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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.

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Presidents Notes

Hope all of you have been well, safe and warm. Glad that the weather is looking up. A few things to touch on and please take note:

Spring State is at Burlington but will **NOT** be in Kelly Hall as the city is having elections and will be using that building. They are giving us the 4-H Building to use at no charge. The RV parking has not changed. We will be having Fall State at Burlington and they are reserving the building for us and transferring the payment already made to that time.

We have had a couple of inquiries about the scholarship from KCA from members who are continuing their education. Anyone interested in applying needs to fill out the application and submit all documentation that is requested by April 1. The KCA board will then review the applications and only one scholarship will be given if the requirements are met.

The board members all want to give up their positions. If KCA is to continue we need new people to be on the board replacing the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

We hope to see all of you at Spring State May 2-4 with as many as can to stay the week for Sunchasers. On Saturday we will be carpooling to the Leroy Greenhouse to arrive at 9 a.m.

The District 1 campout is June 13-15. July 20-25 is Campvention in Lebanon, TN.

Forrest and Faye Tennyson

State Directors Notes

As I write this, it is cold and camping seems far, far away. Warmer weather is coming and are you going to be ready to go? Each chapter is making their plans for the sites to visit. Make your plans to be there also. Look for the dates of camping to be aware of and put on your calendar, then plan around them. Talking about the chapter campouts, **thanks** to the field staff of each chapter for the annual reports sent in for record. It sure helps my job.

We are still in south Texas as I write. Plans are to be here through March. Trying to work plans with doctors here and at home for continuous treatments. We do plan to attend some of the campouts but know we will probably miss some. If you are wondering about State, Regional, or International campouts, ask your camping friends or give us a call. We have so many wonderful memories from all the various ones but know that we can't handle the distant ones right now. Go if you can and get involved. You will not regret it. We have some dates for the future so start your planning.

We have lost some more members in Kansas. Some just missed the renewal date but some are reaching the age and health conditions that make camping hard. **Do** keep in contact with these folks and help them to still enjoy camping thru you.

Let's go camping.

Earl & Ivalee Vanderhoff

AREA I

Campfire Campers:

We lost a beloved member in December. Lorene Huffman was also a member of the Wyondots. Some of our group attended the memorial service in Kansas City, Kansas and met with her church family. They told us of Lorene's involvement including their church breakfast where she convinced the group that the Walmart sausage gravy mix was not only easy but just as good as their homemade sausage gravy. It made us all smile because our camping club too used this same product for our camp out breakfasts. Lorene was the same in her church as she was with the camping group. We will clearly miss Lorene, Don will continue to attend when ever possible.

Our January meeting was in Carbondale where we completed our 2025 schedule and then attended Daryl Weirs 80th birthday party hosted by his family. It was fun meeting his family and hearing fun stories of Daryls youth and years working as a lineman.

In February we met for lunch at Hell Razors Bar and Grill in Harveyville, Ks followed by a meeting at the nearby Community Building.

The meeting included the plans for the District I campout in June 2025 at the Wolf Creek Group Campground near Pomona Lake. The 2025 fall state campout is hosted by Area one so plans have begun for that event. Spring is but just around the corner so hope to see many of you this summer.

Ilene Young
President / reporter

Dusters: Did not receive report before issue

Mustangs:

Mustang club Jan and Feb meetings were held at Glory Days Pizza. We had good food and visitation and stories. we also discussed ways to recruit new members and making a mustang club fcrv sign to put out at our campouts. We seem to have survived all the snow and COLD and hope everyone else has too

Don Atkins

Kansa Travelers:

Kansa Travelers met at Pizza Ranch on Feb 8th for our monthly meeting. We had 17 members and one guest attended. We had a lot of sharing and catching up. Next meeting is 8 March at Auntie C's.

Ky-O-Tees: Did not receive report before issue

AREA III

No Active Chapters

AREA IV

Sunflower Ramblers: Did not receive report before issue.

Camping Further Out: Did not receive report before issue.

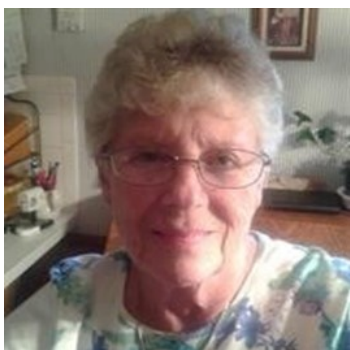
Care Notes

Kansas FCRV Care Notes – January 20, 2025

A belated Happy New Year! It's been awhile since we've sent out the Care Notes. We hope everyone is surviving the winter weather and that you snowbirds are enjoying the warmer weather. I apologize for the lateness in getting this note out – between moving and the recent blizzard my computer was one place and the paperwork, etc. was ten miles away. In spite of the lateness I wanted to pass along the following:

From the Wyandots and Campfire Campers: "Lorene Huffman, 88, passed away December 22, 2024. She is survived by Husband, Don, Son Chris and Daughter, Julie and their families. She was known for her warm heart, unwavering faith and bondless love, she created a home filled with joy and cherished memories. Lorene loved camping and traveling, finding joy in exploring new places and creating cherished memories with her loved ones. A Memorial Service was held December 30, 2024, at Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, KS. The complete obituary can be found at www.maplehillfuneralhome.com. You can still sign the Guest

Book on that web page. Cards can be sent to Don Huffman, 11145 W 65th St., Apt. 106, Shawnee, KS 66203.” We have traveled and camped with Lorene and Don for over fifty years and are so thankful for the memories. They helped with numerous Campventions, KCA Campouts and numerous other events. Lorene fought a number of health issues for the last several years and still made an effort to stay active with her class mates, church friends and our Campfire Campers meetings. She will be missed by all who knew her. Don will appreciate hearing from friends. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Don and family.



We wish the very best for all as you begin making plans for 2025!

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 Smith, Kansas Care Notes,

E-mail: smithmemos@gmail.com or SMITHGANDL@aol.com

Sunchasers

Our theme will continue on from Spring State with the Disney theme. Ours will be "Senior Adventures with Disney" and focusing on a pet theme. Start collecting your Disney items now including shirts and decorations if you have them.

Sunday	Registration	Bring an item to be donated to the Animal Shelter in Burlington. They have asked for soft treats, soft small blankets and chew toys
	Supper	Sandwich Bar provided Ham Turkey Roast Beef All condiments provided Everyone to bring a salad or dessert to share
Monday	Bkfst	French Toast Bacon Scrambled Eggs Juice provided
	Lunch	On your own
	Supper	Hot dogs with buns chips and toppings provided Bring a salad or dessert
Tuesday	Bkfst	Fruit and toast Everyone to bring a bread item or something for the fruit bowl.
	Lunch	On your own

Supper	Pizza and salad will be provided
Weds Bkfst	Pancakes and sausage provided
Lunch	On your own
Supper	Eat out at local restaurant. For those who like to play Bingo there will be Bingo at the Country Club also

Always bring your own table service including cups, napkins and silverware.

No definite cost yet but I am guessing around \$70 for 4 nights of camping and 6 meals. Activities will include Senior Olympics, Card Bingo, Trivia and a pet parade so be sure if you are bringing a pet to have them dressed for the parade.

Come join us in Burlington for Spring State and Sunchasers. You are guaranteed a Dog Gone Good Time.

Put these dates on your calendar for camping fun!!!

March 24 – 30, 2025 – FCRV 52nd Retiree Rally in Dothan, AL – registration form on web site or call St Director and we will get one for you – Director is our own Steve & Diane Hitchens

May 2 – 4, 2025 – **Kansas Campers Association Spring State** – Kelly Park in Burlington, KS – Have fun for the weekend and then (if you can) stay for the next one

May 4 – 8, 2025 – Sunchaser’s Spring Campout – Kelly Park in Burlington, KS – come even if you couldn’t be there for the state campout

June 13 – 15, 2025 – District I campout – Wolf Creek group COE. 4656 Wolf Creek Parkway on Pomona Lake – let them know you are planning to come for a site

July 20 – 26, 2025 – FCRV 65th International Campvention at the James Ward Ag Center, 945 E Baddour Pkwy in Lebanon, TN – Our region will be hosting the last hospitality so if you can attend, please let us know for planning

August 8 – 10, 2025 – Heartland Regional Campout – York, NE – meet others from our region and have a good time – more details coming

September 26 – 28, 2025 – Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout – Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St, Burlington, KS – if you can stay for the Retiree’s

September 28 – October 2, 2025 – Sunchaser’s Retiree Fall Campout - Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St., Burlington, KS

July 5 – 10, 2026 – FCRV 66th International Campvention – **hosted by our Heartland Region** – Heron, South Dakota (north of I-90 & Mitchell) – basically straight north on Hwy 81 from KS – **SAVE THE DATE**

Joke:

Guess eggs are so expensive; we will have to paint potatoes this Easter

Worth Pondering:

What if they close grocery stores and we have to hunt for our food, I don’t even know where Debbie lives.

Buy/Sell Section:

Snowbird Section:

Items happening at your RV park during the Winter.

Letter to the editor

Where is KCA headed?

The Kansas Campers Association KCA was organized in the early stages of the National Campers & Hikers Association NCHA to provide leadership to the organized camping movement. At one time there were 135 different chapters just in Kansas and several 1,000 members. Wow what an organization! There was a scholarship program, a large youth & Teen program, a conservation program, a legislative program, a walk/hiking program, a disaster awareness program, all active and there were committee chairman for each and they were very active.

Today almost all of the programs are dormant and the chapter count has dwindled to 6. The Membership has dropped to less than 100. The Big question "Where is KCA headed?" From the history it appears to be going dormant just like all of the programs that were described earlier.

KCA currently has \$5,818.14 in a Scholarship fund, \$4,537.41 in General checking and \$15,911.59 in a money market. All at the Lyndon State Bake in Lyndon, Kansas. KCA also owns a quality PA System with 4 wireless Mic's and 2 very good speakers plus a trailer full of games, coolers, coffee pots, flags, signs and miscellaneous stuff.

What will happen to this stuff and money if KCA continues on its current course and goes dark or closes. To get your answer go to the by-laws and read Article 15.

Currently KCA is operating with a Board that has asked to be replaced but no one will step up and accept any of the leadership rolls. An election is coming this year, it is your duty to step up and try to get elected to keep KCA functioning.

To me the current Board is ready to close and send all of the assets and money to the FCRV Scholarship Fund. DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT?

What is your answer? Think about it and step up and help KCA to continue.

Respectfully

Vern & Pam Failor

KCA Treasurer

CAMPING DATES FOR KANSAS – 2025 KS unless shown otherwise
Chapter shows who is hosting – Where = address to help you find the camp site

Contact = phone number for additional information

M	D	To D	CHAPTER	WHERE	CITY	CONTACT
3	8		Kansa Travelers	Auntie C's, 425 E 61 st St N	Park City	316-200-1272
3	9		Campfire Campers	Carbondale Community Center	Carbondale	913-909-9978
3	15		Mustangs	Glory Days on Gage – 11:30 am	Topeka	785-506-6566
3	24	30	ALL	FCRV 52nd Retiree Rally, 5622 HWY 231 S	Dothan, AL	316-830-2115
4	10	13	Ky-O-Tees	Napawala Park – 315 E Clark St	Oxford67119	316-305-9791
4	15	16	Campfire Campers	Tuttle Creek Lake, 6040 Tuttle Cove Rd,	Manhattan 66503	913-909-9978
4	18	20	Mustangs	Perry Old Town – E Loop	Perry	785-506-6566
4	25	27	Kansa Travelers	El Dorado State Park, Big Oak	El Dorado	316-200-1272
5	2	4	ALL	KCA Spring State Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St	Burlington	620-704-0998
5	4	8	ALL	Sunchaser's Spring, Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St	Burlington	316-200-1272
5	9	11	Campfire Campers	Melvern Outlet COE, 30442 River Pond Parkway,	Melvern	913-909-9978
5	16	18	Mustangs	Perry Peninsula – Rock Creek – B Loop	Perry	785-506-6566
5	16	18	Kansa Travelers	Melvern Lake Outlet Park	Melvern	316-200-1272
5	22	27	Camp-A-Lots	Cheney Smarsh Creek Campground, 16000 NE 50 th	Cheney, 67025-8487	316-721-0651
6	6	8	Kansa Travelers	Kanopolis State Park, Sandstone	Marquette	316-200-1272
6	13	15	ALL	Wolf Creek Group COE, 4656 Wolf Creek Parkway	Quenemo, 66528	784-844-3353
6	16	19	Ky-O-Tees	777 KS Star Drive – 316-777-1143	Mulvane	316-305-9791
6	20	22	Mustangs	Pomona – Outlet Park – sites 9 – 20	Pomona	785-506-6566
6	20	22	Kansa Travelers	Milford State Park, Hickory Hollow	Junction City	316-200-1272

Subject to change but this is the tentative schedule. **Each unit please bring a door prize to be given out.**



Disney Weekend



WHAT: KCA Spring State

WHEN: May 2, 3 & 4, 2025.

WHERE: Kelley Park, 615 S Third St, Burlington, Kansas 66839

REGISTRATION: \$40.00 for the weekend. Early birds will pay \$10.00 per night at the time of onsite registration to Vern. Campsites have water and electricity (30 and 50 amp). A dump station is onsite.

CAMP (WALKING, BIKING, ETC) WILL BE ON YOUR OWN, PLEASE NOTE YOUR MILES ON SHEET PROVIDED IN THE BUILDING.

FRIDAY: May 2

REGISTRATION: 2 to 4 p.m. or upon arrival after that time

6 p.m. -- Hamburgers, buns, condiments furnished. Please bring a salad or dessert. Please bring your own table service. Drinks provided.

7:30 p.m. -- Card bingo (4 nickels, 3 dimes, 6 quarters) There will be change on site if needed.

Hospitality using desserts from the hamburger meal.

SATURDAY: May 3

8 to 9:30 a.m. -- Breakfast by the Kansas Travelers celebrating their 60 year anniversary

10:00 a.m. -- Go to Leroy to the Greenhouse.

Lunch on your own.

1:30 p.m. -- Economic Development information

Directly following the above we will have a short membership meeting.

5:30 p.m. -- Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad and garlic bread. Ice cream sundaes for dessert. Please bring Your own table service.

7 p.m. -- Movie "Lady and the Tramp". Refreshments provided.

SUNDAY: May 4

8:30 a.m. -- Rolls, coffee and juice.

9:00 a.m. -- Church

Directly after church: Camping further out. Please make sure to let Ivalee know of anyone you are aware of that is deceased.

Enjoy free time playing games, visiting or relaxation. Please bring books and puzzles for exchange.

REGISTRATION FORM: KCA Spring State "Disney" May 2-4, 2025

Please make checks payable to KCA and mail to Vern Failor, 5201 SW 27th Street, Topeka, KS 66614

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

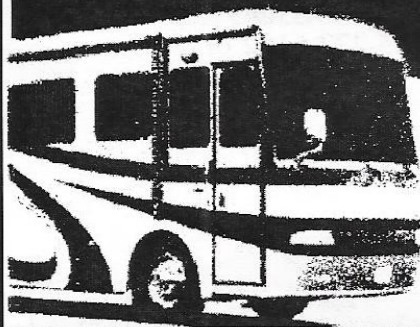
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**FCRV District One Campout - June 13-15, 2025
at
Wolf Creek Group Site
Pomona Lake, Pomona, KS**

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: Henry Dreier, P.O. Box 148, Harveyville, KS 66431. 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 12th. The fee for that night will be \$15.00 payable at campout: We are planning to come in on Thursday night ___ Yes ___ No.

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

Kansas Camper Association

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Please remit with \$10 to

Vern Failor

KCA Treasurer

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Topeka, KS 66614-1633

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