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FALL STATEWIDE—August 29th—September 1st, 2014 "MILITARY APPRECIATION" Elbert County Fairgrounds - Kiowa, Colorado









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- Friday night fried chicken dinner (Field Staff bring two fruit pies)
 - Door Prizes
 - C.A.M.P. Walk & Bike rides
 - Flag Raising
 - **Project Sales Bongo Boards**
 - Pet Parade
 - Horseshoes Seminars
 - Vendors
 - Hospitalities
 - Saturday Morning Breakfast
 - Youth & Pre-teen Activities
 - Cribbage Craft sales
- Fashion Show by the Gray Wolves
- Teen Activities Casting Contest
 - Photo Contest Bean Bag Toss
- Saturday Night Roast Beef Dinner (Elbert County 4H)
 - Bonfils Blood Bank Bus Teen Queen/King Pageant
- Non-denominational Church Service Memory Bell Ceremony



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Members of Brush's All-America City delegation accept Brush's award for being selected as a 2014 All-America City. (Courtesy photo)

Congratulations to the city of Brush as they become an "2014 All American City!! Brush becoming part of the elite group of 10 communities to receive the award was preceded by more than five months of preparation. After a group of members of National Civic Association met at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Denver recently, they chose Brush along with 9 other cities across the USA to be designated as a "2014 All American City." While we were in Brush for our annual Spring Fling this past month, Ron Prascher, Executive Director of the Brush Chamber of Commerce mentioned to us that they were in the top 25 finalists from all over the United States. The group of cities was narrowed down to the top 10 winners. The All-America award is given to communities for outstanding civic accomplishments. This year's focus was on healthy communities.

Do you suppose that maybe, just maybe this is why we have chosen Brush, Colorado for the past 13 years to hold our Spring Fling campout. The warm welcome that our members always get while attending Spring Fling is fantastic. *Loana Schraeder*

A memorial fund was raised for a family in Brush, who lost their small boy, Andrew Clemons in their home fire several months ago. A total of \$710.00 was collected and several of the folks who had won the Brush Bucks on Saturday night, also donated that money to this fund.

Ron Prascher Executive Director of the Brush Chamber of Commerce Teresa Leake (Gilbert) President of the Brush Chamber of Commerce Chuck Schonberger (Ann) Mayor of Brush Loana Schraeder FCRV Regional & State Director



WINNERS OF BRUSH BUCKS

Kathy Apland—Pikes Peak Rainbows Elaine Hobden—Rolling Springs Jack Vier—Pikes Peak Rainbows Bill Snyder—RV Rascals Linda Anderson—Rolling Springs Ann Bloomfield—Colorado Eagles/ Country Side Runaways Charles Karlstrum—Silver Foxes Margie Reynolds—Unoffiliated



Caring Ministries of Morgan County accepting the non-perishable food items that were donated by our Campers. Over \$800.00 worth of groceries was donated.

Spring Fling Activities







Free Virgin Margarita's - It's 5:00 somewhere!!









Free Friday night dinner for everyone.

Thanks to the Gypsies for cooking and serving. Because of our Corporate Sponsors we are able to do these free events.





Flag Raising at Spring Fling



Spring Fling Project Sales







Conservation Posters

1st place—Don Clough—Silver Riders/Trailblazers 2nd place—Judy Kimzey—Star Chasers 3rd place—Ann Bloomfield—Colorado Eagles Country Side Runaways







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Spring Fling Games

BOLO HORSESHOES



1st place
Sid Walker—Silver Foxes
Carrie Tolzien—Star Gazers
2nd place
Ann Bloomfield—Country Side Runaways
Mark Lieberknecht—Country Side Runaways
3rd place
Chuck Luginbill—Colorado Eagles
Carol Knoll—Colorado Eagles

Photos By Dan & Judy Kimsey



1st place team—RV Rascals 6:46 minutes Bill & Linda Snyder & Bob & Jean Maxwell 2nd place team—Rolling Renegades 7:38 minutes Stan Benson, Jerrilyn Eaton, Lois Weige, & Bob Gandleman 3rd place team—Country Side Runaways 7:56 minutes Jeff & Jonna Bloomfield & Mike & Carol

GOLDEN SKILLET

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PET EXTRAVAGANZA

1st place
Teddy—Dave & Karen Stevens – Pikes
Peak Rainbows
2nd place
Grizzly—Carrie Tolzien—Star Gazers
3rd place
Tia—Debbi Batts—Sundowners















Spring Fling Activities



CAMPING IS POSTER CONTEST

1st place—Aliyah Neff Country Side Runaways 2nd place—Ryleigh Lefkowitz **Country Side Runaways** 3rd place—Colton Neff Country Side Runaways





CADET CONTEST WINNER John & Marianne Nyman receiving their check for \$500.00

"WINDSONG" Entertainment at Spring Fling





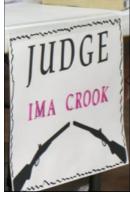
















The Trial of Sticky Fingers

Spring Fling Activities



JoAnne Lien announcing the winner of the Scrapbook Contest, the Star Gazers



CAMP AWARDS Bill Newell awarding the Colorado Eagles the hiking award of 493 miles and the Campfire Coyotes the biking award of 95.6 miles.





Sunday morning Church Services

Photos By Dan & Judy Kimsey

Larrie Thomase, our State chaplain conducted our usual Sunday morning church service.





Coffee and donuts were served to everyone after church. Thanks to the Owner and President & CEO of the International Salon & Spa Academy in Colorado Springs for providing this nice treat for everyone.





John W. Anderson speaks about Ute Indian Prayer Trees

Our 2 displays of our Gold and Silver Sponsors These are displayed at all FCRV State functions

Tim Biles of Pikes Peak Traveland speaks about Staying Connected



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Dog park

Fishing dock

Fitness trail

Mini-golf

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Catch & release fishing

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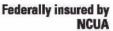
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Spa sites available



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ide Resort Lane s, CO 80524

Colorado State Refiree Rally













WOW! What a week at the Colorado State Retiree Rally held at Lakeside KOA in Ft. Collins. The chosen theme "Life Is A Journey" was based on many of the first people coming into the United States at Ellis Island, then some of them venturing over the Oregon Trail, along the same path many of our fellow members of FCRV from the east, will be traveling on their way to Gillette Wyoming next year.

Mike Ireson presented the basics of getting started searching your family history. He shared many tips and web sites that may be very helpful. He has placed a link on coloradoeagles.org for some of the helpful web sites he referred to. He demonstrated how to scan photos and documents.

Dr. Jeff Broome has been a professor of Philosophy at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado, since 1985. He is a fifth generation Colorado native that has recently finished his third book, Cheyenne War, Indian Raids on the Roads to Denver 1864 to 1869. Many of our group enjoyed his stories and hearing about some of the items he has found in his search.

There were 63 RV's and 122 people that attended this year. KOA Lakeside now includes many amenities that they charged for in recent years. Some of those are Horseshoes, Bo-Lo, Paddle boats, Bumper boats, Volleyball, Miniature golf, and Basketball.

We want to say a special "Thank You" to all of you that helped us with this rally. We really depend on you for help with serving food and clean up. Some of you even helped us load all of those necessary things that we have to have to make it all work, back into our car and motorhome at the close. Several helped setup, cook and serve the closing breakfast. Tuesdays evening's roast beef dinner went well, because of all the willing workers. The Thursdays evening potluck with fried chicken along all of those wonderful Dutch Oven desserts that Dan and Judy Kimzey cooked for us really made the evening special.

We want all of you that were involved in any way with this rally to know how much we appreciate you.

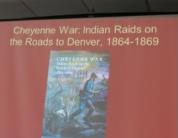
> Carter and Ann Bloomfield Colorado State Retiree Directors Carl Bird Ass't. Colorado State Retiree Director













Colorado State Retiree Rally





Bo-Lo Horseshoes, hosted by the Campfire Coyotes 1st Place: Mary Ann Ferrie and Shirley Stanford of the Rambling Recs 2nd Place: Jim Knoll, CO Eagles and Dan Valencia, Campfire Coyotes

Cribbage, hosted by Grayson and Rae Hartley of the Colorado Eagles 1st Place: Dan Kimzey of the Star Chasers 2nd Place: Jane Schiller of the Campfire Coyotes 3rd Place: Loana Schraeder of the Gypsies

Horseshoes, hosted by Jim and Carol Knoll of the Colorado Eagles Ladies:

1st Place: Rosella Valencia and Janet O Reilly of the Campfire Coyotes 2nd Place: Norma Nowfel and Judy Carroll of the Golden Nuggets

Men:

1st Place: Paul Apland, Pikes Peak Rainbows and Dan Valencia of the Campfire Coyotes

2nd Place: Mike Carroll and Dennis Nowfel of the Golden Nuggets 3rd Place: Red Zyskowski and Rick Stockton of the Ramblin Recs











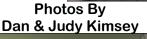
DUTCH OVEN GOODIES Prepared by Dan & Judy Kimzey







THURSDAY NIGHT POTLUCK





**** NATIONAL RETIREE **RALLY 2014 or IMPRESSIONS OF A** FIRST TIMER

The National Retiree Rally at Canton, Texas certainly lived up to the FCRV motto "Where strangers become friends and friends become family"

The atmosphere was festive as around 320 people came in from all over the United States and Canada. It had me laughing so hard that I almost almost felt like a family reunion as friends greeted one another. Everyone was happily visiting with one another as they set up camp, explored old favorites. We had two nights of the grounds, walked their dogs, or rode their bikes. There seemed to be card games or games of dominoes going on all the time in that huge allpurpose building, plus there was a lot of good natured rivalry during the scheduled activities.

One of the scheduled activities was the Frog Race. I was told by someone with a twinkle in his eye that they actually used live frogs and I believed him. My mind raced as I tried to figure out what I would do if my frog got loose from the string. Turned out he was just joshing me.

There was much friendly rivalry as highly competitive teams gathered to play games such as Bocce Ball, Bean Bag Baseball, or Ladder Golf. If you didn't know how to play, you quickly learned!

I swear, I think our members have

discovered the Fountain of Youth somewhere. I never did see a socalled 'old person.' Instead, I found people with a healthy zest for life and nine in her cute little vellow dress. all were eager to meet all that the Retiree Rally had to offer.

We all looked forward to good clean entertainment in the evenings. We started off on Sunday with one of our talented FCRV members sharing good Christian music . We had a humorous speaker the next night who fell off my chair. The Rock and Roll guy showed much energy as he danced along while singing all our good country-western music. We even got to do some line dancing! Willi Walker, of The Silver Foxes, led the way as some of us joined in with the fun Electric Slide and the beautiful Waltz Across Texas.

The Red Hat Luncheon found us all dressed up with our red hats and purple outfits. One lady even had on a pair of lacy red gloves! Colorado's Vodean Benham from Littleton was selected as Oueen Mother. The noise level in that building reached a new high as we all laughed together, told stories, and admired each others cute Red Hat stuff

Even the pets joined in on the fun with a pet parade. One dog proudly wore a First Timer's Ribbon on his vest. Our chapter was especially partial to Russ and Rey Young's little pug. Rev had lovingly spiked his

hair, so he looked really spiffy for the parade. Ron and Heddy Servant's Chihuahua, Emma Lou, was so femi-

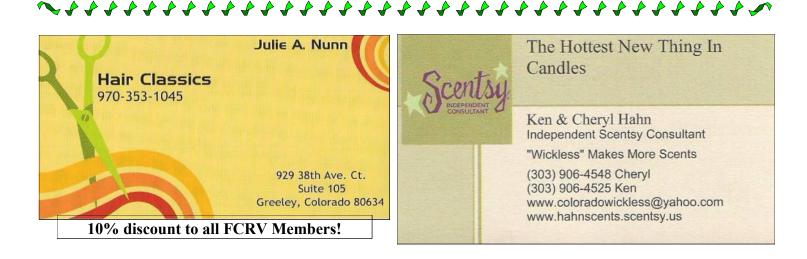
As a First-Timer, I thought the best way to learn what the rally was all about was to volunteer to help out with various activities. I was one of the cheerful volunteers who got to help hand out door prizes and was in my element helping with the two special dinners. A special bond was formed as we volunteers sang in the choir together or modeled in the fashion show. Yep, that was me out there prancing around barefoot modeling the jungle print pedal pushers and sexv top!

After a full day of activities, we usually wound up at Joe and Susan Machado's RV for Happy Hour. We would talk about all the fun things we did that day and make plans for the evening.

Yep, good friends sharing a wonderful experience added up to be a never \checkmark to be forgotten adventure.

I strongly recommend that we all attend next year's Retiree Rally in Tallahassee. It is a long way to go, but it is bound to be warmer than Colorado in March. Besides, I think we all want to enjoy all that life has to offer.and without regret!

Wanda Parkhouse Gray Wolves Chapter





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM ALLIANT CREDIT UNION George & Louann Miller

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Ralph & Barbara Chapman Robert & Kathleen Trice Elza & Martha Wilson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rudy Buhlmann brought in by Chuck & Fredia Thompson Carl & Erica Toureau brought in by Tony & Michelle Demarest Roger & Gabrielle Lyle brought in by the Outlaws Chapter Dave & Daphne Turner brought in by Mary Bernard of the Trailblazers



Dwight Emerling—Father of Tony Emerling of the Star Chasers Dave Monroe – 5/3/14 – Campfire Coyotes Irving Buhlmann – 5/11/14 – Brother of Rudy Buhlmann of the Ute Bobcats Gary Skulborstad – 5/11/14 – Ramblin's Rec's Paul Widger – 5/18/14 – Long time member of the Gray Wolves Nancy Lunacek – 5/25/14 – Long time member of the Silver Foxes Carl Ekstein – 5/26/14 – Star Chasers Bud Rodvold – 5/29/14 – Long time member of the Gray Wolves Larry Cross – 6/3/14 – Trailmix Judy Meuer – 6/11/14 – Long time member of the Columbines

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Rules for Entering Photo Contest

- 1. FCRV members may enter only one photograph per category.
- 2. Photographs must be no larger than 3x5 or 4×6 (standard size)
- 3. There will be one ballot per family to be handed out when you check into the campground
- 4. There will be one family vote for each category.
- 5. Photographs must be turned into Jo Lien (Timberliners) or placed on the photo display table in the building no later than 9:00 am Saturday.
- 6. The owner of the photograph will choose the category in which the photograph will be judged.
- 7. Photographs must have "owners" name and chapter on the back so the photo can be returned.
- 8. Categories are: Funniest, Most Unusual, Most Artistic, Wildlife, and Too Cute for Words.
- 9. No altered photographs allowed.
- 10. There will not be a separate grouping for youth. Each photo should be judged on the merits of the photograph, not the age of the photographer.
- 11. Votes should be placed in the box next to the photo display no later than 3:00 pm Saturday.

GENERATOR AREA

We will provide an area for complete generator use again this year at Statewide. If you want to be parked in a remote area to run generators 24 hours, just let the parking people know when you come into the fairgrounds. If your entire chapter wants to park in that area just let us know ahead of time so we can pre-plan for that.

Please bring non-perishable food items & school supplies to support the Elbert County Community

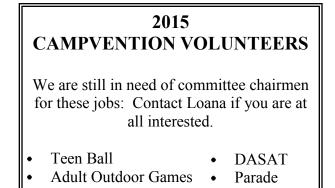
We will have tables inside the (AG) building to place these items. Ladies from the extension office will come out on Monday morning and package up everything and distribute the items to the right food banks and schools. We appreciate any donations that you can provide, it is so much appreciated by those in need.

WHAT TO BRING TO STATEWIDE!!

• Money to support chapter project sales

- Each chapter to bring two (2) door prizes (unwrapped) worth at least \$10.00 each
 - Each field director to bring two (2) fruit pies for Friday Night Dinner
 - (Turn in pies at the EX bldg. at 4:00 pm on Friday)
 - Each person please donate <u>adult</u> bingo prizes
 - Each person please donate kids bingo prizes









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APPLICATION FORM FOR VENDOR BOOTHS/PROJECT SALES

If you are planning on having a vendor booth at Spring Fling, please attach this application to your registration form and indicate whether you need electricity or not. We are very limited on space in the building so please register your booth along with your camping registration so that we can plan ahead of time. Commercial vendors need to furnish their own tables.

If you are going to need space for your chapter project sales, please let us know that as well by attaching this form to your camping registration. Tables will be available for chapter project sales.

If you do not need electricity, please don't set up your booth along the outside walls.

Commercial vendors must *include the fees* for your booth along with your registration to Vodean Benham.

Name:	
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_____ Chapter: _____

 Address:
 ______City:
 State:
 Phone :

Booth Fees for each

10x10 space FCRV member \$25

Non-member \$100

Only one person from the chapter to register for your project sales.

10 X 10 Commercial Vendor booth: How many?

With electricity [] Without electricity []

Chapter project sales: With electricity [] Without electricity [] (Chapters do not pay a booth fee for project sales)

Fall Statewide 2014 is quickly approaching and we would like to remind all of the chapters to submit their Teen Queen and Teen King registration forms no later than August 1, 2014

We are very excited to add the teen kings to this year's Fall Statewide Teen Royalty Contest. Each of the registered state teen kings will compete in all 5 portions of the contest: interview, tea, skills challenge, confidence and formal wear. Each of the registered state teen queens will compete in all 5 portions of the contest: interview, tea, talent, poise and confidence and formal wear.

The interview will consist of the Colorado Teen Directors introducing the contestant to the judges by first name and contestant number. The judges will then have a question/answer session lasting 3 minutes with each contestant. The interview will be followed by a tea. The tea is not a judged portion for the contest however, the judges are present. Following the tea the contestants will have a gift exchange. The gift exchange is done between the contestants. The teen director will let each king know how many queens/kings are competing. The gift is usually something of interest to the participant with an approximate value of \$5. The afternoon portion for the contest consists of the talent competition for the queens and the skills competition for the kings. There will be various practice challenges however the actual skill to be performed by the kings during the competition will not be known prior to the contest. The participant will have 3 minutes to complete the challenge. They will be judged on 5 different parts of this challenge.

The evening portion of the contest will consist of the confidence portion and the formal wear portion of the contest. During the confidence competition each queen/king will be given a t-shirt and will be instructed on what to wear for shorts or pants prior to Fall Statewide. They will also be given 3 essay subjects. They will need to prepare prior to arrival a 1 - 2 minute essay. The essay should be typed as they will be asked to read a well prepared essay. Points will be deducted for every 15 seconds over 2 minutes. The essay will be timed on an individual basis by the Colorado Teen Directors prior to the evening presentation. The formal wear contest will take place following the confidence portion. Each king will wear a coat and tie and each queen should wear a floor length evening gown. They will also need to have an escort for this portion of the contest. The escort can be a parent, a member from their chapter, or another teen however, it should NOT be one of the queen/king contestants.

At the completion of the contest the top 3 queen and top 3 teen king contestants with the highest cumulative point totals will be announced and each be asked 1 final question. Once the final scores are tabulated the top 3 contestants for Teen Queen and Teen King will be announced.

Teen Queen contestants: 2nd Runner-Up 1st Runner-Up **2014-2015 Colorado FCRV Teen Queen** Teen King contestants: 2nd Runner-Up 1st Runner-Up 2014-2015 Colorado FCRV Teen King

We are looking forward to our First Annual Colorado FCRV Teen Queen and Teen King competition. If you have any questions please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Ron & Carla Martinez rcfishin@comcast.net

Ron & Carla Martinez FCRV Teen Directors 1424 James Way Erie, Co 80516



Chapters with teens

Please encourage your teens to participate in the Teen King and Queen contest!

Teen Queen Tips

STATEWIDE is just around the corner and time to think about being Miss Colorado FCRV 2014/2015. The pageant is held at the Statewide campout over the Labor Day weekend. Below are some tips for our 13-19 year old girls, and some suggestions for the Chapters that sponsor them.

For the girls!

- Decide NOW if you want to compete for the title, Miss Colorado FCRV 2013
- Talk to your Parents and get their approval and support.
- Talk with your Chapter about their help and support.
- Decide what your talent presentation will be. Select a skill that you are very good at and comfortable doing. It can be anything from singing, dancing, reciting a poem or displaying and talking about a skill you have. If you make your own clothing then show it off and talk about it. Anything that you are at ease doing.
- Talk with Mom & Dad about what you are choosing to do for your talent presentation and get their opinion

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, AND BE READY.

- Ask your Chapter to help you by letting you perform in front of them and also talking with you and asking you questions. This will help you be more comfortable talking in front of people.
- Be sure to send your Teen Queen Registration Form back by the requested date.
- Arrive at Statewide with everything you need for the Pageant.
- Be sure you have everything you need for your talent presentation. (Don't forget the proper undergarments for your dress)
- Bring your best smile and come prepared to have a good time.

For Chapters!

- If you have girls between the ages 13-19 in your Chapter, talk with them about representing you in the Teen Queen Pageant at the Statewide campout. Encourage them to be part of the program.
- If you have a young lady to represent your Chapter, please give her all the encouragement and help that you can.
- Ask her to perform her talent for the Chapter at a meeting or campout.
- Take time to talk with her when the Chapter is present, this gives her an opportunity to get more comfortable talking in front of people.
- Ask questions about different subjects, this would make that portion of the pageant much easier for her.
- Most important be at the pageant and support your girl.



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ADDRESS:				
CHAPTER:				
AGE: DATE OF BIRTH:				
PARENT/GARDIAN NAME:				
PHONE NUMBERS (HOME)((CELL)			
SCHOOL:	GRADE:			
EMPLOYED? YESN0EMPLOYER:				
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?:				
AMBITIONS:				
HOBBIES:				
T-SHIRT SIZE:				
TEEN QUEEN REGISTRANT TALENT TO BE PRESENTED:				
TEEN KING REGISTRANTS WILL HAVE SKILL COMPETITIONS INSTEAD OF A TALENT				
NUMBER IN FAMILY: NUMBER OF YEARS THE FAMILY HAS BEEN MEMBERS OF FCF	RV:			
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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 1st 2014



COLORADO CRUISERS CHAPTER April and May NEWS

The first campout of the season was held at Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA 25-27 April. The Wagon





Masters were Rick and Kathy Boatwright, along with Co-Hosts Chuck and Marilyn Clark. With 8 guests, we had a total of 33 in our group at this campout! The theme was Happy Trails, A Cowboys Campout. Saturday morning, Ron and Heddy Servant made a trip to the VA hospital with donations. Later on that morning, several ladies joined to learn how to crochet from Kathy Boatwright. In the afternoon, even with high winds, the kids competed in a game of BOLO, and had a great time doing so! The winners were given awards at the meeting Saturday night.

Dinner was hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, of course, and all the fixins'! It was great to get together after the long winter that just didn't want to leave. After dinner the campground hosted Bingo, and invited all to join. ¹/₄ of the proceeds went to KOA Care Camps for Kids with Cancer, and ¹/₄ went to the VFW.



On the third weekend in May, we met at Royal View Campground on Highway 50 north of Canon City. The campground is set back from the highway a good piece, and there was an outcropping that gave an incredible view of the Royal Gorge. Tom and Roxene Ballard were our Wagon Masters this time, with Wedding Reception as the theme. We had 23 of our own members attending, and 3 guests from the Rolling Springs Chapter shared dinner with us.

Saturday there was a lot going on in nearby Canon City – a classic car show, wine tasting, and a festival. Some of our group took in some holes at a nearby golf course. The weather was fabulous, so it was great to have so many options for outdoor activities.

Saturday night dinner was held in one of the meeting rooms. There were old and new photos of the couples, to see if we could figure out who everyone was. Some shared their wedding memories, and some funny how-we-met stories. There was cake, of course, and lots of "Reception" type foodies to enjoy, and even some 'bubbly' to cheer in the memories.

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MAY - COLORADO CITY KOA

Star Gazers had a great fun weekend in May. Sixteen RVs travelled to Colorado City KOA for the weekend. The weather was beautiful, which doesn't always happen in May.

On Saturday we all drove to Bishop Castle to tour that very unusual attraction. Visitors to Bishop Castle see a monumental hand-built castle in



stone and iron, including three full stories of interior rooms complete with a grand ballroom, soaring towers and bridges with vistas of a hundred miles. (And a fire breathing dragon!)

Saturday night we partook in the delicious dinner prepared by the KOA campground hosts. After dinner, we played a lively round of miniature golf, complete with flashing golf balls, as it was completely dark! Sunday morning we all ate breakfast, again prepared by the campground hosts.

The weekend was hosted by the "red shirts" (field directors and teen directors) with 25 members and 2 guests camping.

GOODY BAGS

The annual stuffing of the goody bags was done on May 11 at Sapp Brothers. This is our now familiar ritual of gathering all the donations for the Spring Fling goody bags and creating an assembly line to



stuff the bags. This year there were lots of really nice donations, and the group hopes the attendees to Spring Fling will find some useful and fun items in their bags.

SPRING FLING

The chapter members who attended Spring Fling had a great time this year. We really enjoyed the rock and roll band on Saturday night.

We were also quite proud of Gayla Henry for her hard work on our scrapbook. It was awarded 1st place and will be going to Vermont to Nationals.

Fling and they were unable to attend. Other Star Gazers stepped up and helped out in their place. A big thank you to Geri Noland for helping Gary Walter with the survival seminar for the teens. The teens seemed to enjoy their bracelets.

Our chapter bake sale went over very well. We have discovered that pies are far and away the most popular item, and this year they sold out in less than 10 minutes.

Rick Hays got kudos for his remodel on the State Trailer. It looks very nice and well arranged. The trailer is now at Vivian and Roy Crouse's home in Colorado Springs.

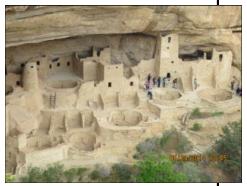
TRIP TO MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Over Memorial Day, a group of 9 Star Gazers travelled with RVs to southwestern Colorado to visit the Mesa Verde cliff dwellings. We all arrived at Mesa Verde RV Park on Friday, May 23. Mike Anderson treated us all for dinner by making Navajo tacos from scratch on the grill. Delicious!!

On Saturday, we took a ranger-led tour of Cliff Palace, one of 5 cliff dwellings that are open to the public. This is the largest cliff dwelling in North America. The tour involved descending uneven stone steps and climbing wooden ladders, and was well worth the effort to see this well-preserved ancient home of the ancestral Pueblo people.

Sunday was a drizzly rainy day, so we each did our own exploration of choice, some visiting Durango, others the Four Corners.

Monday, which was Memorial Day, we toured another site, Long House. This was a longer more in-depth tour, with more ladders and stone steps. The rangers are all very knowledge-able and entertaining. Monday night, the campground owners provided a big barbecue/pot-luck for all those staying at the campground. We had worked up an appetite, so that was quite welcome.



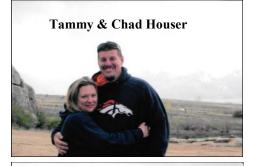
On Tuesday, everyone headed for home after a long weekend of fun, exploration and a new respect for the history of a very unique part of our beautiful state.

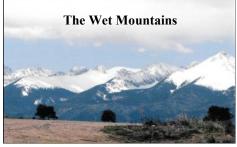
Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers Secretary











Laura McKinney & Kathy Clemons



WEEKEND WARRIORS

The Weekend Warriors go boondocking in Westcliff for the May 2014 Campout.

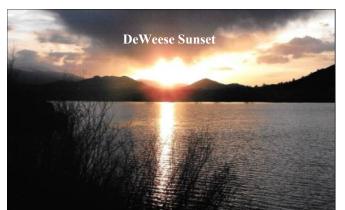
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"I close my eyes and peace descends, I'm at Lake DeWeese once more...."

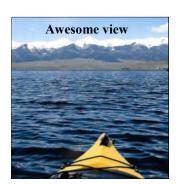
Tammy & Chad Houser were the Wagonmasters this month. We all enjoyed the meeting for breakfast instead of a dinner gathering. We were shown how to boil "Omelets" in a bag and everything was delicious for the breakfast potluck.

The view of the Wet Mountains were absolutely spectacular! It is the poetry of nature that lifts the spirit within us. Nothing like camping with friends!!

















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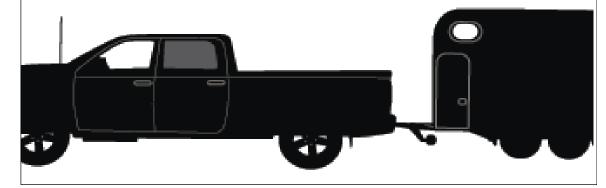
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6 tortillas
1⁄2 lb. cheddar cheese, coarsely grated
1/3 c. water



Brown beef, onion and garlic. Add salt, pepper, chile powder, olives and tomato sauce. Simmer 5 minutes. Alternate tortillas, meat sauce and cheese in round 2 quart casserole, ending with cheese. Add water. Cover and bake at 400° for 30 minutes. May be made ahead except for water and stored in refrigerator: add 15 minutes baking

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Chapter News

Trailblazer News

The Trailblazer camping season is in full swing! Our first camping trip to Colorado City KOA in April had an excellent turnout. A big "Thank You" to Ken and Jerri Harper and Jim and Jane Juresek for hosting this campout! We welcomed guests Dave and Daphne Turner who are prospective new members.

Unfortunately, we had a lot of wind during our stay which made outside activities difficult. Instead, we made use of the Colorado City KOA's wonderful Social Hall. We played an exciting game of Polish Poker in which Jane Juresk and Ray Walkowski were the winners. Next we played a rousing game of "31" which Rosemary Walkowski handily won. Even Trailblazers who don't consider themselves card players got involved and had a great time! A "Who's the Baby?" photo contest was sponsored by the hosts. Everyone attending the campout was asked to



bring a baby picture of themselves. The pictures were posted and during the campout, individuals were invited to write down their guesses. Judy Banta correctly identified the most pictures (she said they were just lucky guesses!) - while Vicki Patterson and Dave Turner tied for second. On our last full day of the campout, a great breakfast was provided by the KOA (very reasonably priced!) for those who didn't want to cook that morning! Judging by the turnout, most of our members opted to have someone else cook breakfast for them!

Our first campout of the season was a huge success. It was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and of course, food -- lots of it!!! Chalk

Creek Campground in Nathrop, CO, was our destination for May. We couldn't have asked for nicer weather! We were able to hold all of our activities outdoors. Paul and Beverly Hassler and Ray and Rosemary Walkowski did a terrific job putting this campout together. Thank you for everything!

We had a very enjoyable first evening together, sharing "heavy hors d'oeuvres" (nobody had to cook that night) -- and our nightly campfire. We feel fortunate





to have our own "Mr. Pyro" (AKA Merle Newton) doing the honors getting our nightly camp-

fires burning brightly! Chalk Creek Campground has a very handy group campfire area that we used every night while we were there.

The campground is surrounded by beautiful views of the mountains! We thoroughly enjoyed our morning walks in and around the campground. Our customary potluck lunch was centered around barbequing hamburgers and hotdogs. Wielding the spatula and tongs (and doing a mighty fine job!) were Paul Hassler and Ray Walkowski! We have terrific cooks in the Trailblazers and had lots of delicious dishes to accompany the hamburgers and hotdogs. Everyone was ready

for a hammock and a nap after that wonderful meal!

On our last full day our hosts provided a variety of breakfast breads along with coffee and various juices. Afterwards, several of our members took the opportunity to visit the Chalk Cliffs Fish Hatchery near the campground. The hatchery staff were kind enough to provide us with pails of fish food. It was great fun to walk around the many ponds of the hatchery and feeding the fish. Several geese along with their offspring took full advantage of sharing the snack with the fish. All in all, this was a very enjoyable way to spend part of an afternoon. On our last night the owners of the campground organized a potluck for everyone. Needless to say, the Trailblazers participated. Everyone had something to contribute and no one went away hungry. After dinner, there was a game of Polish Poker, the evening campfire -- and lights out!

The Trailblazers are looking forward to hosting the 2014 Southern Colorado Retiree Rally which takes place September 22-25 at the Colorado City KOA. All you southern chapters, make sure you get your reservations in by July 15!

We'll be heading to Buena Vista for our next campout in June! We're all looking forward to another excellent adventure! Happy Camping from the Trailblazers!



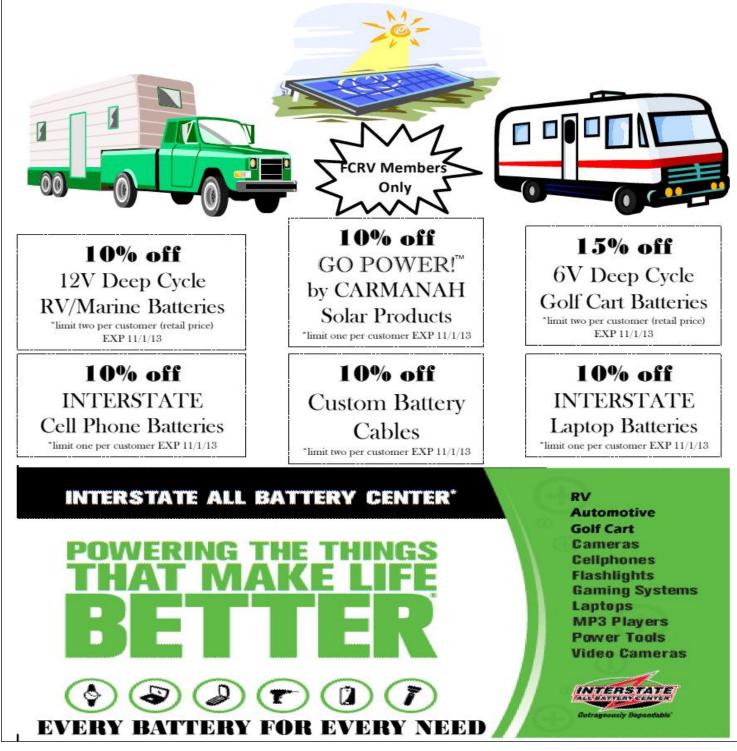
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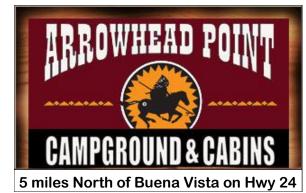
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$\operatorname{Sep} 22^{\operatorname{nd}} - 25^{\operatorname{th}}$	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA
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$\operatorname{Sep} 26^{\mathrm{th}} - 28^{\mathrm{th}}$	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA
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COLORADO EAGLES CHAPTER NEWS

At last, camping has begun! First stop is Spring Fling. Some of the group arrived a day early so the rest received a warm welcome. Of course there are always the surprise repairs to be done. This time it was one refrigerator and one water heater leak. With all tools on deck so to speak the repairs were dispatched with great efficiency. Come game time on Saturday the wind was still with us so the Bolo Horseshoes and "Golden Skillet" contests were "entertaining" and always fun to watch. Sunday was for saying goodbye's until next year to our new friends and old.

Our next stop is Garden of the Gods RV Park and this outing was hosted by Carol and Jim Knoll and Cris and Frances Crisswell. We will be joined by two prospective couples, Vilma & Tim Budzynaki and Michael & JoAnn Adolf and the Wright's who will arrive on Monday. After everyone got settled it was time for Bolo Hoseshoes and Bean Bag Toss with the non-participants seated in the shade. With the general harassment of the players the discussion under the trees eventually led to "where do we eat dinner"? This is the Eagles and besides sightseeing, food is 1st or 2nd on our list of fun things. Which is one or two depends on the time of day. The decision was made to do BBQ at Rudy's tonight. Rudy's is family style seating where you pick up your food and then find a place to sit. We were fortunate to find a place we could sit together.

Monday is what we call a free day. That means nothing scheduled but lots of time to relax and visit and get ready for dinner at a Mexican restaurant only about 2 blocks away. We ate on the patio beside a stream with a squirrel running aound keeping an eye on everyone. The food was good also.

Tuesday we are off to the Pro Rodeo Museum. There was a lot to see and read (you could probably spend a full day if you read everything). There was also a movie to give you an over view of Rodeo life. Now back to the park so everyone can get their food ready for the Pot Luck. The Knolls and the Crisswells provided hamburgers and brats with all the fixings. The group really out did themselves with all the side dishes and desserts. After dinner there were games to be

played and more visiting time.

Wednesday - Today is a tour of the Olympic Training Center. There are 3 facilities, here in the Springs, and one in California and one in New York. The cost to operate all three is \$192,000,000! The pool holds just under 1,000,000 gallons of water. It takes 24 hours with 2 fire hoses on full blast to fill it. The requirement for living there full time is to be in the top 10% of your field and be nominated by the group that oversees your particular sport. Dinner ended up being at the RV Park! On Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday after Memorial Day they have a BBQ there. What a nice surprise.

Thursday's first stop is the Mining Museum. We had a tour guide who was fantastic and gave us lots of great information. There were also working machines that she turned on and ex-



plained how they worked and what they were for. They also had 3 tables set up so you could try your hand at gold panning. After the tour we went outside where Chimney Swifts were building nests beside the exposed beams of the building. Up on the hill behind the Museum is a working stamp mill. We missed seeing it working by about 30 minutes, **bummer**. There are several outbuildings; one is a barn where 2 burros live.

Second stop is the Air Force Academy Visitors Center. There was a video about a year in the life of a cadet which was very interesting. After that we walked around looked at lots of pictures of how the Academy began and reading about it, you realize you could easily spend 2 days there if you read everything. We were hungry and they have a Subway down from the gift shop. Yeah for food!

Friday - Time to say goodbye to everyone and hope the Budzynaki's and the Adolf's enjoyed their time with the Eagles. This evening the news said that Manitou Springs, the town just up the hill from the RV Park, got so much rain that they had flooding. We wondered if the RV Park had any water problems and maybe we left just in time.

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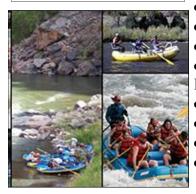
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and pay only the registration fee of \$15.00.

If you are coming out for the day only, you must pay a daily fee of \$5.00. The daily fee is for the whole family. When you arrive, please register at the information table in the main building and pay your daily fee. This fee is on the honor system, we are not going to chase you down to collect the \$5.00. Fees and registrations are one of the most important sources of revenue that pay the expenses of Colorado FCRV.

Deadline to pre-register is August 22nd Last Name ______ Spouse ______ Address_____City___State___Zip____ Phone (____)___Chapter Type of Camper _____ Handicap w/Electrical [] \$5.00 per night Size of Camper ______ ft # Slide outs _____ Handicap only [] Electric only [] \$5.00 per night Reason for requiring handicap and/or electricity_____ # of adults # of youth # of pre-teens # of teens Youth Youth Pre-teen Teens Teens 0-5 6-8 9-12 13-15 16-19 Female Male (Only Camping Fees are refundable in case of Medical/Family emergency, you will be reimbursed for all except the meals & registration fee which is \$15 of above fees.) Gluten free meals (please ask before you are served): must pre-pay meals (no refunds, & none will be available at gate) *Friday Night Chicken Dinner* Sponsored by the Colorado Field Staff (state fund raiser) # adults ____ x \$7.00 = _____ # children (11 and under) ____ x \$3.00 = \$_____ for a total of \$_____ Saturday Morning Breakfast Sponsored by the Silver Foxes (state fund raiser) # adults _____ x \$6.00 = _____ Any family of four or more will pay only \$23.00 for a total of \$_____ Meal includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and coffee. Saturday Night Beef Dinner (children under 3 are free) Sponsored by the Elbert County 4H clubs. # adults _____x \$12.00 = ______ # children (3-11) _____x \$5.00 = \$ ______ for a total of \$ ______ Saturday night catered beef dinner includes beef with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, tossed salad, brownies for dessert, iced tea or lemonade. Price includes gratuity and all applicable taxes. **GRAND TOTAL** (Camping fees + Optional Meals) \$_____ Make checks payable to Colorado Chapters of FCRV Mail to: Vodean Benham, 5452 S. Camargo Rd, Littleton, CO 80123 In order to camp with your chapter you must pre-register by the deadline of August 22nd (must be received by August 22nd)

otherwise you may be put into the overflow section. This is dry camping (no electric or water). There are limited electric hookups in the handicap area for those with medical need for electric. All other handicap spaces will provide a closer location to the buildings. <u>IMPORTANT!</u> Please include with your registration a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope for confirmation.

Parking will begin promptly on Friday at 10 a.m. and no RVs will be parked after 8 p.m. You will be parked in an overflow area and then you will be moved the next morning to your assigned campsite.

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Over 2,000 years ago a young 35 year old man wanted freedom for all men and women. He wanted man to be free from sin, oppression, slavery, and all manner of worldly evil. This man called Jesus the Christ paid the price for that freedom with His life on the cross. A group of men we called our founding fathers believed in this freedom and brought Christ's concept to a new land believing that all men should be free. This land of the brave and the free became the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. From the founding of our country to this day, our young men and women of the military have fought and died to secure that concept of freedom for all men and women. In the words of John F Kennedy, "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, is the path of surrender, or submission." We all know far too well the price of our freedom, and are thankful to our military for paying it. Never forget, our freedom is the greatest essential to human dignity and human happiness, and it is the greatest gift that Christ and our founding fathers ever gave us. We have been given a great gift and should be willing to pass it on to others, and know this, he who has lost this freedom has nothing else to lose but his own life. As we celebrate this 4th of July, let us remember it is a day to be thankful that we are blessed with this freedom, and for the ones who paid the price in the past and will in the future.

Chaplain Thomase

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A. AND OUR TROOPS. Have a safe and great 4th of July.

Where Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family