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## CAMPVENTION 2015-2016—Our own teen royalty



Colorado's Teen Queen, Alyssa Salazar and Teen King Ryan Thompson, both doing their talent and skills part of the pageant.  
Ryan took the honors of Mr. Skills and 2015-2016 Teen King.

The 2015-2016 International  
Teen King  
Ryan Thompson  
Along with the 2015-2016 Teen  
Queen, Megan Douglas of  
Ontario, Canada



CAMPVENTION PICTURES



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Roger & Carol Friedrich brought in by George & Connie Kerr  
Tim & Tracy Sanders brought in by Roger & Deb Hardy  
Kurt & Holly Ailin brought in by Jim & Linda Carroll  
Phillip Godsey brought in by Art & Judee Colton  
Randy & Tina Cunningham brought in by Mark & Marcia Sadler

### STATEWIDE REMINDER

Just a reminder about door prizes, each chapter should donate a new \$10.00 gift, which can be wrapped or left unwrapped. Would like donations of smaller gifts to use for the adult bingo games and small donations for the kids bingo. There will also be a food drive and school supply drive for Elbert county. We will have donation buckets for the food drive & school supply drive.

**Cowboy Hat Luncheon**  
Thursday, July 9th at 12 Noon  
Equality Hall Café



More Campvention Pictures will be shown at Statewide



**Thank  
you!**

I was so delighted to receive so many cards, emails and phone calls in regards to my hospital stay. I am on the mend and look forward to seeing everyone at Statewide.

Thanks for caring - Bill Eckman



## APPLICATION FORM FOR: Vendor Booths/Chapter Project Sales/Craft Sales

- **Commercial Vendors**, please attach this form to your registration form and indicate whether you need electricity or not. Commercial vendors need to furnish their own tables & include the fees for your booth with your registration to Vodean Benham. \$25.00 for FCRV members & \$100 for non members
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### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I would like to thank all of the FCRV family who helped make this 2015 Campvention a success. One of the many programs that went so well was the Campvention church service. The program booklets did not get out until Monday and some people may not have known about the church service on Sunday, however we had a good turnout. Bill Eckman did a great job leading the song service and the choir. The members of the choir sang and harmonized so well as they sang "Count Your Blessings", the church sang two hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus and Amazing Grace" backed up by the choir, led by Bill and Vivian Crouse was great as she played the music on the keyboard, it was like being at a Cathedral. The FCRV National Chaplain, Dennis James, deliver a timely message, "Who are you following"? The Rocky Mountain Revelers supplied the ushers to take the offering, handed out the church bulletins and helped with the seating, special thanks to our own Tamra Hayden who closed the service singing a beautiful rendition of "The Lord's Prayer". For this former pastor, it was like being back in one of my past church services and brought back many good memories. Once again, Thanks FCRV family for making this a spectacular Campvention and Church Service.

God's blessings to each and every one of you.  
You're Colorado State Chaplain,  
Larrie Thomase

## Colorado C.A.M.P. Program Update

By  
Bill Newell, Colorado F.C.R.V. CAMP Director

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

**National Awards.** The FCRV International C.A.M.P. Director presented two awards at the 2015 National Campvention to the Colorado Eagles for the period, 1 June 2014 – 31 May 2015. Congratulations Eagles!

**Colorado Eagles** hiked 330 miles

**Ron Wright, Colorado Eagles**, individual award for bicycled 71.2 miles,

**Colorado FCRV State Awards.** The Camp Stars and Campfire Coyotes were awarded certificates at Spring Fling 2015 in recognition of outstanding participation (1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015) in our State Campers Actively Moving Program (C.A.M.P.). Congratulations Camp Stars and Coyotes!

**Camp Stars** hiked and walked 287 miles

**Campfire Coyotes** bicycled 237 miles

**2015 National Campvention.** We got off to another great start at Spring Fling 2015 – and we're already moving toward another great year, with the international spotlight focused brightly on 6-10 July FCRV National Campvention at the Gillette, Wyoming Cam-Plex. The CAM-Plex provided wonderful venues for hiking and biking. Rita and I were the chairmen for all C.A.M.P. activities, and Sandy and Larry Scott (Field Directors, Camp Stars Chapter) our Co Chairmen.

Overall Final Results (all FCRV Member participants). 133 participants in scheduled C.A.M.P. events for a combined total of 661.5 miles:

28 bicyclers = 328 miles

48 hikers = 276.5 miles

57 parade walkers (no bicyclers) = 57 miles

Colorado Final Results: 78 participants, representing 14 chapters, for 358 cumulative miles.

These results are now included by chapter on the Colorado C.A.M.P. records and will be added by the FCRV International C.A.M.P. Director to her files for Colorado and its chapters (period, 1 June 2015 to May 2016):

17 bicyclers = 184 miles

31 hikers = 146 miles

28 parade walkers = 28 miles

Come and enjoy the fun - see you at the 2015 Colorado FCRV Statewide Rally! For more info, call (719) 282-9240 or e-mail [camp\\_co@live.com](mailto:camp_co@live.com).

Happy Trails!

Thanks to all of you Colorado FCRV members for making 2015 National so colorful by purchasing our 'uniform shirts'. We received so many comments about how easy it was to follow the parking crew, to locate someone they were directed to, etc. by looking for the shirts. We were all very visible!! Byron and I especially enjoyed having the privilege of taking orders, selling and delivering the 484 shirts. It allowed us to make many more new friends in Colorado.

Thanks again. Jan & Byron Johnston

# Chapter News



## Rocky Explorers – April – July 2015

The Rocky Explorers have had a busy and fun spring and summer, and we aren't done yet! Our April outing was rained out, but in early May we met at in Loveland for our first campout. Sandy and Joe Wingert supplied the organized the outing and provided the entertainment. Their games kept us up late on a rainy weekend. It was great to start the camping season with them!

The club had a fun at Spring Fling and planning for Campvention was in high gear.

In June, Dave and Cindy Kotary, planned a weekend at Turquoise Lake (at the recommendation of our former member Bill Adaska!) A beautiful place, but so cold. Our usual potluck dinner morphed into a "Soup and Stew" and were we glad for hot food! We had some extra family members who like to play cards, even if it was raining! We met some of our new cadet members, the Sanders and the Koch's at this outing! Welcome!

An unofficial campout rounded out June, the Hardy's picked a lovely site near Jefferson, CO and had a nice weekend with some wildlife!

Then...Campvention! Whew, a busy week! If we (Rich and Cheryl Price, Mary Levandoski, Valerie Park and Cindy Kotary) weren't up early selling coffee and donuts, Deb Hardy and Denise Harris were re-arranging seminar space. Rich Price, assisted by Doug Forey gave Dutch oven cooking demonstrations, and Valerie Park gave two safety seminars. On Friday, at the Colorado Hospitality, Rich Price, made his home-made root beer recipe! Six 10-gallon coolers were made with the help of Roger Hardy and Dave Kotary, all other club members were on hand to help with the many tasks needed. We had a great time at Campvention, spending time with our club

members and meeting lots of new friends!

Looking forward to our August campout hosted by the Harris'.



**There were 48 entries for the "Jackalope Site Decorating" contest at Campvention. Winners were:**

**Best of Show:** Mike & Mar Croxton of the Slow Travelers and the Gateway chapters from Missouri



**Best Dressed:**

1st Place Trailblazers chapter, Colorado  
2nd Place Pat Buschauer, Rocky Mountain Revelers, Colorado  
3rd. Place Michele Ienna & Jan Teetor, The Gypsies, Colorado



**Biggest:**

1st Place Geoffrey & Rebecca Starks, Tip of the Mitt chapter, Michigan  
2nd Place Pikes Peak Rainbows chapter, Colorado  
3rd. Place Rich Price, Rocky Explorers, Colorado



**Funniest:**

1st Place Pikes Peak Rainbows chapter, Colorado  
2nd Place Ute Bobcats chapter, Colorado  
3rd. Place Campfire Coyotes chapter, Colorado



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# Chapter News

## Camp Stars Chapter News



The Camp Stars had another fun year in 2014, even though we tended to stay closer to home because of fuel costs. We did trips to Chambers Lake in search of the elusive Moose and to Mueller State Park and Cripple Creek in search of the even more elusive giant Slot Jackpot. Chambers Lake and Mueller have turned into two of our favorites. We also did trips to Chatfield, Cherry Creek, and Boyd Lake State Parks, in addition to Carter Lake which is a Larimer County Park.

We journeyed out on the plains to Sterling Reservoir for the first time. This is a good fall location for hiking and bird watching. I didn't realize there were that many white pelicans in the whole country.

We are happy to see lower fuel prices this year and are hoping they stay that way because we are looking forward to a major trip this summer. Ten couples plan to attend Campvention in Gillette, and then we are going to extend that trip more than three additional weeks after the Campvention. After all it is just a short trip from Gillette to Custer Battlefield. Then when you look at the map, it's just another short jump to Glacier National Park. We should have stopped looking at the map, because several more short jumps take us to the Canadian Rockies National Parks of Banff, Lake Louise, and then Jasper. So we have a full itinerary ahead of us as soon as we leave Campvention. We are now busy preparing bandanas the Camp Stars are donating, and they will be placed in the Campvention Goody Bags so everyone can "cowboy up".

Winter outings are becoming more of a challenge for the Camp Stars because more and more couples are escaping to warmer climates for the winter. In February we had a dinner in the meeting room of the Pizza Ranch in Loveland. That was a really good option for holding a private meeting, because meetings in restaurants are usually a challenge. Our first "shakedown" campout of the year was in March at St. Vrain State Park. The weather was fabulous, and we got in some nice hiking. April was a return to Carter Lake, but at the South Shore this time. Another gorgeous weekend with more hiking. Coming up are trips to Horsetooth Reservoir, Curt Gowdy State Park (in Wyoming), Cherry Creek State Park, and Cheyenne Mountain State Park. We cap off the camping season with a campout at Chatfield Reservoir.



At the Victor Museum near Cripple Creek, and Jim Nunn is trying to figure out if the tractor is older or if I'm older.

## CHARLES N. BELL

Charles (Charlie) Bell and his wife, Billie Jean became members of Family Campers and RVers in 1997. Their first chapter was the High Plains Drifters and they then became charter members of the Good Timers, W.E.I. in June of 2000. They not only helped organize this chapter but became very active with chapter activities and in State and National rallies. The Retiree Rallies were a favorite and those of us who travelled with and attended these rallies have many fun memories to recall. His stories and sense of humor will always be with us.

Charlie was born November 9, 1929 in Wichita, Kansas. After honorably serving his country in the U.S. Army he and Billie married and later moved their family of four children to Colorado. As a construction mechanic, welder and operator he worked on

many Colorado roads including Cameron Pass, I70 on Vail Pass, and Glenwood Canon. His final project was the development of Denver International Airport and he retired after it was complete. Colorado then became his home!

Charles and Billie enjoyed camping, travelling in their motorhome all across the United States and Canada. They loved traveling the back roads and explored 47 of the lower states as well as Canada and Mexico.

Loana had just appointed Charles and Billie to Field Directors of the Good Timers when Charlie's health began to decline. They were unable to fulfill that position but attended as many of the chapter functions that his health would permit. They celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary on November 22, 2014. Charles went home to his Lord on February 13, 2015.

Coral Yakel





# Chapter News

## ROLLING SPRINGS CHAPTER NEWS



The beginning of the 2015 New Year brings the Rolling Springs to gather for several fun events. January we enjoyed the Edelweiss German Restaurant hosted by Ron and Heddy Servant. A very cold and very snowy February day did not stop the Rolling Springs from meeting at The Silver Pond Chinese Restaurant hosted by Jim and Babs Hauck. In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and had a great turnout at Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant in Falcon hosted by Roy and Vivian Crouse and Steve and Candy Furnish.



After some discussion on if "we were nuts" on the morning of our first official camp outing in April, due to snow and a not so sunny forecast. The Rolling Springs camp out at Mountaindale Campground hosted by Bill and Elaine Hobden and Steve and Candy Furnish was a great success. A total of 11 families were represented along with 3 guests. The weather even cooperated to allow 16 members/guests to venture to The Nature Conservancy



and Aiken Canyon Preserve. The group took a tour of the straw bale constructed Visitors center and a hike in the 1,621 acre preserve area. We enjoyed the preserves natural environment, along with the fresh brisk air before a short snow shower chased us back to our campground and warmth. Saturday evening included good food, fellowship and a lively game of Polish poker with our members and guests.



We are looking forward to more camping and time together!

## ROLLING SPRINGS CHAPTER NEWS



Camping season is in full force. May camp out at Mountain View campground in Canon City, CO was attended by ten families and four guests. Our host's provided games and prize's which lightened everyone's mood with the rainy weather.

June found the Rolling Springs in Howard, CO camping next to the Arkansas river. We had one guest Pat Gates join us for her "first camping experience". Saturday afternoon several members joined together to have a "Home Show" of fellow members rigs. A young couple camping near by who were traveling thru Colorado saw what fun we were having and asked to join in. Everyone enjoyed visiting and sharing with them information on what a wonderful organization FCRV is.



Submitted by Candy Furnish



# Chapter News



Buena Vista, CO



Linda Bandy 'even with my eyes closed.. I can do this!'



Mary Ann Glover "Just gotta place the milking machine 'sucky-thingy' on this one!"

## WEEKEND WARRIORS

Buena Vista Goat Farm - The trip getting to Buena Vista was "smoothing it, but the trip home was "roughing it." But the good news was everyone made it home safely..no casualties...no divorces!!

Arrowhead RV park was nothing but fun and great wonderful hospitality there. Lots of games and gatherings indoors and outdoors.

Happiness is the Weekend Warriors. Getting back to camping in between storms!!

The goat farm is a 'must do' the tour is worth it. Good tasty cheese samples tooooo! Amazing we felt like kids (no pun intended) all over again.



Weekend Warriors 'Yah we are camping again!' April 2015



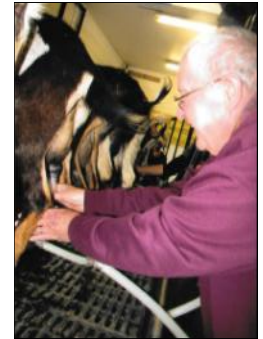
Little cuties



'Huh?? You found what??'



Stacy VanNattan 'Look what my dog sniffed out while hiking. Such a Treasure'



Jerry Clemens 'OK now please hold still.'

## FAREWELL

Charles Bell—Good Timers

Ruth Carter—Gray Wolves

Josh Autrey—Son of D & Toya Autrey—Rocky Mountain Maniacs

Wilson Price—Colorado Eagles

Jeanne Perman—Golden Nuggets

Dave Downing—Former member of the View Finders

Ray Noble—Former member of the Aurora Gate Keepers

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## GRAY WOLVES



Ahem! Ahem! I would like to introduce ourselves. This is “Lightening” on the left, and on the right is “Thunder.” Thunder, remember what I told you ‘best behavior, tuck it in, stand tall and pay attention at all times!’ My name is “Shadow.” A lot has happened with the human Gray Wolves since we last followed them. They lost a few good friends, added a few to their group, and printed a neat, new brochure for their chapter, the Gray Wolves. We, the real Gray Wolves, follow the human Gray Wolves wherever they go with their “House on Wheels,” when the weather gets warm. Last year, before the cold and snow came, we were so tired out from following them, we were glad to rest, but we did have a good time with the humans.

Sometimes they traveled a long way and we were really panting and out of breath when they finally stopped. Now, we have heard, via

some howlings, that they are almost ready to start traveling again!

While we were resting, they had what they called “luncheons,” when they got together and ate a meal, yum! yum! The human Gray Wolves really have a good time when they are together. We like it when they laugh a lot, because then we know they are having a good time. This month they went to “The Airplane” to eat, they kept saying how good the food was, we only know these huge metal birds in the sky make a lot of noise as they are going over us. The humans will start camping with their wheels in May to Brush for Spring Fling. We heard one human say he had to de-winterize or something like that, so we thought that meant they were getting their house on wheels ready to hit the road, as they say! We are racing through the Rockies to get our bodies in shape. Thunder wants to just eat and sleep all the time, so we might have to leave him in the den to “pup sit” while we are gone.

We also know that our human Gray Wolves are busy creating items to sell at their chapter sales at the National Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming in July. Such neat and useful articles both the man humans and the lady humans are creating. This is new and exciting for us to kind of be a part of. We saw some of these items they will be selling, oh, WOW! Are they great, so get ready every one to be the first ones to visit their tables during the chapter sales time!

Well, I must go, I always have to check on Thunder, he just can’t stay out of mischief!! This is Shadow, for the Gray Wolves.

Submitted by Wanda Durbin

## GRAY WOLVES NEWS

The Gray Wolves have been busy getting ready for summer. This is the year of our 20th Anniversary, the National Campvention, plus our camp-outs here in Colorado. In fact, in June our hosts have planned a Fishing Derby. They figure contestants will have four whole days to catch either the biggest fish or the smallest one and win a prize. With all the lakes and rivers near Pleasant Valley Campground at Howard, members are making sure their fishing licenses are current and that their gear is ready to use!

The Gray Wolves started celebrating 20 years together by most members attending the dinner and melodrama at Iron Springs Chateau in Colorado Springs. Enthusiastic boo’s and hisses were heard all over the theater anytime the villain did something dastardly along with much cheering for the hero. The heroine was particularly fetching, of course, and everything turned out all right by the end of the play.

The industrious wolf pack is making some fun and useful items to sell at Campvention in Gillette. These reasonably priced articles are easily stored in our RV’s and ready to enjoy at every camp-out. The Gray Wolves are raring to go and looking forward to heading up the highway to Gillette in July.

Wanda Parkhouse

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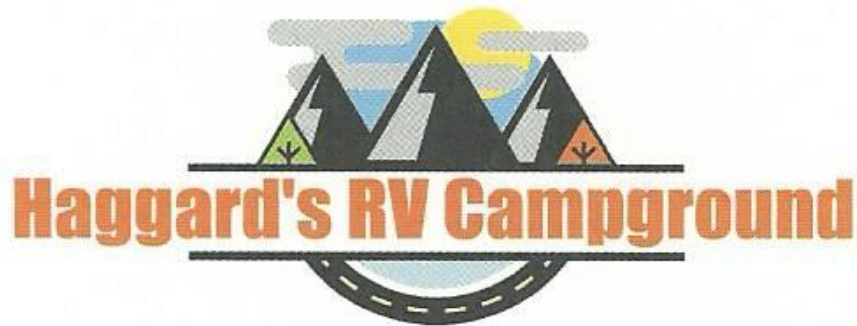
## Trailblazer News

A festive room greeted the Trailblazers as we celebrated Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day at our February luncheon. A big thank you to our hosts Sue and Ron Frindt and Dawn and Russ Skillman. The tables were decorated with Mardi Gras beads along with Valentine hearts and candy.

Irish green was the color of the day as the Trailblazers met on St. Patrick's Day for the monthly luncheon and meeting. Our host, Vicki Patterson, had our tables decorated with green garlands and shamrocks. A big Trailblazer thank you to Vicki!

Everyone is looking forward to the campouts that have been planned for 2015. The hosts for each of the seven campouts have been busy planning and organizing. We're all looking forward to the Gillette, Wyoming Campvention in July.

As always, the Trailblazers wish you happy camping and safe travels!



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# Chapter News

## STAR GAZERS NEWS



### URINETOWN IN MARCH??? - SERIOUSLY?

Urinetown is a seriously funny musical production which was performed by the Longmont Theatre Company. It is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a city, much like our own, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. This was the entertainment for the Star Gazers in March. We especially enjoyed the play because our own Rick Hays designed and built the sets. The play was followed by dinner and our meeting at the Pump House. Rick Hays was the host for the day with 19 members present.

### HOORAY! TIME TO CAMP!

#### HAGGARD'S RV CAMPGROUND IN APRIL

Eleven Star Gazers ventured to Pueblo West in April for the first camping trip of the year. The weekend was spent "getting the cobwebs out" of our RVs and our camping legs. Some of the group enjoyed strolling the Riverwalk in Pueblo. The weather cooperated, which is not always the case for April! Plans were discussed for Campvention, which will be coming very soon! The Star Gazers are looking forward to the week in Gillette, and plan to volunteer in numerous roles and to participate in the many planned activities come July. Laurie Downs was the host for this campout.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers Secretary



## STAR GAZERS CHAPTER NEWS



### GARDEN OF THE GODS

May found 14 rigs traveling to Manitou Springs to spend the weekend at Garden of the Gods RV Park. We were fortunate to pick the weekend between severe rains and floods in the area. In fact we were able to have a campfire both Friday and Saturday nights. We always enjoy sitting and laughing around a fire and finding out who truly is the funniest Star Gazer! On Saturday, a few of us hiked in the beautiful Garden of the Gods. Saturday night was our Cinco de Mayo pot luck, and we were not disappointed with all the delicious food. We finished the weekend by having breakfast Sunday morning at the Pancake House. Pam and John McCuskey hosted this campout.

### JUNE - DAKOTA RIDGE RV PARK

The Star Gazers made a short trip to West Colfax in June to camp at Dakota Ridge. The group explored downtown Golden, and spent the weekend eating and relaxing. Plans for the upcoming Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming were finalized. Carrie Tolzien was the host for this campout.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey



## 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Location
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

## Timberliners Chapter News

From April 10-12, for the first campout of our 2015 camping season, ten (10) members and one (1) guest couple took their rigs to the Ft. Collins Lakeside Resort! Attending: Ginger & Scot Woodward (Guest & Prospective Member) Marcia & Mark Sadler (President), JoAnne & Jerry Lien (Vice President/Field Directors/Historian), Wendy & Tom Koch (Secretary), JoAnn & Don Ramig (Reporting the Treasurer's Report from information provided by Tammi & Steve Pierce, our Treasurer, who could not attend), Francis Carper, Lou Black, Deborah & Mike Borek, Robbye & Cliff Richards, and Co-Hosts Beth & Ron Hoffman and Yvonne & Dennis Chamberlain & grandson, Sawyer Chamberlain!!

Seven (7) of us "braved" the Ft. Collins road construction, & Friday night traffic, including a STOPPED TRAIN in the middle of town, to venture out for Dinner at the Charco Broiler! It was well worth the trip! Saturday was breakfast on your own with a lively meeting in the afternoon! Several issues were brought up to be researched and discussed again at a later meeting! The Campground Staff opened their new Shuffle Board game for us and the winner was 5 year old SAWYER!!!

WAY TO GO SAWYER!!

We had a yummy potluck dinner Saturday night, with Spring table gifts donated by the Chamberlains! These were appreciated by all, especially by Don Ramig, who said he always wanted a solar humming bird; and it made his night perfect when his wife, JoAnn, won the raffle, which was a "STRING OF SOLAR FLOWERS!!! After dinner, several members participated in a rousing game of Marbles! After holding off a valiant effort by Mike the winner was....SAWYER AGAIN!!!!

Sunday morning we enjoyed a continental breakfast, with doughnuts provided by the Hoffman's and coffee by the Chamberlains! Then it was time to head home with a Safe and Happy Pink Trails to All!

Submitted by Beth Hoffman!!



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# Chapter News



RV Rascals at Larimer  
County Garbage Garage

## RV Rascals Chapter News

Who would ever guess that Bob & Jean Maxwell would host a function where everyone would "talk trash"??? (Bet that got your attention!!) In March, the RV Rascals took a tour of the Garbage Garage Education Center at the Larimer County landfill, south of Ft. Collins. At the Center, we learned all about trash -- why it's a problem and what we can do about it. The Center helps educate kids and adults about another set of "The 3 R's"...(reducing, reusing, and recycling)... as well as about landfills and household hazardous waste.



Maxwell's granddaughter,  
Sammie Koppes

In my last article, I blithely stated the Rascals were looking forward to the end of the cold weather in Colorado so we could go camping. Our first campout in April was at the Riverview Campground, west of Loveland. Though the temperature only reached 54° Saturday, five of the guys braved the morning's chill for a quick golf game before afternoon showers caught up with them. Ken and Michelle Vegter hosted the Rascals and provided several games to keep us inside, dry, warm and entertained!

Since it rained in April, we could expect warm weather and flowers for our May campout at Chatfield St. Park, right? But we forgot that Mother Nature sometimes has a sadistic humor. There were many "Rain, Rain, Go Away"-type songs going through our heads all weekend. With no outside shelter for our potluck Sat. evening, hosts Doug & Ruth Wert discovered their motorhome will hold 19 hungry Rascals!! (and one dachshund.) The Littleton area got lots of rain Friday and Saturday, and we woke up to several inches of snow Sunday. But, disagreeable weather doesn't keep the Rascals from having fun. We know several other Colorado chapters were showing their can-do camping spirit these same weekends, and I know we're all hoping nicer weather is on the horizon for future activities.

*"Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them."* ~~Francesco Guicciardini

Submitted by Linda Snyder



Doug Wert clears snow from motorhome roof



19 hungry Rascals (& 1 dachshund) in Wert's motorhome



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# Chapter News

## Cruisers Kick Off the Camping Season



BINGO! That was the watch word for the Colorado Cruisers' April camping gathering in La Veta, Colorado which marked the start of a fun packed camping season for the Cruisers. If you have never been to the Cuchara Valley in Southern Colorado, you owe it to yourself to stop at the Circle the Wagons RV Park and soak in the magnificent views and be mesmerized by the babbling creek. The owners were terrific, opening early for our group (and others of course) and serving up a great pancake breakfast to us on Saturday morning.



Several members went shopping at a great boutique in Walsenburg where they bought out all of their red hats. They will certainly be looking sharp for the Campvention. Some of the other Cruisers visited the Sand Dunes or hiked around La Veta taking in the sights of the community. Abe and Karleen Williams prepared a delicious feast of deep fried fish and shrimp expertly prepared by Abe. After dinner, the group got down to some serious BINGO competition with prizes from pizza to Fiddle-Faddle, called by Abe, our own "Mr. I-22 *Get off of my tu-tu!*" As always, Abe and Karleen put together a wonderful weekend as the Wagonmasters for our first campout of the season.

We are excited about our new prospective members, Donna and John Neff, who joined us in La Veta and livened up the campout. They truly fit right in, and we are looking forward to our next campout at the Spring Fling in Brush in May.

The Cruisers' will be attending both the state and national conventions so stop by and say hello. The season will be busy with camping and activities each month throughout the year. We are working the CAMP program in each of our outings and making some great strides as the camping season gets underway. Happy Camping!



## COLORADO CRUISERS April 15, 2015

The Cruisers are looking forward to the 2015 camping year. Our first campout will be at La Veta's Circle the Wagons campground 24-26 April. Circle the Wagons was gracious to open their campground a bit early for our group. For our May event, our group is using the FCRV Spring Fling event in Brush, CO at the Morgan County Fairgrounds May 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> as our monthly campout. Also during May, a group of JUST the ladies will meet for a week at the Colorado Heights Resort in Monument. June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, some of our group will attend the Colorado Retiree Rally at the Fort Collins KOA, Lakeside, and some will attend the group camping event at the Coto-paxi/Arkansas River KOA June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. For July, our group campout will be at the FCRV National Campvention in Gillette, WY from July 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (for the early birds), with the rest of the group attending July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. During August, we'll be going to Cripple Creek, to stay at the Cripple Creek Hospitality House and Travel Park on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. September 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, we'll be at the North Pueblo KOA, as the Chiles and Frijoles Festival is in Pueblo that weekend, as well. Our final campout for the year is during the month of October, where we'll head to Cherry Creek State Park in Denver on the weekend of October 16-18.

## On Your Mark, Get ready ...May 2015



Spatulas to the ready, fire builder with matches, and pancake mixer with spoon and of course the eater anxious awaiting the fruits of the team's labor! These were the ingredients to a delightful, if not different, camping experience for the Cruisers. The May FCRV Colorado Spring Fling had this and so much more. Ok, so we all had seen mud, rain, and hail before but a possible tornado – well that made it really a different campout for us. But as it always seems to happen with our group – the sun came out, dried things up, and another fun camping experience was had by all.



The Spring Fling was the first Colorado FCRV event many of the Cruisers have attended. It was certainly a different experience for most of us but as always – the fellowship was great. We even "bled" for the event with the donation of a couple pints of blood for the local blood bank. However, one of our "team mates" did a little bleeding at the pancake making/eating contest. We debut our new shirts which seemed to bring

out the pride and team spirit of the Cruisers.

The venue featured several vendors which drew a lot of attention, and money, from our group. Although the teen queen and king pageant was lacking in contestants, it certainly was rich with talent. And the Saturday evening festivities ended with a "fast moving" bingo competition which resulted in few prizes going to Cruiser members. Thank goodness for the door prizes!



Needless to say, the Cruisers' had a great time and as always – we were never hungry! We are looking forward to our next gathering and the rest of our fun-filled camping schedule. We are especially looking forward the Campvention in Gillette and our own take on the Pueblo Chile Festival in September.



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## Trailblazer News



*Trailblazers enjoying their morning walk*



*Our guide at the Pueblo Air Museum explaining an exhibit*

Bocce Ball was the activity of the afternoon. We were fortunate to have such beautiful weather where we could be outside.



*Trailblazers posing in front of the many aircraft at the Pueblo Air Museum*

That evening we enjoyed watching the movie *Hitch*, while having popcorn and other goodies provided by our hosts.

We had a wonderful time on our first campout of the season- being with wonderful Trailblazer friends, having great food, and enjoying a rain free campout!

"Rain, rain, go away"-that's what everyone was saying on our May campout to Fort Collins Lakeside KOA. Unfortunately, that was not to be! No one could ever remember a campout with so much rain! In spite of the rainy weather, we still had a wonderful time. A big "Thank You" to our hosts, Ron and Sue Frindt and Larry and Sue Menke. The theme for our May campout honored Memorial Day and the many members of the military who gave their lives.

Our hosts asked everyone to wear red, white, and blue to on our first gathering Monday evening. We enjoyed great food and fellowship followed by a special commemorative time. Our hosts provided everyone a red, white, and blue ribbon to wear. Sue Frindt set up a "Table of Remembrance" in the community room that remained until our departure on Thursday. She also gave a presentation to explain what



*Trailblazers touring Budweiser Brewery*

For breakfast, our hosts provided "make your own" yogurt parfaits, oatmeal, homemade breads, and coffee. Just what we all needed on a cool, rainy morning.

In the afternoon, several of the Trailblazers took a tour of the Budweiser Brewery. We'd like to thank Kevin, our tour guide, for doing such a great job and laughing at our jokes about rabbits and "hops". The Budweiser Brewery facility was beautiful. The grounds were so lush and green and there were rabbits everywhere! (Thus, the rabbit jokes.)

One of the first stops on our tour were the stables where the huge Clydesdale horses are housed when they are in town. Unfortunately, they were not there when we visited. It was interesting to hear about the history of Budweiser and to see how the beer is brewed, bottled, and canned. The Brewery also has a small restaurant and gift shop. This is a great excursion if you find yourself in the area. And you don't need to be a beer drinker to enjoy the tour.

Our last evening was spent playing Polish Poker and Trivial Pursuit. After that, it was time to call it a night. Even with all the rain, it was still a lot of fun and a great campout! We're all looking forward to our next campout at Cherry Creek State Park in June and hoping for sunny skies!



*Good food and great friends*



*An evening around the campfire with music and song*



*Remembrance Table*



*Noon potluck at the Lakeside KOA in Fort Collins*

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## Camping With the Colorado Eagles

May is our first outing of the year and always begins with “Spring Fling”. True to our group’s unspoken motto “eat out”, 14 of the early arrivers went out to dinner. As always everyone had a wonderful time and we even came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Golden Skillet contest (And **you** too can do that, just get your own 2 teams together from your chapter) and we also had a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in Bolo Horseshoes and a ½ second place winner - confused? Well only one person on the second place team was from our Chapter. On Sunday there was the usual pick up and clean-up of the area and building before everyone said good-bye.

Sunday PM, the Colorado Eagles were off to La Junta KOA for our official Chapter Campout which was hosted by Bill & Joan Pickens and Mike and Angel Ireson.

Monday while waiting for a few more of our group to arrive the Campvention Craft Committee, Joan Pickett, Carol Knoll, et al met and finished counting, cutting and bagging fabric strips and completing the craft packets. We only had a little over an hour before the Ice Cream Social (banana splits,



sundaes or whatever you wanted to make) which started at 1pm. Then we sat and talked and waited for more arrivals. Five pm was dinner at Felisa’s Mexican Restaurant. The food was good and the service also. After dinner it was back to the KOA “Rec Room” for games. By the time the gamers started for their beds it was raining and sometimes fairly heavy. The weather forecast does not sound good for outdoor activities tomorrow.

Tuesday – It is still raining so the hike around Vogel Canyon had to be cancelled as part of the road there is dirt and the Canyon was flooded. True to a good rainy day most people slept in. On a whim a group of us went to Village Inn for breakfast and to visit. When we were full of coffee most of the group headed for Wal-Mart. (What would an outing be like without at least one stop at a Wal-Mart?) It was all the way across the parking lot from Village Inn; we needed to pick up last minute items for the BBQ – Pot Luck tonight. Pot Luck must have a secret meaning (how much food can we put on a table before it collapses?). Everyone was stuffed but after cleanup out came the games.



Wednesday – Hey, something must be wrong, it is too quiet. Oh – It’s not raining; the ground has puddles all over but **NO** rain. That was great as our tour of Old Bent’s Fort was scheduled for 10am. Everyone lined up and we actually left on time at 9:30. Yea! See, some things do improve with age. The guided tour was very enjoyable as well as informative. After the tour there was an 18 minute video about the Fort, and, of course a gift shop (surprise!). We later found out that our Guide was staying in the same RV Park. Not sure if we should call it a small world or just a lack of good accommodations. After the tour we had only about 30 minutes before dinner at Boss Hogg’s Saloon & Restaurant which turned out to be a busy place. They did however have a section where we had a room just for our group. After dinner it was back to the Rec Room and more games.

Thursday – The morning was free until our Chapter meeting at 1pm. After that it was visiting until 4:45 when it was time to leave for Rocky Ford and dinner at an old church that has been converted to a restaurant. The place is called Christine’s and is open only 2 nights a week or for groups. If you have not eaten there you are in for a treat. The atmosphere is unique – “an old church” – the food and service was exceptional and the price was very reasonable.

Friday - Another great week of friendship, food and fun has come to an end, now it is time to pack up and head for home. Hopefully the drive home will be dry.

Submitted by, Mike & Angel Ireson

## Colorado Eagles

### January – February Outings

January was the Retiree Luncheon held at Cinzzetti’s Italian Buffet and hosted by Carter and Ann Bloomfield. It is always a wonderful time to catch up with friends from other “retiree chapters” and as good an excuse to see just how much delicious Italian food one can eat. Oh, don’t forget all the desserts!

Our February Luncheon was hosted by Ron & Norma Wright at the Golden Corral. Anyone who likes chocolate can’t help but love the chocolate fountain. It is always good to get together for a meal and catch up with all that’s going on in everyone’s life.

Carol Knoll and Joan Pickens are in charge of selecting and getting crafts together for the Campvention attendees. So being the smart people they are, they rounded up volunteers from our group. We even had a couple of men join in. The group met once in January and once in February and got two of the crafts ready. Are these people good or what?! Just one more craft to decide on and get put together.



By Angel & Mike Ireson



## LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

MAY—JUN 15

**H B 15-1329** Creates a Task Force to study off-highway vehicle use on roads. From what I understand from reading the bill they are going to look at ATVs running on state roads NOT Forest Service Roads, etc. The Task Force will represent 12 organizations including the State Patrol, Colorado Sheriffs, Parks & Wildlife, environmental people, hunting outfitters, and others. The Task Force to make recommendations to the General Assembly by Dec 1, 2015. The bill is currently in the Local Government Committee.

### See State Forest by the full moon

We have no way to know whether seeing a moose by the light of the full moon is on your bucket list. But if it is (and we think maybe it should be), then we have the trip for you: a full moon snowshoe through State Forest State Park. The park, which is home to more than 600 moose, just announced that it will once more host its "Full Moon Open House" event Jan. 31 and Feb. 28. Those aren't quite full moon nights (the moon will be waxing gibbous), but both are Saturdays.

Open House attendees ski or snowshoe the park's easy six-mile Gould Loop, then meet at the Moose Visitor Center for a potluck dinner (bring a dish). Along the way, cider and hot cocoa will be provided at the "Chocolate Cabin."

If you go: Plan to meet at the Moose Visitor Center around sundown (about 5:30 p.m. Jan 31 and 6 p.m. Feb. 28), and bring warm clothes and a funny hat. The park will provide glowsticks and glow-in-the-dark jewelry, but you'll probably want your own light. Reservations aren't necessary, but the \$7 daily use fee still applies.

Moose are about as active at night as they are during the

day, though they are obviously harder to see. You'll want to brush up on Colorado Parks and Wildlife's tips for handling wildlife encounters before you go.

### Run or hike at Green Mountain

By now, you've heard it from everyone at the office—Colorado weather is weird. And while the Centennial state's climatic quirks make for pretty dull conversation, they can definitely throw a wrench in weekend plans. So this week, we looked for a spot near Denver that isn't often buried in the white stuff.

Enter Green Mountain—a mesa just a few miles west of Lakewood. The area contains more than 17 miles of awesome hiking/running trails. It's known for mild weather and quick-drying trails, making it a draw for those folks who'd rather not wait until Memorial Day to lace up their hiking boots or trail runners. \

We recommend the 6.5-mile Green Mountain Trail, which climbs to the mesa's 6,857-foot summit, then loops back to the parking lot. At its steepest, the trail gains almost 740 feet in just over 1.25 miles, so eat your Wheaties.

If you go: Green Mountain's trails are within William F. Hayden Park, which has a printable trail map online (check the "quick links" box in the upper right). Leashed dogs, mountain bikes, and horses are allowed.

Getting there: Take US-6 west out of Denver to the Union Boulevard (about 7 miles), and follow this to Alameda Parkway. Follow Alameda for about three miles and find a parking lot on the right (just across from Utah Avenue). by Matt Whittaker.

Now is the time to check your gear to be ready for the next Chapter Campout.

Have a great time and hopefully

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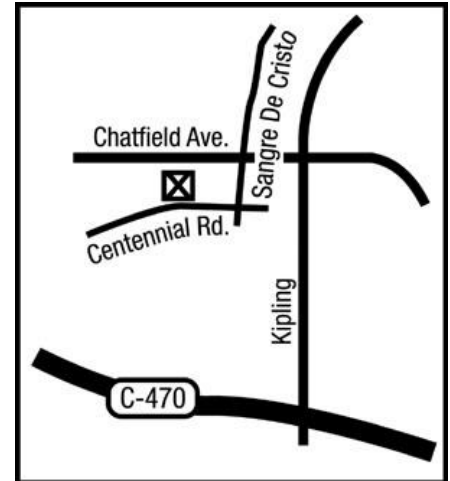
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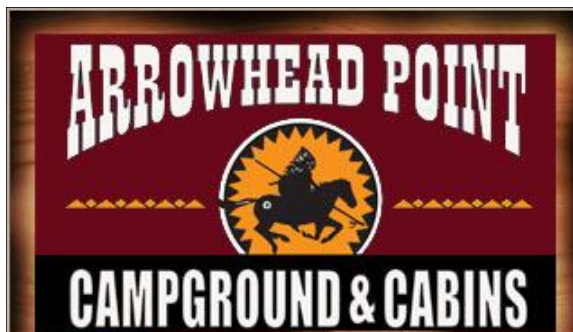
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# 2015 Colorado Fall Statewide – September 4th – September 7th 2015

## Elbert County Fairgrounds - Kiowa, CO

Theme: “Legends of Loana”

**Camping fees are for 3 nights and include a \$15.00 Registration fee**

**Camping Fees: Families \$60 or Singles \$50 At the gate-Families \$65 or Singles \$55**

All camping is Dry camping unless you require electricity for medical reasons. (Only camping fees are refundable in case of medical/family emergency)

**Two families attending Statewide and camping in one unit and/or campsite**

**The 1st family must submit a registration & pay the camping fee which includes the \$15.00 registration.**

**The 2nd family must submit a separate registration and pay only the registration fee of \$15.00.**

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

**Deadline to pre-register is August 28th**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap w/Electrical [ ] \$5.00 per night

Size of Camper \_\_\_\_\_ ft # Slide outs \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap only [ ] Electric only [ ] \$5.00 per night

Reason for requiring handicap and/or electricity \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of youth \_\_\_\_\_ # of pre-teens \_\_\_\_\_ # of teens \_\_\_\_\_

	Youth	Youth	Pre-teen	Teens	Teens
	0-5	6-8	9-12	13-15	16-19
Female					
Male					

(Only Camping Fees are refundable in case of Medical/Family emergency, you will be reimbursed for all except the meals & registration fee which is \$15 of above fees.)

**Gluten free meals (please ask before you are served): must pre-pay (no refunds, & none will be available at gate)**

**Friday Night Chicken Dinner** Sponsored by the Colorado Field Staff (state fund raiser)

# adults \_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_ # children (11 and under) \_\_\_\_ x \$3.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_ for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_

**Saturday Morning Breakfast** Sponsored by the Silver Foxes (state fund raiser)

# adults \_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_ Any family of four or more will pay only \$24.00 for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_

Meal includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and coffee.

**Saturday Night Beef Dinner** (children under 3 are free) Sponsored by the Elbert County 4H clubs.

# adults \_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_ # children (3-11) \_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_ for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_

Saturday night catered beef dinner includes beef with mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, tossed salad, brownies for dessert, iced tea or lemonade. Price includes gratuity and all applicable taxes.

**GRAND TOTAL (Camping fees + Optional Meals) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to **Colorado Chapters of FCRV**

**Mail to: Vodean Benham, 5452 S. Camargo Rd, Littleton, CO 80123**

In order to camp with your chapter you must pre-register by the deadline of August 28th (must be received by August 28th) otherwise you may be put into the overflow section. This is dry camping (no electric or water). There are limited electric hookups in the handicap area for those with medical need for electric. All other handicap spaces will provide a closer location to the buildings.

**VERY IMPORTANT! Please include with your registration a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope for confirmation.**

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# Legends of Loana



**This is the last Statewide that Loana will be our State Director. Come and congratulate her as she steps down and cuts back her FCRV activities.**

## Fall Statewide

**September 4th – September 7th 2015**

Elbert County Fairgrounds - Kiowa, CO

**Register By  
August 28th  
Registration  
Form is on  
Page 27**

- ♦ Friday Night Fried Chicken Dinner - *State Fund Raiser*
  - ♦ Horseshoes - Bongo Board - Bean Bag Toss - Cribbage
  - ♦ Saturday morning pancake breakfast with sausage
  - ♦ Chapter Pot Lucks - Chapter Hospitalities - Commercial sales area
  - ♦ Chapter Project Sales – Individual Craft Sales, \$10 for booth space - Casting Contest
  - ♦ (Large Building - all booths will be inside – individual booths need to provide their own tables)
  - ♦ Photo Contest – Skits - Adult and Youth Bingo - Catered Dinner - *Saturday Night*
  - ♦ Teen Queen & King Contest - Special Programs for Teens & Youth - Craft time for Kids
  - ♦ Special Entertainment TBA - Church service - Bell Remembrance Service
  - ♦ 11th Annual Bonfils Blood Drive - Lots of Great DOOR PRIZES
  - ♦ General Membership meeting
- (Activities are for Everyone including Chapters, Families, and Individuals)