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We also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays



Looking ahead to 2016

The first RV Show
Of 2016

January 6-9
Denver Convention
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& Chapter Officers
Meeting

Saturday,
February 13th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Arvada Presbyterian
Church

Field Staff
Campout

April 29-30
KOA Lakeside
Ft. Collins

Attendance is
REQUIRED



Chaplains Corner


A PARABLE OF A GIFT OF LOVE

It is a nice sunny Thanksgiving Day as we find mom, dad, and a little 5 year old girl seated around the dinner table. The father was teaching the little girl how to pray and thank God for all of their blessings. She thanked him for their home, their beds, her toys, her pet dog and her mommy and daddy. The father then asked God to bless the Thanksgiving table and they all ate dinner. After dinner was over and mom had cleared up the dishes, they went into the living room to watch some television. As she sat watching the television, the little girls' thoughts turned to the next holiday which was Christmas. The little girl asked her mommy and daddy, what do you want for a Christmas present? The mother and father told their daughter, all we want is you and all your love. The little girl sat wondering day after day, how would she give that kind of present? Two days before Christmas, while sitting in a Sunday school class, she heard the story of Baby Jesus, born on Christmas Day, and how he with all his love was wrapped in swaddling clothes and presented to mankind. This gave the girl an idea, so on Christmas day she appeared before her mom and dad wrapped in Christmas wrapping paper with ribbons and bows. Mommy and daddy she shouted, I am your present of love and will always love you like Baby Jesus loved us all on the first Christmas. With tears in their eyes, the mother and father unwrapped their present of love, thinking how wonderful it would be if all mankind would be a present of love and good will to someone every day, so as we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, let us all give thanks for what we have and give the Christmas present of love and good will to all we know and meet so they may have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas also.

Spread the love and Christmas cheer in the name of Jesus

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas

From Larrie and Julie Thomase

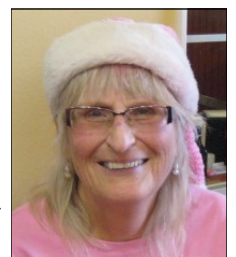


Farewell for 2 of our fine members Timberliners and Sundowners



Joseph Anthony Apuron, member of the Timberliners since 2011. Joe was born in Guam January 7, 1950 and departed this life September 28, 2015. He served in the U.S. Military in Guam. He and his wife, Anita, always had a smile and a joke to tell. Joe was a member of the Timberliners for just a short time but will be remembered for a long, long time. His Uncle, Archbishop Anthony Sabian Apuron, OFM, Cap. Archbishop of Agana, Guam presented the homily at Joe's funeral October 5, 2015. It was a 14 hour flight from Guam, arriving here Friday evening. A member of Archbishop Apuron's parish died while he was here and he had to quickly return to Guam after the service for Joe.

Beth May Hoffman, was a member of the Timberliners and the Sundowners since 2002. Beth was born Sept 3, 1947 and date of death was Saturday October 10, 2015. Memorial service for Beth was on October 20, 2015. The opening prayer for Beth's service was presented by Our Colorado State Chaplain, Larrie Thomase. Beth and her husband were well liked. For those of you that did not know Beth, you did know of her speciality, PINK! Beth was the LADY in PINK. She wore pink, her hair was pink and she had pink flamingos lining their camper. It was a joy to behold. Beth was always eager to help any way she could. She was a member of both our chapters and gladly volunteered in registrations at both Spring Fling and Statewide. Beth wrote many news letters for the Fireside Embers. Her most recent one for the Timberliners was in the August 2015 issue, No. 3 -4.



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

CHAPTER OFFICERS WORKSHOP and PLANNING MEETING

February 13, 2016 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

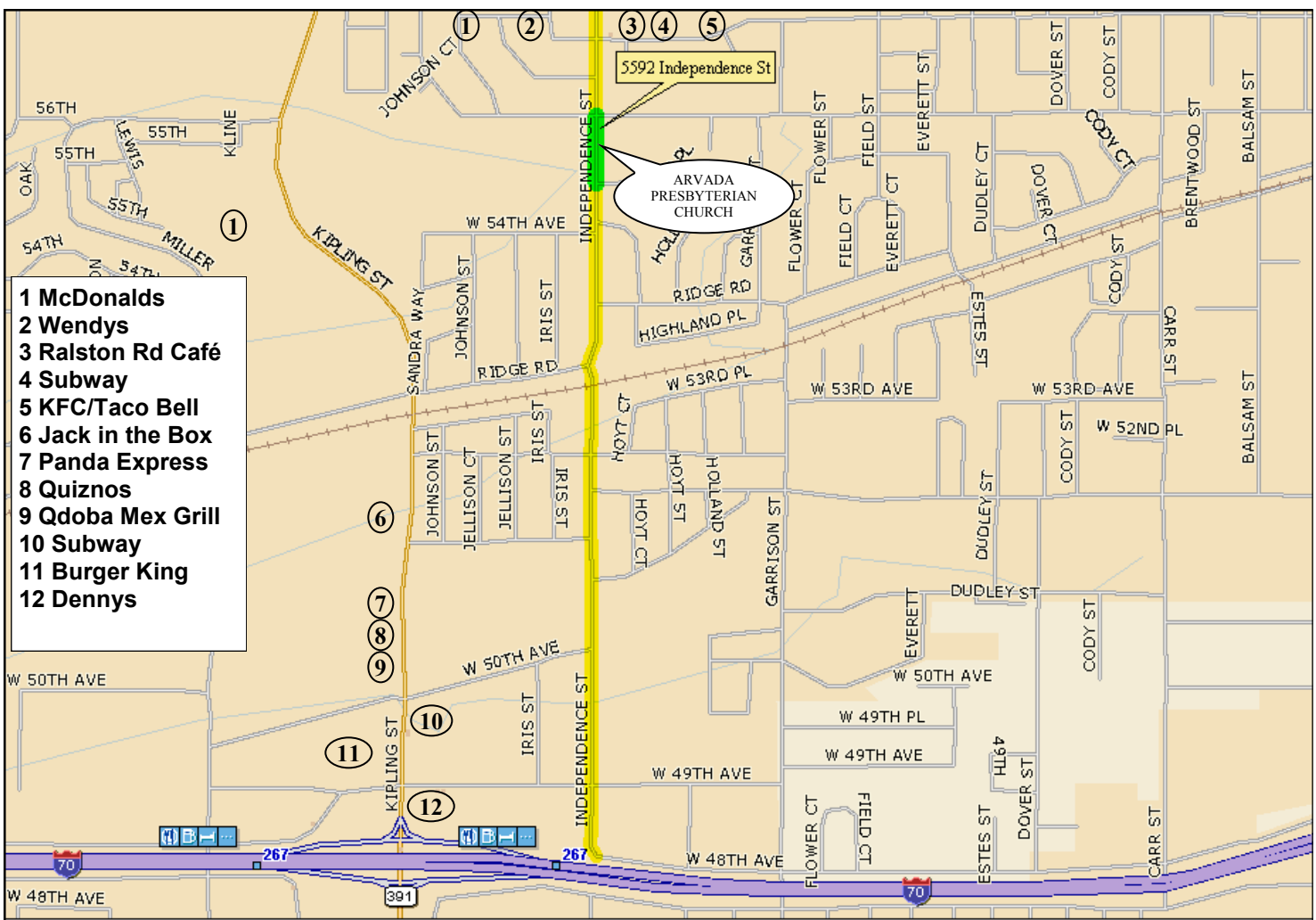
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Whether you are holding a chapter office for the first time or have held chapter offices of some kind over many years you will always learn something new in our breakout sessions. The first half of the workshop will be geared to the chapter officers and even non-officer members, while the second half will be planning the 2016 state campouts. **We encourage every chapter in Colorado to have someone attend.** Please come with ideas for a Statewide theme and encourage your chapter to volunteer and sign up for some of the activities. We want to hear your ideas and need your help to put on our two State Campouts

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

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BY THE NUMBER

6 things from your life that your kids would never recognize.

1. Library card catalogs
2. Church keys



3. Cassette Tapes



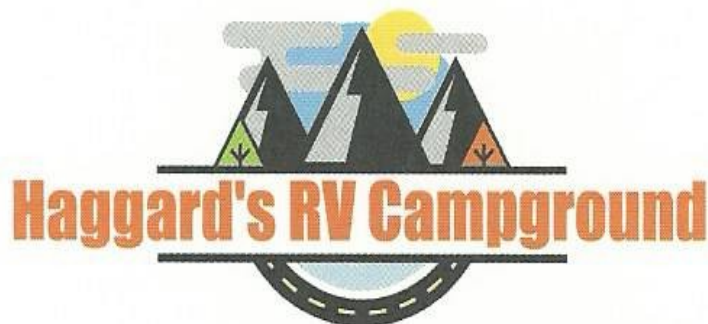
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Chapter News

STAR CHASER HAPPENINGS

The camping season has been very busy for us this summer. Several of us went to the Campvention in Gillette, WY. and helped with several committees to help host the Campvention. It was really fun and we enjoyed the activities, entertainment and sightseeing in the area.

To recap our chapter outings, we went to the Colorado State Fairgrounds in April. The hosts planned a very interesting event for us by having a friend of theirs come to spend time with us. He was an Apache Indian and he gave us some insight into his heritage as well as sang for us, past around Indian artifacts and made arrow heads right on the spot. We also had time to enjoy other activities in the area.

In June, we went to Riverview RV Park in Loveland and enjoyed good times with our fellow Star Chasers socializing and playing games in that beautiful setting.

Then in August it was off to Circle the Wagons RV Park in LaVeta. We went to the museum and had potlucks and played games. We walked around town and bought ourselves an ice cream. We had a pancake breakfast put on by the campground on Sunday. It was a fun and full weekend.

Lastly in October, we went to A.B. Camping RV Park in Cheyenne, WY. We had a western theme with one of the hosts dressing up in his shooting competition cowboy clothes. Pretty scary hombre, but he did have a badge on! The park put on a delicious barbeque with all the fixings. We also played croquet and it turned into a pretty lively competition!

Also In October, we went to Children's Hospital to deliver Halloween Treat bags to the kids. We were able to put together 180 bags this year filled with stuffed animals, toys and activity books. It was a great experience and of course we went out to dinner afterwards!

Many of us went to Spring Fling and the Fall Statewide campout. It was really special to be there to help Loana celebrate her retirement. She is quite a lady.

We had a lot of fun this camping season and hated for it to end. I think we all would like to just keep going. But now it is time to catch our breath and start planning next year's outings!

As always, happy camping and be safe until we meet again.

Donna Watkins Field Director, Star Chasers



Chapter News

Millennium Mavericks

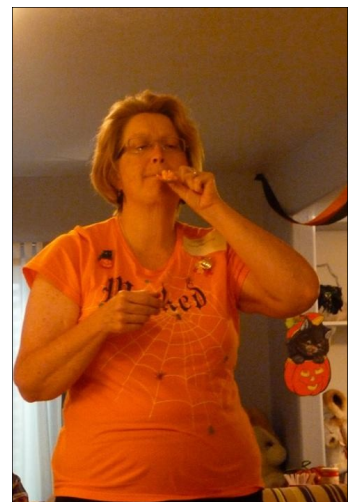
The old adage “When life gives you lemons – make lemonade”! The Millennium Mavericks make a party instead! The scheduled event for October for the Mavericks was to visit the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keensburg until it was announced that the visitor fees were changing from \$15 per person to \$50 – ouch, a bit steep for most of us.

Unsure of the weather, too, a last minute decision was made to have our October gathering close to Halloween and what better theme than Halloween? A party was held at Don & Coral Yakel’s with Don, Mary and Michael Harris helping as hosts. In attendance were 26 chapter members who gathered cozily in the basement, some in costume, some not.

Decadent treats were on hand as were games – no, apple bobbing WAS NOT a part of the fun, but all received nametags with silly new names selected by the hostess. The names came from a list using the letters in the first and last names...s/a Sloopy Dippinhead. Now, try to remember to call your friends by those names!

Pin The Face on the Pumpkin and a Relay Race involving picking up candy corn (not using hands) on a spoon and transporting from one bowl, across the room to another without dropping it! It’s possible Mandy (the dog) managed to get a piece or two.... A lot of laughs and a lot of visiting made for a fun afternoon and a break from the usual activities.

Photographer: Linda Heasley Written by: Coral Yakel



Chapter News

Colorado Cruisers

The Colorado Cruisers and Friends met at the Pueblo KOA-North, off of I-25, on September 26, 2015. It was a FIESTA! Arnie and Jane Carlsen, and Rick and Michelle Haugen were the outstanding Wagonmasters for this gathering. And what a gathering! We had a total of 30 folks show up for this campout.

The Carlsens and the Haugens did an amazing job of decorating a fenced-in area where our group could fellowship and have some fun. The fence was bedecked with a Chili Festival theme. We all sampled and voted on some of the chilies that some area restaurants are famous for. The spread was amazing – there were even sopapillas and honey!

After dining on all of the deliciousness, each of us was given a list for a SCAVENGER photo hunt for Saturday, at the Chili festival. Later, a group of us decided to do a Conga Line, working off some of those calories. Our fearless leader, Jane Carlsen, lead the line with a wireless speaker playing the Conga line dance song. It was fabulous!

Saturday morning we all headed to the Chili & Frijoles Festival in downtown Pueblo, and began to search for the items on the Scavenger Photo Hunt – what a terrific way to get to know the area. We hunted down local art, water features, funny t-shirts, and got a free sample of ice cream! It was a blast.

Back at the campground, we gathered for the monthly meeting, in anticipation of the group pot-luck dinner. Our hosts began assembling a few ladders to put up a piñata, custom-made by hand by Rick Haugen – it was a Motorhome, complete with doggie in the window! It was filled with an enormous supply of goodies. Everyone got their chance to whack it. Fun, Fun, Fun!

After that enjoyment, a larger group of us, again, went on another Conga line dance around the campground. Working off that stupendous food! Arnie thinks we should start a Mexican restaurant with all of the authentic-tasting food that night.

Sunday morning, we gathered to share breakfast, and Arnie and Jane had conspired to have enough Breakfast Burritos from Arribas!, a local restaurant famous for their burritos. And they were absolutely delicious. A great way to end our wonderful weekend with the Cruisers and Friends.

Our next meetup will be at Cherry Creek State Park, October 16-18, 2015. We'll be prepared for chili (lol) weather! J

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Chapter News

Mountain Goats

As the Mountain Goats wrap up our camping season it is a time to reflect and be thankful.

Thanks to the FCRV sponsorship that makes chapters like ours possible.

Thanks to the skilled and experienced members that help the rest of us through some daunting technical problems with our rigs.

Thanks to the members that have more onboard tools and supplies than the average Ace hardware store.

Thanks to the group for helping us through our embarrassment by letting us know that we all will occasionally have a rock, tree or other obstacle jump into the way of our rig no matter how careful we are.

Thanks to our guide (often our wife) that helps us back into tight spots. Your patience is appreciated during these often tense moments especially when the driver utters a poorly conceived or ill-timed comment.

Thanks to our supportive and cohesive group of friends that help us grieve a misfortune or the loss of a family member, friend or pet.

Thanks for helping each of us to gracefully accept the reality that, each year, our own birthday cake has one more candle on it.

Thanks to all of those that made a rainy outing seem a bit sunnier, brightened a meal with their company, introduced us to some outstanding food at our potlucks, broadened our minds with great conversation, gave us a good laugh with a funny story, gave us a welcoming hug to make us feel like we really belonged, and enriched our lives through genuine friendship.

written by Bob Baylis.



Picture of group making the best of a flooded campsite at Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Before you read the ANSWERS, go to Page Keep Looking.

1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.
3. Freeze them first. Take them out of the jugs and put the ice in the barrel. You will be able to tell which water came from which jug.
4. The answer is Charcoal.
5. Sure you can Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!
6. The letter "e", which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the long paragraph.

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STAR GAZERS CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER IN RYE

Ten Star Gazers' rigs headed south for Aspen Acres Campground in Rye, Colorado, for our September campout.

Friday night, all enjoyed the hot dog dinner provided by the campground, with participants contributing side dishes. Everyone was on their own on Saturday for hiking, fishing, visiting Bishops Castle, etc. Saturday night was a pot luck with the hosts providing large baked potatoes and members donating potato toppings, followed by cherry and apple mountain pies.

Dinner was followed by our monthly meeting. At this campout, members had agreed to donate new socks for women and children to be given to Gateway Battered Women's Shelter. The Star Gazers collected a mountain of warm footwear, actually a total of 478 pair of socks!

Hosts for the campout were Laurie Downs and Gordon and Nancy Elliott.

OKTOBERFEST AT CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK

The last campout of the year was held on a gorgeous fall weekend at a group campsite in Cherry Creek State Park. The Star Gazers dressed up in their best renditions of German dirndls and lederhosen for a fun and rollicking weekend. Plenty of brats and sauerkraut and other German dishes were consumed over the weekend. The hosts went to great lengths to embellish the picnic shelter with blue and white Bavarian decor. The group participated in several fun and silly games, and also spent some time hiking around the lake and enjoying the great fall colors.

Our monthly meeting included going over the announced schedule of monthly campouts and excursions for next year, which is coming up quickly. Time was spent discussing our charitable donation plans for 2016. Twenty-five members were in attendance. Hosts for the month were Don Eaton and Diane Drum and Ron and Gayla Henry.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers Secretary



Chapter News

The RV Rascals June-Oct. 2015

Didn't camping season just start??

June: After a cool and wet and snowy start with our April & May campouts, the RV Rascals enjoyed nice weather at Cherry Creek St. Park, hosted by Dan & Jennifer Kingston.

Early July: Five Rascal couples traveled to Gillette to enjoy the 2015 Campvention activities. Bob & Jean Maxwell and Bill & Linda Snyder have attended previous Campventions, but Gary & MaryAnn Merritt, Jack & Sandy Reed, and Doug & Ruth Wert earned their "First Timer" ribbons this year. Jack Reed participated in the FCRV Band, and the Merritt's (& one grandson) and the Snyder's volunteered driving the shuttle. Merritt's other two grandchildren enjoyed the youth activities, the Reed's took a tour to a coal mine, and everyone enjoyed many of the seminars, the vendors, and the entertainment. After Campvention, the Werts & Merritt's took a 2-month trip to Canada and then home through WA, OR, northern CA, etc., while Reed's went to Deadwood, S.D.



Bill Snyder & Gunner Merritt

Later July: This was our 5th year to camp at the Western Ridge Campground at Livermore, where horseback rides and the swimming pool are always enjoyed by Rascal members and visiting grandchildren. Ken & Michelle Vegter substituted as hosts for Al & Shirley Royer.

August: Ken Babcock hosted us at Mary's Lake Campground in Estes Park and arranged a golf outing for several members. At this meeting, the RV Rascals welcomed new members Brian & Betty Seeman into our chapter.

September's campout in LaJunta morphed into our *End-Of-the-Year* trip,



Bill Snyder by dinosaur footprint

attended by Bob & Jean Maxwell (& Bob's sister, Doris Maxwell), Jack & Sandy Reed, and Bill & Linda Snyder. (As happens, other commitments prevented more members from attending this trip.) On Saturday, the seven attendees took the U.S. Forest Service all-day guided auto tour to the **Picketwire Canyonlands** on the Comanche Nat'l. Grasslands. (This trip requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle.) These primitive canyons are home to the largest known set of dinosaur tracks in North America, plus Native American rock art thought to be 375 to 4500 years old, and remains of the old Delores Mission and Cemetery. The tour concludes with a stop at the historic Rourke Ranch.

On Sunday, the Rascals visited **Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site** and on Monday, they toured the **Koshare**



The Rascals meet Tex, one of three Red Dezon Oxen at Bent's Fort

Indian Kiva & Museum and the **Otero County Museum**. All were very interesting. The Rascals thoroughly enjoyed visiting that part of Colorado and fully recommend those four sites to other FCRV chapters. Also, no trip to that area of Colorado would be complete without a stop at one of the many fruit stands for melons of many colors and flavors.



Bob Maxwell, Jack & Sandy Reed by 1905 REO at the Otero Museum, LaJunta, CO

October: St. Vrain State Park will be the final campout of the year for the RV Rascals, where Bob & Jean Maxwell will be stand-in hosts for Dave & Judy Lohnes. In November, we will select monthly hosts for 2016 and can then start dreaming of warm weather and more camping. Keep looking for people to invite to join FCRV.

Remember, *"A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face."* ~ Maya Angelou.

Submitted by Linda Snyder

At the Work Shop Saturday, February 13th we need input from all of our chapters. It is your ideas that we use to plan for Spring Fling and Fall Statewide. Chapters please have someone there to contribute and help out.

Chapter News

Columbine Chapter



It's a wrap!

The Columbines closed out the 2015 camping season at Cherry Creek State Park, after a busy camping season with monthly campouts at various campgrounds since early spring. What a beautiful weekend for weather, games, yummy food, and visiting with each other. Earl and Carol Peterson were the wagon masters for this campout.

Friday night we split up into 3 motorhomes, played games and snacked. Mike and Judy Valdez learned how to play hand in foot.

Earl, Carol, Gary and Lori set up games Saturday morning. Bean bag toss, Lawn darts, Ladder ball. It seemed at one point the guys were ahead on points with most of the games. Some of us were visiting while

some were watching the college football games at the Petersons outside TV.

All in attendance at the annual 2016 Officer/Board voting meeting were Gary and Lori Keaney, Earl and Carol Peterson, Darwin and Sharon Baxter, Al and Carolyn Vigil, Paul and Sandy Chamberlin, Ron and Francis Hakanson, Wes and Audrey Wichman, Leon Meurer, Sandy Onnen, Mike and Judy Valdez, Scott Martin and Pam Rusk. We set up the schedule and campouts for 2016. A vote was taken, to accept the membership of Mike and Judy Valdez into the Columbine chapter, unanimously accepted.

2016 Officers and Board for the Columbines

President - Earl and Carol Peterson Vice President – Darwin and Sharon Baxter Secretary/Treasurer - Gary and Lori Keaney
Board Members - Paul and Sandy Chamberlin, Ron and Francis Hakanson, Al and Carolyn Vigil, Scott Martin and Pam Rusk.
Once the meeting was over we broke for a little down time.


We met back up at Peterson's motor home and wagon trained over to Famous Dave's Restaurant for some yummy BBQ! Carol started us off on singing Happy Birthday to Sandy Chamberlin. Thanks to the Petersons for treating the group to desert of our choice. Leon shared his genealogy book with the group at supper. Once we got back to the campsites, games were once started back up in the motorhomes.

Bronco Sunday, what a beautiful sunrise! Early morning we had 9 deer come through the camp ground, and a wayward Coyote. There was one deer that was very curious with "Molly" Carol and Earl's 4 legged baby. The deer started going towards Molly and when Molly moved the deer started hopping the other way.

Earl helped with winterizing some of the rigs with members. Most of us left before game time so we could be home and ready to watch the game.

Next up is our Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings which include gift donations for those in need for Christmas and Holiday season.

Submitted by Pam Rusk



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Chapter News

COLORADO EAGLES

September started with Colorado Statewide on the 4th at the Elbert County Fairgrounds. Lots of things were going on all evening. Dinner, registration for all the activities and there were a bunch, and of course meetings. The next day started early with some things starting as early as 7am. The teens did lunch as a fund raiser and everyone must have been hungry because they Sold Out!

At 7pm a fun evening began. If you were not able to make Statewide you missed a truly funny and emotional night. As Loana is “retiring” it was decided to do a skit of her life. A lot of her family was able to be there and a wonderful time was had by one and all.

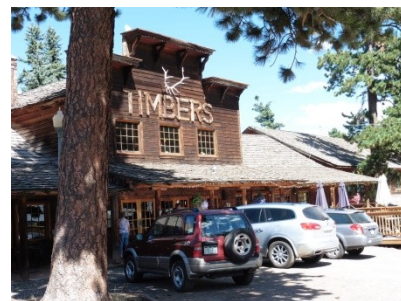


Monday is packing up and going home except the Eagles are going to LaVeta for our September campout. The Luginbills & Bloomfields hosted this campout and had lots of ideas of things to do so Tuesday morning we met to decide what the week would offer. Our first stop was a ghost town at the top of Old LaVeta Pass. The story is that the town is owned by a couple of sisters. They have

done some very nice restorations to several of the buildings, one of which is a church. None of the buildings were open because the sisters are living out of the country, so we did lots of looking around and peeking in windows. Out in one of the fields behind the house was a teepee frame with lots of triangular flags on it. It looked like hippies had lived there and just left. Oh, just a side note, the town is for sale for a mere \$1 million plus.

After the ghost town some of us went to the Fort Garland Museum. There were lots of buildings, some reconstructed and a couple were original. They were redone inside to look like the original furnishings of the time. The tour took a while as there was a lot to see and read. Thank goodness for a tour guide or we could still be there reading.

LaVeta is a small town and we were there after Labor Day so restaurants seemed to rotate being open. We did eat at some nice places, one was Aly's. The place is small but very nice. Another night we went to the town of Cuchara and ate at the Timbers Restaurant. Cuchara is even smaller than LaVeta but seems to consist mostly of a restaurant, bar, and several gift shop type stores.



We stayed at the Circle the Wagons RV Park and the owners were great, the place has lots of unique items and a nice meeting room as well as a nice fire pit with benches. They have a couple of small, old style trailers painted bright colors and they even painted a large propane tank yellow with grey circles to look like windows and used a piece of plastic pipe painted yellow to make it look like the snorkel of a submarine. There is a fence between the RV Park and a field where deer

come through every night. Some of the people even saw wild turkeys in town and there were rabbits hopping through the park.

We played games at night in the meeting room and played bolo horseshoes when we just wanted to take it easy. It was a great week and everyone had fun.

Submitted by Angel & Mike Ireson



Chapter News

Camp Stars Happenings

A lot has happened with the Camp Stars this past summer. In May we camped at Horsetooth Reservoir. We have a weird relationship with Horsetooth because at a previous campout we were chased out by fire. This time we had huge amounts of rain that turned into a winter storm. We heeded the warnings and most of us pulled up stakes and headed home Saturday evening. We started out the summer with a very nice June weekend at Curt Gowdy State Park near Cheyenne, Wyoming. We were able to camp right by the lake, and most of us took a very nice hike to Hidden Falls. The hike was twice as long as expected because we took a wrong turn, but we enjoyed it anyway.

July was a very special month for us because we were able to take a major trip to Campvention, followed by a special trip to Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Eight couples from the Camp Stars went to Campvention, and one of our highlights was watching our own Margaret Dorn sing with Gospel Trail on Sunday night in the big arena. We also had a close-up glimpse of the fantastic July 4th fireworks.. Many of us attended an excellent Photography Seminar conducted by Rich & Marcy Trahan of our Chapter. After Campvention, it was off to Glacier National Park by five couples for some great hiking and sightseeing and some great photographic opportunities. We raved about how spectacular Glacier is. Then we traveled up to Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper National Parks in Canada for almost two weeks. Spectacular is not a strong enough word to describe this area of the world. Amazing mountains, abundant waterfalls, and up close glaciers everywhere. We took a number of extraordinary hikes, including this one at Moraine Lake. Most of us took a glacier buggy ride out onto a major glacier, and we were able to walk around on the top of the glacier.



In August, those Camp Stars who had either stayed home, or who had arrived home from Canada, spent an enjoyable weekend at Cherry Creek State Park. This seems to be becoming a favorite for Summer camping. By the time September rolled around, everybody had returned home. We had a very nice campout at Cheyenne Mountain State Park. We were able to get campsites right at the edge of the ridge, and were able to experience the beautiful view



of all the Colorado Springs and Fort Carson City lights while we enjoyed our campfire. Another weekend involving a really good hike plus a Bolo Horseshoes tournament.

The last campout of the “summer” was an October trip to Chatfield Reservoir State Park. Another good weekend of hiking, boat watching, and even hot air balloon watching. Plus we were camped near the radio control flight area. Because of the balmy fall we have had, this still seemed like a summer outing. But alas, it was time to go home and winterize our rigs. Submitted by Larry Scott

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First I want to say what a great Halloween campout we had at Cherry Creek State Park, thanks to Bill & JoAnn for coming out for part of the day. I think this was the biggest one we have ever had over 80 kids and adults, even some Rolling Wave members. We also voted for our 2016 officers.

Second we had our planning meeting on October 17th at the Walorski home aka the OOPS Club House which was hosted by Ed & Vickie Brunner. I think we have a lot of great spots picked for 2016. We even had April Cederburg and Jim & Min Joyal from Rolling Waves to maybe plan some joint campouts.

Then it was November and time for our Thanksgiving luncheon on the 7th at Bennett's BBQ in Arvada we had 23 adults and kids and 5 guests (Darrell, Sharon & Mark Bliss, Tim Jordan and Michelle Turner). We had a short meeting and then the new officers were installed. What a great time we all had.

Our next function will be our Christmas Party at the White Fence Farm on December 6th. This is always a fun time for all with our adult gift exchange and we have heard that Santa & Mrs. Clause will be stopping by with gifts for all the member's children up to 12 years old in attendance.

Submitted by



Timberliners

The weekend of Sept. 19-21, 2015 The Timberliners Chapter of FCRV met at the Royal View Campground outside of Canon City. The weekend was beautiful, warm and sunny. The campground was very comfortable and well laid out.

Saturday morning we all attended a free air show at the Fremont County airport. Stunt planes, planes equipped with smoke writing, and a drag race between a "57 Chevy" and a bi-plane. It was a lot closer than you might think, the car had a 2,000 h.p. engine but the plane still won. We all returned to our rigs for rest, refreshments, and preparation of our evening potluck meal.

After dinner we made a large campfire and roasted s'mores over a beautiful camp fire. We also played Name that Stache (moustache). After some collaboration and deliberation Linda Woods was declared a winner and received a prize of a decorative branding iron with thirteen out of fifteen right names. A great time was had by all.

Hope to see you soon at our next campout.

Submitted by Wendy Koch

Chapter News

Trailblazer News

We've finished up the 2015 camping season with our last three campouts. A BIG Trailblazer "Thank You" to these members who hosted our last campouts. Bob and Cathy Vegvary and Vicki Patterson for hosting the August campout at the Grape Creek RV Park and Campground in Westcliffe, CO. Don and Judy Banta and Rod and Cordelia Rau for hosting our September campout at Ridgway State Park. Paul and Beverly Hassler and Russ and Dawn Skillman for hosting our October campout at Snowy Peaks RV Park in Buena Vista. We appreciate everyone who has volunteered this year to host and make our campouts memorable and enjoyable.

Warm days and cool nights greeted us in Westcliffe. Everyone was in awe of the beautiful mountain scenery we had right outside our rigs. One morning a number of us walked into Westcliffe, while some drove, to partake of the wonderful pastries and coffee at the Sugar and Spice Bakery in downtown Westcliffe. A few of the ladies used the time afterwards to do some shopping and browsing.

We had fourteen rigs travel to Ridgway State Park in September. The area was absolutely beautiful. The trees were starting to change color and fall was in the air. We were fortunate to have a group eating area in the campground which made it a great place to have all our meals together.

On Wednesday evening, we held our first Trailblazer Egg Drop Challenge. Teams were given the task of creating a container that would prevent an egg from cracking or breaking when it was dropped from the top of a motorhome. All teams were given identical materials and twenty minutes to create their design. We had so much fun and laughed so hard! We actually had a winner! We had to do a tie breaker-two teams actually had eggs that didn't break after the first drop. The winning team was Don and Judy Banta and Dave and Daphne Turner! Russ and Dawn Skillman's egg didn't quite make it a second time! We have never laughed so hard and had such a good time! Thank you to Vicki Patterson for the idea and supplying the materials!

Our last campout of the year to Snowy Peaks RV Park in Buena Vista was a fitting end for the 2015 camping season.

We visited Buena Vista Heritage museum. Its mission is to preserve and share the history of Buena Vista and Chaffee County. We'd like to thank Mr. Tom Tomson, the curator, for opening up the museum to us for a special tour. The rooms were filled with memorabilia from a time gone by. One room is dedicated to a model railroad that depicts the mining and railroads in the upper Arkansas River Valley around the 1900's. If you have any interest in model railroads, this working display is a "must see". The workmanship and the attention to detail is exceptional. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Buena Vista Heritage and Mr. Tomson's knowledge of items in the museum.

Our hosts did a great job feeding us all a delicious breakfast. We'd like to thank Mike and Carolyn Stowe of Pueblo-North KOA for their help in providing this breakfast.

The 2015 season is over, but our campouts are being planned for 2016. Next year is really not that far away! Happy Trails to everyone and Safe Travels!

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary



Trailblazers at the Sugar and Spice Bakery in Westcliffe



Teams getting ready for the Egg Drop Contest at Ridgway SP



Mr. Tom Tomson, curator of Buena Vista Heritage



Enjoying the campfire while Ron Purvine plays his guitar at Westcliffe with the beautiful mountains in the background



Trailblazers hanging out in Telluride



Russ Skillman cooking pancakes for the group

Chapter News – Silver Foxes SOUTHERN COLORADO RETIREE RALLY

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HATS OF THE WORLD was this year's So Colorado Retiree Rally theme. Hosted by the Silver Fox, Elbert Carter reported 31 rigs and 56 folks in attendance. The Colorado Cruisers, Colorado Eagles, Gray Wolves, Rocky Ramblers, Rolling Springs, Silver Riders, Ute Bobcats and state board of directors all joined the Silver Fox for the fun. Name tags, programs and a hat game were created by Marion Waterhouse; publicity and sign-up coordinated by Billy Moore; social hall tables were decorated with hats loaned by Ed Mannerberg; while Eileen Carter provided hats, heads, and additional hat games and activities.



Ron Costello in his Sorcerer's Apprentice Hat and Leona Schrader considering Opening Night Ice Breaker questions.



Billy and Liesa Moore with Korean War Army cap and Alpine hat.

Freda Spurlock won the game "Who Has the Hat that...?"

Everyone enjoyed the shared hors d'oeuvres on Opening Night. Several individuals shared interesting stories of the hats they chose to wear for the Ice Breaker game "Who Has the Hat that...?"

Nearly everyone was in attendance on Tuesday morning for the Fountain Police K9 Unit talk and demonstration! This most interesting event was coordinated by Lou Schwarzman. Following the program, \$125 was collected for the K9 Unit.



Fountain Police Officer Shane Larson with Amp

A wonderful Sandwich Bar Luncheon was organized by all of the Silver Fox attendees and thoroughly enjoyed by the other chapters attending.

Carol Passon with newspaper hat created by husband Steve.



Although a mandated Fire Ban precluded the Fire Pit that evening, campers had a good time that afternoon with the two "Name That Hat" games and a Creating Hats from Newspapers demonstration.

In the evening a Sing-Along of fun RVing Songs (provided by Ed Mannerberg) and old favorites (provided by Carl Bird) was held inside and interspersed with Camping Skits assigned and performed by each chapter in attendance that evening.

Carl Bird amused Irene Backus and the rest of the crowd by singing alternative lyrics to some old favorites!



Ten plus women created some great crafts under the guidance of Caroline Jamison, Oznur Quinones, Shirley Karlstrum and Pat Guild; Don Jamison arranged golf at Hollydot; morning coffee (twice with goodies provided by the Silver Fox); C.A.M.P. walks; fishing; visits to local museums and attractions; a game night; and outdoor games like bongo board and bolo added to the fun. Cash Bingo (run by the local American Legion) had nearly 30 participants... and the following KOA Ice Cream Social had even more! The KOA dinner and breakfast were also well attended and well run.

Scotty and Peggy Scott in "The Fisherman's Secret".



The live band, *Three of a Kind*, provided most enjoyable music at "just right volume" on Wed evening for both listening and dancing. During the band break, Raffle and Silent Auction items were announced, the 50/50 and Consolation Prize Winners were drawn, and a final Gift Card Winner was determined by the Heads & Hearts game. Silver Fox members contributed 33 varied and unique items to the Raffle Drawings which were a big success. A huge Thank You to all who attended: OU MADE IT FUN and to the Silver Fox for their willing help.



—Elbert and Eileen Carter

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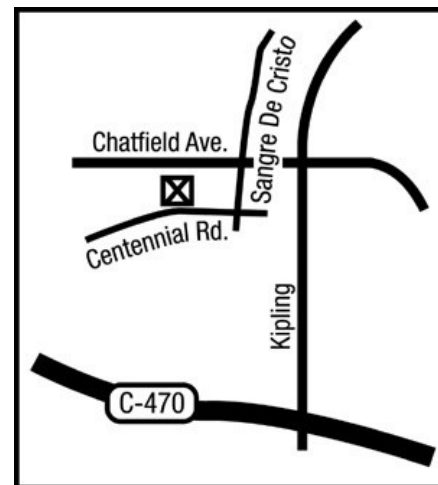
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Because of space we limit chapter news to one page per chapter however, it can be less than one page. If your written article is long and then you send 8 or 10 pictures, that is a problem. In the past we have printed all pictures you send but if there were lots then we made the pictures very small, sometimes so small they were hard to see. Please limit the number of pictures you send so that there is room for both the written article and pictures.

Thanks, and chapters keep sending those articles.

Bill Eckman - Editor

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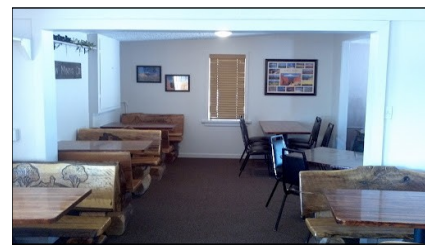


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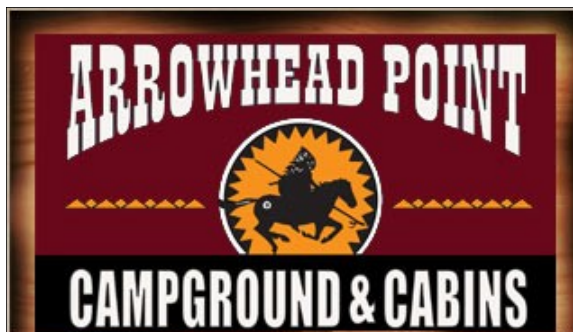
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Mom's Ham Casserole

Julie Nunn

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- 4 C cooked rotini or macaroni
- 2 C cubed, cooked ham
- 12 oz sour cream
- 1 10 oz can cheddar cheese soup
- 1 C crushed croutons
- 1 T margarine, melted

Combine cooked rotini and ham in a large bowl.

Stir together sour cream and soup. Pour over pasta mixture. Stir till well combined.

Place mixture in a 2 quart greased casserole dish. Combine croutons and melted margarine and sprinkle over top of pasta.

Bake uncovered at 350° for 40-45 minutes.

Caramel Coffee Cake

Sandy Scott

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg frozen dinner rolls (25)
- 1 pkg instant butterscotch pudding (4 serving size)
- 1 stick butter or margarine melted
- ½ C brown sugar packed
- Chopped nuts (opt)

Grease well a Bundt pan. Place frozen dinner rolls in pan.

Sprinkle with dry butterscotch pudding mix. Melt margarine and brown sugar together and pour over frozen rolls. Sprinkle nuts over mixture if desired. Leave overnight in oven to raise.

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4. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?
5. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?
6. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

An elderly lady was concerned about her husband's hearing. It seemed that every time she would call him, he wouldn't respond. The lady went to the doctor to ask his advice.

The doctor said to her: "When you go home, tell your husband to stand at the end of the hallway, and you should stand at the other end. Ask him what he wants for dinner. Continue to move him closer towards you until he responds to your question so you know exactly how far away he is from you when he finally hears you."

She thought this was a great idea. When she got home, she placed her husband at the end of the hallway and yelled, "Herbert, what do you want for dinner?"

There was no response. She moved 10 feet closer.

Again she yelled, "Herbert, what do you want for dinner?"

No response. She moved another 15 feet closer to where she was now practically face to face with her husband.

She yelled even louder this time, "HERBERT, what do you want for dinner?!!!"

Herbert yells back at her,
"For the THIRD time, I want chicken!!!"

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When Grandma Goes To Court

Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,

'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'



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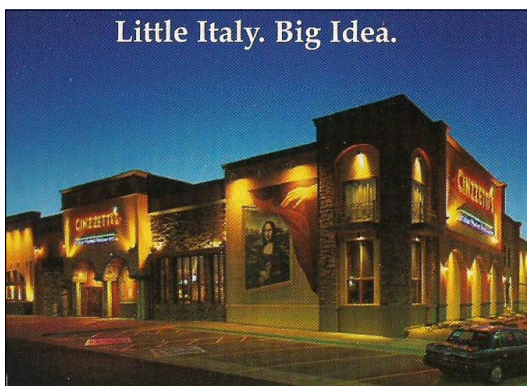
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