Allison Moore - Colorado Eagles
- Vodean Benham - Sundowners
- Ruth Case - Good Timers
- Dorothy Clark - Good Timers
- Jean Irons - Rocky Toppers
- Gary Irons - Rocky Toppers

2nd Place

- Sandy Scott - Camp Stars
- Larry Scott - Camp Stars
- Linda Baltzer - Fun on Wheels
- Kent Anderson - Fun on Wheels
- Shirley Anderson - Fun on Wheels

3rd Place

- Gaby Outlaw - Silver Foxes
- Willie Walker - Silver Foxes
- Roy Rogers - Silver Foxes
- Hannelore Rogers - Silver Foxes
- Helen Stanko - Silver Foxes (not pictured)



How To Park your RV

1st Place

- Sandy & Larry Scott - Camp Stars

2nd Place

- Jean & Gary Irons - Rocky Toppers

3rd Place

- Roy & Hannelore Rogers - Silver Foxes

Colorado Southern Retiree Rally Awards



1st Place

Gaby Outlaw - Silver Foxes
Willie Outlaw - Silver Foxes



Toilet Paper Toss

2nd Place

Vodean Benham - Sundowners
Willie Walker - Silver Foxes



3rd Place

Jean Irons - Rocky Toppers
Gary Irons - Rocky Toppers



1st Place

Bruce Baltzer - Fun on Wheels
Hugh Strong - Fun on Wheels



Corn Hole

2nd Place

Gaby Outlaw - Silver Foxes
Willie Outlaw - Silver Foxes



3rd Place

Linda Baltzer - Fun on Wheels
Gary Irons - Rocky Toppers



Axe Throw

1st Place - Willie Outlaw - Silver Foxes
2nd Place - Lyle Luttrell - Campfire Coyotes
3rd Place - Gaby Outlaw - Silver Foxes

Colorado Fall Campout

Awards

Bean Bag Toss

1st	2nd	3rd
Tim Walker - View Finders	Ken Anderson - Fun on Wheels	Carter Bloomfield - Colorado Eagles
Roy Rogers - Silver Foxes	Shirley Anderson - Fun on Wheels	Carlyle Glover - Unaffiliated

Bucket Ball

1st	2nd	3rd
Teresa Clanton - Sundowners	Ann Bloomfield - Colorado Eagles	Allison Moore - Colorado Eagles
Linda Baltzer - Fun on Wheels	Shirley Anderson - Fun on Wheels	Tim Walker - View Finders
John Vonfeldt - View Finders	Larry Scott - Camp Stars	Julie Abbott - Sundowners
Moose Shattuck - Fun on Wheels	Willie Outlaw - Silver Foxes	Ron Servant - Silver Foxes

Cribbage

1st	2nd	3rd
Lyle Luttrell - Campfire Coyotes	Dan Kimzey - Northern Lights	Marilyn Luttrell - Campfire Coyotes

Flyswatter Badminton

1st	2nd	3rd
Eileen Carter - Silver Foxes	Jeff Kendle - RV Rascals	Carlyle Glover - Unaffiliated
Belinda Vonfeldt - View Finders	Shirley Kendle - RV Rascals	Judy Kimzey - Northern Lights
Carter Bloomfield - Colorado Eagles	Kathy Boatwright - Colorado Cruisers	Vodean Benham - Sundowners
Willie Outlaw - Silver Foxes	Rick Boatwright - Colorado Cruisers	Hannelore Rogers - Silver Foxes
Tim Walker - View Finders	Debbi Batts - Sundowners	Sandy Scott - Camp Stars
Dorothy Clark - Good Timers	Ann Boatwright - Colorado Eagles	Wallace Scott - Silver Foxes

Colorado Fall Campout

Games & Tire Seminar



Little Miss Dayna in charge of the popcorn



Tire Seminar given by Rick Boatwright



Colorado Fall Campout

CRAFTS



Colorado Fall Campout

Hospitalities, Chapter Anniversary Awards, & Potluck Lunch



Anniversary Awards
View Finders - 30 Years
Rolling Springs - 20 Years
Sundowners - 45 Years



Colorado Fall Campout

Chill Time



CHAPTERS NEWS

Rocky Toppers



Our Chapter had a fun, busy campout on September 5 – 8 in Estes Park with 20 members and 15 dogs attending. The hosts provided a meal of tacos on Thursday night, and a potluck was held on Friday evening. Propane firepits were the order for the evenings to ward off fall's chill and for great fellowship and conversation. On Friday, several people spent time in RMNP enjoying the scenery, eating lunch at the Alpine Visitor Center, and watching a large herd of elk on the way back. On Saturday, most members attended the Long's Peak Scottish and Irish Highland Festival. A variety of activities were offered – something for everyone. Choices included the following: weaving; dog agility/herding; athletic, band and dancing competitions; four tents of music; jousting; and vendors displaying cultural wares; and booths containing clans and clan information. One of our couples discovered that their heritage could be traced to one of the clans and learned about the history behind it. Sunday presented a more relaxing day where individuals chose to hike/walk, read, do crafts, and of course, watch the Broncos game. It's always hard to leave such a gorgeous area, but many good memories were made, and friendships were strengthened.



Rocky Toppers



CHAPTER NEWS

Road Runners



The Roadrunners chapter celebrated our 30th Anniversary during our Fall campout at Riverview RV Park in Loveland. A small group toured Benson's Sculpture Garden on a beautiful Fall morning and enjoyed the numerous pieces of creative art work in the serene setting of the park. The weekend was topped off with our delicious anniversary dinner, catered by Qdoba so no one had to cook, followed by dessert--an amazing 30th Anniversary cake creation made by the daughter of one of our members, Ward and Jamie Watson. Rick Boatwright presented our 30th Anniversary certificate to the chapter. We appreciated that Rick and Kathy Boatwright, CO State FCRV Directors, traveled from Colorado Springs to meet our chapter and participate in our chapter meeting--they have an open invitation to join us any time!! Congratulations Roadrunners for thirty years of camping and everlasting friendships!!

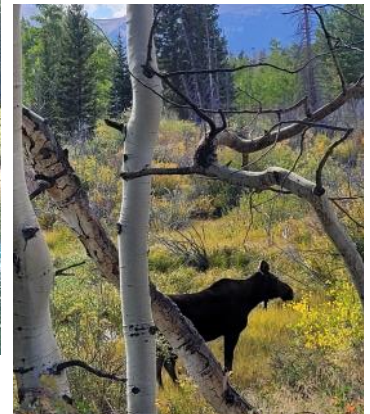


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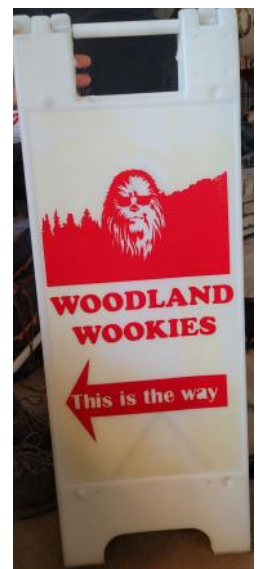
Woodland Wookies



Our September Campout for The Woodland Wookies brought us boondocking again once more to Lost Park in between Tarryall and Jefferson! Fall Season is gorgeous and we got to enjoy seeing a moose there after kayaking at the very beautiful mountain lake at Jefferson! There were many trail rides on our Atvs with taking in the colors of the changing leaves!



Woodland Wookies sure has Campouts with much luck finding Gorgeous Destinations and Moose sightings at Taylor Park & also Twin Peaks areas! Even Lost Park all dry camping with Jeeping & Atving and Kayaking on such beautiful Lakes !!



CHAPTER NEWS

Woodland Wookies



The Woodland Wookies had an amazing time enjoying Clear Creek in June and then Twin Lakes in July dry camping with Atving plus kayaking! This beautiful area is near Leadville. Our fun filled adventures tends to be such special times for our dogs as well!



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CHAPTER NEWS

Camp Stars



Unfortunately, I have been remiss about submissions to the Embers because I have been away for much of the summer. Now I'm catching up with what all the Camp Stars have been up to.

In March every year we go to St. Vrain State Park to take our rigs out of hibernation, and to see how they fared the winter. (Anything broken or leaking?) We had very good weather and were able to sit outside in the sun and catch up on what our families have been up to.

Every April we go to Boyd Lake State Park, and there were several chapters besides ours in the loop, so we got a chance to hike and to trade conversation with the RV Rascals and the Fun on Wheels chapters.

In May the group went to Bear Creek Lake in Denver. I wasn't there, but I heard everyone enjoyed themselves.

In June the real camping kicked into gear with a trip to Wyoming to check out Seminoe State Park. This outing was hosted by Jim and Julie Nunn: members who have moved to Wyoming and wanted to show off their new home state. It is a very nice setting with a lot of scenery. The group did the usual hiking and sight seeing, plus lots of fellowship. And as always, food.



In July the Camp Stars travelled to Ranger Lake Campground which is located in State Forest State Park. This has always been one of our favorites. Beautiful scenery, many hiking options, and occasional wildlife. Unfortunately, it was incredibly hot this time so much of our time was spent under our awnings playing card games and dice games. We discovered that could be more fun than just talking (even though there was lots of conversation too). We still got in a couple of early morning hikes before it got too hot.

CHAPTER NEWS

Camp Stars



In August the group took an extended trip to Grand Junction and Palisade for the Peach Festival. I was unable to attend because of the Field Directors meeting, but I understand that everyone had a good time. They shared some eating and hiking pictures with me.



In September, The Camp Stars traveled to another old staple campground at Chatfield State Park. The group had decent weather and had a good time. They especially were treated to a hot air balloon launch over Chatfield reservoir. I'm always amazed by the natural settings of the two state parks that are surrounded by the Denver metro area.



CHAPTER NEWS

Trailblazers



The Trailblazers camped at Monarch Spur Campground in August. A "BIG" Thank You to Sandi and Joe Wingert and Jeri and Ken Harper for hosting this campout. Our first night, the hosts provided dessert, which was followed by our monthly meeting. The next

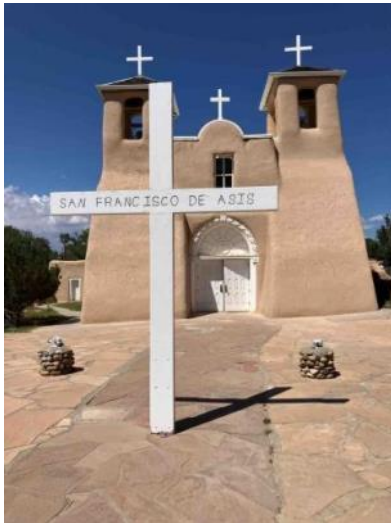


day, we all went into Salida and had lunch at the Boathouse Cantina. Upon our return to the campground, it was time to participate in the Great Pine Cone Toss. This year's winner was Wayne Fielder. Congratulations Wayne!



That evening, we were treated to some great music by a local musician. The next day, we made our way up Monarch Pass to take a ride on the gondola. It was a great campout!

In September, Taos, New Mexico, was our camping destination, with the Trailblazers staying at the Taos Valley RV Resort. A "BIG"



Thank You to hosts Donn and Josee Cairns and Dave and Daphne Turner. Our first morning in Taos, our hosts arranged for us to take the Historic Trolley Tour. The Trolley picked us up at the RV Resort. We had an hour long stop at the 1,000 year old Taos Pueblo. It was a wonderful and very informative tour which all of us enjoyed.

Lunch the next day was "Make Your Own Nachos", with all the fixin's provided by the hosts. Desserts were provided by those attending. Evenings were spent playing Bingo, other games, and just visiting with each other. Our last day, we were able to do more exploring of Taos, shop, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful day.

More great memories of another wonderful campout! Happy Camping Everyone!



In Remembrance



Robert "Bob" Vegvary
Jan 1938—Sep 23, 2024
Member of the Trailblazers



CHAPTER OUTINGS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



The September 2024 camp out for the Colorado Cruisers! Birthday theme. The Colorado cruisers collected as part of their Sept campout for the children's hospital AND received a certificate that they hit their 20 year anniversary!!!!



CHAPTER OUTINGS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



The View Finders were at the Diamond Campground in Woodland Park, CO.

You know you're having a good campout when the wild life comes and joins you.



The Good Timers retirees spent the past week in Taos New Mexico. We had a fabulous time on tours, at museums, and eating delicious New Mexican cuisine, and enjoying the friendship of our chapter. Some of our time was the tour of Taos Pueblo, the Millicent Rogers Museum, Kit Carson home and museum, Enchanted Circle Pottery, and the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. A great time was enjoyed by all.

CHAPTER OUTINGS SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



Silver Foxes had a campout at Grape Creek RV in Westcliffe with 6 rigs and 2 guests attending. Walks totaled 45 miles. Ice cream social, crafts, games, chili cook off, contests for it, hats and baby photos were enjoyed by all. Some went to rodeo and brunch.



The Colorado Eagles had a wonderful week exploring northeastern New Mexico. We visited an extinct volcano, an excellent museum and enjoyed lunch at an 1872 hotel. Plus there were several rousing games played in the evenings. Great fun!



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- 2 quarts apple cider, chilled
- 1 quart cranberry juice cocktail, chilled
- One 12-oz. container frozen orange juice concentrate
- One 2-liter bottle of lemon-lime soda
- 2 cups frozen cranberries

Directions:

Mix all of the ingredients except the frozen cranberries in an eight-quart container and refrigerate. When you're ready to serve, pour the punch into a punch bowl and add the frozen cranberries for garnish.

This recipe doesn't call for alcohol but you can always serve with a bottle of champagne for guests to add a sparkling finishing touch.



Cinnamon Rock Candy

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 3-3/4 cups sugar
- 1-1/4 cups light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon red liquid food coloring
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon oil
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar

Directions

Line a 15x10x1-in. pan with foil; butter the foil and set aside. In a large heavy saucepan, combine water, sugar, corn syrup and food coloring. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Cover and cook for 3 minutes to dissolve sugar crystals.

Uncover; cook on medium-high heat, without stirring, until a candy thermometer reads 300° (hard-crack stage), about 25 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in cinnamon oil (keep face away from mixture as oil is very strong). Immediately pour onto prepared pan. Cool completely, about 45 minutes.

Break the candy into pieces using the edge of a metal mallet. Sprinkle both sides of candy with confectioners' sugar.

Store in airtight container.

53rd FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY
 NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL FAIRGROUND
 5622 HWY 231 S
 DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36301
 RALLY STARTS: MARCH 24TH – MARCH 30TH, 2025
 EARLY DAYS: MARCH 21, 22, 23

FOR REGISTRAR ONLY
 REG# _____
 CK# _____
 CASH _____
 AMT _____

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ SPOUSE/OTHER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF OTHER: _____ #OF PEOPLE IN UNIT _____

CELL PHONE #1 _____ CELL PHONE #2 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CONFIRMATION SEN: _____ PDF _____ WORD

MAILED: _____ MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

REGISTERING FOR CAMPING: ON GROUND _____ OFF GROUND _____ CAMP PASS _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY? YES _____ NO _____ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES _____ NO _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR: LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERSVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS.

RATES: REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1, 2025. ALL THOSE ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE MARCH 1ST DEADLINE, OR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$35 WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN REGISTERING AT THE GATE.

EARLY DAYS: EARLY DATE FEE OF \$40 PER NIGHT PER UNIT WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE TREASURER AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

INCLUDED IN THE FEE: FULL HOOK-UPS, (30/50AMP), ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 2 DINNERS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND A LOT OF FUN.

2 PEOPLE IN UNIT	\$ 330	\$ 365
1 PERSON IN UNIT	\$ 300	\$335
CAMP PASS STAYING IN UNIT ON GROUNDS AS 2 ND FAMILY IN UNIT:		
2 PEOPLE	\$ 200	
1 PERSON	\$ 100	
CAMP PASS STAYING OFF GROUNDS:		
2 PEOPLE	\$ 200	
1 PERSON	\$ 100	

REFUNDS: ALL BUT \$35 WILL BE REFUNDED IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BEFORE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE RALLY. AFTER THE RALLY DEADLINE OF MARCH 1, 2025, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. REFUND REQUESTED AFTER RALLY STARTS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE RALLY.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

Mail to: Mildred Pauwels, P.O. Box 193, Dana, N.C. 28724

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR:



FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers 2025 CAMPVENTION

“Spirit of Friendship”

July 20-26, 2025

James E Ward Agricultural Center
945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087



REGISTRATION:

Welcome to Campvention 2025. Everyone must complete a registration form, including second families and camp day passes. Submit payment with the completed form. All funds shall be in US currency, including checks and money orders. There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute. Simply bring this registration form with you.

****Refund policy:** If you are unable to attend, all except \$25 will be refunded AFTER the conclusion of 2025 Campvention.

Registration deadline May 15th - Pay before December 31, 2024, to receive a \$25 discount (\$325.00).

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$350.00	\$385.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$180.00	\$200.00
Week Drive-in Day Pass (June 23-29)	\$175.00	\$190.00
Drive-in Day Pass (per day)	\$30.00	\$35.00

Early Bird Days: July 18 - 19 @ \$30/night (pay upon arrival – cash/check). The gates will be open Friday at 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Are you an FCRV member: Yes ___ No ___ Please provide your Member # if known: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ 2ndEmail: _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Are you a Veteran and what branch? _____

Number of people in your unit: Adults: _____ Teens: _____ Youth: 9 – 12 _____ Youth: 5 – 8 _____

Total number of people in Unit: _____

****Please list the names and ages of all youth and teens on the back of this form.**

We would like to help with event(s) at Campvention. Staff will follow up with a contact if yes: Yes ___ No ___

CAMPVENTION PARKING: (There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.)

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: _____ (Valid Handicap parking proof must be presented upon arrival.)

Please note the LENGTH of camping rig behind type:

Motorhome _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Number of slide outs _____

Electricity: 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ (50amp is limited. Handicap first. Then first come, first served.)

****Bring extension cords. Water available. Bring hoses and Y connectors.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV Campvention 2025 Funds

Mail checks and completed forms to:

FCRV Campvention 2025
137 Crandon Blvd.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

For inquiries please call (716) 668-6242.
Confirmations will be sent via Email.
Please allow a month for Processing.

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January 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Master's Restaurant

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