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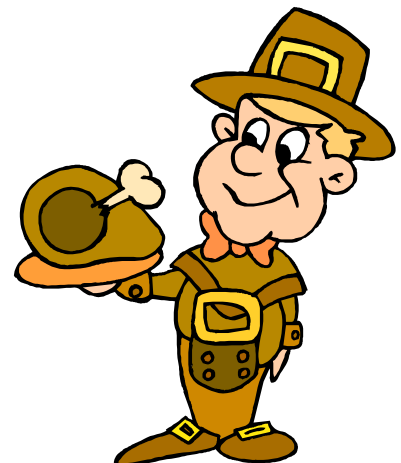
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## The Chaplin's Corner

Christmas is a time of giving more than receiving. We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers.

Calvin Coolidge once stated it this way, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward of what he gave".

God gave us the gift of peace and good will towards mankind in the person of Christ Jesus, his only son. This is where we get the word Christmas, meaning Christ's birth.

On December 25<sup>th</sup> we will all celebrate Christmas in many different ways. We will spend a lot of time and money getting that special gift for Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma, our children, grandchildren, other family members and friends because we all want to be known as a giver of good gifts, but is that the spirit of the true Christmas, is a gift not given from the true heart a good gift after all?

Consider this option: This year let us all step past the cost and family and look outside of our comfortable homes for that someone who could most use gifts given from our hearts, like the Village where they have to drink from a contaminated river or pond. Could they not use the gift of a well flowing with fresh water, or the sick who have no money for a Doctor could use the gift of medical care, the homeless and hungry the gift of food and shelter? I could go on and on with the needs for Christmas gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves, so as we sit around the Christmas tree opening our gifts, I hope we all will have sent something to comfort some other person with a gift from our hearts and in the spirit of Christmas. Let us be the givers of God's gifts, Peace, Goodwill and Love toward all mankind whoever and wherever they may be.

From our family to yours have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Chaplain Larrie Thomase



## CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP and PLANNING MEETING

February 21, 2015 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Arvada Presbyterian Church

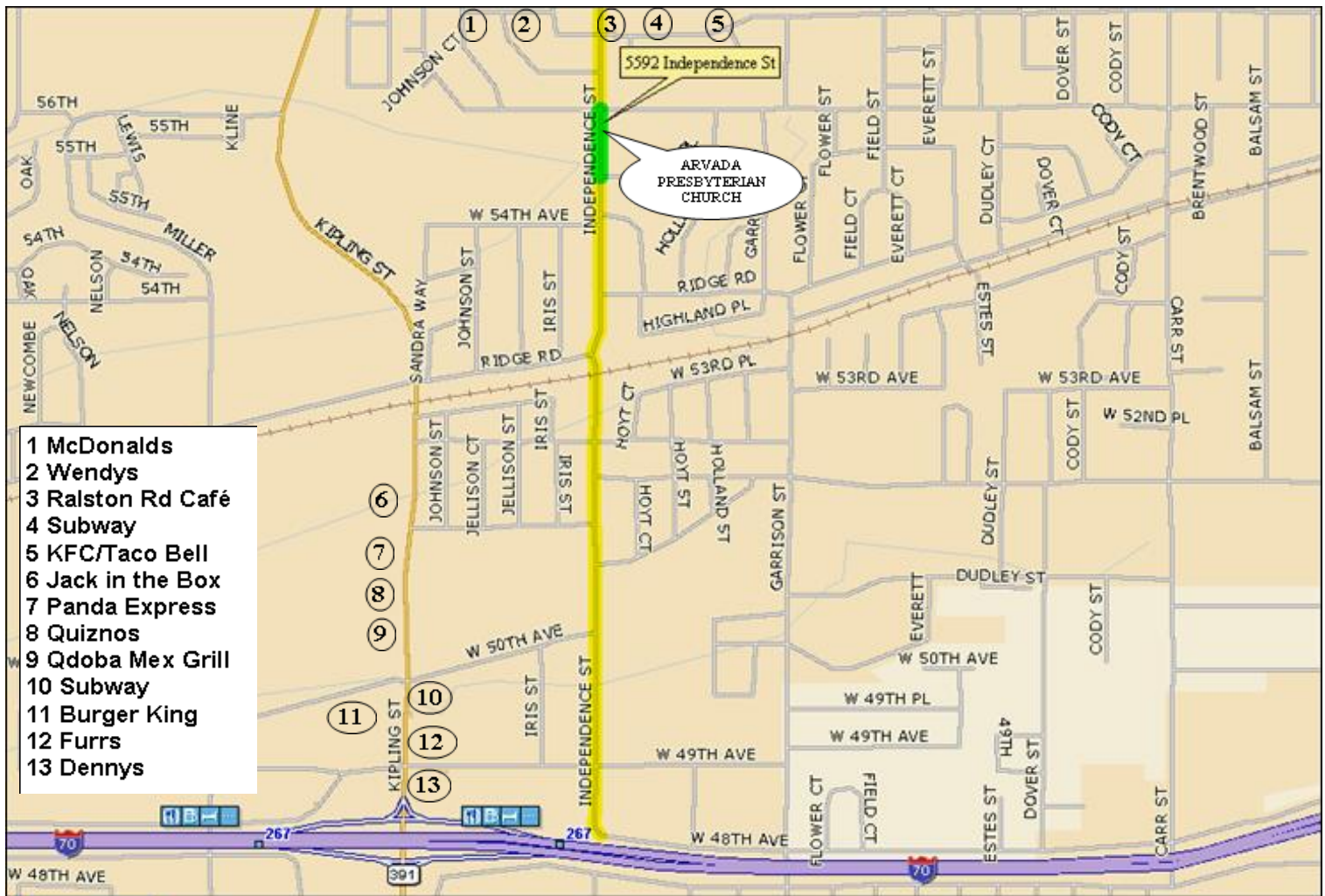
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Nearly all of the chapters have completed their elections by this time, so it's time to share those responsibilities with new officers. The first half of the workshop will be geared to the chapter officers and non-chapter members, while the second 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. **We plan to finish up by 3:30 PM.** ***At 3:30 PM we will meet with the 2015 Campvention Team Leaders and Committee Chairman/Cochairman.***

Bring a sack lunch or visit several fast-food restaurants within a mile and half from the church. Coffee and lemonade will be furnished. 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
Saturday morning breakfast	No	Yes
Friday night dinner	Yes	Yes
Saturday night catered dinner	Yes	No
Different games/activities	Yes	Yes
Clean up	One person from each chapter	One person from each chapter



## Southern Colorado Retiree Rally

The Trailblazers hope that everyone had a great time at the Rally! We know we did! Thank you to all those who attended. First, A BIG thank you to Judy Banta for doing such a great job as Rally Chairperson! Judy spent a lot of time and effort to make sure everyone had a memorable experience! We had forty rigs attending! Every rig was presented with a "goody bag" when they registered. Cathy Vegvary solicited generous donations from Camping World. They provided all the great bags, the drink cozies, key chains, and four camping chairs for our Rally. Current, Inc. donated note cards, wrapping paper, stickers, and discount coupons. The Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park donated chap stick, hand sanitizer, and bag clips. Woodland Park library donated bookmarks. Thank you to Sue Frindt for getting the Woodland Park donations. Members of the Trailblazers also furnished some great items for the bags. Geri Brown made the potholders and also donated the butterfly notepads. Jeri Harper and Eve Humiston donated handmade dishcloths. Sue Menke donated the Crested Butte Wildflower Guides. Thank you all!

Monday evening was a light dinner, with everyone bringing an appetizer. An Ugly Shirt Contest was held after everyone had a chance to eat and visit. Our winners were Hank Stamps, Carter and Ann Bloomfield, and Ron Frindt. The Trailblazer "Ready for Prime Time" Performers presented a skit that had son (Larry Menke) and daughter (Judi Smaldino) trying to talk their parents (Ron and Sue Frindt) out of RVing and Full-timing! Jeri Harper accompanied them on keyboards. What great fun! The evening then continued with Card Bingo with Mike Smaldino and Bob Vegvary handling the card calling! We had lots of winners!

On Tuesday morning, John Goodwin of "MD for RV's" came down from Colorado Springs and hosted a Q & A session to answer anything and everything concerning RVs! Afterwards, he spent the rest of the day going to different rigs answering specific questions, solving problems, and fixing issues—all free of charge! Thank you, John! You really helped a lot of us!

Later in the afternoon, we held an exchange for puzzles, books, and CDs. Any items not taken were donated to the KOA and a local retirement home. Bolo Golf and Bean Bag Baseball tournaments were held in the afternoon. Bolo Golf winners were Carter and Ann Bloomfield and Runners-Up Steve and Carol Passon. (This reporter apologizes for not having the winners and runners-up names for the Bean Bag Baseball game.)

That night we had a fantastic potluck dinner! There were so many different kinds of food and no one went hungry! For the evening's entertainment, we did a takeoff from Family Feud: Retiree Feud! During our summer campouts, Judy Banta spent many hours passing out questionnaires to collect the answers that were asked during Retiree Feud. Now that's real dedication!

We had great questions with surprising answers! Do you know that there are people out there that have seen Bigfoot? Or that a spouse has been the reason for a less than great camping trip? Who would have thought? Thank you to our MC, Judy Banta, and helpers Cathy and Bob Vegvary and Sue Frindt. It was a very fun evening with a lot of laughter! Coffee and tea were provided every morning in the Social Hall. For those feeling up to it, a fun walk was scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Thank you to Paul and Beverly Hassler for leading the walks.

On Wednesday, we had a healthy salad luncheon followed by a silent auction. The Trailblazers did a great job collecting and donating items for the auction. Special thanks to Rose Stamps and Betty Newton for spearheading this endeavor. Also, thank you to Rosemary Walkowski, Sue Menke, and Jeri Harper was being there when it mattered! Many hands make light work!

Everyone had a great time! All proceeds from the auction are going to be donated to various charities. Watch for the next issue of the Embers and we'll let you know what charities benefitted from your generosity.

Next on the agenda, we had a wonderful presentation by volunteers from the Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo. We would like to thank husband and wife team, Pat and Kate, for coming down to the Colorado City KOA with some of their friends. They brought Lurch, a turkey vulture, Theo, a falcon, and Guffy, a big-horned owl. Pat and Kate did a terrific job of educating us about these birds and how they came to be at the Raptor Center. They were both very knowledgeable about the birds and the Raptor Center. It was a very enjoyable afternoon being able to see these birds up close and learning so much about them.

To cap off the day, we had great entertainment on Wednesday night! "Don't call me a senior, I'm generation S", was the theme for the evening presented by Joe Uveges, well-known singer and songwriter from Colorado Springs, and his daughter, Katie, a terrific singer and musician. It was the perfect ending of a truly wonderful Rally. Joe and Katie outdid themselves singing and making us all laugh! They had us joining in and singing with them on several songs that all of us were familiar with. Joe and Katie are wonderful entertainers and thoroughly enjoyed them both.

Then it was time for all good things to come to an end. Thursday morning the Trailblazers provided a huge variety of breakfast breads, coffee, tea, and juice for departing Rally attendees. It was good to get together one more time and say our good-byes. What a great Rally! Thank you to everyone who came and thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success!

Thank you to Elena and all the staff at the Colorado City KOA for making this a successful Rally!



## SOUTHERN RETIREE RALLY



Monday evening get-together light dinner/finger foods



Winners of the Ugly Shirt Contest:  
Hank Stamps, Carter Bloomfield,  
Ann Bloomfield, Ron Frindt



Trailblazer "Ready for Primetime"  
Performers: (L-R): Ron Frindt, Sue  
Frindt, Jeri Harper, Judi Smaldino,  
and Larry Menke



Enjoying the Salad Bar  
Luncheon



Auction Organizers: (L-R):  
Betty Newton and Rose Stamps



Auction Volunteers: (L-R):  
Rosemary Walkowski, Sue Menke,  
Rose Stamps, Jeri Harper,  
and Betty Newton



Pat with Theo, a Falcon, from  
Pueblo Nature & Raptor Center



Presentation from the Nature  
& Raptor Center in Pueblo



Guffy, a Great Horned Owl



Lurch, a Turkey Vulture



Joe Uveges and daughter, Katie, entertaining at the Rally



Kate, with Guffy, a Great Horned  
Owl, from the Pueblo Nature and  
Raptor Center



Paul Hassler  
sampling the  
Trailblazer's  
Bodacious  
Breakfast  
Breads



Visiting over coffee and breakfast breads  
on the last morning of the Rally



Bolo Golf Champions:  
Carter and Ann Bloomfield  
Consolation: Steve & Carol Passon



# Chapter News

## HI-COUNTRY CAMPERS—2014

We had a fun year starting at the Lakeside KOA, Fort Collins. It was a bit cool but a good time was had by all. We had dinner at Vern's in La Porte. Later that evening we played cards. That was followed by Spring Fling where we enjoyed good weather. The Hi-County Campers then headed up I25 to Terry Bison Ranch near Cheyenne, WY.

Then we headed South of Colorado Springs to the Golden Eagle CG home of the May Natural History Museum.

We then gathered at Mountain Dale CG where we enjoyed another great pot luck dinner. We then headed East for State Wide in Kiowa. Where we played and encouraged others. The country band Colorado Storm was very good and several of us did get a chance to dance. Our camping season ended with beautiful weather at Boyd Lake State Park. October meeting was held at the home of the Hunters and the Pughs and Keefes will be hosting the November/December meeting and Christmas party. Our Club will be donating \$20.00 per couple to a food bank to be determined later. 2015 promises to be a good year to camp and associate with good friends.

**Apr-Fort Collins, Lakeside KOA.**

**May-is the Spring Fling**

**Jun-has yet to be determined**

**Jul -Campvention 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug-Manor RV in Estes Park**

**Sep-Has not been determined**

**Oct- Parish Ranch in Berthoud**





# Chapter News

## STAR GAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

### 2014 STATEWIDE



Star Gazers had a fantastic Statewide this year! We had 9 RVs in attendance. It was a beautiful weekend, so we were able to enjoy all the indoor and outdoor activities. In addition to our usual tasks with security, teen activities, royalty pageant and doggy poop buckets, Star Gazers participated in Pet Parade (won 3 ribbons by Noland and McCuskey dogs); Horseshoes (with Carrie Tolzien winning a ribbon in singles); Bean Bag Toss; and Bongo Boards.

We hosted a hospitality to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. We served two huge delicious cakes made and decorated by Star Gazer Tina Hosford. The hungry crowd devoured every crumb! We also served tea and lemonade and handed out flamingo suckers.

Due to an unfortunate accident to one of the teen queen contestants, and royalty pageant was postponed until next year's Spring Fling. However, as a huge surprise to everyone, to replace the pageant we were treated by our own Star Gazer Ryan Thompson, who sang a number of country songs for the group. Everyone was quite impressed by his voice and his poise in front of a large crowd, especially since it was a last minute change of program. Ryan will be the Colorado state candidate for next year's Teen King competition at Campvention in Gillette.

During the awards presentation, our group was excited to receive a number of awards, including a plaque and ribbon for second place in the national scrapbook contest at this year's Campvention for the scrapbook which was crafted by Gayla Henry. In addition, several members received recognition from Loana, including



Gary and Deonn Walter for their Field Director efforts; Rick Hays



for his remodeling of the state trailer; and Ron and Carla Martinez for all their work with the teens at Statewide as well as the royalty pageant. In addition the Star Gazers received a second place ribbon for percentage of attendance at Statewide. As a grand finale, the chapter received a Chapter of the Year Award, which was greatly appreciated by all members of our group.

### SEPTEMBER AT RANGER LAKES

Star Gazers camped at Ranger Lakes State Forest State Park for the September outing. We enjoyed a beautiful fall weekend with warm sunny days and cool clear nights. Friday night everyone brought food to put on the grill. Saturday morning each camper contributed an ingredient to put into a large pot of chili. After simmering all morning, we feasted on the hot delicious chili. Lunch was followed by the monthly meeting. It was a relaxing weekend, with some people fishing, hiking, napping, movie watching and just taking it easy and enjoying the scenery. Saturday night the hosts prepared hot dogs and served them with the leftover chili.

Twelve members and one guest attended with Laurie Downs and Gordon and Nancy Elliott hosting.

### LAKESIDE KOA IN FT. COLLINS FOR OCTOBER

Sadly, it was time for our final campout of the year. We travelled to Ft. Collins to the Lakeside KOA, whose many trees were ablaze with beautiful brilliant fall colors making for an enjoyable walk around their lake. We enjoyed a (mostly) sunny weekend. Friday night we were treated to Gary Walter's delicious chili. On Saturday afternoon, some of the group headed for ODeil Brewing Company where we learned about the brewing and ageing process of beer during a tour of the facility followed by sampling of some of their craft beers on their large outdoor patio. Saturday night we gathered in the spookily-decorated meeting room for a pot-luck dinner and meeting. Some of the members were in costume, getting ready for upcoming Halloween. We had a lively meeting where we discussed next year's monthly outings and also elected officers for the upcoming year.

The weekend was hosted by Gary and Deonn Walter. We had 21 members and 6 guests attending.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers Secretary



# Chapter News

## COYOTES ON THE PROWL submitted by Debi Melton

The Campfire Coyotes chose to combine their August and September campouts into one long event. This trip was really the highlight of our camping season and one to remember. We started our big Campout at Ridgeway State Park. If you haven't been there we would really suggest that you try it. The park is one of the nation's best state parks. It is beautiful and has a variety of things to do. There are short trails that connect to one another to make longer hikes as needed. There are places to bike and of course there is the reservoir for fishing and other water activities.

While in Ridgeway, we would meet every morning at 8:30 where our "activity director" Dan Magenheimer, would explain the morning's walk. At that point some of us would choose to take that walk while others decided to go on their own for a more or less strenuous movement activity. One morning some of us chose to bike into Ridgeway. It was a 6 mile ride (one way) along the river. It was beautiful, even though the last mile back to camp was straight up and some of us chose to walk.

Some of the other activities our hosts, Dan and Lynn Magenheimer, had planned for us in Ridgeway, were a lunch at the True Grit Café, a café designed around John Wayne (True Grit was filmed in the Ridgeway area), a barbeque chicken potluck, a trip into Montrose to visit the Russell Stover candy factory to buy chocolates and of course lots of visiting and laughing.

After four days in Ridgeway we were off to Moab for the second leg of our trip. The hosts for this portion of the trip were Dorothy Clark and Jo and Alice Marceca. They had so many things planned that it is hard to keep track of them all! Our first night in Moab we had a Bronco party, watching the game on two outdoor TVs set up facing each other. Many of the people in the RV Park came by to comment on the game. What fun!

Each morning, in Moab as well, we got together to go for a walk and to discuss other activities for the day. Some of the most ambitious of our group chose to go on 10 - 22 mile bike rides or 12 mile hikes. Most of us were comfortable with the normal 1 mile walks.

In Moab, we took a self guided car tour of the pictographs in the area.

Amazing how big some of those really are! On Wednesday we took a tour of the Castle Creek winery. On Wednesday evening, a Cowboy dinner and a moonlight ride were set up for our group by Canyonlandsdayandnight.com. At the Cowboy dinner, prior to the boat ride, we met the Colorado Eagles doing the same tour! Small world! One of the highlights of the trip was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Alice and Joe Marceca. We had cinnamon rolls and mimosas for breakfast and for dinner, a taco salad with cake and ice cream for dessert. On our last day at Moab we took a self-guided car tour of Arches National Monument. Those of us who stayed until Friday, capped off the trip with a visit to the Moab Brewery for dinner.





# Chapter News

## COLORADO CRUISERS AUGUST 2014 CAMPOUT



We all met at the Yogi Bear Jellystone Park at Larkspur, CO the weekend of August 15-17, 2014. Our Wagon Masters for this campout, Abe and Karleen Williams, did a fabulous job! They even hosted an appetizer get-together for all of us Friday night, in addition to hosting Saturday nights' usual dinner together. The campground is very large, and offers a variety of activities, not the least being golf carts – which were whizzing around keeping us on our toes!J

Karleen wrote a funny newsletter for everyone to get a kick out of her caricatures of each of the members in the group that she shared with us Friday night.

Our friend, Ted, gave an archery lesson to at least one of the children (while sporting his famous neon orange toenails!) on Saturday. Saturday afternoon, Yogi Bear showed up! There were several PEOPLE who wanted their picture taken with Yogi, and you will see some of those here ( not enough room for ALL of them!).

The Saturday evening meal was grilled meats, prepared by Abe, along with all the terrific 'pot lucks' that everyone generously brought. We had fabulous food, wonderful conversation and fellowship. After dinner, Karleen had us play "The Price Is Right," by placing several items (all under \$4 each) on one of the picnic tables, and we all guessed the right price of each item. Marilyn C., Ted K., Ron S., and Jane C. were the Price is Right-ers! It was a fun game! Another great weekend together!





# Chapter News



Trailblazers enjoying potluck luncheon at Cherry Creek State Park



ENJOYING A NEW GAME!



Merle Newton getting ready for a game of Bolo Golf

## Trailblazer News

What a great time we had in August at Cherry Creek State Park! We couldn't have asked for better weather. A BIG thank you to our hosts Rosemary and Hank Stamps and Betty and Merle Newton! Russ and Dawn Skillman, guests of Ron and Sue Frindt, joined us for the campout.

Monday evening started out with appetizers to share and catching up with everyone. Later, we enjoyed a warming campfire and the game, Truth or Lie. We all found out that the Trailblazers are not competent liars! That's a good thing, right? There sure were lots of laughs and a few of us thinking "well it could be true"!

We had a scrumptious and delicious taco bar for our Tuesday afternoon potluck. What an abundance of food! We have such wonderful members who make meals memorable. Our meeting followed the potluck and we spent time finalizing preparations for the Southern Colorado Retiree Rally next month.

The afternoon was filled with visiting, relaxing, and bike riding. Of course, there are the games! Groups got together for a game of Bocce Ball and the Green Team won, AGAIN! Ray Walkowski and Judy Banta were unstoppable as a Bolo Golf team! Rose and Hank Stamps tried their best to stop them, but in the end, Ray and Judy prevailed! We had another warm and inviting campfire. And, can you whistle after eating a soda cracker? Not many of us could do any whistling, but there were some who had no problem with the task at hand! It was dark, though--so, did they really eat the cracker?

Wednesday morning we all gathered to enjoy coffee cakes, fruit, juice and coffee provided by the hosts. A warm, sunny morning greeted us--life couldn't be better!



OUR HOSTS: (L-R): HANK STAMPS, MERLE NEWTON, BETTY NEWTON, ROSE STAMPS



Winners of the Hanging Game (L-R) Sue Menke, Paul Hassler, Russ Stillman, Ron Purvine, Don Banta

Our hosts had us assembling at 3:00 P.M. for a surprise game--and it was a surprise! Imagine taking a pair of panty hose, dropping an orange in one leg and then tying the panty hose around your waist, with the leg that has the orange in it hanging down. (Someone thought it was called "One Hung Low"). Now imagine again that you take the leg with the orange and swing it at a small ball on the ground and try to get said ball over a finish line while racing against two other people! It was hilarious! And not all that easy! Your orange does not follow directions! Winners were Team 1 which included Sue Menke, Paul Hassler, Russ Stillman, Ron Purvine, and Don Banta. Their prize? A rubber ducky! What a good time! Of course, being outside playing makes you hungry, so it was time to get out the leftovers and roast hotdogs over a campfire! Another great meal was enjoyed by all!

The last night of our trip to Cherry Creek State Park was really great. Time to head home and back to reality tomorrow! Happy Trails!



# Chapter News

## Pikes Peak Rainbows

I cannot believe the camping season has come to a close already! The Pikes Peak Rainbows enjoyed different things at each campout. In May we went to Ft. Collins KOA where several members treated all to yummy foods cooked in their Dutch Ovens. We enjoyed a tour of the model train museum in Greeley. It's located in a big warehouse with trains running every where. A lot of time and thought went into putting this great display together.

September 18 was Career Day at TAB Construction sponsored by member Cyndi Wheatley. Our chapter helps out with various "jobs" each year. Hundreds of high school students from all over Colorado came to learn about and participate in construction jobs. They liked running the back hoe, laying bricks and building. This program is to make students not bound for college aware of possible jobs in the field of construction. It's a great program!



October took us to Mountaindale. Saturday we enjoyed the great weather and Apple Day Parade in Penrose. That evening the Serendipity Dulcimer Club from Canon City entertained us. Chapter member Phyllis Mulso was among the 7 dulcimer players. All of the dulcimers are different in shape, tone and color of wood. We all enjoyed their program very much.

Submitted by Kathy Apland

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## Weekend Warriors

Thoughts of our Weekend Warrior campouts keep coming back to me from this summer..... I cannot sleep for I know I have to get up and write this story about the few adventures and awesome experiences that have happened while



camping since the season is about to end.

First is the tornado that hit Georgetown at the beginning of the season. It was so shocking that this happened so close to our beloved Tarryall, we go quite a bit for dry camping. It was very hard to see RV's and campers upside down there just a few weeks later!

Second on one of our longer three day weekends of camping the Weekend Warrior ATVers took a fun ride together and we witnessed a scene that we had to pull off to watch what would transpire. One very gregarious Pronghorn could not fit through a barbed wire fence like the other three could. It was the male of the group so the three females waited for him to join them in a meadow. He tried 2 or 3 times to run and jump over the fence but he



stopped each time even with backing himself up and have a running start! He looked pretty distressed and looked over at us a few times as if to say "Is there anything you guys could do?" "HA-HA" He even tried to fit himself through the fencing with just his head and glide right through to the other side like the girls did.

That did not work either his large horns were getting caught so he gave up on that as well. We sat on our ATV's a bit in silence to watch and see the three females turn around and

come back towards him, knowing that he was not able to get past that fence. We left not knowing what had happened but we were all sure that the three females slid through the fence to be back with him. We trust that that happened and there was a happy ending.



Third we also never thought while camping at Carter Lake that we would have to shoo away a little hungry looking fox. We were in the middle of our meeting all full and happy when "Pop" out of nowhere a fox starts heading to our camp! Of course I wanted to give him food, but the best thing to holler "Shoo-Shoo"! His little face saying "Please". It is the little things that we will treasure when it comes to our camping adventures. They mean the most, don't you agree? Happy Trails ..... MaryAnn Glover - Field Director

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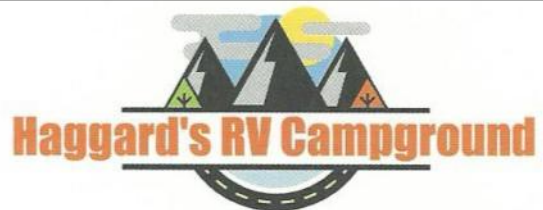
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# FIRESIDE EMBERS—13

Date	Time	Event	Location
Jan 7th—10th	N/A	Colorado RV Adventure Travel Show	Colorado Convention Center 14th & California Denver, CO
Jan 16th	11:00 AM	Colorado Retiree Luncheon	Cinzetti's Italian Buffet 125 & 104th Ave
Feb 6th—8th	N/A	Colorado Springs RV Show	The Event Center @ Rustic Hills 1700 N. Academy Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 10th *	7:30 —9:00 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting 1st Denver Show	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-25 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins, CO
Feb 11th	7:00 —8:30 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting 1st Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
Feb 12th	7:30—9:00 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting 1st Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitter 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
Feb 21st	9:00 am—5:00 pm	Chapter Officers Workshop/Planning Meeting	Arvada Presbyterian Church 5592 Independence St. Arvada, CO
Feb 26th--Mar 1st	N/A	Colorado RV, Sports, Boat & Travel Show	National Western Stock Show Complex 4566 Humboldt St. Denver, CO
Mar 10th *	7:30 —9:00 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 1st Denver Show	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-25 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins, CO
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Mar 16th *	7:30 —9:00 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting Colo Spgs Show	International Salon & Spa Academy 5707 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO
Mar 24th—29th	N/A	National Retiree Rally	Tallahassee, Florida
Apr 7th *	7:30 —9:00 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting 2nd Denver Show	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-25 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins, CO
Apr 8th	7:00—8:30 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting 2nd Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
Apr 9th	7:30—9:00 pm	Get Acquainted Meeting 2nd Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitter 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
Apr 13th *	7:30—9:00 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting Colo Spgs Show	International Salon & Spa Academy 5707 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO
Apr 24th—26th	N/a	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside Fort Collins, CO
May 5th *	7:30 —9:00 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 2nd Denver Show	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-25 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins, CO
May 6th	7:00—8:30 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 2nd Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
May 7th	7:00—9:00 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 2nd Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitter 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
May 14th—17th	N/A	Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds Brush, CO
June 8th—12th	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside Fort Collins, CO
July 1st—5th	N/A	Early Bird Days for Campvention	Gillette, Wyoming
July 6th—10th	N/A	National Campvention	Gillette, Wyoming
Sep 4th—7th	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds Kiowa, CO
Sep 21st—24th *	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA Exit 74 off of I25 South of Pueblo
Sep 25th—27th	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA Exit 74 off of I25 South of Pueblo

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Roy Schraeder – 10/24/14 – Colorado State Director and Gypsies  
Hilliard Moore – 10/30/14 – Colorado Eagles  
Charlie Batley – 11/4/14 – Past member of the Gray Wolves



Roy is survived by Loana, his wife of 57 years, one daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 22 great, great grand children. He is also survived by three sisters, Helen Jesse, Shirley Buxbaum of Gering Nebraska. and Pat Nelson of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Reuben and Raymond, one sister Mary, and two daughters, Sharon & Beverly.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2002 and fought that battle until he passed away from complications of his illness on October 24, 2014. He was a member of Family Campers & RVers for 25 years, served as the Colorado State Director for 12 years. He belonged to the Gypsies Chapter and served as their field director, president, secretary, and treasurer over those many years. He and Loana have travelled across the United States and Canada attending many International Campventions. In 2006, they received a national plaque award

from the Family Campers & RVers and served as Co-chairmen of the 2007 Campvention that was held in Pueblo, Colorado.

Roy worked as a parts manager for several automobile dealerships in Colorado Springs and Denver for many years. He retired in 1989 and then worked part-time as a parts delivery man and also worked as an outside salesman for several body shops in the Denver area.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, boating, and working on cars. Was an avid Bronco fan and went to many of the games at Mile High Stadium. He enjoyed going to McDonald's every morning with several buddies for coffee and Egg McMuffins.

## THANK YOU

I seem to have a hard time finding the right words to express my thanks and gratitude to all the FCRV family who have been there for both Roy & me during these past few years, and especially these past few weeks. Our family was overwhelmed with the love and support you all gave us. I have told them many times what a great organization this is, but it was certainly an eye-opener for them. It was because of Roy twenty-five years ago that he thought we should get involved with this organization, I was somewhat skeptical, but when we joined, we became involved right away and loved being a part of a close-knit family such as the Gypsies chapter was for us.

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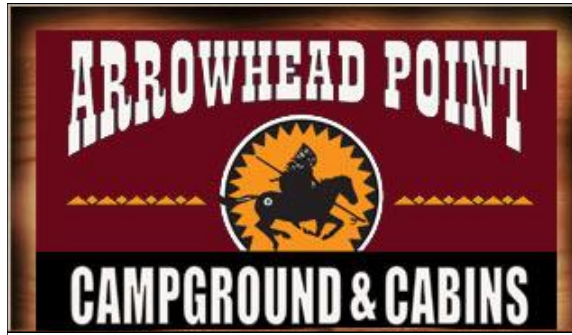
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## Four questions to test your mind. Answers on page 21

1. You are a participant in a race. You overtake the second person. WHAT POSITION ARE YOU IN?
2. If you overtake the last person, THEN YOU ARE....?
3. Mary's father has five daughters; 1.Nana, 2.Nene, 3.Nini, 4.Nono, and??? WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FIFTH DAUGHTER?
4. A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses him self to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses; HOW DOES HE INDICATE WHAT HE WANTS?





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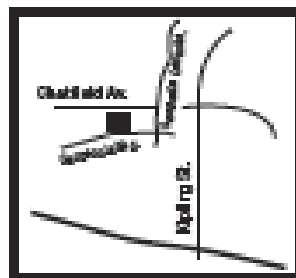
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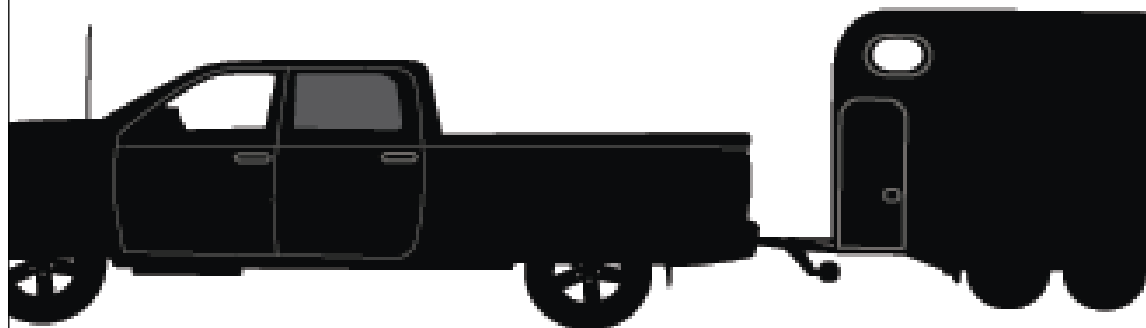
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#### Answers to questions on page 15

1. ANSWER : IF YOU ANSWERED THAT YOU ARE FIRST, THEN YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY WRONG! IF YOU OVERTAKE THE SECOND PERSON AND YOU TAKE HIS PLACE, YOU ARE IN SECOND PLACE!

2. ANSWER: IF YOU ANSWERED THAT YOU ARE SECOND TO LAST, THEN YOU ARE..... WRONG AGAIN. TELL ME SUNSHINE, HOW CAN YOU OVERTAKE THE LAST PERSON??

YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS, ARE YOU?

3. DID YOU ANSWER NUNU? NO! OF COURSE IT ISN'T. HER NAME IS MARY! READ THE QUESTION AGAIN!

4. IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE HE OPENS HIS MOUTH AND ASKS FOR IT... DOES YOUR EMPLOYER ACTUALLY PAY YOU TO THINK?? IF SO DO NOT LET THEM SEE YOUR ANSWERS FOR THIS TEST!

## JoAnn's Camping Recipes



### Cherry & Cheese Dessert

- 1 9x12 Graham cracker crust.
- 1 8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- A dash of vanilla
- 1 8 oz. cool whip (thawed)
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, vanilla and cool whip. Pour on top of crust. Top with cherry pie filling. (you can use any other pie filling you may have on hand)

**This recipe was sent in by Tammi Pierce of the Timberliners**



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## CAMP Program Update

By

**Bill Newell, Colorado FCRV CAMP Director**



Our Colorado program has a long national award-winning history, setting the pace for all of FCRV. It presents opportunities to go places (official chapter, state, and national FCRV functions), meet and socialize with members of other chapters, and get some good exercise.

Now that the 2014 camping season is over for most chapters, I proudly announce that Colorado had another outstanding C.A.M.P. year – reporting 1,788 properly documented miles (combined total of walking/hiking and biking) to the National C.A.M.P. Director:

Hiking. Representatives of 24 chapters, and two unaffiliated FCRV members (not in chapters) walked/hiked a combined total of 1,326.6 miles

Biking. Eight chapters rode bicycles to a combined total of 461.4 miles.

Two award certificates will be presented at the May 2015 Colorado FCRV Spring Fling - one each - to the chapters that hiked and biked the most between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015. You'll learn who they are then. 2015 will be a big year for Colorado – with Region 1 hosting the Campvention at the Gillette, Wyoming CAM-PLEX. This magnificent facility is a wonderful venue for bicyclers, hikers, and walkers of all ages and abilities. Rita and I are the committee chairs for the Campvention C.A.M.P. activities, and Sandy and Larry Scott (Camp Stars Field Directors), co-chairs. Come and enjoy the fun!!



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- **Allstars RV**
- **Arrowhead Point Campground & Cabins**
- **Hitch Corner**

These Gold and Silver Sponsors will always have an ad in the Embers. We encourage all Colorado FCRV members to support these sponsors when you need their products or services.



### 2015 CAMPVENTION VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of committee chairmen for these jobs:

Contact Loana if you are at all interested.

Team Leader Co-chair w/Lynn Clinton

Outdoor games Co-chair

Youth Center Co-chair

DASAT Co-chair



## Win one of six \$50 Gift Cards

**All you have to do to be entered into the drawing for the gift cards is send in your Campvention registration before 12/31/2014.**

**Register Now!**

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**The Campvention goal is to have at least 500 families on site. Colorado and Region 1 need to register 300+. The rest will come from the other states and provinces. So far as of this printing we have only 72 registrations. If you know you are going to attend why not do it now and maybe win a \$50 Gift Card.**

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





# 55th Annual **FAMILY CAMPERS & RVERS** Campvention

Hosted by Region 1

July 6-10, 2015 - Gillette, Wyoming

CAM-PLEX MULTI EVENT FACILITIES 1635 Reata Drive - Gillette, WY 82718

**6 Nights of Camping** Sunday thru Friday **5 Days of Activities**

## Wagons West

**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION JUNE 1, 2015**



**There will always be room for you at Campvention!**

If you decide to come at the last minute, bring this registration with you.

**We Want You To Come!!**

Early Bird Days July 1-5 & Extended Stay Days July 11-12. **Fees** \$25 per night. Pay for Early Days & Extended Stays at registration in building.

Gates open at Noon on Wednesday, July 1st - Gates open all other days at 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. After 8 PM go to overflow lot.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prv \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Campvention? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Print name of State or Province you want to be parked with, if different than home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check box to be parked in VIP area ☐ Chapter you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_ Youth 9-12 \_\_\_ Youth 5-8 \_\_\_ Youth 0-4 \_\_\_ Total # of people in unit \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names & ages of all teens & youth. \_\_\_\_\_

### **TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING THE CAMPVENTION IN ONE UNIT**

Each family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must pay \$155.00 for the 6 nights. Please indicate the unit owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILIES STAYING OFF GROUNDS.** You must purchase a Daily Walk/Drive in pass and complete a registration form. Pre-paid Walk/Drive in pass is \$20 per day. At the Gate it's \$25 per day per family.

**HANDICAPPED INFORMATION** Check yes if requesting a handicapped site: **YES** \_\_\_

Only request a handicapped site if you need to be close to the main building. There will be no handicapped sites available at the gate. All sites will have full hookups. To guarantee a handicapped site you must pre-register.

### **CAMPVENTION PARKING**

All parking will be hobo style by State/Province. You will be assigned a site as you arrive. All sites have water, sewer, 30 & 50 amp. VIP area has limited 50 amp. service. 4-50 amp & 8-30 amp. per electrical post, we can't guarantee you will get 50 amps. Please try to work it out with your camping neighbor. Type of unit: Tent \_\_\_ Tent Trailer \_\_\_

Motorhome \_\_\_ 5th Wheel \_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_ Truck Camper \_\_\_ Van \_\_\_ Unit Length \_\_\_\_\_ Number of slides \_\_\_\_\_

### **SPECIAL FOR 2015 CAMPVENTION**

**Each family registering will receive \$10 in VENDOR BUCKS.** They can be used towards any purchase from a vendor in the commercial area. Vendor Bucks must be used at 2015 Campvention. Vendor Bucks have "no surrender or cash value" ..... this means no cash back from vendor. VENDOR BUCKS will be given to you at registration.

If you prefer not to send this information by mail you can complete this registration on line at [fcrv.org](http://fcrv.org) and pay by credit card.

↓ Please fill in your selections below ↓

Pre-registration Fees	
Full Hookups 6 nights	\$275.00
Daily camping pass	\$55.00 per family
(Daily camp pass is for camping less than 5 nights)	
Daily walk/drive in pass	\$20.00 per family
(Daily camp pass & walk in pass- No Vendor Bucks)	
2nd Family in same unit	\$155.00 - 6 nights

Type of Registration	# of Days/Nights	X	\$	= \$ Amt.
6 nights 5 days of fun	# 6 nights		\$275.00	→ \$
Daily Camping Pass	# of nights	___	X \$55	\$
Daily Walk /Drive In	# of days	___	X \$20	\$
2nd Family in unit	6 nights		\$155.00	→ \$
Total Enclosed				→ \$

At Gate Registration Fees	
Full hookups 6 nights	\$300.00
Daily Camp pass	\$60.00 per day
(Daily camp pass is for camping less than 5 nights)	
Daily walk in pass	\$25.00 per family
(daily camp pass / walk in pass No Vendor Bucks)	
2nd Family in same unit	\$165.00 - 6 nights

Check this box if you are you a member of the Ambassador Club? ☐

Check if you are attending:

Red Hat Luncheon ☐

Cowboy Hat Luncheon ☐

Tickets available for luncheons at registration booth in building.

**Mail to: Jeff Kendle - 2278 Dogwood Circle -Erie, CO 80516**

Have Questions call (303) 717-9339 or E-mail [campgillette2015@gmail.com](mailto:campgillette2015@gmail.com)

NOTE: If you register and are unable to attend for any reason, we will automatically mail you a refund of any pre-paid fees minus \$25.00

We would like to volunteer for the following jobs: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **FCRV Campvention 2015**

All funds should be in US Currency

### **Credit Card Payment**

Visa \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ CW2# \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friday, January 16th, 2015**

No reservations required



### All you can eat Italian Feast

**Cost: Seniors \$15.00 per person, includes buffet, beverage, tax, and tip**

**Doors open at 11:00 AM, eat at 11:30 AM**

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**Cinzzetti's located in the Northglenn Market Place, come eat & have fun.**

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**2015 June Retiree  
Campout will be  
presented along  
with registration  
form.**

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**Eat as MUCH as you want of WHATEVER you want.....!**