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Make July 6-10, 2015 your vacation at the Camplex in Gillette, Wyoming.

These are all pictures of the Camplex in Gillette, Wyoming











Loana announces her choice for the next State Director



Roy and Vivian Crouse

Roy and Loana will probably step down as State Directors after the 2015 Campvention in Wyoming. Bill and JoAnn Eckman will step down as assistant State Directors in a few months so the Crouse's can hold that position and work closely with Loana for a smooth transition in 2015. The final step is the Crouse's will have to be confirmed by the FCRV Trustees. More information about Roy & Vivian will be in future Embers.

Campvention 2015 and Camplex in Gillette, Wyoming

At the general membership meeting at Statewide a You-Tube video was shown highlighting the Camplex facilities. Loana challenged everyone to make plans to attend. The dates are July 6 to 10, 2015. Also the field staff will be arm twisting fellow members to fill many volunteer positions that are needed for the 2015

Campvention hosted by Region 1. We have about 800 member families in Colorado FCRV, our goal is to have 400 attend Campvention 2015.

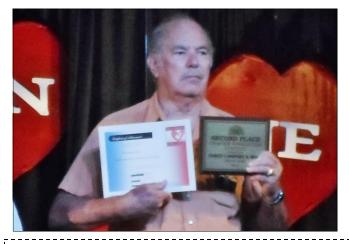
Campvention 2013

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Bill & Linda Snyder
Larry & Anita Trudell
Paul & Virginia Turnquist
Don & Coral Yakel
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NATIONAL AWARDS:

Colorado received 1st place in the national scrapbook contest, and this year's award-winning scrapbook was submitted by the Golden Nuggets.

Members of the Golden Nuggets were at the campvention and received their plaque and ribbon.

Colorado received the national CAMP award for the most propelled miles for a large state with 2299 miles recorded.

The Camp Stars won the award for the most propelled miles for an individual chapter with 533 miles recorded

Larry Scott of the Camp Stars won the award for the most propelled miles for an individual with 81 miles recorded.

The Rocky Mountain Revelers chapter newsletter won 2nd place at the campvention. Michelle Ienna, editor

Conservation Poster contest:

Jayden Hardman of the Sundowners took 2nd place in the Age 0-5 group. Sami Seymour of the Sundowners took 2nd place in the Age 15-19 group Beth Hoffman of the Sundowners took 3rd place in the Age 20+ group

Iowa Campvention 2013 Pictures





















Statewide Friday



Vodean Benham givng the Registration folks, the Star Chasers their instructions



Our theme this year was Planes, Trains & RV's and we had some of each.



Part of the Parking team, the Wagon Ears ready to park new arrivals.



Here come some new arrivals anxious to get parked and settled in.



A large group of first timers getting information from Loana and Bill.



Some last minute work to get the things set up.



Lined up for the Friday night chicken dinner.



Enjoying that great Chicken dinner.



Elaine Glover not quite sure what they want to drink!



Steve and Judy Nesvold setting up the Blood drive with Vodean.



Members signing up for activities for Statewide.



The beginning of a huge amount of food and school supplies Colorado FCRV members donate to the Elbert County food bank.

Photo's provided Dan & Judy Kimsey our State Photographers

Statewide Saturday





Members of the Silver Fox's chapter getting ready to serve Saturday AM breakfast.

Some serious cribbage players.











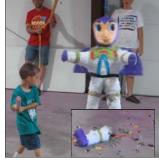
Vendor Fashion Show was a hit on Saturday.

Danielle was part of show but sure resembles Dan.

Cones were served by Staff.









Kids and Crafts Looks like FUN!!

Finally some Candy!!





Photo's provided by Dan & Judy **Kimzey**













Statewide Saturday & Sunday







Having Fun tossing those washers!









Is there a lake in Kiowa? Must just be practicing!







Bingo should be fun, but this looks pretty serious!





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Chapter sales and raffles, complete ciaos!

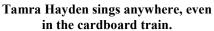
Ramblers 45th Anniversary hospitality

Statewide Saturday & Sunday











Tamra Hayden put on a fabulous performance on Sunday night plus she sang for Sunday morning church service.







Our newest chapter the Country Side Runaways receive their Charter.



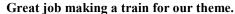






On Sunday the Blood Bank collected 30 pints of blood.









Bell ceremony was well attended as we remembered those who are missing.

Statewide Contest Winners

STATEWIDE 2013 WINNERS

The youngest camper this weekend was Colton Neff of the Country Side Runaways — 4 years old The Most Senior camper this weekend was Paul Widger of the Gray Wolves — 90 years young Carol Neff of the Country Side Runaways drove 143 miles to get to Statewide this weekend.

PET PARADE:

John Bigley's "Shrimp" took 1st place in the small dog category from the Star Gazers Arlene Powell's "Okie" took 1st place in the large dog category from the Rock N Chair Roadies Bob & Jean Maxwell's "Tess" took 1st place in the best dressed category from the RV Rascals

CRIBBAGE:

Rich Knight of the Rocky Mountain Revelers took 1st place Marianne Nyman of the Fun on Wheels / Waggin' Ears took 2nd place Dan Finerty of the Fun on Wheels / Waggin' Ears took 3rd place

CASTING:

Gary Lewis of the Star Chasers took 1st place in the Longest Cast
Mike Hawkins of the Technically Roughing It took 2nd place in the Longest Cast
Butch Eaton of the Rolling Renegades took 3rd place in the Longest Cast
Ron Servant of Colorado Cruisers / Gray Wolves / Rolling Springs took 1st place in the Most Accurate
Mike Hawkins of the Technically Roughing It took 2nd place in the Most Accurate
Ernie Westlale of the Star Chasers took 3rd place in the Most Accurate

HORSESHOES:

Women's Doubles

Carrie Tolzien of the Aurora Gate Keepers and Patricia Steward of the Outlaws took 1st place Nancy Lewis & Carol Samberg of the Mountain Goats took 2nd place Kathy Stein & Marty Larson of the Mountain Goats took 3rd place

Men's Doubles

Ray McGrady & Dave Watkins of the Star Chasers took 1st place
Marlin Johnson & Carlyle Glover of the Ute Bobcats took 2nd place
Brian Dimock, our First Aid Director & Tom Martinez of the Hi Country Campers took 3rd place
Women's Singles

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Carrie Tolzien of the Aurora Gate Keepers took 1st place

Teresa Walorski of the Oops took 2nd place

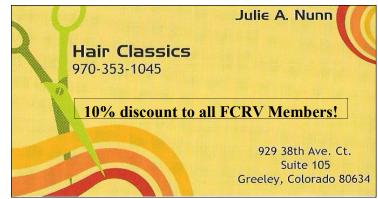
Men's Singles

Ray McGrady of the Star Chasers took 1st place Brian Dimock, our First Aid Director took 2nd place Rick Walorski of the Oops took 3rd place

BONGO BOARDS:

Ray McGrady & Howard Boehme of the Star Chasers took 1st place Gino & Janay Pezzella of the Mountain Goats took 2nd place Mike Neff & Jeff Bloomfield of the Country Side Runaways took 3rd place





Statewide Contest Winners

ATTENDANCE AWARDS AT STATEWIDE

The Country Side Runaways had 100% of their chapter in attendance The Fun on Wheels had 87.5% of their chapter in attendance The Waggin' Ears had 66.7% of their chapter in attendance The Star Chasers had the most families in attendance with 9 families

QUILT WINNERMike and Chris Hawkins



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

"Funniest" Roger Hardy of the Rocky Explorers took 1st place

Linda Snyder of the RV Rascals took 2nd place

Mike Hawkins of the Technically Roughing It took 3rd place

"Most Unusual" Linda Snyder of the RV Rascals took 1st place

Elaine Hobden of the Rolling Springs took 2nd place

Darlene Gibson of the Sundowners / Timberliners took 3rd place

"Most Artistic" Bill Hobden of the Rolling Springs took 1st place

Elaine Hobden of the Rollins Springs took 2nd place

Linda Snyder of the RV Rascals took 3rd place

"Wildlife" Linda Snyder of the RV Rascals took 1st place

Roger Hardy of the Rocky Explorers took 2nd place Bill Hobden of the Rolling Springs took 3rd place

"Too Cute for Words"

Bob & Peggy Marty of the Rocky Ramblers took 1st place

Linda Snyder of the RV Rascals took 2nd place Nola Wilson of the Rolling Renegades took 3rd place

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STAR GAZERS' CHAPTER NEWS

SUMMER BOONDOCKING FOR THE STAR GAZERS

Both July and August found the Star Gazers dry camping in some of the most beautiful locations that Colorado has to offer. In July, we camped at the group sites at Lakeview Campground at Twin Lakes, Colorado. Our host, Rick Hays, included a large number of his extended family in our weekend camping group which made for a really fun group. Many of us relaxed around the campground playing games and talking. Some drove to Aspen or Leadville to take in the sights there. We had a fun round of Bingo on Saturday night, and every person won multiple "valuable" prizes. We had 14 members, 4 cadet members and 12 guests in attendance. The group voted in 4 new members at their monthly meeting. We are happy to welcome Blake and Julie Bischoff and George and Linda Gonzales as the newest members of the Star Gazers.

August took us to another beautiful area east of the town of Jefferson in Pike National Forest. We camped in a large open meadow with gorgeous views to the east and west, and surrounded by forest. We had the whole meadow to ourselves, and were able to relax and let our many dogs run free. We had a fun hobo stew Friday night, where everyone brought vegetables to add to the large boiling pot of stew. On Saturday, many in the group went for a long hike. Others explored the historic towns of Jefferson and Como as well as visited Fairplay and South Park. Our hosts for this campout were Laurie Downs and Gordon and Nancy Elliott. We had 23 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers secretary

CAMPFIRE COYOTES CHAPTER NEWS

The Campfire Coyotes retiree group took to the hills of the Gunnison National Forest and Curecanti Recreation Area in July. Many of us decided to stay in the very comfortable cabins at the Tall Timbers RV Resort at Gunnison rather than in our RV's, thus making our 4x4's available for some serious exploring.

All of us found the hiking, mountain driving trails, and fly fishing areas to be truly beautiful at this peak time for wildflowers. A planned group boat trip on Morrow Point Reservoir in the bottom of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison ran aground when one of the National Park Service's boat motors conked out, but we all made the 1-mile 232-stairstep trek down into the bottom (and back up) anyway, and then went to the main NPS area to peer into the 2700-foot-deep canyon, a truly different but equally impressive and beautiful type of "Grand Canyon".

The true spirit of our camping family --- and an additional and dramatic value of <u>camping with a group</u> of true (if new) friends --- became very evident when my truck's transmission decided it had pulled its last mile. It was so very helpful to have such a strongly supportive group waiting for me back at camp, ready to do anything - or <u>every</u> thing - they could to make this situation easier. For the Hagers to let me drive their tow vehicle to get my three guests back home (and to load up their motor home with all our bags and coolers) was truly awesome! I know they would have been just as helpful to any one of us, but it was all especially welcome to this single camper. To all of you, your empathy, suggestions, and help were such a blessing --- and are an absolute sure-fire reason for anyone, single <u>or</u> married, to JOIN a camping group!

Our next trip is to prison – specifically, the Wyoming Territorial Prison in Laramie, where the outlaws of the Old West were kept. It's as yet undetermined if they'll let us out again, but we've promised to be on our best behavior, especially since we have a large group planning to fly high at the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque in October.

s/Pat Heath (303-457-9629 or pat heath@msn.com)





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TRAILBLAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

The Trailblazers are lovin' the summer! In June we headed over to Pagosa Springs and arrived just as the West Fork Fire was getting started. We camped at the Pagosa Riverside RV Resort which is at the foot of Wolf Creek Pass. The campground has a small lake and the San Juan River runs along the edge of the property. It was relaxing to sit by the river and watch people tubing and kay-



aking! A group of Trailblazers went into town and enjoyed some time at the hot springs. On the morning of our continental breakfast we invited a young man from South Korea to join us. He had stayed at the campground overnight. This young man was a software engineer taking a yearlong sabbatical to bicycle across the United States and Europe! Even though language was somewhat of a barrier, he knew some English and really appreciated the food and company, as did all of us! Another great campout came to an end. We all enjoyed delicious food and each other's friendship! From the campground we watched as the West Fork Fire grew ever larger! We were very fortunate that when our campout ended we were all able to get back over Wolf Creek Pass before the highway was closed due to the fire!

In July, we

headed north to Golden Gate Canyon State Park. For many of us this was a new destination. One of our activities while at the park was an easy three mile hike into the historic Green Ranch. The Green Ranch is an undeveloped area that was acquired by the park due to the generosity of the Green family who wanted the land preserved rather than developed. The Green family ranched this property from 1917 until they retired in the early '70's. The only way to experience this beautiful area is by a guided tour. The guide for our walk was Dr. John Moyer, a retired pediatrician, who has been a volunteer with the park for twelve years. Dr. Moyer has extensive knowledge of the history of the Green Ranch. He is also familiar with the names of the many types of wildflowers that are abundant in the meadows that we walked through. During the walk we were rewarded with breathtak-



ing views of the Front Range. This is a "must do" activity for any group camping at Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Just make sure you call early to arrange this excursion.

Not only did we hike, but also held a Bolo Golf Tournament. Winners of the Bolo Golf Tournament were Ken Harper and Jim Jurasek. The ladies later challenged the gentlemen to a game of Bean Bag Baseball. The ladies were tough, but the gentlemen managed to win! We won't talk about the score! Better luck next time, ladies!

The theme of our last night was patriotism. We held a flag ceremony around the campfire and sang patriotic songs--handily accompanied by Jim Jurasek on harmonica.

The time went by too quickly and before we knew it, it was time to say our good-byes to everyone. Our August campout will be at Taylor Park and September will find us in Grand Junction. Many of our members will be attending the Southern Colorado Retiree Rally in Colorado City. The last Trailblazer campout for the season will be in Howard, CO, in October.

A BIG thank you to our hosts and co-hosts, Larry and Sue Menke and Hank and Rose Stamps for a memorable campout!

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WEEKEND WARRIORS CHAPTER NEWS



Many more "Moose Moments" for us to share from Lake City, Colorado this past July. Lake San Cristobal with mountain peak views and front yard lake...Just can't beat this location! We couldn't ask for anything more. The Alpine Loop for ATVing, lake for fishing..not to mention all the nature surrounding us!

CAMPING IS AWESOME!



Chipmunk at St. Elmo











Mary Ann Glover & Jerry Clemens kayaking on Clear Creek Reservoir, Buena Vista

Two months in a row, the Weekend Warriors camped near Buena Vista, CO Just want to have fun!! We enjoy FCRV....Lots to do with dry camping at Clear Creek Reservoir plus the campground at Snowy Peaks surrounded by mountains, Chalk Creek, Mt. Princeton to soak in, St. Elmo to ATV to, there's so much to mention, We pretty much did it all!!





Paty & Laura McKinnney ATVing at Box Canyon Tarrywall, CO



Bruce Dwelle catching the big one!!



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Colorado Eagles Chapter News

Our May outing started with "Spring Fling". As always it is a great time to get re-acquainted with people you only see at this time and join in the games and raffles as well as finding neat items to purchase. The 3 days really went fast and it is time to say goodbye to new and old friends.

As we left "Spring Fling" and headed toward our first stop in North Platte, Nebraska, all eyes were on the sky. It was raining all around us in the distance and we felt fortunate that we were not driving through it. That false sense of security lasted for only a short time as we caught up with the wind and rain and it stayed with us for quite a while. The prospect of setting up in the rain was not a great thought; but the sun did come out before we arrived at the Holiday RV Park. Dinner that night was at Whiskey Creek not far from the Park. The rain came back and did so off and on most of the night.

Monday we left the Park and headed for the Golden Spike Tower. If you have never been there it is an 8 floor tower that overlooks the "classification yard" of the Union Pacific. It is the largest classification yard in the United States. There are lots of pictures in the tower with information about what you are seeing and also volunteers to answer your questions. It was very interesting but for some of us there just wasn't enough time to see and read all the information as we had lunch reservations. After lunch there was the Lincoln County Historical Museum and/or Dairy Queen for anyone interested.

Tuesday we started for Minden for our stay at the Pioneer Village and RV Park. The Pioneer Village consists of a wonderful collection of carriages, carts, cars, farm tractors and implements, and buildings that were moved onto the property from surrounding areas that had an impact on the growth of the area and state. There is even an old carousel and a school house with the books that were used by the students of the time. If you go there, allow yourself 2 to 3 days to see everything unless you are a fast reader and walker. It is amazing all the things that are in the buildings and at times they have people there showing how brooms were made and rugs woven. The campground is also old, very few full hook-ups, the rest have water and electric and there is a shower building. At 4:00 we had a wonderful tour of the Opera House in downtown Minden. It has been restored and they did an amazing job. While in town we found a great place to eat just across the street from the Opera House called the Cornerstone Café. It was once a store that sold men's and women's clothing, shoes, hats, umbrellas; each had their own side of the building.

Wednesday was basically a free day with most of us going back to Pioneer Village to pick up where we left off our exploring from the previous day.

Thursday we went to the Great Platte River Archway; lots of us had driven under it at one time or another but not stopped to go inside. It is a wonderful history of the area and it was the crossroads of the westward migration. After lunch at Dickey's BBQ on the main floor we left for the Nebraska Firefighters Museum just a few blocks away. It was amazing to see some of the old equipment and clothing that was used. Some people went on to the MONA Museum of Nebraska Art and to see the Classic Car Collection and/or the store of Cookbooks by Morris (yes, a store of cookbooks).

Friday was the Trails and Rails Museum. The guide had lots of great information about the building that had been moved onto the property that depicted what life was like for the people of the era and the railroad travelers. There were two houses there, one showing how the wealthy lived and the other of an average family. There were a total of 7 buildings full of items and history. After a busy day everyone met at the Cornerstone Café for dinner again. Great food and very good service.

Saturday was Fort Kearney State Historical Park and a camp set up to show how solders lived while in the field; also there were 5 different cannons there that they talked about what they were used for (distance they shot or were moveable on the battlefield) and they gave a demonstration of how loud each one sounded. There was also a stockade and a powder magazine, barn and blacksmith shop. In the main entrance area there was also a short video telling about the area. Dinner that night was at Burchell's White Hill Farmhouse. It was an old barn that has been completely redone with 2 walls of windows looking out on plowed fields on one side and a pond on the other with an old pickup truck sitting by a large tree. The other walls are hung with quilts and quilted pictures giving it a charming atmosphere. Oh yes, the food was great too.

Sunday was breaking camp with some going home and some heading to other destinations.

Thank you Ann and Carter for a wonderfully planned trip and great places to visit!

Article written by Angel Ireson

Chapter News

GRAY WOLVES CHAPTER NEWS

The Retiree Rally at the beautiful Lakeside KOA in Ft Collins was another good one. It was a nice mix of leisure time versus planned activities. One of the highlights was when we all gathered together at a shady area in the park and learned how to watch the sun safely. The session was led by the very entertaining Astronomy Professor from CU, Jim Moravec, who really kept our attention as we learned about the sun and how its activities affect the weather on earth. Leisure activities included a trip to the Budweiser Brewery to see the magnificent Clydesdales. Another highlight was the animal sculptures at the Swetsville Zoo that were made out of old farm equipment and auto parts. The sculptor must have had quite a wild sense of humor as he came up some mighty interesting whimsical names.

July found the Gray Wolves just south of Buena Vista at the Chalk Creek Campground. There were lots of shade trees, plus many of the sites were right next to the water, a perfect location to enjoy our Colorado summer days. On one of our morning walks, we discovered an old school, built in 1880. On the door were written instructions from long ago on how it was to be built. It gave the desired dimensions, described the bell tower, specified that it was to be painted green and white, AND the two 'water closets' were to have adequate ventilation!

Members of the Gray Wolves are still having fun planning the Southern Retiree Rally. Those attending the Rally will be treated to a special performance by our very own stars of stage, video, and camp-outs. Be prepared to cheer (or jeer) during this sterling performance as Judge Ima Crook and prosecutor Nail-em Good and others take center stage.

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Silver Foxes Spring campout at Chevenne Mountain State Park April 21-26, 2013

<u>Sunday</u>, The Host and Co-Host Ed & Marie along with Billy & Liesa arrived at Cheyenne Mountain State Park. A beautiful day for a walk, some light wind and relaxing in the warm sun.

Monday morning was great weather till noon then the wind picked up. The wind gust was up to 40 mph and steady at 25 mph two more Foxes arrived then the 8 of us got together in Gary & Pat's Rig for a short social, turning cold outside....

<u>Tuesday</u> morning some folks didn't have a dribble of water from their inside water, soooooo some frozen hoses. Also, it started to snow and by evening to about 8 inches. Wow, wasn't like this last year. We all kept our heaters going to keep warm, wind still blowing. <u>Wednesday</u> the snow melted and was a great day for two more rigs to pull in, just in time to set up for our annual stone soup luncheon (17 more members joined us for a total of 25 for soup) that night it was too cold outside so we took our evening social inside Scotty & Peggy's camper. It broke up about 9-9:30.

<u>Thursday</u> about noon, three more Foxes came up for a visit. Two couples took a little visit to Ft Carson and when they returned, they joined us for an unscheduled social. Everyone sheltered around a camper from the sun and wind until dinner time. At Dinner, all campers met at the Carlos Miguel's Mexican Grill.

<u>Friday</u> morning breakfast get together, with all campers, again it was too cold outside, so we went inside Scotty & Peggy's camper. All 10 of us had a lot warmer breakfast than if we had stayed outside. After breakfast, we split up and packed up. Oh, one more thing. When Gary went to pack up and pull his slides in, one of them didn't want to co-operate. In typical Silver Foxes fashion, we all rallied together and got it closed so he could head home. We work well as a team and had a lot of fun.

Another spring warm up or cool down?

Santa Fe Camping Trip for the Silver Foxes of Colorado Springs Sunday May 19 to May 27

Six families left Colorado Springs to get ahead start for our adventure, they were Scotty & Peggy Scott, Marv & Edith Kramer, Ken & Rita Martinez, Billy & Liesa Moore, Bruce & Marjorie Hetzel, Lynn & Marion Waterhouse. They stayed at the KOA in Raton New Mexico. We had a nice dinner at K-Bob's.

Monday was arrival day at The Trailer Ranch Resort. We were all welcomed by our camp host & hostess Ken & Rita Martinez. After everyone was settled, Ken & Rita had a welcome get together at the club house. All 12 rigs were present & enjoyed great snacks furnished by our hosts.

<u>Tuesday</u>, the bus drivers will not be the same here after they transported most of the Foxes into the Plaza. We visited the Basilica of St. Francis. Some did some shopping, while others just window shopped. Lunch was outstanding at the Blue Corn. A couple of men went golfing, while their wives went to the casino. (NO LUCK) Again, the bus driver was treated to our presence coming back to the camp ground. We all gathered at Scotty & Peggy's camper for an afternoon relaxing out in the sun (great weather).

Wednesday, Road Trip (what a fabulous day, thanks to our hosts, who knew all the great places to see. Our first stop El Santuario de Chimayo (a small Church dating back to the 1800. In 1810 Bernardo Abeyta found the crucifix of Our Lord of Esquipulas in a well. The dirt in the well is known as holy dirt. Many healings have taken place there. Some took some home with us. The next stop was a delicious lunch at Rancho de Chimayo, where they served native Mexican cuisine. Whoa!!! We are not finished yet. Next stop was La Chiripada winery & vineyard for wine tasting. Some could not resist on purchasing a few bottles to take home. Our last stop was Ortega's Weaving shop. We were able to watch a weaver making a rug, a 300 year tradition. We were all exhausted when we got back, but what a day. Thursday was our first do what you want day. In the evening, it started to be a cook out for 2 couples, then it was 3, and then (Guess who is coming to dinner?) and before we knew it, all 12 couples were there. What a great group.

<u>Friday</u> We went on another road trip on the Turquoise Trail, stopping in an old mine town of Cerrillos, then on to Madrid, where the movie Wild Hog was made. Some enjoyed an ice cream break, while some went shopping.

Saturday was a do your own thing day. Some departed and headed back home, while others did the Plaza, Flea Market or just plainrelaxed. Sunday our group of 12 is now down to 4. The afternoon was relaxing in the sun and enjoying the beautiful weather. We were treated by a French waiter garbed with white towel and silver tray with ice cream cups, by no other than Jack with the help of Freda. A few people had allergy problems, but that did not stop them.

Monday was farewell day to a wonderful campout. Thank you Ken & Rita for the job of planning this trip.

Salida, 4 Seasons Campground June 17th to the 24th

This year's Salida campout was a fun time for all. Monday, June 17th was the start of a weeklong camp out for 10 rigs and 2 members staying in a cabin. Salida offers many different opportunities for everyone, including golfing, hiking, sight-seeing's, shopping, swimming and fishing. Daily activities were mostly left up to individuals taste. Three dinning outs, at local restaurants, were scheduled to include one breakfast, one **lunch** and one **linner**,(later than lunch-earlier than dinner). Almost everyone was able to attend and between great service, great food and even better company, everyone had a wonderful time. On Wednesday, the campout hosts, Scotty and Peggy, held their annual fish fry for the group. Two couples even drove in from Colorado Springs to attend. Everyone helped out with side dishes and desserts. Each night, activities were held in the rec hall. Evening activity highlights included the guys beating the girls at "Battle of the Sexes", the card game of "BS", Silly Olympics, punch out bingo, and Colorado Trivia. Thank you to Ed & Maria for donating prizes for the Card Bingo. Daily spontaneous gatherings at different campsites made for fun times. Except for the smoke from forest fires, the weather was great.

Billy & Liesa Moore

Chapter News

Ute Bobcats Chapter News

Outdoor Buddies Time.....

It was a beautiful day in May (the 18th) and we were about to experience something even more rewarding. We spent the day at the beautiful Painted View Ranch in Westcliffe, CO. This was the annual Outdoor Buddies Family Day. The Outdoor Buddies program supports Wounded Warriors, youth and women. The picnic was



attended by approximately 300 "guests." They had a variety of demonstrations, including the wild wolf, alpacas and horses. Ft. Carson was also in attendance and provided several displays too. They also had a bow & arrow shooting range set up. We (Fire Ant Dancer and Snake Shot) also put out a display. We were lucky enough to have two large tables full of Mountain Man goodies. We were kept busy the whole day with lots of questions and comments, and gave out lots of flyers and club applications for those who were interested. We even had a few who were going to go out and get a muzzleloader! At the end of the day, everyone commented on what a great exhibit we had and how they wanted to learn more. And learn more they did.....

On June 22nd, we were joined by Joy, Doug,

Steve S., Tom, Gwen & Tim and Todd & Blake at Tarryall Reservoir. Some of us actually went up a few days earlier and got in some fishing. We camped at the lake and around 10 am, we crossed the road to the Outdoor Buddies cabin. The OB President, Larry Sanford and his wife Penny were our hosts. We had a 25 ft. range set up, hawk and knife, and fire starting table. Several of the "guys" were in wheelchairs, but nothing could stop them from trying everything. What a remarkable group of people. We didn't have a lot (about 8 guys came) but they are sure to spread the word about what a great time they had. They even talked about going out and getting a muzzleloader now that they know how much fun they are. Larry wanted us to convey to our group how much they appreciated all that we did and he's looking forward to a bigger one next year. OB even provided lunch for us all! Can't begin to tell you all what a rewarding experience it was and how amazing everyone was. A big thanks go out to all our volunteers...we couldn't have done it without you.

If anyone is interested in spending some time with this group, they do some amazing things. They have a family day fishing at Swift's Pond, a golf tournament, antelope hunt, and lots of fun things throughout the year. Can't begin to tell you how rewarding it is! Let us know and thanks again to all our volunteers....

Fire Ant Dancer (Barb Johnson) and Snake Shot (Marlin Johnson).

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Chapter News

Rocky Toppers July 2013 Campout

Lost Burros Camp Ground Cripple Creek Colorado



Lost Burro Campground provides a unique camping experience. The campground is nestled among Colorado's finest ponderosa pines and aspen trees, resting peacefully in a grassy meadow with a cold creek running right through the middle of the campground.

The Theme of our Campout was "Try Your Luck"

High Lights



Doug & Betty Ibach our hosts



Roger, the "Campout Cribbage" champion



The Grand Winners of the Campout "Try Your Luck".
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As you know - The LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION BUT ARE IN THE BACK ROOMS OF THE CAPITOL PLANNING SURPRISES FOR US COME JANUARY. NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO GET OUT AND SEE AND DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT WHILE IT IS COOL AND BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES.

Telluride's Via Ferrata

Your knuckles are white. There's 300 feet of air between the your toes and the valley floor, and nothing for your hands and feet but a series of metal rungs drilled into the cliff face. You have every reason to be scared - but you're safe...ish.

You're on Telluride's Via Ferrata - a series of rungs, ledges, and cables that tours the cliffs above the mountain town for more than a mile. The route is as wide as ten feet in places, but much of it is on narrow ledges or iron "ladders" hammered into the cliff face.

A steel cable is bolted along most of the route, providing a safety line for harnessed climbers. Many travelers choose to travel shorter sections of the route, as a full traverse can take as many as six hours (including a one-hour hike back to the parking lot).

Specialized equipment is recommended for Via Ferrata travelers, and is available for rental at San Juan Mountain Guides in nearby Ouray. Generally considered the region's best mountain outfitter, San Juan Mountain Guides also offers guided tours of the route through the fall.

Getting there: From Telluride, leave town headed east on Colorado Avenue, and follow this for almost two miles to the base of Bridal Veil Falls. In a high-clearance vehicle (most SUVs will work fine), follow the dirt road up two switchbacks to a small dirt parking lot. From here, the route can be reached by an obvious trail in 15 minutes or less. The 1,500-foot race

For the Type A personality, few things in life are truly enjoyable. These folks don't stop to smell the flowers - they are only capable of happiness when testing their bodies against the mountains or crushing their competition underfoot. And this week, at long last, we've got something for them. On Sept. 7, the town of Frisco will host the Mt. Royal Hillclimb: a two-mile footrace that will pit runners against 1,500 vertical feet of climbing on singletrack trail.

Cross over to Delta County

Life is better on the other side - of the Continental Divide, that is. Nestled at the base of the Colorado's Grand Mesa, Delta County has emerged as one of the state's true hidden gems.

Delta County is an agrarian paradise. The region's many fruit trees are in full bloom during the spring, and the county's 12 wineries produce some of the state's best wine year round. And with 300 days of sunshine, Delta County is an all-too-often overlooked playground for outdoor enthusiasts. The Grand Mesa is a draw for birders and hikers alike, and the nearby Black Canyon of the Gunnison is one of Colorado's true treasures.

Experience Our Side of the Divide

The race starts in downtown Frisco, and ends at the summit of the 10,500-foot Mt. Royal. The terrain is steep, and climbs from start to finish. It's a quad-busting, lung-burning endeavor - and the winners are rightly dubbed "King and Queen of the Mountain".

Registration costs just \$35 for adults, and \$25 for entrants younger than 17. Entry comes with a long-sleeve shirt and a free post-race breakfast in town. Along with bragging rights, of course. Registration is open online until race day (when the cost goes up \$5).

Bonus points: After the race, tackle Mt. Royal the hard way by climbing the moderate eight-pitch Royal Flush route up the peak's technical north face. Send photo proof that you've accomplished both, and we'll hook you up with something special.

Climb the classics

Not everyone is a rock climber (nobody's perfect). But no one should go to their grave without topping out at least one big climb. And thanks to some world-class local guides, no one has to. Read on for three of Colorado's classic guided climbs. The Third Flatiron

The climb: It's not uncommon to see locals scaling Boulder's 1,300-foot Third Flatiron without ropes. The climbing is relatively easy (the standard route was once climbed in roller skates), and the views from the summit are unmatched. That said - most folks bring a rope and some traditional climbing gear.

The guide: For climbers with some multi-pitch experience, the Colorado Mountain School offers trips up the Third Flatiron for \$150. For folks without said experience, they add a two-hour, \$75 primer course.

The beta: The Third Flatiron is in Boulder's Chataqua Park, which is free to use, but fills up on the weekend. The formation is closed for raptor nesting until mid-summer, and climbers should bring two ropes for the rappel descent. And check the weather -- many parties have been caught on the face in afternoon thunderstorms.

Pedal the Plains

You already know Ride the Rockies – the classic Colorado cycling tour that has a gajillion-person waitlist every year. But what about its more accessible eastern cousin, Pedal the Plains?

From Sept. 20-22, The 2nd Annual Denver Post Pedal the Plains Bicycle Tour, will give cyclists a taste of the wide-open spaces, star-filled nights, and open-armed hospitality of Southeastern Colorado.

Registration is now open for the three-day tour, the Century Ride, and the Family Fun Ride.

That's it for this time.

We'll See You Down The Road! Bud & Ann Farnum, Legislative Directors

Program Winners

Colorado CAMP Program Wins National FCRV Awards Bill Newell, Colorado FCRV CAMP Director Campers Actively Moving Program

Colorado won the FCRV National Large State Membership CAMP (Campers Actively Moving Program) Award for hiking and Biking a combined total of 2,292 miles during the 2012-2013 program year. This award was presented at the 2013 National Campvention, Amana, Iowa. Also, the Camp Stars Chapter and Larry Scott (Camp Stars), respectively, received individual national awards for their magnificent efforts which were included in the Colorado total.

Participating members of twenty two Colorado chapters of FCRV, and one unaffiliated member, earned the large state national award. The chapters were: Aurora Gate Keepers, Campfire Coyotes, Camp Stars, Colorado Cruisers, Colorado Eagles, Flying Monkeys, Gray Wolves, Northern Lights, Pikes Peak Rainbows, Rock N Chair Roadies, Rocky Explorers, Rocky Mountain Revelers, Rocky Ramblers, Rolling Renegades, Rolling Springs, RV Rascals, Silver Foxes, Star Chasers, Sundowners, Technically Roughing It, Trail Blazers, and Ute Bobcats. The one unaffiliated member (not in a chapter) was Larry Yarberry. Congratulations to all.

The Colorado CAMP presents opportunities to go places (official FCRV functions), meet people, and do things. If you don't participate, come and join the fun—you'll enjoy it. For more info, call me at (719) 282-9240 or e-mail me at camp co@live.com.



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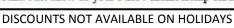
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- Catch and release fishing

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- Dog park
 Wading pool 5/24/13 9/2/13
 - Arcade 5/24/13 9/2/13
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Memory Bell

STATEWIDE 2013 - MEMORY BELL

Lowell Lewis – 3/1993 – Father of Kim Lewis of the Mountain Goats

Ian Drahnak -2/7/06 – Son of Kim and Nancy Lewis of the Mountain Goats

Lindell Duncan – 8/15/2012 – Father of Sherri Holden of the Technically Roughing It

George Hecyke – 8/18/2012 – Father of Nancy Lewis of the Mountain Goats

Charles Pedro – 2/22/2013 – Uncle of Michelle Vegter of the RV Rascals

Verna Ruzicka – 3/9/2012 – Mother of Ruth Wert of the RV Rascals

Duke Dwyer -3/2012 – Former Member of the Silver Foxes

Joe Fenton – 4/2012 – Former member of the Gray Wolves

Charles Karowsky – 6/7/2013 – Friend of Ken & Michelle Vegter of the RV Rascals

Rudy Stvan – 10/2/12 – Charter member of the Rock N Chair Roadies

Gene Abbott -11/16/12 – Charter member of the Sundowners

Debbie Gallegos – 11/17/12 – Aurora Gate Keepers

Ivan Rosenberg – 11/25/12 – Charter member and father of Margaret Dorn of the Camp Stars

Dennis Hughes – 11/28/12 – Aurora Gate Keepers

Jim Taylor – 12/13/12 – Trailblazers

Myron Revard – 12/17/12 – Charter member of the Rock N. Chair Roadies

Pauline French – 12/28/12 – Gray Wolves

Mary Mitchell – 1/1/13- Friend of Vivian Crouse of the Rolling Springs

Bev Knutson – 1/30/13 – Former member of the Rolling Renegades

Dorothy C. Jones – 1/23/2013 – Mother of Mike Jones of the Camp Stars

Jerry Hill – 2/27/13 – Father of Jerrilyn Eaton of the Rolling Renegades

Art Berg – 3/9/13 – Uncle of JoAnn Eckman of the Rocky Ramblers

Carrol Fedelleck – 3/7/13 – Aurora Gate Keepers

Archie Smith -3/8/13 – Former member of the Colorado Eagles

T.J. Martin – Father of Larry Martin of the Rocky Mountain Revelers

Eva Pinske -3/21/2013 – Former member of the Gypsies

Rick Holt – 4/14/13 – Son of Bill & Judy Holt of the Rock N Chair Roadies

Ruth Keefe – 4/18/13 – Mother of Patty Kent of the Rocky Mountain Revelers

Don Batchelder – 4/18/13 – Friend of JoAnn and Bill Eckman of the Rocky Ramblers

Pete Graber -5/13/13 – Longtime member of the Mountain Goats

Betty Hoschouer – 5/19/13 – Aunt of Jan Johnston of the Gypsies / Colorado Eagles

Jean Royston -5/30/13 – Silver Foxes

Phyllis Johnston – 6/1/13 – Sister-in-law of Byron & Jan Johnston of the Gypsies / Colorado Eagles

Randy Lehmkuhl – 6/10/13 – Friend of Donnie & Lu Clark of the Rocky Mountain Revelers

Stella Romero – 6/1/13 – Mother of Linda Gonzales of the Star Gazers

Enan Sakli – 6/14/13 – Father of Oznur Quinones of the Silver Foxes

Glenn Rydman -6/14/13 – Former member of the Gray Wolves

Mabel Pennington – 6/18/13 – Former member of the Silver Foxes

Pete Stein – 6/18/13 – Father of Kathy Stein of the Mountain Goats

Ken Eppelsheimer -7/3/13 – Former member of the Road Runners

Norman Keaney -7/18/13 – Father of Gary Keaney of the Columbines

Gene Schulz – 7/20/13 – Friend of Larry & Sandy Scott of the Camp Stars

Shirley Martindale – 8/2/13 – Sister of Ray McGrady of the Star Chasers

Larry Duncan – 8/10/13 – Pikes Peak Rainbows

Gerri Pearce – 8/11/13 – Stepmother of Kathy Nielson of the Rocky Mountain Revelers

Jess Hahn Sr – 8/12/13 – Father of Ken Hahn of Technically Roughing It

Cal Polland – 8/13/13 – Former member of the Rock N Chair Roadies

Rosalie Schultz – 8/15/13 – Mother of Al Vigil of the Columbines

Carl Hardesty – 8/17/13 – Former member of Aurora Gate Keepers

Jane Dimock – 8/23/13 – Colorado Eagles and Honorary Member of the Outlaws

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NORTHERN LIGHTS CHARTERED 04/21/1993 10 YEAR CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS: PIKES PEAK RAINBOWS CHARTERED 08/20/1993

RUNAWAYS CHARTERED 04/25/2003 **45 YEAR CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:**

15 YEAR CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:

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MOUNTAIN GOATS

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TRAILBLAZERS CHARTERED 08/10/1998 COLORADO EAGLES CHARTERED 12/31/1968

10 YEAR MEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:

Bud & Sherri Cole Colorado Eagles / Rolling Waves Members since 02/03 Mike & Connie Davidson Road Runners Members since 02/03 Nadia deStackelburg Colorado Eagles Member since 02/03 Dennis & Marcy Ervin Gadabouts Members since 02/03 Jack Hindman & Karen Falls Aurora Gate Keepers Members since 02/03 Wayne & Kaye Harris Rollling Renegades Members since 02/03

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Peter & Nancy Jacobs High Plains Drifters Members since 02/03

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Rolling Springs

Members since 08/03

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Randal & Ellen McCoy Unoffiliated Members since 09/03
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Jerry & Alice Wohlman Millennium Mayericks Members since 10/03

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15 YEAR MEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:			
Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell	Millennium Mavericks/Campfire Coyotes	Members since 01/98	
Barbara Anderson	Timberliners	Member since 04/98	
Wayne & Cinda Champlin	Rolling Waves	Members since 04/98	
Rose Marie Gearhart	Trailblazers/Rolling Springs	Member since 04/98	
Beverly Schaab	Silver Foxes	Member since 04/98	
Ruth Schieffer	Pikes Peak Rainbows	Members since 04/98	
JR & Karen Bailey	High Plains Drifters	Members since 05/98	
Elmer & Ruth Carter	Gray Wolves	Members since 05/98	
Tony & Marge Emerling	Star Chasers	Members since 05/98	
Wayne & Claire Hawkins	Mountain Goats	Members since 05/98	
Ed John	Trailblazers	Member since 05/98	
Mary Ann Koller	Timberliners	Member since 05/98	
Brad & Janet Barker	High Plains Drifters	Members since 08/98	
Mary Criblez	Gypsies	Member since 08/98	
Edward & Peggy Hawkins	Technically Roughing It	Members since 08/98	
Sheryl Heidenreich	Star Chasers	Member since 10/98	
JR & Karen Bailey	High Plains Drifters	Members since 05/98	
Elmer & Ruth Carter	Gray Wolves	Members since 05/98	
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Mary Criblez	Gypsies	Member since 08/98	
Edward & Peggy Hawkins	Technically Roughing It	Members since 08/98	
Sheryl Heidenreich	Star Chasers	Member since 10/98	
20 YEAR MEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:			
Douglas & Linda Parker	Hi Country Campers	Members since 01/93	
Bob & Karen Pugh	Hi Country Campers	Members since 01/93	
Bill & Merle Bass	Columbines	Members since 03/93	
Edd & Jane Dimock	Colorado Eagles	Members since 03/93	
Carlyle & Elaine Glover	Ute Bobcatss	Members since 03/93	
Dean & Sue Helton	Colorado Eagles	Members since 03/93	
Galen Miller & Sharon Wherry	Millennium Mavericks	Members since 03/93	
Paul & Sandy Chamberlin	Columbines	Members since 05/93	
Donald & Sue Keefe	Hi Country Campers	Members since 05/93	
Bill & Leona Jurgens	Gypsies/Rocky Mountain Maniacs	Members since 06/93	
Stan & Jan Denoo	Gypsies	Members since 09/93	
	TEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:		
Bob Blanchette & Vicky Lang	Gypsies	Members since 05/88	
Robert & Connie Wagner	Rocky Ramblers	Members since 08/88	
Mike & Pam Jones	Longmont Pioneers	Members since 10/88	
35 YEAR M	TEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:		
Verla Vallier	Unoffiliated	Member since 09/78	
Lois Thirsk	Columbines	Member since 11/78	
40 YEAR M	MEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:		
Vic & Sharon Kroupa	Rocky Ramblers	Members since 09/73	
45 YEAR MEMBER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS:			
Will & Vodean Benham	Mountain Goats	Members since 05/68	
Doris Wallizer	Colorado Eagles	Member since 11/68	
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WELCOME NEW CADET MEMBERS

Patrick & Lindsey Ryan - Bruce & Carolyn Hill brought in by John & Lee Stewart Curtis & Karen Benton brought in by Jim & Bettie Miller & Mike & Chris Hawkins

2012-2013 Membership Contest Awards

Our members brought in 66 new members alone just by inviting them to come and camp with us. A few of these members were brought in by way of the RV Shows. Every member that brings in a new member, even a cadet member will receive the \$5.00 voucher that is good for two years towards the registration fee for Spring Fling or Statewide or they may apply this voucher to purchase any Colorado merchandise or other merchandise at the insignia booth.

2012-2013 COLORADO MEMBERSHIP CONTEST:

Edd & Jane Dimock - Colorado Eagles brought in Howard & Dianna Boman, Ed Dimock Jr., Mark Innacito Stacy Boman (CM)

Larry & Marshia Yarberry Unoffiliated brought in Larry & Lisa Yarberry Jr. (cadet members)

Carter & Ann Bloomfield of the Colorado Eagles brought in George & Martha Latch (cadet members)

George & Diana DeBoer of the Rocky Toppers brought in Tony & Patti Maccagnan (cadet members)

Jim Moravec of the View Finders/Colorado Eagles brought in Charles Byrne and Teresa Moravec (cadet members)

Dave & Neleta Monroe of the Campfire Coyotes brought in Cindy Adams (cadet member)

Wallace & Peggy Scott of the Silver Foxes brought in Stephen & Carin Clark (cadet members)

Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell of the Campfire Coyotes/Millennium Mavericks brought in Robert & Heather Carlisle (cadet members)

Mick & Sandy Pearl of the Rambl'n Rec's brought in Robert & Brenda Rivard (cadet members)

Barbara Anderson of the Timberliners brought in Marlene Kingsford (cadet member)

Vicki Patterson of the Trailblazers brought in Ron Purvine (cadet member)

Ken & Sandy Shockley of the Northern Lights brought in Rick & Bobbie Lobberding and Dennis & Colleen Lobberding (CM)

Kim & Nancy Lewis of the Sundowners brought in Ellis & Kathy Wharton (cadet members)

Larry & Sue Menke of the Trailblazers brought in Hank & Rose Stamps (cadet members)

Lonnie & Mary Ann Glover of the Weekend Warriors brought in Dean & Karen Jones (cadet members)

Lou & Darlene Gibson of the Sundowners/Timberliners brought in Gerald & Janet Molloy (cadet members)

Dean & Monica Culver of the Oops brought in Brian & Chandra Francis (cadet members)

Dick & Jerri Oursler of the Trailmix brought in LeRoy & Lavoris Fischer (cadet members)

Rick Kibodeaux & Mary Lindsey of the Gypsies brought in Joyce Paavola & Dennis Geisler (cadet members)

Mike & Connie Davidson of the Road Runners brought in Don & Sharon Bolles (cadet members)

Dennis & Marcy Ervin of the Gadabouts brought in Vern & Judy Martenson (cadet members)

Rober & Debbie Hardy of the Rocky Explorers brought in Mark & Julia Patrick (cadet members)

Don & Coral Yakel of the Good Timers / Millennium Mavericks brought in Ed & Carolyn VanLingen (member #11)

Robert & Anita Van Der Eyken of the Rocky Mountain Revelers brought in Jim & Marilyn Watt (cadet members)

Robert & April Cederburg of the Rolling Waves brought in Brian & Lisa Bowers (cadet members)

Ken & Tricia Watson of the Camp Stars brought in James & Tamara Presley (cadet members)

Wayne & Cinda Champlin of the Rolling Waves brought in Jim & Min Joyal (cadet members)

Carlyle & Elaine Glover of the Ute Bobcats brought in Steve & Carol Passon (members through the RV Show)

Tom & Roxene Ballard of the Colorado Cruisers brought in Chuck & Marilyn Clark (member through the RV Show)

Rosalie Feldman of the Good Timers brought in Lois Carter (member #1)

Don Clough & Anita Maile of the Silver Riders brought in Paul & Valerie Joyce (cadet member)

Doug & Maureen Miller of the Rocky Ramblers brought in Debbie Pisciotta (cadet member)

Bob & Anna Peduzzi of the Rocky Mountain Revelers brought in Jerry & Lori Benjamin (cadet members)

Ed & Vickie Brunner of the Oops brought in Jeremy Brunner (cadet member)

Kimberley Watkins of the Star Gazers brought in Blake & Julie Bischoff (cadet members)

Jeff & Jonna Bloomfield of the Country Side Runaways brought in Robert & Jennifer Lefkowitz and Mike & Carol Neff (CM)

Ed & Maria Mannerberg of the Silver Foxes brought in Elbert & Eileen Carter (cadet members)

Dan & Judy Kimzey of the Star Chasers brought in Frederick & Dolores Lewis (cadet members)

Abe & Karleen Williams of the Colorado Cruisers brought in Jeff & Belinda Cox (cadet members)

Mike & Geri Noland of the Star Gazers brought in George & Linda Gonzalez (cadet members)

Jeff & Shirley Kendle of the Gadabouts brought in Shaun & Angie Kendle (cadet members)

Bob Blanchette & Vicky Lang of the Gypsies brought in Jim & Pennie Dottavio (cadet members)

Bob & Jean Maxwell of the RV Rascals brought in Jim & Joyce Pope (cadet members)

Jim & Pauline Murray of the Rolling Renegades brought in Jim & Deanna Johnsom (cadet members)

Ken & Michelle Vegter of the RV Rascals brought in Ken Babcock (cadet member)

Bruce & Linda Baltzer of the Fun on Wheels brought in Bill & Karen Brown (cadet members)

Jim & Linda Carroll of the Fun on Wheels/Waggin' Ears brought in Cecelia Freiboth (cadet member)

Ray & Sandy Dyer of the Gypsies brought in Sam & Becky Moracco (cadet member)

Don & Caroline Jamison of the Silver Foxes brought in Lynn & Marion Waterhouse (member #1)

Bob & Peggy Marty of the Rocky Ramblers brought in Debbie Gendill (cadet member)

2013 Individual Awards

COLORADO FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

AWARDED to John & Marianne Nyman of the Fun on Wheels/Waggin'Ears Chapters
John & Marianne Nyman brought in 11 new cadet members this year: Bob & Cheryl Taylor, Dennis & Gail Shaffran, Don &
Marilyn Silver, Monty & Denise Long, Troy & Kelly Gods, George & Sara Nyman, Shawn Fistell, Ben & Lynsie West,
Chris & Erin Anderson, John & Vickie Grulke and Alan & Terrie Hernandez.

OUTSTANDING COLORADO PROGRAM DIRECTORS OF THE YEAR

AWARDED to Carter & Ann Bloomfield, Retiree Directors

Carter & Ann have once again this year organized a wonderful retiree campout. They plan meals, seminars and lots of activities for our retirees to enjoy.

AWARDED to Bill & Rita Newell - CAMP Director

Because of their hard work and due diligence, Colorado has won several awards for our state and our chapters through the Campers Actively Moving Program.

AWARDED to Bud & Ann Farnum – Legislative Directors

Bud & Ann write an article for every Fireside Embers. These articles help us keep up with the changes that have taken effect in our State and National parks as well as the RV industry regarding recalls.

They also provide us with good tips regarding what we do as campers.

Field Directors Recognition Award

Thank you for all you do as a Field Director and submitting reports and changes in a timely manner and just doing a great job in general. Your commitment to the State Director's office is commendable and much appreciated.

AWARDED to Irene Backes AWARDED to Move & Denise Harris AWARDED to Bill & Elaine Hobden AWARDED to Lou Black & Joni Warfield AWARDED to Ed & Vicky Brunner AWARDED to John & Sandy Kesig AWARDED to George & Jan Carlson AWARDED to Mary & Edith Kramer AWARDED to Mike & Judy Carroll AWARDED to Bob & Jean Maxwell AWARDED to Floyd & Jackie Failor AWARDED to Larry & Sandy Scott AWARDED to Ken & Karen Fleming AWARDED to Larrie & Julie Thomase AWARDED to Carlyle & Elaine Glover AWARDED to Gary & Deonna Walter AWARDED to Art & Margie Hanson AWARDED to Dave & Donna Watkins

State Director's Recognition & Appreciation Award

AWARDED to Bill & JoAnn Eckman

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and efforts of serving as our Assistant State Directors and Membership Directors, as well as your commitment to the Colorado Fireside Embers. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Will & Vodean Benham

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and effort of serving as our State Treasurer and coordinating the registrations at Spring Fling and Statewide every year. Your help at all the membership meetings is appreciated as well. We also thank for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Ron & Heddy Servant

With our deepest appreciation for their dedication and efforts of serving as our Southern Colorado District Directors, and coordinating the RV Show and membership meetings, working with new members and assigning them to chapters. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Don & Coral Yakel

With our deepest appreciation for their dedication of serving as the Northern Colorado District Directors, and working with new members and assigning them to chapters. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Byron & Jan Johnston

With our deepest appreciation for their dedication of serving as the Colorado State Secretary, taking all the notes of all our meetings and getting them out to the field staff in a timely manner. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

2013 Individual Awards

State Director's Recognition & Appreciation Award

PAST FIELD DIRECTORS:

AWARDED to Don & Joanne Becker

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as a Colorado Field Director for the Ute Bobcats for many years.

AWARDED to Rose Marie Gearhart

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as a Colorado Field Director for the Trailblazers for a couple of years. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Lonnie & Mary Ann Glover

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as a Colorado Field Director for the Weekend Warriors for many years. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Jack Hindman & Karen Falls

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as a Colorado Field Director for the Aurora Gate Keepers for a while. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Charlie & Lissa Nocera

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as the Colorado Security Directors for many years. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Dave & Stacy Van Nattan

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as the Colorado Field Directors for the Weekend Warriors for a while. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

AWARDED to Paul & Kathy Apland

With our deepest appreciation for coordinating the efforts of the annual Pikes Peak Traveland Dealership chapter campouts over the past several years. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Irene Backes

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication in maintaining the state trailer, and providing two-way radios at our state campouts over the many years. Your help at the membership meetings is also greatly appreciated. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Debbi Batts

With our deepest appreciation for volunteering to help with the First Aid & Safety Program at Spring Fling & Statewide over the many years. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities

AWARDED to Carl Bird

With our deepest appreciation for your help at the membership meetings is so greatly appreciated. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities

AWARDED to Bob Blanchette & Vicky Lang

With our deepest appreciation for your donating the use of the jumping/air castle for the Youth at Spring Fling & Statewide again this year. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Jeff & Jonna Bloomfield

With our deepest appreciation for your effort of setting up the new Colorado Website and keeping all items of information current. Also for starting a new chapter in Northeastern Colorado. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Robert & April Cederburg

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication while working with our youth and pre-teens at Spring Fling and Statewide every year. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Dorothy Clark

With our deepest appreciation for working on the Campvention 2013 Hospitality committee and helping with getting the hospitality all set up and serving. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Ron & Shalah Costello

With our deepest appreciation for your coordination of all the Corporate Sponsors this past year. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

2013 Individual Awards

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS cont'd

AWARDED to Brian Dimock

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication while serving as the Colorado First Aid & Safety Director at our state campouts. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Linda Fernandez

With our deepest appreciation for coordinating the Flea Market every year at Spring Fling. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Art & Margie Hanson

With our deepest appreciation for letting us use your antique car for the flag raising ceremony this year at Spring Fling. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Roger & Debbie Hardy

With our deepest appreciation for volunteering to help with First Aid & Safety at Spring Fling & Statewide every year. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Dan & Judy Kimzey

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as the Colorado State Photographers at all of our state sponsored campouts. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Jerry & Jo Anne Lien

With our deepest appreciation for your coordination of the photo contest every year at Statewide and conducting the scrapbook contest every year at Spring Fling. We also appreciate you taking care of the history of Colorado FCRV. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell

With our deepest appreciation for working on the Campvention 2013 Hospitality committee and helping with getting the hospitality all set up and serving. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Ron & Carla Martinez

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication and service while serving as the Colorado Teen Directors. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Steve & Judy Nesvold

With our deepest appreciation for your coordination of the Bonfils blood bank bus every year at Statewide. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Al Orlofsky

With our deepest appreciation for your coordination of the blood bank bus this past year at Spring Fling. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Heddy Servant

With our deepest appreciation for your coordination of the Friday night chicken dinner every year at Statewide. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Ray & Jewell Shields

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication to our organization and its activities and taking care of our insignia booth and making sure we have plenty of Colorado merchandise to sell. Your help with the Teen Queen Pageant every year is so much appreciated.

AWARDED to Larrie Thomase

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication to our state functions each year as our State Chaplin. Your kind and thoughtful words of hope are so much appreciated by our membership. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Carrie Tolzien

With our deepest appreciation for volunteering to sponsor the Karaoke the last two years at Spring Fling. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Don & Coral Yakel

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2013 Chapter Awards

OUTSTANDING COLORADO CHAPTERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

STAR GAZERS

In appreciation of their interest displayed in all the activities of Colorado FCRV and being such great supporters of everything we do at our state campouts.

The Star Gazers chapter has been such a great supporter of all of our activities since they were chartered in 2004. They work every RV show and even come to the show when they are not scheduled and bring snacks and handouts for people to take. They consistently submit a chapter news story with pictures for every Embers newsletter to tell us about their camping activities, and their campouts are always full of fun things to do. They have had several movie nights on Friday night after the dinner and will hand out lots of goodies for that. For the past several state campouts, they have brought the staff a basket full of good healthy fruits and snacks, which keeps us going and nourished at all times. They collect nearly all of the items that are put into the "Goodie Bags" at Spring Fling each year and they spend a weekend stuffing those bags and deliver them to Brush on Thursday evening. They also take care of the doggie poop buckets that are placed in the campground at Spring Fling and Statewide. They have helped with Security at both campouts as well for several years. I can't thank them enough for all they do for me and the staff at state campouts and are always there to help when something needs to be done.

STAR CHASERS

Their outstanding efforts of giving back to their community and their generous donations to several charitable organizations, and coordinating the bolo horseshoes again this year at Spring Fling. They also did the registration and parking again this year at Statewide.

Every year, several of the members will donate several hours to working the booth at both Denver RV shows. They have always supported the state by attending every Spring Fling and Statewide, plus their interest displayed in all the activities of Colorado FCRV

The chapter donated a \$100 check to the Alzheimer's Association on behalf of one of their members whose husband has Alzheimers. They donated \$64 to Lakeside KOA in Ft. Collins for the KOA Care Camps for children who have cancer. Money was collected from fees to play miniature golf at the KOA during their monthly campout. 32 members participated in the charity game.

FCRV Colorado Statewide – Worked Registration for camper check-in for the event on Friday and Saturday – Total number of members working was 8. The members came the night before the event started so they could be ready to work registration early the next morning.

They delivered 147 Halloween treat bags to the Children's Hospital in Denver Colorado – Annual charity event done every year since 2004. Entire chapter participated, most donating 6 -7 bags per couple.

They delivered 12 boxes of non-perishable food items and a check for \$200 to the Salvation Army food bank located in Centennial Colorado – Annual charity event done every year since 2004. The \$200 check was part of the 50/50 raffle funds collected throughout 2012.

A \$200 check was given to the Denver Rescue Mission. The \$200 check was also part of the 50/50 raffle funds collected throughout 2012.

Throughout the year of 2012, 800 lbs of clothing was collected and donated to the Samaritan House and the Jeffco Action Center in Denver Colorado. Entire chapter contributed to this effort.

Throughout the year of 2012, 24 boxes of toiletries and snacks care packaged were sent to the troops in Afghanistan. Entire chapter contributed to this effort.

In summary, I would like to say that the members of the Star Chasers Chapter is active in supporting FCRV through helping their programs by volunteering their time at events and also through Community Service. When performing community service, Star Chaser members wear their chapter shirts and promote the organization of FCRV. It is their hope that by doing this they are helping to get the word out about this great camping organization. The Star Chasers Chapter of FCRV is made up of fun-loving and generous people who enjoy the benefits that FCRV offers them and who have a heart that wants to share this with other people who may not have heard of FCRV before. It is their hope to continue in these efforts so that FCRV can remain strong and grow during the year of 2013.

2013 Chapter Awards

STATE CHAPTER AWARDS - 2013

Aurora Gate Keepers

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and coordinating the Sunday morning potluck every year at Spring Fling and also taking care of the door prizes every year at Statewide.

Colorado Eagles

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and the help and support they give to the Retiree Directors at the Colorado Retiree Rally each year.

Fun on Wheels

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and the many years of doing the layout & parking at Statewide and Spring Fling every year.

Golden Nuggets

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and for creating a 1st place national award winning scrapbook for Colorado.

Northern Lights

In appreciation of their interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV. We also appreciate you volunteering to do the stage decorations this year at Statewide.

Oops

In appreciation of their efforts displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and for their community project at the Ronald McDonald House for the past ten years.

Road Runners

In appreciation of their interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and for their community project at the Ronald McDonald House for several years.

Rocky Explorers

In appreciation of their interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and for their community project at the Ronald McDonald House for the past eleven years, and volunteering to coordinate the different games at Spring Fling and Statewide every year is greatly appreciated.

Rocky Mountain Maniacs

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and your help with the Security duty at our state campouts.

Rolling Renegades

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and for coordinating the casting contest and the pet parade at Statewide again this year, and also conducting the flag raising ceremony at Spring Fling and Statewide again this year.

RV Rascals

In appreciation of their interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and your involvement with many different community projects is very much appreciated.

Silver Foxes

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV and for coordinating the efforts of the Sunday morning breakfast again this year at Statewide, and planning all the activities at last year's Southern Retiree Rally. Your community project all year long for the Colorado Springs Care & Share is very much appreciated as well.

Sundowners

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and for doing the registration this last year at Spring Fling.

Timberliners

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and for doing the registration this last year at Spring Fling.

2013 Chapter Awards

STATE CHAPTER AWARDS - 2013 cont'd

Ute Bobcats

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and for coordinating the efforts of the horseshoe competition again this year at Statewide. We also appreciate your chapter hosting a hospitality at every Statewide for many years.

Waggin' Ears

In appreciation of your interest displayed in the activities of Colorado FCRV, and for coordinating the cribbage tournament at Statewide again this year, and your help with parking this year again at Spring Fling and Statewide this year is greatly appreciated.

We have 20 chapters this year that have either gained in membership or at least retained their membership.

Chapters with a net gain or retained their membership in 2013

Aurora Gate Keepers retained

Campfire Coyotes 2 member gain or 16.7% gain

Colorado Eagles retained Columbines retained

Fun on Wheels 1 member gain or 16.7% gain Gadabouts 1 member gain or 11.1% gain Gypsies 4 member gain or 19.0% gain

High Plains Drifters retained

Rambl'n Rec's 2 member gain or 8.3% gain Road Runners 3 member gain or 25.0% gain

Outlaws retained

Rocky Mountain Maniacs 4 member gain or 44.4% gain

Rocky Mountain Revelers retained

Rocky Ramblers 3 member gain or 18.8% gain Silver Foxes 3 member gain or 30.0%gain

Star Chasers retained

Star Gazers 2 member gain or 14.3% gain Trailblazers 3 member gain or 14.3% gain

Trailmix retained

Weekend Warriors 4 member gain or 33.3% gain

We had three (3) chapters that brought in at least 4 new members this past year: The Gypsies, Rocky Mountain Maniacs, and the Weekend Warriors

Chapter Appreciation Award Awarded to the Northern Lights

For having a net total of 3 gain in membership, or 60.0% gain. 2012 - 2013

VENDOR AWARDS:

AWARDED to Ken & Cheryl Hahn

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication to our state campouts as vendors for several years, and providing us with wonderful merchandise to purchase. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Melvin & Doris Nigh

With our deepest appreciation for your dedication to our state campouts as vendors for many years, and providing us with wonderful merchandise to purchase. We also thank you for your total commitment to Colorado FCRV and its activities.

AWARDED to Larry & Marshia Yarberry

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How grandparents can help grandchildren with college costs

As the cost of a college education continues to soar, many grandparents are stepping up to help. Over half of today's grandparents contribute – or plan on contributing – to their grandchildren's college education, according to the Financial Research Corporation. And this trend is predicted to accelerate in the upcoming years.

If you're a grandparent, helping to pay for your grandchild's college education can bring great personal satisfaction. It's also a smart way to pass on your wealth without having to pay gift and estate taxes. Here are some ways to accomplish this goal.

Outright cash gifts. You could give your grandchild cash or securities. But this method has drawbacks. A gift of over the annual federal gift tax exclusion amount – \$13,000 for individual gifts and \$26,000 for gifts made by a married couple – triggers taxes.

Another drawback: cash gifts to a student are considered untaxed income by the federal government, which can impact your grandchild's financial aid eligibility. One workaround: wait until your grandchild graduates. Then give cash that the graduate can use to pay off school loans.

Pay tuition directly to the college. Under federal law, tuition payments made directly to a college aren't considered taxable gifts, no matter how large the payment. But payments can only be made for tuition – room and board, and similar expenses don't qualify. Yet you still are free to give your grandchild a separate tax-free gift each year up to the \$13,000 limit (\$26,000 for joint gifts).

One drawback: colleges often reduce a student's financial aid by the amount of the grandparent's payment. So before sending a check, ask the college how it will affect your grandchild's eligibility for college-based aid. If your contribution will adversely affect your grandchild's aid package, consider gifting the money after graduation to help the graduate pay off student loans.

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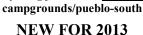


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JoAnn's Camping Recipes

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1-lb. Italian sausage 14.5-oz. canned, diced 1 c. chopped onion Italian herb tomatoes

2 cloves minced garlic
1 large zucchini
2 tsp. oregano
1 large carrot
9-oz. fresh chee

1 large carrot9-oz. fresh cheese tortellini1 c. mushroomsSalt & pepper to taste6 c. beef brothGrated Parmesan cheese,

28-oz. canned crushed optional

Tomatoes

Brown sausage in large soup pan until thoroughly cooked. Drain, remove from pan. Chop onion, garlic, zucchini, carrot and mushrooms into small pieces. Saute vegetables, until slightly soft, in the same pan used to cook sausage. Add sausage to the vegetables. Add beef broth, tomatoes, basil and oregano. Simmer until vegetables are tender (about 40 min.) Add tortellini to simmering soup and cook until tender (about 8 min.). Season soup to taste with salt & pepper. Top with Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Pumpkin Dump Cake

Julie Nunn

1 large can pumpkin1 c. Brown sugar

3 Eggs 1 c. Milk

2 tsp. Pumpkin pie spiceyellow cake mix

1½ sticks butter

Nuts of your choice

Mix pumpkin, brown sugar, eggs, milk and pumpkin pie spice. Pour into 9 x 132 greased pan.

Sprinkle yellow cake mix over the top. Melt butter and drizzle over top. Sprinkle with nuts and bake at 350° for 1 hour.

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September 27-29 Field Staff Campout. All day meeting on Saturday, the 28th.

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Field Directors if you have not contacted Loana that you will or will not attend the campout or come just for the day, please do as soon as possible. **Not hearing from** you concerns us.

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