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Volunteers are needed!



In the next 18 to 30 months changes are going to happen in the leadership of Colorado FCRV.

Roy and Loana Schraeder, our current State Directors announced several months ago that they are stepping down after 15 years. Probably the fall Statewide campout of 2015 will be their last function as State Directors. Their replacement if approved by the Trustees will be Roy and Vivian Crouse from the Colorado Springs area.

Bill and JoAnn Eckman will step down sometime soon so that Roy and Vivian can start as Assistant State Directors to become familiar with the operation of Colorado FCRV. Loana will train and share with them the basics of what a State Director does.

The Eckman's want to back off of their jobs over the next two years. We are looking for volunteers for their jobs and responsibilities. They will step down as those positions are filled.

Bill always found it difficult to say no and needless to say their jobs are many. Besides the position of Assistant State Directors they are also the Colorado Membership Directors and

Co editors of the Embers, plus Field Directors for two chapters. At the National level they are National Membership Directors. It was decided by Loana and Bill to divide their jobs into smaller parts so that the jobs will be easier to get volunteers and make the workload less for each volunteer.

The position of Membership Director involves membership growth through the 9 touch RV Show program. The RV show program has been the best and most successful way to get new members. Colorado FCRV has the most members of any state or province in FCRV. Also the membership director promotes member growth through the Cadet program and one on one contact by our current members. Currently we have a Northern and Southern District directors who help with the RV Shows. Loana and Bill have handled the Denver area. We will be adding a third District Director to cover the Denver area.

Positions we need to fill:

- Denver area District Director
- Embers Editor
- Embers print director
- State Membership Director
- Development of Get Acquainted meeting team. Possibly 2 teams.

(This person or persons will need to do the presentations at Get Acquainted and Chapters Night meetings).

The new State Directors can appoint their choice for Assistant State Directors.

These positions are open to all active Colorado FCRV members. Here is a chance for new people to help guide the continued operation and growth of Colorado FCRV. In the survey we did 2 years ago it was mentioned that we need to get younger people involved in our leadership. Here is your chance to step forward. Some positions are compensated for travel and/or cost of performing their volunteer jobs.

If interested in any of these positions contact Loana and she will give you more details and job descriptions.

All applicants will be considered and evaluated for their qualifications. Our goal is to fill these positions over the next 12 months. The Colorado Board of Directors may be involved in the final approval for some positions.

Loana Schraeder & Bill Eckman



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WELCOME

2014 RV Show Results

We signed up 65 new members this year from the shows. 30 from the first set of meetings, 12 from the Colorado Springs meeting, and 23 from the last set of meetings. These were cadet members, so no revenue for the national organization., so it's now our job to convert these new members to paying members.

We have received four cadet members from Windish RV Center as well, and have put two families into chapters.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM WINDISH RV CENTER

Doug & Peggy Kinney

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM PIKES PEAK TRAVELAND

Don Atkinson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Denny & Jan Combs brought in by Doug & Ruth Wert
 Kelly Zaremski brought in by Ed & Janice Burdick
 Ron & Becky Richards brought in by Kim & Nancy Lewis
 Henry & Hermene Geishheimer brought in by Roy & Loana Schraeder
 Dorothy Dwyer brought in by Marv & Edith Kramer
 Amy Colwell brought in by Tony & Patti Maccagnan
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM THE FEBRUARY/MARCH RV SHOWS

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Chapter News

Trailmix Chapter First Campout of 2014

Trailmix, which currently numbers 14 camping family members, had their first 2014 campout at the beautiful KOA in Colorado City this May. There were 8 of the 14 member-families in attendance plus guests.



Barry and Joanie Currie hosted the weekend which came in like a lamb and left like a lion. Families arrived Friday, April 11th in short-sleeve shirts and left Sunday morning bundled in hats, coats, and gloves to unhook in cold rain, wind and later . . . snow. But the typical spring



Colorado weather did not hamper the campout spirit for our club.

We knew the unpredictable weather was coming, but we were determined to enjoy the first outdoor gathering of the year.

Friday was spent visiting, relaxing and checking out all the working/non-working parts of our campers. Many of us figured out what items we forgot to put in our units and what parts might need attention as our RVs were startled from their long winter's rest. Saturday morning we enjoyed a potluck breakfast/meeting. Eggs, hash browns, quiche, biscuits & gravy, breakfast casserole, fresh fruit & breakfast sweets - all the trimmings.

At the meeting we reviewed our camping schedule for the year, which included Canon City, Creede, Buena Vista, Alamosa, Ft. Collins and Colorado Springs area. We also discussed the FCRV commitment to the environment. President Mike Heier volunteered to have a recycle container at this campout and all future campouts so the club can put in discarded plastic and metal containers. Some campgrounds do have the service available, but many do not. This small effort helps our environment and the great outdoors that we enjoy so much.

Friday and Saturday nights found camper families enjoying the local restaurants including Obie's Mesquite Smoked Bar-B-Q and Los Cuervo's Mexican. We heard no complaints about the good food served at those locations.

In closing, it was a pleasant, relaxing weekend as we enjoyed the friendship of our members, dusted off our rigs and camping equipment and got our wanderer/travel blood flowing. We look forward to a fun 2014.

Article submitted by Deb Sudtelgte.

Chapter News

WEEKEND WARRIORS CHAPTER NEWS

C'MON GET HAPPY ALREADY!!

Colorado Springs, Weekend Warriors FCRV go for a hike. Fresh air, a change of scenery, and an opportunity to catch up with your friends in a scenic setting. Could it get any better? As a matter of fact, recent research has linked outdoor time with enhanced creativity, reduced stress, and improved immunity.



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OVER THE HILL GANG ADVENTURES

The Over the Hill Gang RV Camping Club began 2014 with a luncheon meeting in January at Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant hosted by members Mike and Janet Oliveri. February, 2014, found us at a luncheon social at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant. After lunch we played card bingo. The social was hosted by members John and Sandy Kesig. The month of March was hosted by members Walt and Dorothy Pendleton for a luncheon meeting at Jay's Restaurant. April's meeting was lunch at the Toast Restaurant in Littleton hosted by members Ralph and Tootsie Dougherty.

The Over the Hill Gang is looking forward to a great camping season this summer. Our plans for camping include locations in Colorado Springs, LaVeta and Colorado City. The Over the Hill Gang is looking for new members to join our camping group. Contact Jim Decker at 303-660-2339 or Email at jedbldecker@Gmail.com.



JoAnn's Camping Recipes



APPLE DAPPLE CAKE

1½ cup oil
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
2 tsp. vanilla

Mix these 4 items together



3 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. soda
3 cups raw diced apples
¾ cup chopped nuts

Add these 6 items to the above mixture.

While cake is baking prepare a caramel sauce. When cake is done remove from oven and poke holes with fork and pour hot caramel sauce over top of cake. Let cool and serve.

1 cup brown sugar
¼ cup evap. Milk
¾ cup margarine
Mix together and heat and boil for 3 minutes.

(Note: This cake was served at the last Field Staff campout.)
Grease an angel food pan or bundt pan with Crisco. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

Chapter News

STAR GAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST

Rick Hays was host for the march out-ing which was supposed to be a trip up the cog railroad to the top of Pike's Peak, a mere 14,110 feet above sea level. However Mother Nature was not ready to let go of her wintry ways, so the train only went up to Inspiration Point at 11,000 feet. The scenery was beautiful and there was lots of laughter in the railcar, and we did get an \$8/person refund. The group gathered for meeting and dinner at the Stagecoach Inn in Manitou Springs. Seventeen members attended.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR CAMPERS!

The Star Gazers started off the camping season in April with a weekend at Boyd Lake State Park. It was a comfortable, relaxing campout without too busy an agenda. Friday night, everyone brought their sausages and "dawgs" of choice to cook on Rick Hays' hot dog roller, one of his most prized possessions. Saturday was spent hanging around the campground and shopping at the nearby outlet mall. The weather was beautiful Friday night and early Saturday, but with snow in the forecast, all the campers closed up early on Sunday and headed for home before the storm hit. The meeting focused on upcoming Spring Fling activities, which is rapidly approaching. Hosts for this campout were Ron and Gayla Henry. Twenty-two members and one guest attended.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers Secretary

RV SHOW VOLUNTEERS—DENVER SHOWS

Dan & Judy Kimzey, Gary & Mirita Moore, and John & Lee Stewart all of the *Star Chasers*; Moye & Denise Harris, and Doug & Cheryl Forry all of the *Rocky Explorers*; Ron & Frances Hakanson, Gary & Lori Keaney, and Earl & Carol Peterson all of the *Columbines*; Bruce & Linda Baltzer, Jim & Linda Carroll, all of the *Fun on Wheels*; Moose & Paula Shattuck and John & Vickie Gruelke all of the *Waggin' Ears*; John & Marianne Nyman and Dan & Gloria Finerty all of the *Fun on Wheels/Waggin' Ears*; Larry Cann, Mike & Gerry Yanke with their daughter Ashlee, and Ed & Jeremy Brunner all of the *Oops*. Will & Vodean and Bill were at the show as well, helping out when needed and getting the booth torn down and loaded. A special thanks to Jack & Dutchi Pasco for coming up just to help us tear down and Ed & Jeremy for staying over to help us tear down and get it all loaded.

We are so appreciative to everyone that helps out at the RV shows and our membership meetings. This is the reason that Colorado is still #1 in the US and Canada when it comes to membership growth.

Chapter News

HIGH COUNTRY CAMPERS



January started out with a potluck dinner and meeting at the home of our president Don and Sue Keefe. The dishes and desserts were very tasty as usual.

Next our President, Field Director and Secretary attend the officer meeting in Arvada.

Our February function began with us attending the IMAX presentation of Journey to the South Pacific 3D at the Denver Museum. We then had dinner at the Hacienda Colorado. Our next get together will be at the Old Neighborhood on March 22nd hosted by the Hanson's. We are looking forward to the camping season to begin April 25 and 26 at Lakeside KOA in Ft Collins hosted by the Carrillos.



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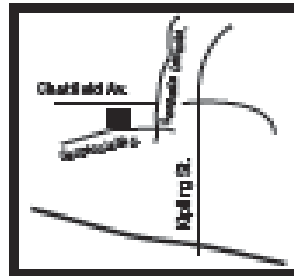
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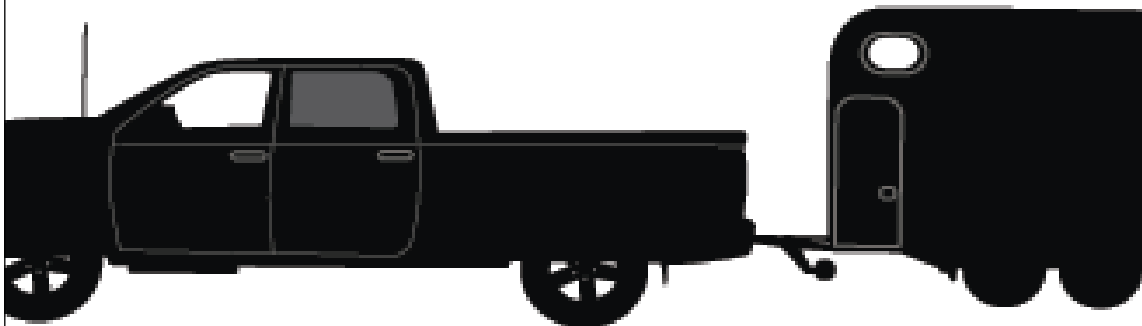
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like to go to Gillette
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Loana know so that
she can let Camp Complex
know how many are
coming. There will
be a meeting some
time on Saturday to
meet with the
Camp Complex personnel to
ask questions, etc.

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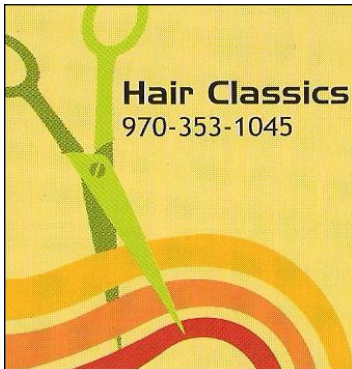
Everyone is looking forward to our first campout of the season! We'll be heading down to Colorado City and the KOA!

This year's weather looks like it's going to cooperate with us! Last year's April campout ended up being canceled due to snow! You got to love Colorado weather!

The Trailblazers were deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Robert "Bob" Rappold. Bob and his wife Gayle, were about to become official members of the Trailblazers. We all enjoyed their company on several campouts and also at our monthly luncheons. Bob and Gayle were welcome additions to the Trailblazer family. We shall truly miss them.

The Trailblazers wish everyone a great camping season in 2014!





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A couple of CamPlex personnel will be flying into Essex Junction to help with the hospitality as well as attending the Executive Board Meeting to promote the campvention in Gillette.

FAREWELL

Cindy Pickett—2/28/14—Daughter of Charlie & Ruth Batley of the Gray Wolves
Phil Watts—3/10/14— of the Northern Lights
Bob McCorkle—3/28/14—Former member of the Mountain Goats
Lee Stevens—4/12/14—of the Gypsies
Kayla Ackerman—4/14/14— Granddaughter of Bill & JoAnn Eckman of the Rocky Ramblers



This is a picture of Kayla with her Mother, Janine from many years ago. Both are now together.

We want to thank our many FCRV camping friends for the dozens of cards and emails that we received. Also we were so appreciative of the many folks who attended Kayla's memorial service, some from a great distance. It warmed our hearts and helped so much as we grieve for Kayla. Bill & JoAnn Eckman



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Tuesday: Outdoor games

Tuesday evening, Beef Dinner, cost is \$10.00 per person

Room will be available for games after dinner.

Wednesday

9:30 Mike Ireson will present the basics of getting started with your family history.

There will be demonstrations on scanning photos and documents and also editing photos.

2:00 P.M. Dr. Jeff Broome, a college professor from Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, will share stories from his books on Indian Wars and the Indian Raids on the roads to Denver.

7:00 card bingo, bring \$2.00 in dimes.

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Tuesday Dinner reservations @ \$10.00 per person _____

TOTAL _____

Spring Fling is over so it's time to do your planning for Fall Statewide.

ACTIVITIES THAT CHAPTERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HOST

Activity	Chapter	Notes
Registration	Star Chasers	
Layout & Parking	Fun on Wheels/ Waggin' Ears	
Stage Decorations	Rolling Waves	
Catered Fried-Chicken Dinner— Friday night	Heddy Servant	Field Staff help set up and serve. Field Directors to bring two fruit pies and turn them in by 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon at the EX bldg.
Saturday morning Breakfast	Silver Foxes	
Door Prizes	Aurora Gate Keepers	Each chapter to donate a door prize worth at least \$10.00.
Flag Ceremony	Rolling Renegades	
First Aid & Safety	Brian Dimock	Will need help, please contact Brian (303) 435-4634.
Security	Ron & Gayla Henry & Star Gazers	
Poop Patrol	Star Gazers	
CAMP walk/bike ride	Bill & Rita Newell	
Photo Contest	JoAnne Lein	
Horseshoes	Ute Bobcats	
Pet Parade	Rolling Renegades	
Bingo	Cheryl Price	Bingo after Sat. night pageant. <u>Chapters & members please donate a \$5 item for Bingo.</u> Cheryl will need some help with Bingo.
Bean Bag Toss	Fun on Wheels Technically Roughing It	Need lots of people to bring boards.
Little Red Wagon Parade	Don & Coral Yakel	Decorate your wagon according to the Statewide theme of Military Appreciation.
Cribbage	Waggin' Ears	
Bongo Boards	Rocky Explorers	
Casting Contest	Rolling Renegades	
Youth Bingo	Youth Directors	Chapter members donate small kid items for prizes.
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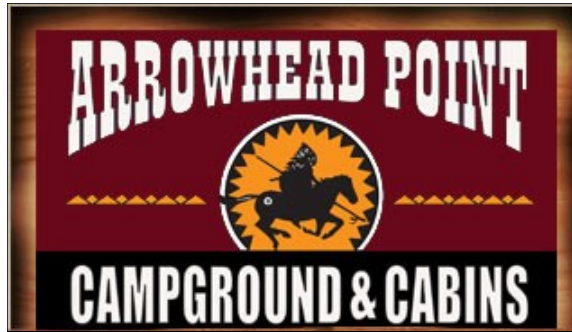
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July 7 th – 11 th	N/A	National Campvention 2014	Essex Junction, Vermont
Aug 29 th – Sep 1 st	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO
Sep 22 nd – 25 th	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 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

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January 7th – 10th downtown Denver at the convention center. Not confirmed yet
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Ron Costello introduced our newest Gold Corporate Sponsor, Craig Cisko. Craig's family owns 3 KOA's – Lake-side at Ft. Collins, one at Poudre River and one at Wellington.

Loana is still getting new member applications from our members with no information on them as to who was responsible for introducing them to FCRV or what chapter they are affiliated with. The Cadet registrations should be completed by the field director and sent to her. That way you can add them to your chapter roster and Loana can verify that their national dues have been sent in. Also when you send an registration to Loana, please put a note with it if they have been voted in as members. Otherwise, they will be shown as prospective members.

National Campvention – July 6 – 10, 2015: Extensive discussion was had with a few more people signing up for committees. Possible tours were mentioned (see what's suggested on the

flash drive): i.e. Coal mine nearby, Devil's Tower, Buffalo Ranch south of Gillette, close to South Dakota, etc.

Contest – It has become a tradition to hold a site decorating contest. The site 'animal' for 2015 is a Jackalope. The Jackalope has been famous in Wyoming for many years.

Cowboy Hats – Much discussion was made as to where cowboy hats can be purchased at a reasonable cost. Places where members have seen them for \$2 or less are: Family Dollar Store – Colorado City, (different colors are available), Oriental Trading Company, available on the internet for about \$2 each plus postage, Dollar Tree stores.



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All is still quiet as far as we are concerned. No big noise regarding Parks, Fees, etc. Gun Control is another matter.

Thought I would slip this information in regarding Colorado Trails as a change of pace this Summer.

Colorado's historical trails

Colorado is celebrated for many reasons. Big mountains. Craft beer, World-class email newsletters. Stuff like that. But outside of libraries and museums, the Centennial State is not often celebrated for its history.

Not often enough, anyway. People have been hiking Colorado trails since long before Forest Service trailheads (or the Forest Service, for that matter – it was formed in 1905) were even conceptualized. And the remnants of those trails are still maintained for those **history buffs with an adventurous streak**.

The Old Spanish Trail



Meandering across the Southwest from Santa Fe to Los Angeles, the Old Spanish Trail has been called "the longest, crookedest, most arduous pack mule trail in the history of America." by historians Leroy and Ann Hafen.

First traveled in the winter of 1829, the trail was a commercial supply route for frontier settlements in California. Travelers eventually split it into three different routes, two of which cut across southwestern and central Colorado.

If you go: Though some areas along the Old Spanish Trail are open to hikers, a tour of the sites is best done as a road trip. A good overview of the trail has been compiled by the Old Spanish Trail Association. Notable sites are marked along all three routes on the Association's interactive trail map.

The Pony Express Trail

Snail mail is still around today. But it's no longer the primary means of communication in these United States, and it's definitely no longer carried across the western states on the back of a horse.

But it was once. Men with the Pony Express once carried letters from Missouri to California in just ten days

over 2,005 miles of trail. That trail still exists, in a way, as the Pony Express National Historic Trail.



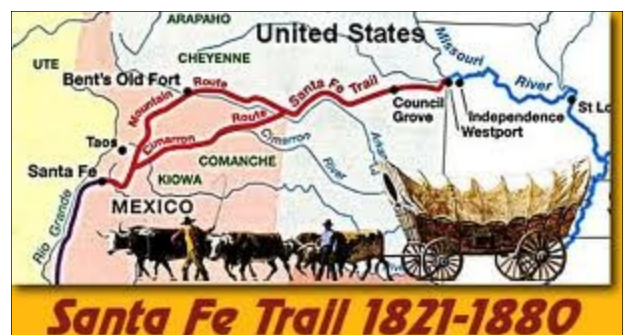
If you go: The trail connects historical sites across Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and California. Directions for auto drivers, details about historical sites, and an interactive map are available from the National Park Service.

The Santa Fe Trail

First used as a trade route between the United States and Mexico, the 900-mile Santa Fe Trail (which stretches from its namesake to Franklin, Mo.), ultimately carried the U.S. invasion of New Mexico (then a Mexican territory) in 1846.

In Colorado, the most prominent Santa Fe Trail site is undoubtedly Bent's Old Fort outside La Junta. The National Historic Site includes a reconstruction of the original adobe trading post, and employs historians for guided tours. Entry costs \$3 for adults and \$2 for children aged 6-12 (children under 6 get in free).

If you go: Like the Pony Express Trail, the Santa Fe National Historic Trail links historical sites across several states, and is followed by a highway. Details and an interactive map of the trail are available from the National Park Service.



Article contributed by Cassandra Whelihan

That's it for this time.

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

THE CHAPLAIN' CORNER

WHAT ARE FATHERS MADE OF?

- A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.
- A Father is a thing that growls when it feels good and laughs loud when it is scared half to death.
- A Father is sometimes accused of giving too much time to his business when the little ones are growing up.
- A Father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in his child's eyes.
- He is never quite the hero his daughter thinks he is and never quite the man his son believes him to be. This worries him sometimes, so he works too hard to try and smooth out the rough places in the road for his son who will follow him.
- A Father is a thing that gets very angry when school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his son although he knows it's the teacher's fault.
- Fathers grow old faster than other people.
- While mothers can cry where it shows, fathers have to stand there and die inside.
- Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what is inside.
- Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough so they can have grandchildren that are smarter than anybody's.
- Fathers fight dragons almost daily. They hurry away from the breakfast table, off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or a workshop...where they tackle the dragon with three heads – weariness, work and monotony.
- Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who will live the longest. Though they know the odds, they keep right on betting. And one day they lose. But fathers enjoy an earthly immortality and the bet is paid off to the part of him he leaves behind.
- I don't know where fathers go when they die. But I have an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't be happy unless there is work to do. He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too...repairing the stairs...oiling the gates...improving the streets, smoothing the way.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all Fathers out there.

May God always be with us and bless us in our endeavors to be the perfect father.

Chaplain Larrie Thomase

Thanks to Paul Harvey for this great insight on fathers.

Editors note: It was our intention to get this Embers issue out prior to Mothers Day with Chaplain Thomase's article about Mothers, however that did not happen. Regardless we still love "Mom" and hope all Mothers had a wonderful day.



Nyman's are winners:

Bill Eckman, National Membership Director announced recently that John and Marianne Nyman won the National Cadet Contest. The Nyman's registered 14 new Cadet members and 7 of those families renewed their membership and paid the \$30 annual fee.

John and Marianne were presented a check for \$500 at Spring Fling. When they attend the National Campvention in Vermont this July they will receive an additional \$250 along with their Campvention fees paid for. Congratulations to them both and **THANKS** for their efforts in promoting membership in FCRV.

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The Cadet membership program is still available. That means members can give prospects 6 months free membership. We hope these new Cadet members will have such a good experience that after 6 months they will pay the \$30 annual fee and continue having fun camping together. All Field Directors have access to the materials with the Cadet registration form, so contact them. We are counting on every member to continue to "give the gift of camping".

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