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Schraeders & Eckmans travel to Gillette, Wy. to see Cam-plex. Pictures page 31



**May your
holidays be
happy days,
filled with
love and
laughter.**



**And may
each day
bring joy
your way
in the year
that
follows
after!**



John & Marianne Nyman are Cadet Contest Winners in Region 1

The Nyman's submitted a total of 14 Cadet registrations. The final figures were released last week by Bill and JoAnn Eckman the National Membership Directors.

Loana Schraeder, the Regional Director for region 1 will present the Nyman's with a \$100 gift card soon.

During the six month contest there were 130 Cadet registrations submitted from the US and Canadian members.

Region 1 brought in 40 Cadets. 39 were from Colorado

and 1 from Utah.

The second part of the Cadet Contest started on October 1st and continues until March 30th, 2014. During that time it is the goal of all Cadet mentors to get their new prospects to renew their membership and pay the \$30.

The Grand Prize is \$500 and if the winner chooses to attend the 2014 Campvention in Vermont, they will receive another \$250 and their Campvention fees will be paid.

The FCRV member who has

the most Cadets renew wins it all.

The Nyman's have a great shot at winning it all. Their closest competitor brought in 6 Cadets, so if the Nyman's get 7 of theirs to renew, they win.

Even though submitting Cadet registrations for the contest is over, the Cadet program is still ongoing.

With the Holidays soon upon us, it is a great time to give "The Gift of Camping".

If you need more Cadet forms see your Field Director.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



In the United States and Canada, a day had been set aside each year as Thanksgiving. On this day, people give thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings they may have received during the year.

This year, with the floods, and fires, many have a lot to be thankful for and some not so much. We all can be thankful for something, for if we can't be thankful for what we have, then we should be thankful for what we have escaped.

It has been said, be thankful for the pain in my foot as it tells me I have a foot, for some have no feet at all. Do you have hot water? Some have no water to drink or take a bath in. Have food, a car, or a home, be thankful. Did your house wash away or burn to the ground, no, then you have much to be thankful for.

So, this Thanksgiving, count your blessings and pray for the ones who have so little, and be willing to give others a helping hand, and you will have a happier Thanksgiving.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

from Chaplain Larry and Julie Thomase

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(Please type or print information & include your name, address and phone number)

DATES TO REMEMBER as of OCTOBER 2013

Date	Time	Event	Location
Jan 7 th	11:00 AM	Colorado Retiree Luncheon	Cinzetti's Italian Buffet I 25 & 104 th Ave.
Jan 8 th – 11 th	N/A	Colorado RV Adventure Travel Show	Colorado Convention Center 14 th & California Denver, CO
Feb 8 th	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Chapter Officers Workshop/Planning Mtg.	Arvada Presbyterian Church 5592 Independence St. Arvada, CO
Feb 14 th – 16 th	N/A	Colorado Springs RV Show	The Event Center @ Rustic Hills 1700 N. Academy Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 27 th – Mar 2 nd	N/A	Colorado RV, Sports, Boat & Travel Show	National Western Stock Show Complex 4566 Humboldt St. Denver, CO
Mar 25 th – 31 st	N/A	National Retiree Rally	Canton, Texas
Apr 25 th – 27 th	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins
May 15 th – 18 th	N/A	Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, CO
June 2 nd – 6 th	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins
July 7 th – 11 th	N/A	National Campvention 2014	Essex Junction, Vermont
Aug 29 th – Sep 1 st	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO
Sep 22 nd – 25 th	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo
Sep 26 th – 28 th	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo

Special Recognition from the Space Foundation Discover Center



George and Jan Carlson, Field Directors for the Trailmix Chapter, enjoy spending time together and one way they choose to do just that is by volunteering at the Space Foundation Discovery Center in Colorado Springs – together.

George and Jan are both retired and have made their home in Colorado since 1983. They have two children – a son who lives in Broomfield, Colo., and a daughter in Dallas, Tex. – and three grandsons. George spent 21 years in the Air Force working as a Communications Center Specialist and an Aircraft Control & Warning Systems operator. After retiring from the Air Force, George worked as a Certification & Accreditation Specialist and has been retired “full-time” for four years. Jan retired last year after working in the administrative field for a government contractor dealing with acquisition of systems.

George started out volunteering with the Space Foundation at the 27th National Space Symposium in 2011. On opening day of the Discovery Center in October 2012, both George and Jan volunteered for the very first shift with George helping out in the Light Security area and Jan working primarily at the Admissions Desk.

George’s favorite artifact in the El Pomar Space Gallery is the Lunokhod Rover, a Soviet lunar rover on loan from the Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center. He also enjoys interacting with the children who come through the Discovery Center. He said, “It’s always fun to see the expressions of amazement on their faces when they walk in.”

Jan’s favorite part of the Discovery Center is the Science On a Sphere®. While working the admissions desk, she has also enjoyed finding out where visitors have traveled from when she gets their zip code at check-in. Over this past summer, for the Summer of Discovery, she had an opportunity to talk to visitors from all over the United States and Canada. Both George and Jan say they’ve “really enjoyed seeing the changes and the growth of the Discovery Center throughout its first year of operation.”

From helping to educate the next generation to meeting people from across the country and beyond, the benefits of volunteering with the Space Foundation are numerous.

Arlene Schiffman, Director
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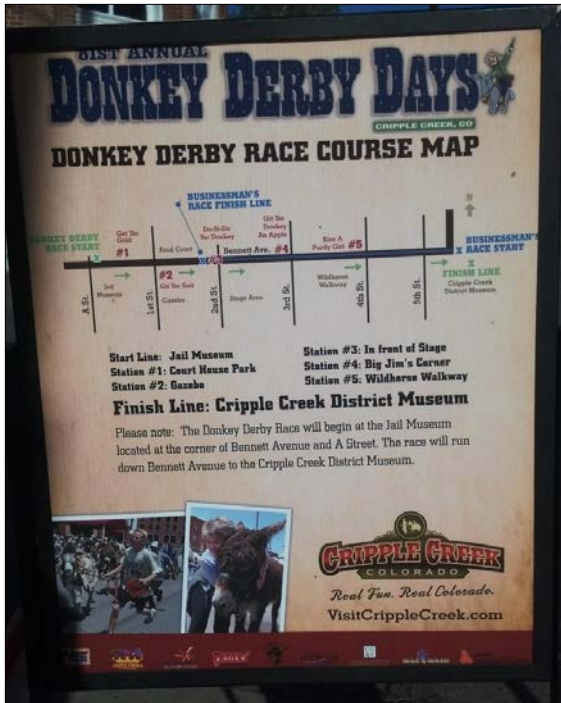
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Bill Holt

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OOPS Members Place in the 2013 Donkey Derby Race



After loading and coaxing their donkey through the course, Dean and Brian proudly won the 3rd place trophy.



OOPS Members Dean Culver and Brian Francis were chosen in the Donkey Derby Race lottery to participate in the 82nd Annual Derby.



The race course went from the Jail Museum to Cripple Creek District Museum, which is the old Assay Office in Cripple Creek Colorado. The race participants were also required to perform these tasks at 5 stations in the course.

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ROCKY TOPPERS—AUGUST 2013 CAMPOUT
PULVER MOUNTAIN (NEAR WILKERSON PASS)

Camp Host: Dave & Stacy Van Statton
Co-Host: Doug & Betty Ibach

August 16 — 17, 2013

Pulver Mountain Camping Area



Southwest View to Stroll Mtn

Some of the Rocky Toppers did a "Dry Camp" exercise this month.

We camped at the scenic area of "Pulver Mountain" which is near Wilkerson Pass.

We pulled off on Hwy 31 and found a great little meadow with a fantastic view to camp in.

Our first nights entertainment included watching everyone pulling in and trying to find a level spot.

Then watching everyone go through the leveling process.

Once everyone was parked, our hosts Dave and Stacy Van Nattan, prepared a delicious meal; "Brats and all the trimmings"



On Saturday morning, Doug and Betty Ibach (co-host) joined us, watching them everyone said "it could not be done" - oh ye of little faith".

Pulver Mountain, is 10,538 feet in elevation; it is on Hwy 24 enroute to Wilkerson Pass (9,507 ft), which is part of Badger Mountain slope. Pulver Gulch runs between Badger Mountain and Pulver Mountain; Pulver Mountain is the first named summit south of Wilkerson Pass; just shy 50 miles west of Colorado Springs; main artery to Pulver Mountain is Hwy 24; you can veer off onto Hwy 31 or Hwy 90 for some great areas to camp this way; Major areas are: Badger Gulch; Pulver Gulch; O'Brian Gulch; Many of which are surrounding the two mountains.



We had a wonderful brunch and everyone spent most the day being "lazy" and lounging away, enjoying the outdoors.



Betty Ibach went for a hike, some napped in the shade, others read and relaxed.

At dinner time, the co-host made soups and snacks for all, with Dee and Betty Rowsey providing desert.

Once everyone was finished, we got together and played a hilarious game of "Guesstures" (similar to Charades). It was a stitch watching Doug Ibach throw a "slam dunk"; Dave Van Nattan's "Eruption" and Stacy Van Nattan with her "Peace Pipe".

When the light waned, everyone went inside to try our hand at "Hoopla", (a cross between Pictionary, Anagrams and Charades).

Doug Ibach's drawing of a slot machine paralleled Betty Rowsey's description of Mt. St. Helen.

In the end, the time clock, who was our opponent, did have the upper hand.

Sunday morning was another great day in the wilderness.



Following breakfast we went out to complete our conservation activity of giving some color back to the forest by planting wildflower seeds.



Soon afterward, Gary and Jean Irons persevered in finding our little group.

Special points of interest:

- ... VEHICLE LEVELING EXERCISE
- ... SATURDAY WONDERFUL BRUNCH
- ... SATURDAY LAZY DAY ACTIVITIES
- ... HILARIOUS GAMES
- ... SUNDAY GREAT BREAKFAST
- ... CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES
PLANTING WILD FLOWER SEEDS
- DAVE & STACY VAN NATTAN
- DENNY & DEE ROWSEY
- DOUG & BETTY IBACH

They visited with us well into the afternoon.

There is no check-out time in the national forests, so many of us stayed until just before dinner-time.



It was a great weekend.



Authors: Betty Ibach & Stacy Van Nattan

FAREWELL

Doug Fields—11/1/2013—Member of the Millennium Mavericks
Cecil Hostetter—11/3/2013—Member of the Rock N Chair Roadies

Star Chaser Happenings



Hello from the Star Chasers. We have been having a fun summer camping together. In June, our Hosts Dan and Judy Kimzey and Dick and Paula Lieberman had a fun filled trip planned for us. We went to Arrowhead Point Campground in Buena Vista. There was a lot of good food of course. The big hit was the Dutch oven deserts including cherry cobbler for one. Boy was it



delicious! We worked up a big appetite earlier in the day when we went panning for gold on Cache Creek a short drive from the campground. Before we left to find gold, we had training and received gold panning supplies from members of a gold panning club. They made it look easy, but we all soon found out how much hard work it really



was. We did see a lot of black sand that day and some small flakes of gold, or was it fool's gold? The Pikes Peak Rainbows Chapter was also camping at Arrowhead Point Campground and we shared some time with them that weekend. It was good getting to know some of the people in that Chapter. And what better way than by eating a meal together! The Chapter President,



Stanley "Skip" Cahn, sang songs around a bon fire on Saturday night and that was really special.

In July, part of the group went to Ft. Collins Lakeside KOA for the monthly campout while some of our members went to the National Campvention in Amana, Iowa. Wish we all could have gone to the National Campvention. But we were glad for those that were able to go and they all said they had a wonderful time. We had a good turn-out in Ft. Collins. We held a miniature golf tournament and all proceeds collected to play the game were donated to the campground for the KOA Care Camps. We also played a lot of card games that weekend. It was a fun weekend with good food, visiting and games. The hosts in July were Dick and Alice Kloewer, Mike and Jan Friedrichs and David and Donna Watkins.

In August, we went to Mountaintale RV Park in Colorado Springs. It was a beautiful weekend. Our hosts Bill and Denise Leck and Ernie and Janie Westlake set up a tour in Canyon City to tour the Museum of Colorado Prisons. People said it really was interesting. We also enjoyed some root beer floats courtesy of our hosts. Later the Broncos were playing and everyone was huddled around the big screen TV in the club house. It was a very enjoyable weekend. Many of our members went to Statewide and had a great time. We all enjoyed the activities and entertainment and seeing all of our fellow campers. Now we are just looking forward to our Fall activities and campouts. So, be safe and have fun camping until we meet again!

Donna and David Watkins
Field Directors, Star Chasers

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Robert & Cecilia Tipton brought in by George & Sally Hoyland

WELCOME NEW CADET MEMBERS

Key Ward—brought in by Byron & Jan Johnston
Betty Pitts—brought in by Steve & Judy Nesvold
Barrie & Joanie Currie—brought in by Mike & Barb Heier
John & Carol Kearns—brought in by Dan & Judy Kimzey
Dave & Cynthia Kotary—brought in by Moye & Denise Harris

Road Runner Chapter News

It has been a busy 2013 for the Road Runners. We welcomed several new members. Then started the year out with a tour of Celestial Seasonings in Boulder, and a get together for dinner in February and a weekend at the YMCA of the Rockies in March. We camped at St. Vrain in April, then joined the Rocky Ramblers at Arrowhead in May. We camped at Casey's Hideaway in Elizabeth in June and Parrish Ranch in July. Our August campout was at the Cotopaxi KOA and though it is a beautiful setting along the Arkansas River and everyone had a good time, it will be remembered for the millions of pesky gnats we spent the weekend with.

We really wanted to share what perhaps was the most notable of our events, our September campout at the Pueblo South KOA. This event was hosted by longtime members Nick Nicholson and Donna Green and co-hosted by Joan Cross and Sandra McDonald. Our hosts did an extraordinary job recreating their own version of the hit TV show *The Amazing Race* for the club's main Saturday activity. The event consisted of 7 simple and fun tasks that teams of 2 had to complete throughout the campground, including eating sardines, working a small jigsaw puzzle, shopping in the campground store, and a bean bag toss. Everyone had an equal chance of winning, as the last event was not started until the majority of participants had completed the other 6 tasks.



We had a great time and then attended the KOA's annual Oktoberfest dinner Saturday evening complete with beer tasting and live music by a local German band. The club's annual October campout in Estes Park had to be moved because of flooding, but I'm sure it will be a good time again at Casey's in Elizabeth.

Also in October, we will prepare dinner for the residents of the Aurora Ronald McDonald house. November and December will be filled by our annual Road Runner Thanksgiving dinner and our holiday party.

Enjoy the rest of 2013 – The Road Runners



Gray Wolves Chapter News



The highlight for the Gray Wolves Chapter for September was hosting the Southern Colorado Retiree Rally. Gene Bagenstos, Chairman for the Southern Colorado Rally, and his committee came up with a good balance of games, entertainment, relaxation, plus a good chance for all to visit with FCRV members from around the state.



The Rally was held at the beautiful KOA Campground at Colorado City, a perfect location for those who wanted to explore our spectacular Colorado high country in their free time.

Special entertainment was provided by Gray Wolves very own stars of stage, screen, and video. The skit, "The Trial of Sticky Fingers McCoy," was a big hit as Judge Ima Crook took the stage, along with Prosecuting Attorney Nail-Em Good and Defense Attorney Simon Shyster. Sticky Fingers showed his true colors as he even took the wallet out of his



defense attorneys pocket while he was testifying! The supporting cast was in fine form as they brought the trial to a very surprising conclusion. The next night brought Miss Kitty's Fashion Show, a fashion show as you have never seen it! Models featured stylish outfits, such as the can-can dress with real cans attached to the hem of the skirt. The dress had a plunging neckline, complete with a real bathroom plunger. Another



model sported bell bottom pants with bells sewed on and with the seer-sucker blouse tastefully decorated with lollypops. There were twelve models, no rehearsals, so it really got interesting at times.



Sheriff Joe Brown and his deputies were out on Thursday and were throwing people in jail for all kinds of things. Even Loana got arrested! Her violation? Her sewer hose was too long! The 'town' got even, tho. When Sheriff Joe Brown and his able deputy, Bill Newell, went on to arrest more people, they got bushwacked. The riled citizens tied Joe up in a rope and were all set to hang him high!

The five days were packed with fun events, like the card making crafts workshop, a miniature golf tournament, Bean Bag Baseball, plus cards and dominoes in the evenings after the entertainment. The seminar on caring for our RV's was presented by John Godwin of M.D. For RV's. Best of all though, was the opportunity for FCRV members to gather together and have fun together.

Wanda Parkhouse

The Southern Colorado Retiree Rally sponsored by the Gray Wolves chapter.



This says it all!!



Tim & Elena, Campground owners



Vicki Patterson & Sue Menke



Craft project



Bean Bag Baseball



The "CAMP" walk



Bean Bag Toss



Celebrating Irene's birthday
at the restaurant!!



Then again at the ice cream social
that evening.



Bolo Horseshoes



The Ice Cream Social



Miniature Golf

The Trial of “Sticky Fingers McCoy”



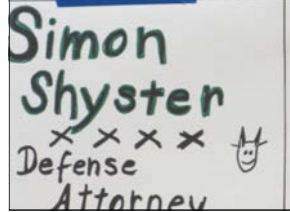
Heddy Servant was the “Prosecutor,
Nailum Good.”



Laveda Brown was “Judge
Ima Crook.”



Jean Berg was the
“Bailiff”



Ron Servant was the “Defense
Attorney.”



Carl Bird aka Hans Dumbkoff
Schultz was a witness because he
was the bank security guard.



Joe Brown as the
“Sheriff.”



Len Durbin was the
“Jury Foreman



Don McDermed alias Steven McCoy
as “Sticky Fingers McCoy.”



Wanda Durbin called as a witness.



Wanda Parkhouse aka Segrid Salome
was on the jury.



Gene Bagenstos



The “Jury”



The “Cast of Characters” written and produced by Gene
Bagenstos who by the way it getting hung by the jury.

The Fashion Show



Wanda Durbin, the creator and moderator of this fashion show.



Rey Young wearing her combed cotton dress with orange accessories.



Heddy Servant wearing her can-can dress with the plunging neckline.



Kaye Widger with her petal pushers and tee shirt ready to go golfing.



Lavada Brown in her star studded evening gown.



Doris Jardon with her seer-sucker top and bell bottom trousers.



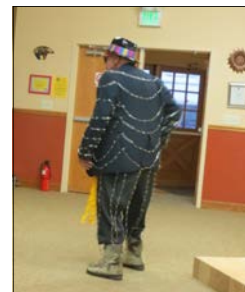
Dorothy Bagenstos in her Saks of Russet Ave. outfit.



Edith Kramer in her Moo Moo ready to vacation in Hawaii.



Wanda Parkhouse in her ratty nightgown and robe.



Gene Bagenstos in his pin striped suit.



Russ Young wearing his bridal outfit.

TRAILBLAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

The Trailblazers are winding up the 2013 camping year! We can't believe how fast it went! Time sure flies when you're havin' fun! Taylor Park was the stop for our August camping trip. Kids and grandkids joined us for several days of boating, fishing and ATV'ing! What a great time we had!

We went to Grand Junction for the September campout and stayed at the RV Ranch. Our group had to put up with a lot of rain this trip, but it didn't dampen our spirits or our fun! We visited several wineries in the area and sampled some great wines. The downtown area of Grand Junction is a wonderful place to explore. Not only do they have great stores for window shopping and browsing, but the streets are lined with many sculptures and works of art. Of course, no trip to Grand Junction is complete without a trip to Cabela's!

Several of our members attended the Southern Colorado Retirees Rally in Colorado City. Everyone that attended had a great time. At the rally, the Trailblazers were presented with two certificates. The first was to celebrate our 15th Anniversary in August. We also received a certificate for increasing/retaining our membership for 2013. Way to go Trailblazers! The Trailblazers will be hosting the 2014 Southern Colorado Retiree Rally. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

Our group ended the camping season at the Pleasant Valley RV Park in Howard, which is approximately 13 miles east of Salida. The RV park is right on the Arkansas River, so the fishermen among us didn't have to go far to wet their line! We had some beautiful Colorado fall weather with the trees showing off their best colors for us. Some members of our group ventured into Salida for some browsing, while others did some sightseeing in the area. Of course, we had some very tasty food for our potlucks! One evening we enjoyed the movie The Long, Long Trailer with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez. We laughed at how RV'ing hasn't really changed that much!

At the end of our monthly meeting, Ed John was presented with a certificate for his 15 years of membership in the Trailblazers. It's a pleasure to know and camp with Ed!

Plans are coming together for next year's camping season. For the winter months, we'll be looking forward to seeing each other at our monthly luncheons!



Ed John (R) receiving his certificate from Ray Walkowski, Field Director

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SEVEN GIFTS YOU SHOULD GIVE by Mary Ann Glover

With the holidays upon us, I came across this thoughtful way to express everything about life. A friend of mine published this in her real estate newsletter...so I'd like to share:

7 free gifts you should give. It is such a reminder of what FCRV is all about:

1. The **gift of listening**—but you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response, just listening.
2. The **gift of affection**—be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
3. The **gift of a written note**—it can be a simple “thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
4. The **gift of a compliment**—a simple and sincere “you look great in red,” “you did a super job,” or “that was a wonderful meal” can make someone’s day.
5. The **gift of a favor**—every day, go out of your way to do something kind.
6. The **gift of solitude**—there are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
7. The **gift of a cheerful disposition**—The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. It’s not hard to say HELLO or THANK YOU or “WANNA GO CAMP’N??”



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STAR GAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

STATEWIDE

The September highlight is always Statewide in Kiowa. This year was no exception. As always we were involved in many activities, including security, and doggy pick-up duty (doody?) Kim Watkins and Mike and Geri Noland were all recognized in the membership contest for bringing in new members to our chapter. Ron and Carla Martinez received an individual award for their work as Colorado Teen Directors. We are most proud of our Chapter of the Year Award. We were recognized as a group "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." We look forward to future Spring Flings and Statewides.

SEPTEMBER OUTING

Winding River in Grand Lake was the destination for our September campout. Unfortunately, that was the time period when the horrendous flooding was happening in various areas of the state. None of our members had damage to their homes or properties, but some were impacted in their ability to access areas that were flooded. We are very sympathetic to those who did have damage to properties and businesses. There

are many impacted area where we have camped both individually and as a group, so we are familiar with the way those places used to look, but suspect that it will be much different in the future.

The Grand Lake area was spared the torrential rains and flood damage, but as a result of the devastation, we had only seven members attending the campout, and not enough to hold an official meeting. The group in attendance did have a good time in Grand Lake, and took a boat tour of Grand Lake and had several good meals, both restaurant and pot lucks. The weekend was hosted by Ron and Carla Martinez.

SCARY OCTOBER

For our last campout of the year the group met at Cherry Creek State Park. We had a nice weather weekend for a change! We enjoyed many fun competitions during the weekend, including ladder golf, pumpkin bowling, costume contest, RV decorating contest, and murder mystery. Many members prepared "special" creepy foods for the potluck. Don Eaton and Diane Drumm were hosts for the weekend which was attended by 22 members and 2 guests.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Secretary



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RV RASCALS CHAPTER NEWS

The RV Rascals have had a good camping season despite Mother Nature not cooperating a couple of months. In March, four couples joined hosts Bob and Jean Maxwell at Boyd Lake State Park and were then joined by most of the chapter for an evening in Loveland with dinner at "Mo Betta Gumbo" and "Swing", a stage show at the historic Realto Theater.



North Sterling State Park was the plan for April and while hosts Kent and Peggy Swedlund, who live in Sterling, were able to get there and enjoy a beautiful spring weekend, those living along the front range decided several inches of snow was more digging out than we wanted.

Dan and Jennifer Kingston hosted our May outing at Terry Bison Ranch in Cheyenne. Between rain showers, a few people got in a game of golf, and many members took the ranch's Bison Tour Train out in the pasture to see and feed the bison and camels. The tour was enjoyed by "kids of all ages".



June took us to Fort Collins KOA for a fun weekend hosted by Terry Leonhart and Mary Hines. Many of our members reverted to their childhood as they participated in activities with their grandchildren; i.e., paddle and bumper boats, miniature golf, and the surrey and banana bikes. No confessions of later Ben-Gay usage were heard. Five of the "older kids" also got in a golf game Saturday morning. Rain sprinkles occasionally chased us under awnings, but it was a beautiful and fun-filled weekend. To most of the chapter's surprise, former members Rex and Nancy Fockler arrived just in time for Saturday night pot-luck. The Fockler's were on their way from Apache Junction, AZ where they winter to spend the summer in the Black Hills, Yellowstone and then on to Canada.

Al and Shirley Royer hosted us at Western Ridge RV Resort at Livermore for our July outing. The children had fun swimming and horseback riding. We put up with occasional rain showers; but, again, it was a beautiful and fun-filled weekend.



Mountain Park was the location for our August campout, hosted by Doug and Ruth Wert. This time we were joined by LeRoy and Jinx Nevins, another of our former members that have retired to AZ. A rousing game of card bingo had everyone showing their competitive sides.

Bill and Linda Snyder had scheduled a weekend at the Atlas Missile Silo in Greeley, but the 2013 flood in Northern Colorado kept the Rascals from camping together in September. We are grateful that no one in our chapter had serious damage from the flood.

Jack and Sandy Reed were hosts for our final outing of the year, this time at the Pueblo South KOA. Our golfing group had a beautiful fall day at Holydot Golf Course while others took in the Riverwalk and a Rosemont Mansion tour. We all traveled to Bishops Castle and the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. Some also visited the Steelworks Museum and played miniature golf at the campground. Following our potluck Saturday evening, we laughed our way through a round of boys against girls Trivial Pursuit. What a beautiful fall weekend to end our camping season.

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OVER THE HILL CO RETIREES aka OVER THE HILL GANG CAMPING NEWS

In August, the Over the Hill Gang camped at Mueller State Park and toured the Victor-Cripple Creek Open Pit Gold Mine. The camping hosts were Paul and Laroletta Petty. The Open Pit Mine Tour, organized by the



Lowell Thomas Museum in Victor, Co., took us by van to the bottom of the vast open pit mine. We drove among the huge 250 ton dump trucks as they were loaded with ore. We also climbed into the driver's seat of a monster truck and stood next to the crushing mill operator as the trucks dumped their loads into the grinder.



For lunch, we ate at the Costella Street Coffee Shop in Florissant, Co. This quaint restaurant is in an old, historic house decorated with Victorian antiques with a wonderful collection of English tea pots and cups. The lunch menu was great and the pies were fantastic.

Submitted by Paul Petty



OVER THE HILL GANG SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT

On September 10 through 13, the Over the Hill Gang camped at Prospector Campground at Canyon City, Colorado. The camping hosts were Jim and Sharon Decker, Ellen Shackelford and Sharon Rosnik.

Our group of twenty took the Royal Gorge Railroad train ride up the canyon under the Royal Gorge Bridge, following the Arkansas River as it tumbled

down the mountain. We rode in the enclosed pullman car with full access to our open-air car. We had lunch in the concessions car observing people rafting on the river, many new waterfalls caused by the rain that week and viewing some of the burn area.

Our planned outdoor farm dinner on a ranch outside of Canyon City had to be moved into the Club House at the campground because of all the rain that week. The food was delicious and we were warm and dry. We finished out the week with a pancake breakfast before we left for home.



Campfire Coyotes – October 2013

A large pack of Campfire Coyotes experienced the “*Enchanted Sunrise*” of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, hosted by Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell and Dan & Deb Hager. Twenty-one members in eleven RVs converged at Santa Fe Skies RV Park on October 9 to join up before proceeding to Albuquerque. On October 10 our band moved on to Balloon Fiesta Park, with most in a caravan battling a brutal headwind. When our Coyotes arrived at the Park, we were pleased to find that our assigned parking was in Row 1 of the RV lot, which was great location for getting to the balloon field or watching from the rig. During the event, several balloons landed near our RVs!



The strong winds on Thursday evening prevented the evening balloon glow event, so we car-pooled to Sadie's of New Mexico. We had an excellent meal, but learned to our dismay that Sadie's could not handle separate checks! It took a lot of howling to get it figured out.

In the chilly hours before dawn on Friday most of our pack arrived at the Chase Crew sign-up booth. Twenty Coyotes signed up to “crew”, and were rewarded with free entry to all the balloon events during our stay plus new faces and great experiences. We helped launch balloons including “*Buzzy Bee*”, “*Oggy The Friendly Dragon*”, “*Spunky*” and

“*Purple People Eater*” for the *Special Shapes Rodeo* on Friday morning and the *Special Shapes Glowdeo* Friday evening. It was great to watch “our” balloons inflate and take flight! Several Coyotes worked both morning and evening, which made for a very long but fun-filled day! We highly recommend the “crew” experience for anyone attending the Fiesta.

Between morning and evening events, small bands of Coyotes roamed around Albuquerque to explore Old Town, Sandia Peak tram and ski-lift, local shops and other points of interest. Our new blue shirts resulted in many comments of “here are more of those Campfire Coyotes”.

The Mass Ascension on Saturday was cut short as winds caused a yellow flag before many balloons were launched. However conditions were perfect for the Saturday evening Glow and for the Farewell Mass Ascension on Sunday morning; about 550 balloons were launched, many were in air over an hour & were able to return to land at Fiesta Park thanks to “box” winds. Many crossing the river were able to “splash & dash” in the Rio Grande!



Coyotes Bill, Pat and Rosella were able to join in the Farewell Mass Ascension as passengers in balloons from *Rainbow Ryders*! Bill reported “We were in line at 4:00 in the morning to register as “stand by” and line up after the people with reservations. It was a beautiful day and warmer than other mornings! It was calm day with a beautiful blue sky! The view was wonderful! We could see the urban area, the field and watch more balloons being inflated and coming up! We could see thousands of people on the field to watch them inflate and take flight! People of all ages, parents and children! Every one watching the balloons, riders and crews! Following our landing in a field with patches of cactus, we had a celebration of Champagne and OJ with crackers and hot sauce! Hit the old spot! We did a toast to our successful flight! “



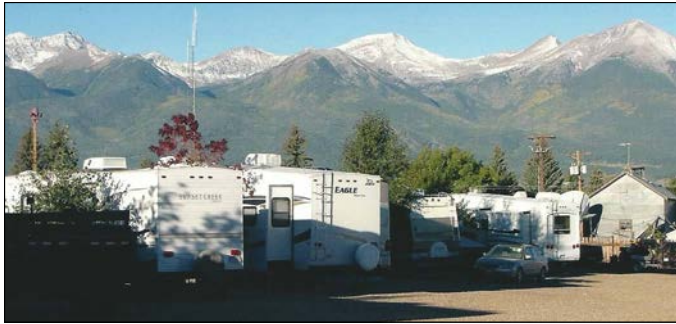
Following our farewells our pack dispersed, with several Coyotes headed to Arizona, while the remaining members of our band returned to Colorado and Wyoming by various routes.

Submitted by Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell

WEEKEND WARRIORS CHAPTER NEWS



Bruce & Roberta Dwelle dressed as the movie theme with John Wayne in "Atari."



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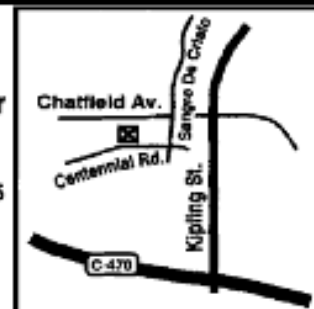
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How To Store Water For An Emergency

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How To Store Water For An Emergency

October 14, 2013 by Peggy Layton

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What would you do if your water supply became contaminated? Natural disasters can interrupt the flow of clean water. Following a disaster, some people may not have access to food and water for days or weeks. You can live for days without food; but you must have clean, potable water, or you will dehydrate. Whenever there is a crisis, water is the first thing to go.

How Much Water Do I Need To Store?

Each person in your family will need a 72-hour emergency supply of water: one gallon per person per day for drinking, plus an additional three gallons per person for washing, cooking, sponge bathing, doing the laundry, cleaning dishes, etc.

I recommend a three-month supply of water if possible: 90 gallons per person for drinking and 90 gallons for other uses. Children, nursing mothers and sick people may need more. Store a little extra for them.

What Kind Of Containers Are The Best For Storing Water?

Plastic: Soda, water or juice bottles are all good. I save every heavy plastic jug that comes into my house. I fill them with water and store them in my basement and garage. Make sure all plastic containers used for water storage are food-grade, with a high-quality polyethylene terephthalate (PET) rating, and that they have never held chemicals or poisons. Clean all containers thoroughly.

Milk jugs: Milk jugs are not good containers to store water in. After about six months, they start to biodegrade, collapse and leak. Even the 1-gallon blue containers that you can fill up at grocery stores don't last for very long. They are not heavy-duty enough. You will have a big mess. Bleach bottles: Plastic bleach bottles can be used by filling the bleach bottle with water and sealing it with a tight-fitting lid. Do not drink the water stored in bleach bottles. You can use the water for cleaning or washing hands. Label it with a black marker.

Bottled water: Bottled water can be purchased in grocery stores. Cases of bottled water can be stacked.

Tap water: Tap water that comes from a municipal water system contains enough chlorine to be safe for long-term water storage. Just fill your containers with tap water and store them away from sunlight, preferably in a cool, dark place like a basement or garage.

Polyethylene barrels: Commercial water storage barrels are available, and they come in several sizes. There are smaller water containers that hold five gallons of water. They weigh about 40 pounds and have a spigot. These are nice because they can be moved more easily than 55-gallon drums.

Glass containers: Water can be stored in pint-sized or quart-sized jars sealed by the water bath canning method. Fill the jars with water leaving a headspace of about one inch. Tighten the lid and ring onto the jar. Boil the jars in the water bath or use a steamer canner. Store the jars with cardboard in between so they don't break. Pint jars require 20 minutes boiling time and quart jars require 25 minutes.

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Where Can I Store My Emergency Water Supply?

Store your water supply in a location where you can get to it easily. I like to store most of my water in smaller containers, because it's much easier to carry around.

What if I didn't Store Water For An Emergency

What Do I Do After An Emergency?

In an emergency situation, immediately shut off the water supply to your home. It's a good idea to locate the shut-off valve before you need it and teach everyone in the family to do it immediately after a disaster. The main gas valve must be shut off also. You can drain the pipes and collect the water that is left in your water lines. Just turn on the faucet that is located in the highest room of the house to let air into the lines. Draw the water from the lowest faucet of the house.

What Are Some Other Supplemental Sources Of Water?

- The water in the hot water heater is available for use. Be sure to shut off the incoming water or intake valve to prevent the contaminated water from mixing with the safe water. To take water out of the tank, open the drain valve. A hose can be attached to this valve and the water drained into containers.
- The water in the tank of the toilet (not the bowl) can be scooped out and used if needed.
- Other liquids for drinking can be obtained from canned fruits, juices, vegetables and soft drinks, or anything that has been water-packed using a canning process.

- Snow can be melted and rainwater can be used, if you have a collection barrel. Be sure to disinfect the water before drinking.

- Swimming pools or spas contain treated water. Lakes, streams, ponds, rivers and ditches contain water that can be used if it is clarified and treated. To clarify, strain the water through a cloth placed over a bowl or pot. This will take out impurities. Boiling it vigorously for five minutes will kill all bacteria.

Boiling method: The safest method of purifying water is to boil it vigorously for five minutes. Do not use cloudy water if you have a choice between clear or cloudy. Cloudy water is caused by bacterial growth. Cloudy water must be strained through a cloth to remove the particles. Then boil or treat the water with chemicals.

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The information in this article was taken from my books: Food Storage 101. Where do I begin? and Emergency Food Storage and Survival Handbook.

—Peggy Layton

Colorado's best colors

Autumn in the Colorado Rockies is pure magic. Unfortunately, it only lasts about 20 seconds each year. So don't cheat yourself - set aside a late September weekend for a walk under the Aspen leaves. You won't regret it.

Crested Butte - Dark Canyon Trail

Colorado is home to a leviathan. The interconnected roots of the Kebler Pass aspen grove form the largest grove in Colorado and one of the largest living things on planet Earth. And in late September, the whole arborous monster molts in spectacular fashion.

The grove is best seen from the Kebler Pass Road (Gunnison County Road 12), a mostly gravel route that connects Crested Butte to nearby Paonia. But to get in the guts of the beast, locals recommend the moderate 11-mile Dark Canyon Trail - a one-way hike that can be done as a day hike with a shuttled cars or as a superb out-and-back overnight.

Getting there: Take Kebler Pass Road almost 12 miles out of Crested Butte to Horse Ranch State Park. Dark Canyon Trail stretches 11 miles from here to Erickson Springs Campground. Overnight camping at Erickson Springs costs \$14 per site.

Steamboat - Three Island Lake Trail

Okay, so Steamboat Springs doesn't have the biggest aspen grove in Colorado. The ski town is still famous for its aspens, which have made it one of the state's best shoulder season destinations. Aspens cover the resort's slopes, which stay open to downhill mountain biking until Sept. 29.

For the infirm, locals suggest Buffalo Pass - an eight-mile drive up a dirt road to the Continental Divide. The out-and-back trip takes about two hours, and offers stunning views from the road. The able-bodied should take a trip into the Mt. Zirkel Wilderness for the stunning 6.1-mile Three Island Lake Trail.

Getting there: Take Highway 40 west from Steamboat Springs to County Road 129, and take this north for 20 miles. Turn right on Seedhouse Road, and take this for nine miles, pass Seedhouse Campground, and turn right on Forest Service road 443. Take this three miles to the trailhead.

RMNP - Cub Lake Trail

We are always in support of a visit to Rocky Mountain National Park. But if you're only going to visit Rocky once in the next year, we suggest you do so in the next four to six weeks. Not only are the Park's aspen and willows showing their colors, but the annual elk rut is nearing its peak (stay tuned for a piece on that soon).

The classic autumn hike in the park has always been the 2.5-mile trail to Cub Lake. Much of the landscape around Cub Lake has been blackened, but enough life remains to make a powerful statement about nature's tenacity.

Getting there: The hike is in the eastern end of the park. From the Moraine Park Campground, take a left and drive 1.2 miles to the Cub Lake Trailhead. From Cub Lake, either double back down the 2.5 mile trail or continue 3.5 miles through more aspen groves to the Fern Lake Trailhead

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

(a shuttle runs between the lots every 30 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Rocky Mountain National Park charges \$20 per vehicle at the entrance.

By RYAN ABBOTT

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (CN) - The National Forest Recreation Association and campground management companies sued Uncle Sam, claiming the government shutdown has closed the campgrounds they run even though they do not receive federal funding. The National Forest Recreation Association and co-plaintiffs American Land & Leisure, Recreation Resource Management, and CLM Services sued the U.S. Forest Service in Federal Court. They note acerbically that the shutdown of the federal government has cost their employees hundreds of jobs, and that "Congress has stated no intention to vote to restore campground concessioners' 'back pay.'" They claim the Forest Service is "nonsensically asserting that, while recreating and camping in undeveloped areas is fine, recreating and camping in developed campgrounds and recreation areas run by trained, private concessioners who do not receive any federal funds creates a risk to property, public health and safety because the Forest Service has reduced funds." The companies say they do not get federal funding: "In fact, plaintiffs pay money to the federal government to operate." The Forest Service this month decided to close certain areas in the National Forest System and suspend all concessionaire operations at developed campground and recreation sites nationwide. The plaintiffs are concessionaires at the sites, operating campgrounds in National Forests across the country. They say their services are crucial for the safety of campers, providing emergency first aid, restrooms and clean drinking water on federal campgrounds. They also repair parking lot potholes, fire hydrants and roads. Since the shutdown of the federal government has closed campgrounds in federal forests, campers have been forced onto undeveloped areas, despite the companies' autonomy from the federal government.

"Having people camp at developed campgrounds or recreate in developed areas operated by concessioners reduces the risks to public safety and resource damage," the groups say. They claim that "the reduction in Forest Service funding has absolutely no impact on the ability of concessioners to continue to ensure public safety and reduce risk of property damage." That's not the only reason the campground managers want Uncle Sam to reopen campgrounds. "In addition to the harm to the public safety and risk of damage to property and resources, the decision to close privately funded campground concession operations has resulted in the loss of hundreds of jobs and revenues that will never be recovered. Congress has stated no intention to vote to restore campground concessioners' 'back pay,'" states the complaint. The groups say the decision to shut down the campgrounds was nonsensical and unreasonable. They want a declaration that the campground shutdown is an abuse of discretion and contrary to law. They want their camps immediately reopened, and attorneys' fees. They are represented by Kevin Garden.

We are still waiting for the legislature to come back in session so in the meantime, we say DON'T FORGET TO VOTE, HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

That's it for this time.

We'll See You Down The Road!

*Bud & Ann Farnum,
Legislative Directors*

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 Dash of salt
 (Beat above contents until frothy)
 ½ cup sugar

(Gradually add sugar to whites - beat until stiff)

1 cup nuts and 1 cup of butter scotch morsels

(Gently fold into above mixture)

Preheat oven 350° Drop by tsp. on greased cookie sheet (cookies don't spread so cookie will be size of drop) place in oven & turn oven off! Don't open oven for 4 or 5 hrs. You could even leave in oven overnight.

Sugar Cookies

1 cup butter
 3 eggs
 1 tsp. nutmeg
 1 tsp. soda
 1 cup sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla
 2 tsp. cream of tartar
 3 cups flour

Cream butter and sugar well. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy. Add flavorings and dry ingredients. Gradually add flour and mix thoroughly. Divide into 4 or 5 sections. Chill overnight.

Roll thin and cut with cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350° for about 8 minutes.



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CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP & PLANNING MEETING

February 8, 2014 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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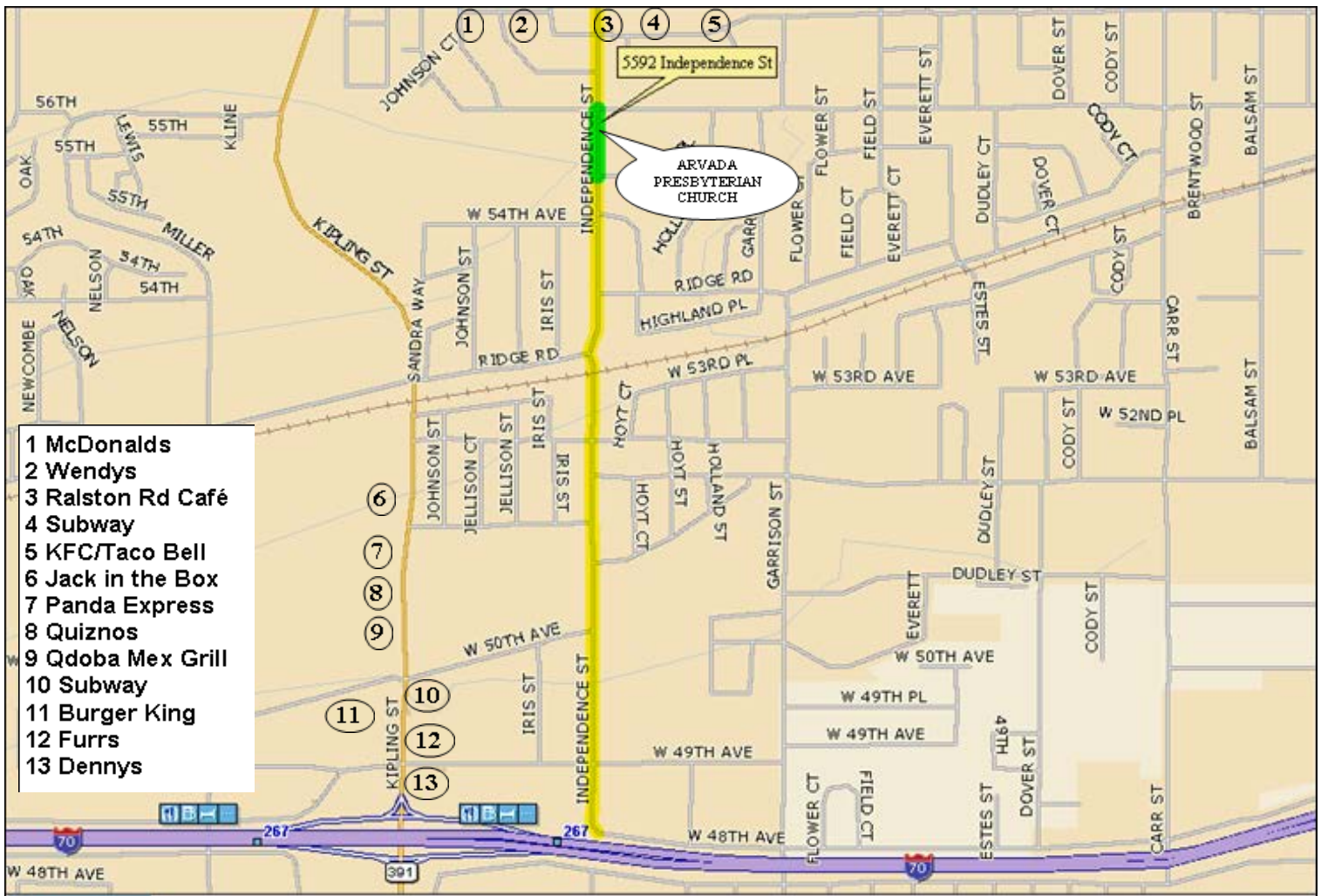
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Nearly all of the chapters have completed their elections by this time, so it's time to share those responsibilities with new officers. The first half of the workshop will be geared to the chapter officers, while the second half will be planning the 2015 state campouts. Please come with ideas for a Statewide theme and encourage your chapter to volunteer and sign up for some of the activities.

Bring a sack lunch or there are several fast-food restaurants within a mile and half from the church. Coffee and lemonade will be furnished. A map is included on this page.

Because of church security, the main entrance that is adjacent to the parking lot to the south will be open until 9:15 am, after that time, the side entrance which is to the west, will be open until 9:30 am. After that you will have to call Irene's cell phone 303-912-2840 so she can come and let you in.

ACTIVITY	SPRING FLING	STATE-WIDE
Registration	Yes	Yes
Parking	Yes	Yes
Set-up / Stage Decorations	No	Yes
Flag Ceremony	Yes	Yes
Door Prizes	No	Yes
Help w/Security	Yes	Yes
Help w/First Aid & Safety	Yes	Yes
Breakfast potluck set-up	Yes	No
Saturday morning breakfast	No	Yes
Friday night dinner	No	Yes
Saturday night catered dinner	Yes	No
Different games/activities	Yes	Yes
Clean up	One person from each chapter	One person from each chapter



Campvention 2015

July 5-10 (6 camping nights & 5 days of Activities)

We still have a need for volunteers to complete the management team for the 2015 Campvention. Listed below are the positions still open. If you are at all interested please contact Loana or Bill and they will answer any questions you may have. We are blessed with many very talented people in Colorado FCRV and would greatly appreciate your help in running a great 2015 Campvention.

Loana: 303-466-1239 loana-co-fcrv@q.com **Bill:** 303-841-6878 weckman@msn.com

The leadership of the Campvention is comprised of a Chairman and Co-Chairman. Under these positions are a Steering Committee as well as six Team Leaders. We need one more person or couple to complete the six teams. Under the six teams are several Committee positions that still need to be filled.

Team Leader 2	Publicity	Signs	Band
Hospitalities	Crafts	D.S.A.T.	Historian
Cowboy Lunch	Teen Queen Ball	Teen Queen Tea	Parade
Adult Activities	Aluminum Tabs	Entertainment	

Campvention Leadership campout. We are inviting all members of the leadership team to a campout at the Cam-plex facility in Gillette on the weekend of June 27-29, 2014. Cam-plex is providing free camping with full hook ups. This includes all members of the Steering Committee, all Team Leaders and all Chairman & Co Chairman of any activities under the six Team leaders. Please mark this date on your calendar. **June 27-29, 2014.** We are planning a webinar soon to go into more details. You will be notified by email. All sites have water, sewer, 30 Amp. (Some 50 amp.)



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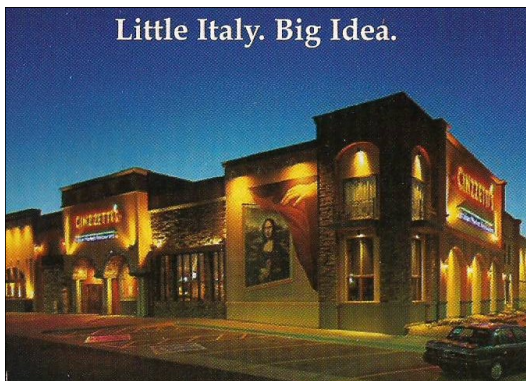
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