

# FIRESIDE EMBERS



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**Campvention 2015 needs your attendance and/or help.**



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**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



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## Major events in 2015 for Colorado FCRV members!

- **General Membership & Chapter Officers Workshop/Planning meeting - February 21st**
- **Spring Fling Campout - May 14-17**
- **National Campvention - July 6-10**
- **Fall Statewide Campout - September 4-7**

The above events are open to all Colorado FCRV members. Often members think that the February 21st meeting is just for Chapter Officers but that is not the case, it is for all members. During the 45 minute training for chapter officers there are breakout sessions for non-officers. We often have guest speakers and then planning for Spring Fling and Fall Statewide. We encourage all chapters to have members attend to help in planning our state activities. We value your ideas and welcome your help in making Colorado FCRV responsive to the needs and wants of its members.

### CAMPVENTION 2015 CHALLENGE

As you know, Campvention 2015 is right around the corner and I'm sending a challenge out to each family of the Far West Region to please donate a door prize worth at least \$10.00. Must be new and no alcohol beverages please.

- If each family donates at least one door prize, we should have a good selection of gifts to offer our friends and neighbors at this year's Campvention.
- If you are unable to go to the Campvention, please get your gifts to someone in your chapter that is going.
- Registrations of course are still coming in so if you haven't registered yet, please get it in as soon as you can, however, it's too late to be eligible for the gift card drawings at this time.

We are looking for everyone's support and those that have already volunteered to help is greatly appreciated, but there is always a need for more help.

*Loana Schraeder*  
Regional Director - Region 1  
Colorado State Director

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 21, 2015 - 9:00 am to 3:30 PM**

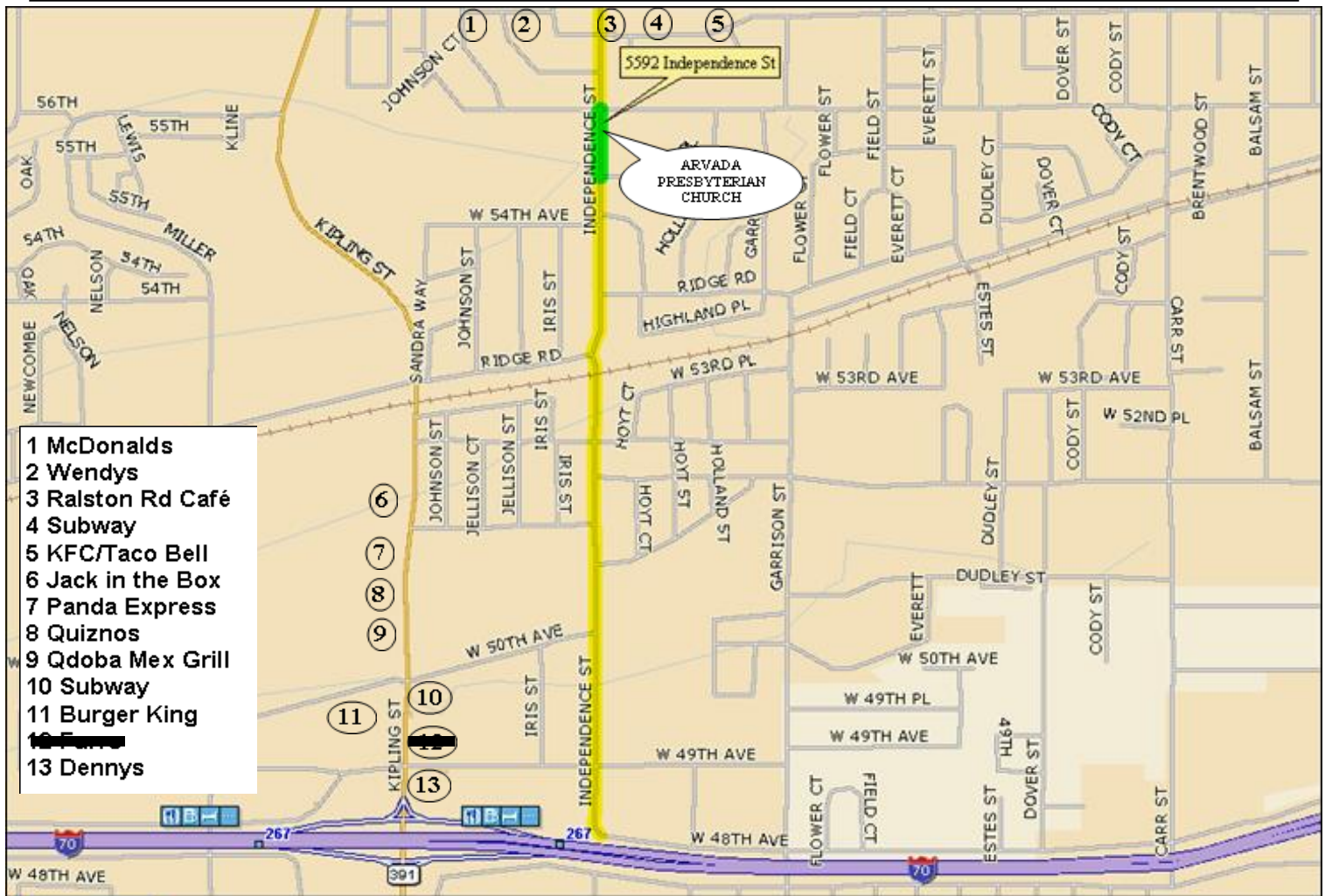
**Arvada Presbyterian Church**

**5592 Independence St. Arvada, CO**

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.



# FIRESIDE EMBERS—3

2015 DATES TO REMEMBER \* tentative dates, not confirmed yet as of 1/1/15

Date	Time	Event	Location
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	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
May 6th *	7:00—8:30 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 2nd Denver Show	REA Bldg. Exit 262 off of I-25 N 7649 REA Parkway Fort Collins, 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



# Chapter News



Serious about catching  
Chad & Tammy Houser

## WEEKEND WARRIORS

“Thank you FCRV”

For October, the Weekend warriors ventured out for the last camping trip of the 2014 season to Howard, CO. These pictures tell the story of a group that knows how to have a blast... We crack each other up by just having fun!



Mountain scape in Howard, CO..  
“Fall Season—Gorgeous”



“Our Beatniks”  
Doug & Betty Ibach



“Yah we get along...most of the time”



The perks of exploring  
MaryAnn Glover with friend.



Dressed for Halloween Fun!!



AHHHH... There's nothing like the life  
campin' with the Weekend Warriors!!

## A note from the editors of the Embers

The Weekend Warriors have not missed an issue of the newsletter all year.  
Keep up the good work!!

We would like each chapter to submit a article when you can, our members enjoy reading about what you do.



“The Colonel himself with his chick  
...Looove it!” Gil & Linda Bandy

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## CAREER DAYS FOR THE PIKES PEAK RAINBOWS

Pikes Peak Rainbows Assist Southern Colorado Construction Days in Colorado Springs



Over a dozen Pikes Peak Rainbows assisted the National Association of Women in Construction and the El Paso County Contractors Association with their effort to promote the construction trades to over 500 high school students. This was the eighth year the Rainbows have played an important roll preparing and helping with this event at the Tab Construction site owned by FCRV members Bud and Cyndi Wheatly in Colorado Springs. The Rainbows spent over 7 hours on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> assembling the webbing for hard hats, filling backpacks with water bottles, tee shirts, and many other items while others organized the parking lot across the street in a field to accommodate over 175 cars and 25 buses.



On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> the Rainbows started parking cars and pickups at 6am and continued for

over three hours. At 6:30am other Rainbows checked in hundreds of Group Leaders and volunteers. By 8am the Rainbows were then parking school buses while other Rainbows were assisting with checking in of hundreds of high school students. By starting time 507 high school students were at 50 demonstration sites. These students were challenged, fascinated, and excited by all the activities. All 507 kids received hard hats, tee shirts and the backpacks with safety glasses and other goodies assembled the previous day.

Have you ever operated a backhoe? One of the demonstrations provided over a dozen backhoes and allowed each one of the participants the opportunity to operate the machine. Some of the other demonstrations of construction activities allowed the kids to wire electrical circuits, build toolboxes, mold and cut plastic sewer pipe, lay tile, finish cement, view computer designs and many more activities.

During the day the Rainbows helped provide security, distributed over 200 pizzas and sodas to each of the 50 groups, recollected the 50 soda buckets and trash, and provide assistance where and when needed. It was an exhausting but rewarding two days for all the Rainbows who participated. The activity has grown so popular that it will be moved from Tab Construction to a larger location next year.



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Gary & Janet Bugg



Diane, guest, Pat Wise, Jim, guest, and Jean Van Etten the President.

## VIEWFINDERS

The Viewfinders FCRV group enjoyed a fun-filled weekend in October. Our hosts, Judy McDonald and Jim Moravec were assisted by Pat Wise in providing the choice of a very comfortable site. It was Parrish Ranch, however, flooding last year showed some changes.

There are cows and peacocks on the premise that everyone enjoyed watching. There is a clubhouse which was really nice for the breakfast and for the Saturday night movie featuring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnes. We laughed at some incredible RV scenes on that flick while having some good old fashioned root beer floats and popcorn. Pot luck food dishes, hot dogs, fun and laughter were the order of the gathering. Super nice!!

Submitted by Cheryl Stanion

Carl & Kathleen Wade



Gary Bugg, Belinda VonFeldt (seated) John & Cathy Walter and Janet Bugg



## STAR GAZERS

### BUTTERFLIES IN NOVEMBER

Star Gazers started the November outing with lunch and meeting at Bar Louie in Westminster. New officers for next year were installed prior to the meeting. Our officers for next year will be: President - Ron and Carla Martinez; Vice President Mike and Geri Noland; Secretary John and Pam McCuskey and Treasurer Rick Hays. After lunch we all moved on to the Butterfly Pavilion, where we took in the exhibits. The group enjoyed strolling through Winds of the Tropics and looking at all the exotic flowers and many multi-colored beautiful butterflies. One pretty blue creature took a liking to Ron Henry and landed on his shoulder, where it stayed as he walked through the exhibit. Several Star Gazers took a turn at holding "Rosie", the big tarantula. Others decided to pass and have nightmares about large spiders later. This outing was hosted by Gordon and Nancy Elliott. Twenty-one members and 5 guests were in attendance.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS AT WHITE FENCE FARM FOR DECEMBER

Our last gathering of the year took us to White Fence Farm in Lakewood on December 14. The Farm was beautifully decorated for the holidays and snow flurries were lightly falling making for a very festive look. We had a wonderful meal of fried chicken, roast turkey and all the trimmings. The corn fritters were quite popular, and dozens of those were consumed by the group. Some members participated in an "UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER" contest. 1st prize went to Don Eaton and Rick Hays won second prize.

Hosts for this party were John and Pam McCuskey. Twenty-five Star Gazers attended.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Secretary



### A note from the editors of the Fireside Embers.

The Star Gazers have submitted an article for the newsletter in every issue this past year. We appreciate seeing all the fun and interesting places you go each month.

Thank you!!

# Chapter News

## TRAILBLAZER NEWS

Beautiful weather greeted us on our final camping trip of the season. Circle the Wagons RV Park in LaVeta, was the destination for our October trip. Several of the Trailblazers arrived early in order to take part in LaVeta's Oktoberfest that is celebrated the first Saturday of October. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful fall day judging by the number of people in attendance! What a fun time: music, dancing, food, drink and all kinds of vendors!!!

A BIG "Thank You" to our hosts Ron and Sue Frindt and Rod and Cordelia Rau. Everyone gathered on Monday evening for heavy hors d'oeuvres. It was such a beautiful evening that we gathered around the campfire and sang songs, accompanied by Ron Purvine on his guitar.

Tuesday morning, the Frindts and Raus provided a wonderful breakfast for our group. No one went away hungry! Trailblazers spent the rest of the day exploring the area or just relaxing and enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures. We all gathered once more around the campfire for an evening of friendship and song!

On Wednesday morning, our campground hosts provided breakfast. Again, another excellent meal to start the day. That afternoon, the Trailblazers visited the Francisco Fort Museum on Main Street in LaVeta. We were very fortunate to be given a tour by the Director of the Museum, Kim McKee. A special thanks to our Trailblazer hosts for arranging this outing. The tour was a very informative and interesting. We would highly recommend this tour if you ever find yourself in the area. Later that day, we all enjoyed lively game of Bocce Ball with women against the men. Needless to say, the men won, but not before the women put up a tremendous effort! That evening, many of the Trailblazers descended upon LaVeta for dinner. We found the La Mission Mariposa Restaurant to be excellent!

The great weather didn't last forever. We awoke the next morning to rain! Those leaving that morning broke camp quickly & tried to dodge the raindrops! The rain followed us all the way back to Colorado Springs -- making driving somewhat hazardous! Everyone made a safe journey home, for which we are thankful!

Our November meeting was held at the Golden Corral. Our guests Mike and Joyce Grooms -- were introduced by Trailblazer members Ray and Mary Doble.

Ray Walkowski installed the new officers: Vicki Patterson, President; Cathy Vegvary, Vice-President; Susan Frindt, Secretary; Judi Smaldino, Treasurer; Jeri Harper, Member-at- Large; Betty Newton, Member-at-Large; and Don Banta (Past-President), also Member-at-Large. A BIG "Thank You" and Trailblazer hug to Don and Judy Banta for serving as President and Secretary this past year!

Our campouts for next year have been finalized. We'll all be ready when spring arrives-if not before!

We welcome Larry and Monte Hudson and Russ and Dawn Skillman to the Trailblazer family. We are so happy to have you in our group! We look forward to making some wonderful memories together.

Our December meeting at the Golden Corral was fun and & appropriately festive. Our tables were decorated with bright garland, bulbs, and candy. Thank you to Don and Judy Banta!

President Vicki Patterson introduced guests Mike and Joyce Grooms and our newly appointed Southern Colorado Retiree Directors, Bill and Liesa Moore. Bill spoke briefly concerning their roles and functions and encouraged everyone to participate in upcoming FCRV rallies.

The funds raised from the auction at the Southern Colorado Retiree Rally in September will be donated in memory of Roy Schraeder to Crossroads Church, where Roy was a very active member and to the Thomas House at Memorial Hospital, which offers comfortable housing for outpatients and their families during times of treatment. Thank you to everyone who bid in the auction and made these donations possible.

The Trailblazers' own poet laureate, Judy Banta, read personalized welcoming poems to our new members, Larry and Monte Hudson and Russ and Dawn Skillman. The Hudsons and Skillmans were also presented bandannas as part of the Trailblazer tradition. One of our fun activities at the December luncheon was a challenging Christmas Carol match game. The winners in a two-way tie were the teams of Ray and Mary Doble/ Mike and Joyce Grooms and Jeri and Ken Harper/ Russ and Dawn Skillman. Thank you, Judy Banta, for your creative efforts and for making sure that we all laughed and had a great time!

The Trailblazers wish everyone safe travels, fun adventures and Happy Trails for the New Year!



Judy Banta (L) with new members Dawn and Russ Skillman



Judy Banta (L) with new members Monte and Larry Hudson



# Chapter News

## Colorado Eagles

### July Outing

Our July outing was hosted by Jim and Tammy Rheinheimer at their home. They provided a great picnic and cookout with a wonderful view of the mountains to go with the food. Now I have it on good authority that Tammy likes to cook things well done (like set it on fire well done), just to keep things interesting. Everyone was too full to play games so they sat and visited until time to go home.

Thanks to the Rheinheimers for a great day of food and sharing their beautiful home and mountain view with the group.

### August Outing

The outing this month was held at Cherry Creek Reservoir and hosted by the Wrights and the Hoylands.

As everyone found their spots and got set up we discovered that, except for us, everyone with pets was in the sun and those without pets were in the shade. Talk about luck of the draw.

The first thing on the agenda, after getting settled in, was the Pot Luck dinner. The Wrights and the Hoylands provided the hamburgers, hot dogs and chips while everyone else brought the sides. It is amazing the different salads and desserts that show up each time. The tables are always full and you pray they will not collapse under the weight. After dinner there was the usual cleanup which includes the putting away of all the food, meaning a little more in the tummies and the rest in the RV. Now it is time to relax because you don't want to move after all the food you just consumed so it is a good thing you have friends in the same boat who will keep you company.

Tuesday most of us went to the Wings over the Rockies Museum. We had a guide who told us all about the planes, types of bombs or other ammunition they carried and pointed out the different wing configurations and shapes and why they were necessary. It was really neat to see all the planes up close and personal. They also had several short movies and one was about the CAF, a group of black pilots, called the Tuskegee Airmen, in WWII that was very interesting. Next was lunch at a Chinese restaurant and then back to camp. Dinner was on our own and then it was time for games. Some people went up to the building for cards and board games while the rest of us played Bolo, kept score or gave pointers on how to win. Bolo was played until it was too dark to see, discussed parking the cars so we could use the headlights and keep playing but decided against it so back to the RV's we went.

Wednesday was quiet until 1pm when it was lunch and meeting time at the Emerald Isle Café where we voted in Bill and Jacki Barton as our newest members. Later, back at camp we found Carter working on his RV door. The door would not unlatch so he had to get in through the front driver's window. This happened twice and I missed getting photos both times as he did not let anyone know until it was over. I even asked after the first time to let me know if it happened again so I could preserve the moment for "posterity" but would he, *of course not!*



Thursday some people went fishing or watched other people fish or rode bikes while some went to the Denver Botanic Gardens for the Chihuly Glass exhibit. The yellow pole in the center is made of glass with some florescent tubes woven throughout. At night they can light them up and the orange/gold squiggly things around the outside of the circle are also glass. They are really something to see.

Lunch and dinner were on our own.

Friday was goodbyes and we were all on our way like a herd of turtles; slow but sure.

Submitted by Angel & Mike Ireson

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## Silver Foxes – Colorado Springs



We completed the 2014 Camping Year with a full schedule. Pat and Gary Beres with Don and Caroline Jamison co-hosted the July campout at the Arkansas River Rim Campground at Buena Vista. We lined up eight rigs side by side. The Silver Fox friends and even strangers (motorcyclist staying at the site) shared their food and new found friendships. We recruited a new couple George and Doris Skirka. Jack even invited the hummingbirds, with his special concoction luring them to the rigs. Monday evening was a get together with appetizers and games. Tuesday was a potluck dinner (too late for lunch and too early for dinner). Wednesday lunch we visited the rustic Coyote Cantina Mexican Food and Bar. The cozy wooden nostalgic atmosphere inside was interesting to say the least. Thursday was dinner at Quincy Steak and Sprits with concert in the park (Pickle Country Concert). Friday was a safe travel home.



Next we were busy with Colorado City KOA hosted by Marv and Edith Kramer followed immediately with the FCRV Statewide at Kiowa and the Southern retiree Rally at Colorado City KOA. The final campout was at Mountaindale RV Resort hosted by Ed and Marie Mannerberg. Somehow we managed to book the place just before the Pikes Peak Rainbows!

Ed and Marie greeted all arrivals with donuts and drinks. Everyone was very pleased with their site, as 2 and sometimes 3 of the old sites have been combined into one of the new extremely spacious sites. Rather than a Potluck, everyone was told to “Bring Your Favorite Sandwich to Lunch” to share. Joanne and Waldo Pendleton added delicious homemade soup to the offerings. El and Eileen brought apple pies from the tree in their yard. Deer wandered around and through the campground much of the time, and even looked in through the clubhouse windows as we played Bingo (with multiple prizes supplied by Ed & Marie) one night, and enjoyed sharing camping stories during String Talk another night. Also enjoyed a delicious egg and pancake breakfast, courtesy of Ed and Waldo and visited Pueblo for a meal. Just a short drive from home, but a true mountain get-away experience.

During our November 2014 luncheon/meeting, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Waldo and Joanne Pendleton and Charles and Shirley Karlstrum for their planning of the 2013/2014 fall Statewide in Kiowa Colorado.

Marvin Kramer, our Field Director held a swearing in Ceremony for all of the 2015 Officers and Directors. President: Gary & Patricia Beres, Vice President: Ken & Rita Martinez; Secretary: Lynn & Marion Waterhouse, Treasurer: Oznur Quinones; Directors: Charles & Shirley Karlstrum, Ted Lunacek, Louis & Ruth Schwarzman and Peggy & Scotty Scott.



Submitted by Eileen Carter and Marion Waterhouse

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# Chapter News

## ROCKY EXPLORERS

What have the Rocky Explorers (RE) been up to!! So much!

In March of this year the club served dinner for the guest of the Ronald McDonald House, Aurora, with Cheryl and Doug Forry as Hosts. The event was making & serving St Patrick's Day dinner to the guests at the House. RE member Carol Gosling presented two articles: The Health Benefits of Eating Red Foods and 5 Ways to Beat a Cold.

In April, the club went to the Rail Road Museum, Golden and Table Mountain Inn for lunch. A fun time was had by all!

In May, the club went to the Terry Bison Ranch in Wyoming, our first campout of the season, and hosted by Joe and Sandi Wingert. We had a Friday night social and our favorite potluck breakfast and dinner! We celebrated with a large birthday cake for Sandi's birthday. Some of us toured the ranch by train. The tour includes seeing buffalo, ostrich, and more.

June was a busy month for the Rocky Explorers. In early June, we went to Mueller State Park for a campout hosted by Cheryl and Doug Forry. Beautiful scenery and a great group campsite. Doug showed us how to use GPS coordinates for navigation and we waited for and watched the International Space Station orbit in the night sky. Truly awesome!

Valerie Park handed out a magnetic Emergency Preparedness List and also a booklet on preparing for emergencies. The group discussed items to be considered while traveling, in your RV, at a campground or dispersed camping: notice mile markers, what is around you at all times, setting a meeting place during an emergency, a second escape route out of your vehicle, fire extinguisher on hand, plenty of water to douse campfires and make sure they are not smoking when you're done. Nothing is as important as your family or your life: leave material items behind if necessary and protect your life and family during a fire, tornado or flood. Use GPS or 911 coordinates on cellphone, best to give exact location if possible.

We also held a huge Rummage Sale in June, hosted by Bill and Ann Adaska. We had great success and at the end took many bags to the Good Will. We did, of course, share a meal and Bill was a fantastic grillmaster!

In July, we met at Curt Gowdy State Park, Wyoming. Al and Linda Orlofsky's were our gracious hosts for the weekend. This was the weekend of the Cheyenne Frontier Days. The Orlofsky's enjoyed the fabulous mountain bike trails at the park. Several of us went into Cheyenne for the Frontier Days parade and other festivities. We toasted good-bye to our friend and Rocky Explorers member Carol Gosling who is going to travel full-time.

In September we had our last campout of the 2014 season and went to the M Lazy C Ranch near Lake George, CO. Almost all of our members attended and we had international potluck with each family choosing a country by which to theme their potluck contribution. It was unfortunate that it was pouring, but a large pavilion saved the day! There is a shooting range and trail rides available at the ranch and everyone had fun! This campout was hosted by Dave and Cindy Kotary.

In October, the theme was Geocaching hosted by Roger and Deb Hardy with assistance from Doug Forry. Everyone met at local school and we split into groups and drew spots for 15 minute staggered start times. **Team #1)** Cheryl Forry, Valerie Park and daughter-in-law Ashlye and granddaughter Bryleigh, **Team #2)** Rich/Cheryl Price and Joe/Sandy Wingert and, **Team #3)** Moye/Denise Harris and Mary Levandoski. The coordinates took us to the Buffalo Lookout in Genesee, National Western Stock Show Grounds, the Ronald McDonald House at 21st in Denver, The Adams Mystery Play House and the fifth and final destination at La Loma restaurant. The fastest team had to answer a final question correctly to get the coordinates for the last cache hidden at La Loma. The question was what did all the geocache locations have in common? The correct answer was they all related to events we did during the year i.e. camping at Buffalo Ranch, Cheyenne Rodeo and parade at Curt Gowdy, hosting a volunteer dinner at Ronald McDonald House, and Roman Murder Mystery evening. The first place team did find this final cache within the 5 min time bracket!

In November, we held our planning meeting and are so excited for the next year full of activities! Thanks for Roger and Deb Hardy for hosting the meeting!

December brought our holiday party around and RE members Julia and Mark Patrick organized a fun-filled and delicious dinner at the Bent Noodle in Aurora. We had an ornament exchange and lots of fun, conversation and laughter.

Submitted by Cindy Kotary

**Campvention 2015 will be here before you know it!**  
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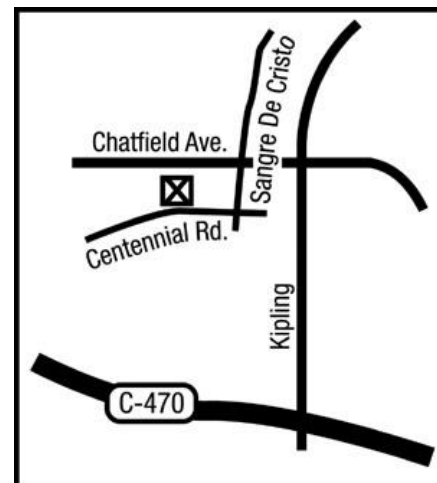
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## Chapter News

### TIMBERLINERS CHAPTER

The Timberliners began the new year with a luncheon meeting and installation of officers. The luncheon was at Mickey's Top Sirloin on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Hosts for the luncheon were Don & JoAnn Ramig. Lou Black, outgoing field director installed the following officers: President, Mark & Marcia Sadler, Vice President/Field Director/Historian, Jerry & JoAnne Lien, Secretary, Tom & Wendy Koch, Treasurer, Steve & Tammie Pierce. Following the meeting was a 50/50 drawing. Our guest, Mary, was asked to draw the winning ticket and guess what? She drew her own ticket and won the drawing. Although the winnings are definitely not a large amount, we have fun with the monthly drawings. We were happy for our guest and we hope she's join us again.

After the busy holidays it was nice to be together and to wish one another a Happy & Healthy New Year. The majority of members were present, bringing with them a happy outlook for another good year.

Submitted by JoAnn Ramig

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## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Jan—Feb

We are still in a holding pattern regarding the new Legislature and as a result, I have no new news for you at this time. However, I have dropped a couple of ideas (below) for you to consider over the holidays to get you outdoors and check out the beautiful Colorado views. We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Climb Pikes Peak the local way

Pikes Peak is popular. Really popular. More than half a million people visit the 14,114-foot summit of America's Mountain every year using the toll road and cog railway alone, and thousands of more reach the summit by foot. In total, the number is greater than the entire population of neighboring Colorado Springs.

All that to say that Pikes Peak, despite its virtues, can be a bit of a zoo (but what else would you expect from a mountain with a donut shop on top?). So if you're keen to experience its purple mountain majesty, you might be better off viewing the summit from afar – from the uncrowded four-mile Craggs Trail.

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## Get your 4-Pak

Located on the west side of the peak, the out-and-back hike is remote but novice-friendly. With the exception of a short climb to the "Craggs" themselves, the hike is almost completely flat. It climbs just 720 feet over two miles. Ambitious hikers often carry on to the Pikes Peak summit – a gentle 13.6-mile round trip.

If you go: The Craggs trail is open year-round, though it does get snowy in the winter. To continue to the summit, take the right fork at Four Mile Creek to gain Pike's Playground Trail. The summit hike takes all day, but the trip to the Craggs and back can be done by more hikers in 90 minutes. Leashed dogs are allowed.

Getting there: From Divide, turn south on Highway 67 and go south for about 4 miles to Craggs Campground on Forest Road 383. Follow this dirt road for about 3 miles to either the lower or the upper parking lots – the lower parking lot will include a climb at the beginning, the upper parking lot grants direct access to the creek and is easier. You will see a sign as well as restroom facilities near the trailhead.

## Hike RMNP's Hague Valley

More than three million people visit Rocky Mountain National Park every year. And the park's heaviest visitation days are right around... now. So if you want to enjoy the best of Estes this weekend, we suggest you avoid the usual spots.

Our weekend pick is the 15-mile out-and-back Hague Valley Trail, which tours the alpine valley of the same name. Chances are good that you'll have the 450-acre valley more or less to yourself – save a few birds, marmots and elk.

The valley stretches below the 13,560-foot Hagues Peak, and is populated by pine forests, alpine lakes, and the occasional patch of snow. The summit of the peak (the tallest in Larimer County) can be reached by a second-class scramble.

If you go: Few people hike here for a reason – the trail is tough. The full 15-mile hike includes 5,200 feet of elevation gain, and the trail is rough and hard to follow in some places. Dogs and mountain bikes are not allowed in the park.

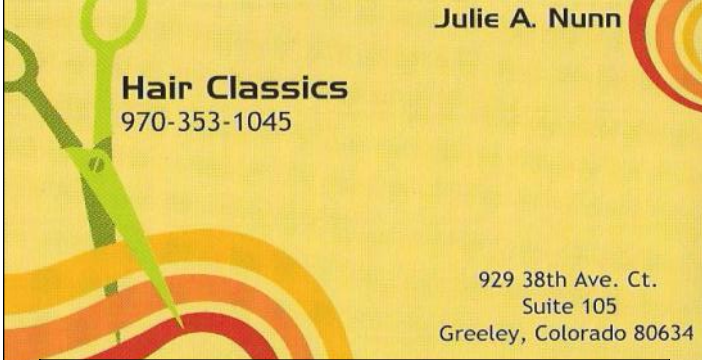
Getting there: From Estes Park, take Fall River Road into Rocky Mountain National Park. After entering the Park, go 2 miles and turn right onto Old Fall River Road. This is a one-way dirt road, passable by any vehicle. Travel an additional 7.8 miles to the Chapin Pass Trailhead. Entry to the park costs \$20 per vehicle.

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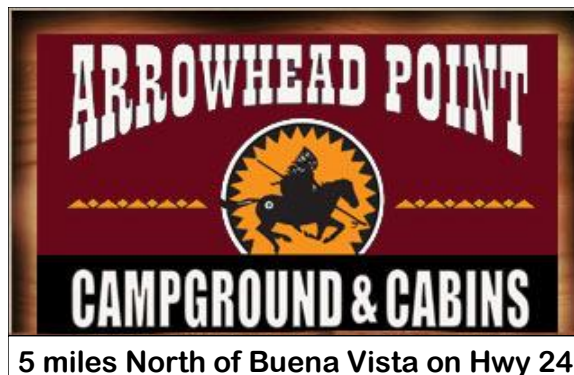
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Check box to be parked in VIP area ☐ Chapter you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

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

All funds should be in US Currency

**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

### **Credit Card Payment**

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

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

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



## Website Edition January/February 2015 Fireside Embers

**ATTENTION ALL Campvention Team Leaders & Chairman/Co Chairman!**  
**You're requested to attend a meeting on Saturday, February 21st at 3:30 PM.**  
**Arvada Presbyterian Church 5592 Independence St. Arvada, CO.**  
**Map on page 2. This meeting will be right after the workshop.**



**General Membership & Chapter Officers  
Workshop/Planning meeting  
Saturday, February 21st. 9 AM to 3:30 PM  
Arvada Presbyterian Church  
Map is on page 2**

### The Agenda

Door Prizes will be drawn throughout meeting  
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

- **National & State Updates**
- **Chapter Officer Breakouts**
- **Review from breakouts**
- **Break**
- **Gold Sponsor presentation**
- **Lunch**
- **Spring Fling planning**
- **Statewide planning**
- **Campvention update**

### Who should attend this Planning meeting?

- **All Colorado FCRV Members.** Why are all members invited? Because a portion of the meeting is set aside to plan the activities for Spring Fling and Statewide. Plus we look to different chapters to volunteer to run some of the events. So we need help and input from our members.
- **All Chapter Officers.** We have 30 minute breakout sessions for each chapter officer position. These are lead by your State Board members. We also have a session for non officers going over your favorite campout events. There is something for everyone.

**Teen pageant contestants**  
(King & Queen) will be selling buttons, donuts, cookies, breakfast items to raise money for themselves for 2015 Campvention.

**Teen Directors**  
**Ron & Carla Martinez**  
will be selling Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks for lunch. Proceeds will be split between Colorado Teen King & Queen once they are crowned.



**Lunch will be available** →