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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.

After 10 years as editor, I am going to hang up my hat after printing the last issue this year. I have sold my camper and no longer camping.

Presidents Notes

I don't know about where your located but here in the Ottawa area we have had a lot of wind, rain and storms this spring and early summer. We have been fortunate that our chapter weekends have been pleasant. Currently Tom and I as well as 9 or 10 other Kansas families are preparing to travel to Huron South Dakota for our National Campvention. It is not too late to join us if you decide you want to attend. We are looking forward to taking in what South Dakota has to offer. As Kansans we always have a good time.

I ask you to keep your eyes open for information about the next Fall Campout September 25-27 being held at Kelly Park in Burlington, KS. More to come in the Newsletter.

As your KCA board our goal has been to find a way to increase membership and encourage current membership to gather when possible. We joined KCA because we love the fellowship, family and that camping in numbers is safe and educational. I laugh to my self concerning educational because we all have fun stories of our adventures together.

I want to address the 2027 State campvention Celebration. Since last fall when the new KCA board were installed one of our concerns were the decline of membership participation at the state level. Many planners stated it was hard to find a facility that would accommodate the camping units that need amenities and entertainment for \$1,000. So the Board voted to increase the amount available for those planning the events. With the additional funds we can increase the fun and activities. It was also mentioned that KCA milestones have not been celebrated so in 2027 our KCA Chapter will be approaching its 65th year in existence. And in all reality our membership has declined such that we didn't believe there would be many members around for the 75th anniversary. With this in mind it was decided to celebrate by having one state event for this one year (2027) and encourage all our membership to participate in the celebration, if not camping or you no longer have a camper please drive in for the day. Bring pictures to share and any memorabilia you have hidden in your closets. So the rumor that this would be our last KCA campvention is absolutely not true. We have funds to continue our usual Spring and Fall campouts as long as the membership want to continue. We are not done yet no matter what the status of FCRV.

All of this said, please keep an eye out for more information about the 2027 65th year anniversary celebration. Another issue I want to address is that our KCA newsletter editor Bob Schreck has advised the board of his resignation effective at the end of this year. For 10 years Bob has done a wonderful job putting together and publishing our Newsletter and I can't express enough how much we appreciate his hard work. He received no monetary compensation for his time and work. So a BIG THANK YOU to Bob for your commitment to keeping us informed.

We are now looking for someone willing to take on compiling and publishing the KCA Newsletter on a semi-monthly basis moving forward. I think we can confidently say that Bob will be willing to share his processing with a new editor upon request. Please contact us via by phone or email of your interest.

In closing Tom and I wish you all a great camping season. Stay safe and God Bless!
Happy Trails to our KCA family,
Tom and Ilene Young
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State Directors Notes

When you are reading this, if you have been keeping up with National News, you will know that some of our Kansas members are on their way to Huron, SD for the International Campvention. Our wish is that it was involving more of you. You will be missed. Thanks to all of the Kansas campers who have stepped up to help in one way or another. There are also some who are going to be a part of the larger group and I am sure will help in one way or another. **THANKS!!!**

The KCA Board is working to make the celebrations next year's camping special. If they ask you for help, please step up and get involved. You get more fun that way. There will be more information coming as the plans move along. Keep working to spread the word about the great activities open to us to potential members.

Thank you to all members who work at keeping track of past members or members who can no longer be a part of activities.

Are you helping your chapter to be involved or are you putting the brakes on activities? We do not function by ourselves. The members of Area 2 are planning the Fall Campout. Let's have a good turn out to support their efforts. At this time, Earl is struggling to get in or out of any place and especially the camper. We will still be there in one way or another if we can keep him out of the hospital. See you there in September.

Earl and Ivalee Vanderhoff

AREA I

Campfire Campers: May was a busy month with graduations and camping, Many of us attended the KCA State Campout hosted by area IV at Marion County Lake near Hillsboro KS. It was good to shake out those camper cobwebs from the winter. We had great food and an interesting / fun way to play bingo. Thank you Sunflower Ramblers for a great time. Campfire Campers then moved out to Marion County Lake for their weekend campout with only a few in attendance. They found the park to be absolutely beautiful. The weather was good and it was decided it should be on our destination schedule next year also. We try to visit at least one new campground every year. In June we had our campout along with the District I campvention at Wolf Creek Group site located at Lake Pomona. Henry and the field staff did a great job with games and plenty of visiting time. Henry's sisters came out to lead us in some new games which was a hoot with many shouts of joy and laughter. Only a few chose to watch from the side lines. Many did the annual track of eating at Green Acres restaurant and our chapter did a pre celebration of our 20th year anniversary with a special cake and ice cream to mark the occasion. Our entertainment was canceled due to strong winds and rain that came in on Saturday evening but no one seemed bothered by the last minute change. No harm, no foul. And as always we thank Bill and Diane Buggeln for a nice intimate devotion time Sunday morning and a moment to remember those camping friends we have lost this last year. We look forward to being recognized by FCRV this fall at the state campvention in Burlington KS.

This year most of our group have been recruited to help with parking at the national campvention in Huron South Dakota so we will be heading out this next week to gather again and enjoy being outdoors together.

Happy Trails,
Ilene Young
Reporter

Dusters: Did not receive report before issue

Mustangs: The Mustang club met at Quail Run area at Hillsdale state park on May 15 - 17. Two families attended. They went to a Mexican restaurant on Friday evening and had a cook out Saturday evening. They put out their club flag for the first time. Also had a great time visiting and telling stories. On June 19-21 the club met at Michigan Valley on Pomona Lake 2 families and 1 drive in attended. They departed on Saturday due to weather.

AREA II

Kanza Travelers: Did not receive report before issue

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

AREA III

No Active Chapters

AREA IV

Sunflower Ramblers: The first weekend of May was beautiful for KCA Spring State at Marion Lake. Attendees all said they had a great time and enjoyed the activities, food and fellowship. We encourage others to attend. Two weekends later we went to Marion Reservoir for another beautiful weekend. On Thursday evening we went to Durham, KS and ate a BBQ buffet at the Main Street Cafe & Bakery. On Saturday some went into Marion and ate lunch and toured the Historic Elgin Hotel.

Our June camp out at Cheney Lake was great except a Saturday night rain storm that flooded quite a bit of our camp. This made packing up camp on Sunday a bit more interesting!

Thank you

Kammie Wendler

Spring Sunchasers 2026

On May 3, 2026 The annual Spring Sunchasers "HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA" group gathered at the conclusion of Spring State at Marion County Lake to enjoy some time together. Those present were Mary Ann Hilger, Ed & Ann Liper, Jim & Sharon Miller, Wilma Fast, Bill & Jutta Cleaveland, Vern & Pam Failor, Henry & Brenda Dyrer, Bill & Dianne Buggeln. The food for the week was planned by Mary Ann Hilger and the Cleaveland's, Hilger's and Miller's assisted in preparing and serving. Unfortunately on Tuesday Mary Ann had to leave due to Ed's illness and having to enter the hospital (.He is now home and recovering with Mary Ann nursing) We enjoyed Pokemo, Marian Scavenger hunt, Bingo & Trivia USA 250th birthday, Dice Bingo, the movie "The Patriot", pizza, Senior Olympics and just a good time of laughter and relaxing. We invite everyone to join us in the Fall at Kelly Park, Burlington, KS on September 27-30 again following Fall State on September 25-27.

SUNCHASERS – Migrating Birds - September 27- 30, 1926 (leaving am Oct 1)

Registration will be Sunday afternoon after Fall State has closed. (\$50)

Games, Laughter, Possible field trips, entertainment, Just a relaxing Good Time

If you are going to stay please drop me a note buggelnb@gmail.com or

Call 316 200-1272 so we know how to plan for the week.

COME AND ENJOY BOTH STATE & SUNCHASERS!!!

Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout

September 25-27, 2026

Kelley Park 625 S 3rd St Burlington, KS 67819

MIGRATING BIRDS

Everyone is Welcome

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20/30/50 amp service & some water**

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Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Chapter _____
Special Needs _____ Yes _____ No Electrical needs 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____

REGISTRATION FEE -- \$40

Mail to:

Bill Buggeln

KCA Fall State 2026

12215 SW Shumway Rd

Augusta. KS 67010

Camping Further Out:

David Dennett

Joan Ramsey

Care Notes –Kansas FCRV Care Notes – June 21, 2026

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there! As I'm writing this I hope you have escaped the bad weather! It is Kansas, however it seems like we have had stormy weather every week for several weeks now. I want to share some news:

From the Kansa Travelers: "David Dennett, Age 80, from Augusta, KS, passed away, Thursday, June 18, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Georgetta "Sue" Dennett, sons Mike, Steven and Brian and families and a brother, Gene and a sister, Marilyn Franks. David and Sue were members of the Kansa Travelers and Sunchasers Camping Chapters and Lifetime Members of Family Campers & RVers. The Obituary can be found

at www.headleyfuneralchapel.com. The Burial will be at Andover Cemetery, Andover, KS. Cards can be sent to Sue Dennett, 1447 Custer Lane, Augusta, KS 67010, or you can sign the Guestbook at the Headley Funeral Chapel.” We have known David & Sue for several years and they were always a delight to visit with and he will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Dennett Family.



From the former Wagonears: “Joan Ramsey, Age 90, from Berryton, KS, passed away on June 9, 2026. She was preceded in death by husband, Rod “ShopPop”, May 7, 2023. She is survived by daughter, Candy (Michael) Bush and Family and son, Craig (Christy) Ramsey and Family. They were charter members of the Wagonears Chapter and Lifetime members of Family Campers & RVers. They participated with the Chapter at several Campventions. You can sign the Guest Book and read the complete Obituary at: www.dovetopeka.com. The Visitation will be Monday, June 22, 2026 at the Southeast Chapel, 2843 SE Minnesota Ave., Topeka, KS. Inurnment will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 10 AM, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 8616 Southeast Ratner Rd., Berryton, KS 66409. Memorials can be made to the KSU Cancer Center, 1 Chalmers Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506” Joan & Rod have been friends of ours since 1956, during which we did a lot of camping together. Among other things, family was the most important in their lives. They will be missed by all who knew them. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Ramsey Family.



We know of several of our Kansas FCRV families that will be attending the 2026 Campvention at Huron, SD. They also will be actively involved in several positions helping with the Campvention. We wish them safe travels, have a good time and take lots of pictures. Be watching for a report in the Kansas Camper.

We are 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

Dates:

CAMPING DATES FOR KANSAS – 2026 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
7	5	11	ALL	International Campvention, SD Fairgrounds, 1060 – 3rd St	Huron, SD	316-830-2115
7	17	19	Mustangs	Canning Creek	Council Grove	
7	17	19	Kansa Travelers	Kanopolis State Park, 200 Horsethief Rd	Marquette	316-640-2003
7	20	23	Ky-O-Tees	River Park at Salt Plains ST Park	Jet, OK	316-215-2328
7	31	8-2	Kansa Travelers	Cross Timbers ST Park , Osage Plains, 144 Hwy 105	Toronto	
8	7	12	Ky-O-Tees	Concordia Airport Camp, 2025 W 10 th St	Concordia	316-215-2328
8	7	9	Campfire Campers	Melvorn Outlet	Melvorn Lake	
8	14	16	Kansa Travelers	Kaw Lake Cook Creek Cove, 7460 – 9400 Lake Rd	Ponca City, OK	316-350-6766
8	28	30	Kansa Travelers	Marion Reservoir	Marion	316-218-3803
8	14	16	Mustangs	Carbolyn Area	Pomona Lake	
9	11	13	Kansa Travelers	Big Hill, Cherry Parkway	Cherry Vale	316-990-0376
9	11	20	Ky-O-Tees	KS ST Fair, 2000 N Poplar St	Hutchinson	
9	15	18	Campfire Campers	KS State Fair, 2000 Poplar	Hutchinson	
9	18	20	Mustangs	Melvorn Outlet	Melvorn	
9	25	27	Kansa Travelers	Council Grove Lake	Council Grove	972-351-3422
9	25	27	ALL	Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout, Kelly Park, 615 – 3rd St	Burlington	316-200-1272
9	27	10/1	ALL	Kansas Sunchasers Retirees Campout, Kelly Parl, 615 – 3ed St	Burlington	316-200-1272

Dates for 2026

Are these dates on your calendar? These are campouts for everyone!!!

July 3 & 4 – Early Bird arrival for International Campvention in Huron, South Dakota -you have a campsite ready on a holiday – join in the community activities as we celebrate 250 years as a nation

July 5 – 11 – International Campvention, Huron, South Dakota, hosted by Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota

September 25 – 27 – Kansas Campers Association Fall Campout, Kelly Park
Burlington, KS – hosted by Area II

September 27 – October 1 – Sunchasers Fall State, Kelly Park, Burlington, KS

District One

FCRV District 1 Campout June 12 – 14, 2026

The FCRV Kansas District 1 campout was held June 12 – 14, 2026 at Wolf Creek Group site on Pomona Lake with 14 camping families and 2 guest families. The week end started with a flag ceremony on Friday evening and a hotdog roast. Saturday started with a biscuits and gravy breakfast provided by the Campfire Campers Chapter. The day progressed with a Tea Cup Auction some items were an antique camp stove, electric pole insulators, game boards, no spill drinking glass and lots of small items.

There was lunch on your own and games in the afternoon with an evening dinner of pulled pork and a large amount of food items that each Family brought. Because of the storm that was brewing the program canceled so we just sat around and visited. One camper was overheard as saying “this is kind of nice just laid back and time to visit” Saturday ended with the Campfire Campers celebrating 20 years with a cake and ice cream for all. Sunday brought coffee, juice and donuts plus a short Church service ending with a memorial service to remember the campers that have gone on to the happy camping ground in the sky.



Dinner at Lamont Hill Thursday



Visiting All weekend



Saturday evening dinner



Tea Cup Auction



Antique camp stove



Campfire Campers 20th anniversary celebration

All of the pictures were taken by Steve Hitchens with the consent of all of the campers.

Jokes:

In honor of Father's Day

Q. When does a joke become a Dad joke?

A: When it becomes apparent.

Q; What does a baby computer call his father?

A: Data

Q: Which days are the strongest?

A: Saturday and Sunday. The rest are weekdays.

Buy/Sell Section: Did not receive report before issue



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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.

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Please remit with \$10 to

Vern Failor

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