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28th ANNUAL SPRING FLING

MAY 14 — 17, 2015

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Brush, Colorado

There is an activity for everyone!!

Teen Royalty Pageant-Card Bingo-Flea Market
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Church Service
Free Coffee and Donuts on Sunday after church

Pictures from the planning and Campvention meeting on March 7th



MEETING NOTES

Anyone plugging into the electrical outlets at the Brush fairgrounds must have an electric cord with 12 or preferably 10 gauge wire. *(The larger the gauge # the smaller the wire)*

Spring Fling activities were planned with the following chapters/members volunteering to help out with all the games and activities.

Star Gazers will do the Goody Bags, Sundowners will take care of Registration duties, Fun on Wheels & Waggin' Ears will do the Layout & Parking, Rolling Renegades will do the Flag Ceremony, Brian Dimock will take care of First Aid, Star Gazers will take care of the Poop Buckets.

Linda Fernandez will take care of the Flea Market, Bill & Rita Newell will conduct the hike & bike for the CAMP program, Jo Lien will take care of the Scrapbook contest, Carrie Tolzien & Ryan will run the Bean Bag Baseball game, but we need members to bring their boards.

Rocky Explorers will do the Golden Skillet Contest, Star Chasers will do the Bolo Horseshoes, Anita Maile will gather the Conservation Posters for judging, Cheryl Price will help with Adult Bingo.

Carrie Tolzien will help set up the coffee and donuts for Sunday morning, and Larrie Thomasie will conduct the Sunday morning church service.



CHAPLAINS CORNER

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



Soon it will be Easter and we will all observe it in different ways, some will celebrate by going to a church service and worship the Risen Christ, others will dye and hide eggs and have a big Easter dinner. However, to the Christians it's about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ back from the dead which brought faith to the early risen church. From the very time of Christ's death and resurrection, to raising of the church, Christians have faced all kinds of persecution by others.

The faith of the Christians and the church were challenged by those who would try to destroy it. Many Christians were flogged, skinned alive, nailed to crosses, beheaded, burned at the stake and suffered for many years, but they refused to give up the Faith, Justice and Freedom they had in the risen Christ, they would rather die first.

As we ponder these events, let us realize the church, and Christians, are still under persecution all over the world, even today, and so is our freedom and way of life.

Will we be like the faithful Christians who suffered and became stronger in their faith?

Let this Easter be the day we ask God for a new resurrection of our Godly spirit, faithfulness, American Patriotism, and let us never give in to our enemies.

Happy Easter to all.

God Bless the faithful and the United States of America.



CHAPLAIN LARRIE THOMASE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James & May Kauanui brought in by Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell
 Ian & Elizabeth Gronewold came in through the Colorado website
 John Schott & Mary Decker brought in by John & Sonja Zamora
 Dave & Arlene Kohlwey brought in by Preston & Jan Koons
 Darrell & Carolyn Brasier brought in by Mike & Jan Olivieri
 Thomas & Jacqueline Clarke brought in by Bob & Peggy Marty
 Kenneth & Helen Stanko brought in by Billy & Annaliese Moore
 Craig & Cherylene Evans brought in by Colin & Gay Peecher
 Tom & Verla Gray brought in by Larry & Marshia Yarberry
 Al & Fran Allain brought in by Larry & Marshia Yarberry
 Robert & Jean Danforth brought in Bob & Peggy Reyes
 Brian & Betty Seeman brought in by Gary & Mary Ann Merritt
 LaMont & Cynthia Cupp brought in by John & Sonja Zamora
 Glen & Tamra Rice brought in by Will & Vodean Benham
 Garland & Tresa Woods brought in by Doug & Ruth Wert





STATE HISTORIANS'S SCRAPBOOK CONTEST FOR SPRING FLING

Chapter Historian's, it's time to begin collecting those "priceless" photos and memorabilia from your chapter meetings/campouts/projects and get that chapter scrapbook completed. Guidelines for your scrapbook are as follows: Refer to your field director's national field manual under the History Program .

Page 1 (the actual first page, not the inside cover) or title page, Chapter Name, Nat'l Charter Number, Charter Date, Chapter Patch or Emblem, Colors and State.

Lower right hand corner of title page to be reserved for State Director's certification (stamp).

Scrapbook shall be no larger than 20" X 24" X 8".

Include a list of officers and a schedule for the year with dates, name of host and location.

Explain who and what is pictured in the photo.

Limit the subject matter to your chapter activities only.

Include chapter awards.

Include a photo of chapter patch if possible.

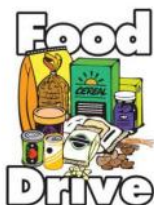
Scrapbooks shall cover events from January 1st to December 31st.



Please be aware than not complying with all the rules will disqualify your scrapbook. Don't let this happen to you. There will be a short meeting on Friday night conducted by JoAnn Lien to go over your scrapbooks to be sure they will be in order for the judging. Any chapter submitting a scrapbook is encouraged to attend this meeting.

FLEA MARKET

We will be having the flea market again this year, so bring all your gently used items to donate, so we can sell it back to you!! The market will be open all day, every day until Saturday night. We will then box up all that's left over and donate it to a charitable organization. Kitchen items, garden tools, tools, RV stuff, books, records/cds, small pieces of furniture, and gently worn clothing items re acceptable.



FOOD DRIVE FOR MORGAN COUNTY

We are asking each family to bring non-perishable food items to Brush to be distributed to their food bank in Morgan County.

WELCOME TO ALL RV SHOW CADETS THAT HAVE JOINED SO FAR THIS YEAR

Rodney & Diane Hansen, Chuck Jett & Norma Stremme, Brad & Christine Rindfuss, Tom & Heather Sly, Steve & Laurie Bender, David & Fara Born, Michael Carstens & Shari Gerson, Mike & Tonya Dillon, Robert Donner & Elke VanTrabert , Mark & Jan Doughty, Deanna Evich & Lisa Stone, Wayne & Susan Girtten, John & Carey Grapel, Ralph Hopfenberg & Carol Mitchell, Paul & Regina Krawiec, Jo & Laura Martinez, Steven & Sandy Meyers, Bryce & Heather Morris, Kevin O'Connor & Lisa Koch, Carl & Elvira Saunders , Steve & Rose Selko, Perry & Donna Skinner, Bill Surwill & Sine Scott-Surwill, David & Terri Ward, Fred & Kathleen Buckner, Dennis & Marilyn Harvey, Mike & Sue Knapik, Alan & Nancy Lindenmier, Ray & Cathy Mantz, Richard & Lorraine Mantz, Harry & Diana Mellinger, John & Donna Neff, Philip & Alberta Saran, Larry & Christine Walker, Bob & Nancy Wolf, Dve & Sandy Wortley, and Charles Youngblood & Tae Cha.

Just remember to enjoy your new endeavor and we hope to see you down the road camping with us.

Loana Schraeder, Colorado State Director of Family Campers & RVers





Hey Mom and Dad!

We have several kids in Colorado FCRV but the participation in these poster contests has been small. We need you to encourage your young folks to get involved. Bring your poster to Spring Fling and we will see that it gets stamped. We love to recognize our youth.

“CAMPING IS” POSTER CONTEST

The “Camping Is” Poster Contest will be held at Spring Fling on Saturday. This contest is open to all Colorado Youth. All posters must be turned in to the State Youth Director on Saturday morning. There will not be any special time set aside for the youth to do their posters at Spring Fling, so they need to be completed before arrival. The winning poster in each category will be sent to the National Campvention in July for competition. Colorado awards will be handed out at the Spring Fling Saturday evening program. Contestants who enter should portray what camping means to them.

The contest rules are as follows:

The contest is divided into four age groups:

5-6 years 7-8 years

9-10 years 11-12 years

Age to be determined as of July 1st of the year of the contest.

Contestants' parents must be members of FCRV in good standing.

Posters must be on standard sized poster board (approximately 22" X 28" not to vary more than ½")

Name, birth date and complete address of the contestant along with the Field Director or State Director's certification (stamp) of FCRV membership must appear on the lower left hand corner on the back of the entry.



YOUTH/TEEN/ADULTS CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

ALL Conservation Posters must be turned in for judging at Spring Fling on Saturday morning to Anita Maile, Colorado's Conservation Director. If the posters get turned in after the judging is completed, they will be disqualified. Please check your schedules for time to turn in posters.

As you can see below, this contest is open to all ages: Youths, Teens, and Adults. The winning poster in each category will be sent to National Campvention in July for competition. The rules are as follows:

A poster will be defined as a medium to catch the attention of the observer and convey a specific conservation message pertaining to some phase of conservation.

Each poster must be approved by a Field Director and signed by the Field Director to certify that the entrant is a member in good standing with FCRV.

Posters must be on standard sized poster board (approximately 22" X 28", not to vary more than ½"). **Do not put scalloped edges around your posters, they will be disqualified.**

Name, birth date, chapter, complete address of contestant and Field Director's certification (stamp) **must** appear on the lower left hand corner of the back of the poster.

The posters must be the contestants' own work and must have been created for the FCRV contest only.

Any art media may be used.

Age categories will be:

Up to 5 years inclusive

6 – 8 years inclusive

9 – 11 years inclusive

12 – 14 years inclusive

15 – 19 years inclusive

20 years and older

Age is determined as of July 1st of the year of the contest

Judging at all levels will be based on adherence to National Conservation Board Rules:

Originality, Neatness, and Adherence to or development of the theme.





APPLICATION FORM FOR VENDOR BOOTHS/PROJECT SALES

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

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

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

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

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Phone : _____

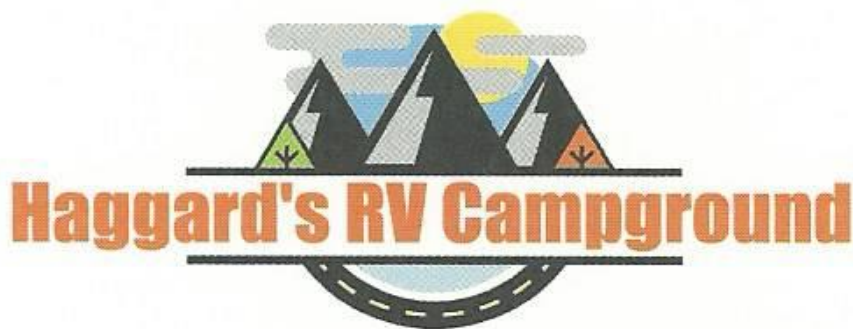
Only one person from the chapter to register for your project sales.

10 X 10 Commercial Vendor booth: How many? _____

With electricity Without electricity

Chapter project sales: With electricity Without electricity

(Chapters do not pay a booth fee for project sales)



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May 14-17, 2015

Morgan County Fairgrounds - Brush, CO

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

Camping Fees: Families \$50 or Singles \$40

At the gate-Families \$55 or Singles \$45

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 Spring Fling 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 May 4, 2015

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Chapter: _____

Type of Camper _____ Size of Camper _____ ft # Slide outs _____ Handicap only [] Electric only []

Anyone plugging into the electrical outlets at the fairgrounds must have an electric cord with 12 or preferably 10 gauge wire. (The larger the gauge # the smaller the wire, so if you are using an extension cord marked 16 gauge wire that is way too small.)

Reason for requiring handicap and/or electricity _____

of adults _____ # of youth _____ # of pre-teens _____ # of teens _____

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

Roast Beef Dinner	\$12.00
	X
Total for meals	

Camping Fees: _____

Meal Fees: _____

Grand Total enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to Colorado Chapters of FCRV

Mail to: Will & Vodean Benham 5452 S. Camargo Road, Littleton, CO 80123

In order to camp with your chapter you must pre-register and it must be received by May 4, 2015, otherwise you will 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 a medical need for electricity.

All other handicap spaces will provide only a closer location to the activities.

Parking will begin promptly on Thursday at 10 a.m.

The Friday night meal will consist of pulled pork on a bun plus baked beans, pasta salad and drinks.

Please mark this box if you plan to be there to eat on Friday night by 5:00 PM []

The Saturday night roast beef dinner will be served at the campground. The meal consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy and corn, and coffee, lemonade or iced tea.

Specific Directions to the Morgan County Fairgrounds (Map on Colorado Website @ Coloradofcrv.com)

Going north east on I 76 out of Denver, go to exit 90A and turn right on Colorado. Go south on Colorado to the dead end (two graneries at the end of the street) and turn right, go one block to next stop sign, which is Clayton St. go left over the railroad tracks and go to Ellsworth, turn right and go a couple of blocks and turn left into the Fairgrounds.

Chapter News

WEEKEND WARRIORS

"FOR THE GOOD TIMES"

Happy Trails to a few of our couples that are moving on or full timing RVer. It's sad to see them leave us, but glad to see them fulfill their dreams!

Our Christmas Ugly Sweater Group Picture.
Nothing like having all those good times together,
it's a TREASURE



Weekend Warriors all "Decked Out for our Christmas Party at the Bandys' in our UGLY Sweaters...woohoo...



Lonnie and his mother
Lillie Glover and Stacy &
"Elf" Dave VanNattan

5 REGRETS OF DYING:

- 1) I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.....
- 2) I wish I didn't work so hard.....
- 3) I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings....
- 4) I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends....
- 5) I wish that I had let myself be happier....

Many did not realize until the end that "Happiness is a Choice." Deep within, they longed to laugh properly and have silliness in their life again...

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Silver Foxes – Colorado Springs

I don't know whether or not Groundhog Punxsutawney has it right or not, but the abundance of sunshine and the spurts of unusual warm weather has gotten the geese on the golf course a-flying and flowers and trees showing signs of a-budding. The RV show is in town. It must be that spring is upon us and it's blooming fantaBUDalious!!!!!!!

This is the time of the year the Silver Foxes start planning for their local annual shakedown. We have selected Mountaintale as the perfect place for us who are antsy for the first RV jaunt of the season. No need to hibernate and be held hostage in our RVs because of the COLD. They have a very comfortable clubhouse which accommodates our need for camaraderie in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, not to mention the wonderful view of nature waking up from winter's sleep.

The Silver Foxes have a full, fun schedule this year. We have Chatfield State Park for water fun, Salida for the annual fish fry, the FCRV Campvention at Gillette, WY and Ridgeway State Park. Our finale at Colorado City KOA, is the FCRV Southern Retiree Rally which we will be hosting. We also expect to be represented at the FCRV Spring Fling at Brush, the FCRV Retiree Rally at Ft Collins, and of course the FCRV Statewide at Kiowa, where our members will again be in charge of the pancake breakfast.

Hope to see all of you at the Campvention and Rallies, as well as any other campgrounds where our paths may cross.

We welcome our newest members to the Silver Foxes - Ken and Helen Stanko.



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Rocky Explorers – Dec 2014 -March 2015

The Rocky Explorers started out 2015 with an extravaganza! Our group met at Roger and Deb Hardy's home for an afternoon of games and good times! After our requisite potluck, the group broke into teams and played the Rocky Explorers version of "A Minute to Win It". The theme was games that challenged everyone's dexterity, strategy, and patience.

We enjoyed another fun evening in February when the Adaska's hosted a murder mystery dinner. All the guests came dress in 1920's attire. Kim Randels won the award for best dressed and Moye Harris won the award for best actor. All had a fun time and many thanks to Bill and Ann for hosting (and all the preparation for) the party.

Our next event will be to provide dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Our dinner, organized by Doug and Cheryl Forry will be themed for St. Patrick's Day. The Ronald McDonald Houses providing stability and resources for families, while the family cares for a hospitalized child. We look forward to providing a lot of good food as we do a small part to help these families.

Looking forward to April, we'll have a shooting event at a local gun range, then camping begins in earnest in May!

Submitted by Cindy Kotary

Chapter News



The RV Rascals enjoyed their Christmas lunch.



Goya etching: What courage!!

RV RASCALS CHAPTER NEWS

The December meeting of the RV Rascals was scheduled as a pot luck lunch and Christmas party at the home of Bill & Linda Snyder. Unfortunately, the Grinch snuck up on Linda and left her some germs 3 days before the occasion. The essence of the FCRV spirit proved true when (with 2 days notice), members Ken & Michelle Vegter graciously offered their home for the party. After lunch, members participated in two games and a gift exchange (of red or green items).

2015's activities started with lunch (and meeting) on Jan. 24th hosted by Jack & Sandy Reed at the HuHot Mongolian Grill in Fort Collins, and was followed by a visit to the CSU Art Museum for the opening of an exhibit of art by the renowned Spanish artist Francisco de Goya. The exhibit runs through March 28th and features 80 etching depicting the horrors of war, witness during conflicts between Spain and Napoleon's French Empire in the early 19th century.

February's activity on the 21st will be hosted by Don & Carolyn Baumgartner and will start with lunch and meeting at the Loveland Golden Corral, followed by a trip to the Daggett Glass Studio for a glass blowing demonstration. Stay tuned for information and pictures of this venture and of our March outing to the Larimer County Garbage Garage.

The RV Rascals are anticipating the end of cold weather in Colorado although some members couldn't wait and did journey south to Arizona in search of warmer winter temperatures. We look forward to more fun camping opportunities together in 2015 and wish other FCRVers an enjoyable and safe year.

Submitted by Linda Snyder



Mary Kay Hines opens her gift while other Rascals wonder "what is it???"



Glass blown Christmas ornament

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

Chapter News

Trailblazer News



New members,
Joyce and Mike Grooms



Jeri Harper's winning photo -
Most Interesting



Vicki Patterson's
winning photo-Wildlife

Everyone is ready for the arrival of spring! It seems that winter has lasted far too long. The unseasonably warm days that we've had recently make it that much harder to endure the cold weather.

We're all looking forward to this year's camping adventures! Colorado City will be our destination in April. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. In May we head to Fort Collins. June will have the Trailblazers traveling to Cherry Creek State Park. July will find us in Gillette, WY, for the FCRV Campvention! For many of us this will be our first Campvention. The Trailblazers will be in Westcliffe for August with an optional add-on trip to Taylor Reservoir. Ouray will be our campout in September. We're looking forward to the beautiful fall colors! Last, but not least, our final campout of the season will be in Buena Vista. This is a favorite destination for all the Trailblazers & we're looking forward to creating many more memories with all our friends!

A big thank you to our January hosts at our monthly luncheon at Golden Corral. Ray and Rosemary Walkowski and Paul and Beverly Hassler did a wonderful job decorating our tables with all different shapes and sizes of snowmen.

The Trailblazers would like to welcome new members Mike and Joyce Grooms! It's great to have you in our "family"!

Our annual photo contest voting was conducted at our January meeting. There were so many great photos submitted. "Thank You" to all our photographers in the Trailblazers and a huge thank you to Ray Walkowski for organizing the contest and reminding us to take those photos!

Vicki Patterson won the **Wildlife** category for her photo of a couple of "critters" enjoying a sandwich! These "critters" would mysteriously appear at different campsites during our campout last June in Buena Vista! Jeri Harper won the **Most Interesting** category with her picture of goats being milked during a visit to the Jumpin' Good Goat Dairy outside of Buena Vista. Dawn Skillman and Jeri Harper tied in the **People** category. Dawn took a picture of Judy Banta "having a moment" with a "resident" of the Francisco Fort Museum in LaVeta! Jeri took an opportunity to get a photo of Hank Stamps and her husband Ken, having some fun relaxing outside the store at the Jumpin' Goat Dairy in Buena Vista. In the **Scenic** category, Sue Menke and Cathy Vegvary tied. Sue took a wonderful picture of a campfire. Cathy's picture was of the full moon in LaVeta. Congratulations to everyone! Remember, it's never too soon to start taking pictures for next year's contest.

The Trailblazers wish all FCRVers a safe camping season full of adventures and good times!



Winners of photo contest: (L-R) Cathy Vegvary, Sue Menke, Ken Harper (standing in for his wife, Jeri) Dawn Skillman, and Vicki Patterson



Dawn Skillman's
winning photo-People



Cathy Vegvary's winning
photo-Scenic

Chapter News

STAR GAZERS CHAPTER NEWS

WE STARTED 2015 WITH THE RV SHOW

Star Gazers met at the Hilton Hotel for breakfast and a meeting to start the year. We spent some time catching up on everyone's holiday activities. We were sorry to see so many members with health issues, and hope that 2015 is a better year than the last one.

We then crossed the street to the Convention Center for the annual RV Show. As always there were many RVs on display, from the smallest teardrop trailer to the \$900,000+ class A. Most of our members have purchased new rigs in the last couple of years, but that doesn't prevent us from looking to see what is new.

Nineteen members and 3 guests attended. The outing was hosted by Bobby and Tina Hosford.

FEBRUARY - GOOD EATS AT THE GREAT NORTHERN TAVERN



Star Gazers met for lunch and meeting on a snowy Sunday afternoon at the Great Northern Tavern in the Denver Tech Center. We enjoyed lots of good food followed by our business meeting. We are getting anxious for camping season to start, and we heard details of the first two campouts of the year.

The meeting was hosted by Lon and Sharon Kraft, and we had 24 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Submitted by Pam McCuskey, Star Gazers Secretary

FIESTA VILLAGE KING and QUEEN



Congratulation to Bill & Rita Newell who were chosen as King and Queen to represent Fiesta Village for 2015. The Newells came to the village in 2012 and bought a park model at 1732 Santa Rosa in 2014. Bill & Rita enjoy dancing and traveling. They first met in 2008 at a Colorado Springs Senior Center ballroom dancing class. Both were widowed. Bill had been married 38 years and Rita 41 years. Bill & Rita married May 16, 2009.

They enjoy RVing and are members of several organization including the Colorado FCRV's Ute Bobcats. Winter Texans and Fulltimers Chapters. Bill & Rita are also the Colorado CAMP Directors in the

Campers Actively Moving Program. The are getting more active again as Rita recovers from heart surgery in 2013 at the McAllen Heart Hospital.

Bill is an active certified Scuba Dive Master. He teaches new and advanced divers. Bill has logged more than 600 dives in the oceans and seas of Australia, Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Fiji, Hawaii, Honduras, Netherland Antilles, Mexico, Bonaire, Cozumel, Curacao and the Philippines.

Be sure to congratulate our King and Queen as they will represent the village at ballrooms and celebrations throughout the valley.

Chapter News

UTE BOBCATS NEWS



Ute Bobcats president, Carlyle Glover presents 108 backpacks to chapter member Rudy Bulmann. Rudy took the backpacks filled with much needed food items to street children in Mexico.

Ute Bobcats Member Takes Food To Children In Mexico

Just in time for Christmas, Ute Bobcats member and Winter Texan, Rudy Bulmann, along with friends from his RV park in Rockport took colorful backpacks filled with food, shoes, and bibles to children trying to survive on the streets of Mexico. In fact, Rudy says the children are so poor that everything a child has can be carried in a small backpack. This special project was made possible when Ute Bobcats members chose not to have a gift exchange at their annual Christmas party. Instead, members donated the funds needed to purchase 108 backpacks. Roswell Church in Colorado Springs donated funds for rice and beans. Rudy then learned that there were more than twice as many children as originally anticipated, so getting these filled backpacks to all of the needy children became a bigger challenge. He, along with another donor, quickly rose to the challenge by ordering more backpacks, rice, and beans. The church members at Lagoon RV Resort in Texas bought shoes, repackaged the rice and beans, and packed the backpacks. It took over 2200 pounds of rice and beans to fill all 218 backpacks! After

loading everything into the back of Rudy's pick-up truck, he and his friends drove south into Mexico. He stopped just south of Brownsville at the village of Nuevo Progreso and then 100 miles further south into Mexico to Neuvo Pacto to deliver the backpacks to the needy children.

Rudy Bulmann and his friends set a fine example for all of us. Rudy realizes that there are many children here in the United States and around the world who are coping, doing the best they can to survive. By providing life sustaining gifts and showing that someone cares can mean the world to a child.

Wanda Parkhouse
719-596-5513

RV Show Volunteers from the Denver January Show



Frank & Becky Pulley, Darrel & Sharon Bliss, Jackie Barton, Rick & Teresa Walorski and Mike & Gerry Yanke all from the *Oops*, Jack Pasco & Joe Sherwood of the *Backwoods Explorers*, Dave & Donna Watkins, John & Lee Stewart and Dan & Judy Kimzey all from the *Star Chasers*, Gary & Janaet Bugg, Pat Wise, Jean VanEtten, and Judy McDonald all from the *View Finders*, George & Jan Carlson from the *Trailmix*, Howard & Diana Boman from the *Colorado Eagles*, Tom & Cheryl Martinez from the *High Country Campers*, Doug & Cheryl Forry from the *Rocky Explorers*. Thanks to Bill & JoAnn Eckman and Will & Vodean Benham who were at the show everyday to fill in where needed.

Thanks to Shawn & Julie Sparks, and their three boys who got the booth up to the convention center and helped get it all set up and then came up on Sunday to help tear it down.

RV Show Volunteers from the Colorado Springs Show

Ken & Rita Martinez, Gary & Pat Beres, Marv & Edith Kramer, Louis & Ruth Schwarzman, and Pat Guild all from the *Silver Foxes*, Len & Wanda Durbin, Gene & Dorothy Bagenstos, Jim & Dee Ozburn, Joe & Susan Machado, and John Bentz all from the *Gray Wolves*, George & Jan Carlson from the *Trailmix*, Tony & Patty Macconaghan from the *Rocky Toppers*, Carol Passon from the *Ute Bobcats*, Hobie & Gladeen Ragland from the *Pikes Peak Rainbows*, Dave & Jerry Brown and Russ Skillman all from the *Trailblazers*, Don Clough & Anita Maile from both the *Trailblazers* & *Silver Riders*, Glenn & Cheri Loyche, Dave & Andrea Peterson, Arnie & Jane Carlson, Abe & Karleen Williams, Rick & Kathy Boatwright, all from the *Colorado Cruisers* and Ron & Heddy Servant from the *Colorado Cruisers* & *Rolling Springs*. Also we have a couple that volunteered to work two shifts: Boots & Mary Anderson who are no longer members but always volunteer to help at the shows.

Chapter News

STAR CHASER HAPPENINGS

Here we are again about to ramp up our camping season. But before we give an update on what lies ahead, we will step back and look at some of the things we did over this past year.

We went to some new campgrounds this summer. We went to the Loma Linda KOA in Cotopaxi, CO. It was really beautiful there. The theme was Christmas in July. It was really a special campout. We had a Christmas tree, turkey with all the trimmings and a white elephant gift exchange.

We ventured out to a new Campground called Circle the Wagons RV Park in LaVeta, CO. Another beautiful place, which I think everyone really enjoyed. We went to a very interesting museum and walked around town going through their shops and grabbing a bite to eat. We are so blessed here in Colorado having all these beautiful places so near to us.

In October we went to Mountain Dale RV Park in Colorado Springs and celebrated October Fest. It was pretty cold that weekend but we ate and played games indoors.

In December we had our Christmas Party complete with a delicious catered dinner. Another Year drew to a close and we enjoyed each other's company and counted our blessings for all the good things that we have and enjoy. 2014 was not without some sadness though as we lost two of our Chapter Members: Carl Ekstein, Husband of Judy Ekstein on 5/26/14, and Curtis Leck - Husband of Karen Leck and Father of Bill Leck on 11/27/14. We will miss them but are grateful for the time that we knew them as part of the Star Chasers.

We are looking forward to a full camping season and are ramping up for that now that Spring is rapidly approaching. Our first campout will be in Pueblo and our hosts have all kinds of fun things planned for us to do to kick off the camping year. Of course the big thing this summer is the National Campvention in Gillette, WY in the month of July. It is pretty exciting to hear how it is shaping up. People are working really hard to set up seminars, get vendors signed up and to have entertainment for people to enjoy, and tours to explore the area. I think there will be something for everyone no matter what you like to do. As always, happy camping and be safe until we meet again.

Donna & David Watkins, Field Directors for the Star Chasers



Christmas in July



Star Chasers just hanging out



Hay ride—where's the hay??

RV Show Volunteers from the February/March Show

Chuck Camp & Kathy Hawkins, Rick & Teresa Walorski, Mike & Gerry Yanke, and Ed Brunner all from the *Oops*, Dave & Donna Watkins, and John & Lee Steward all from the *Star Chasers*, Gary & Janet Bugg, Pat Wise, Judy McDonald all from the *View Finders* and Jim Moravec from the *View Finders and Colorado Eagles*, Jack & Dutchi Pasco from the *Backwoods Explorers*, Tom & Cheryl Martinez from the *High Country Campers*, Doug & Cheryl Forry from the *Rocky Explorers*, Shaun & Angie Kendall, Jeff & Shirley Kendall and Dennis & March Ervin all from the *Gadabouts*.

Thanks to Shawn & Julie Sparks who got the booth up to the stock show complex and helped get it all set up and then came up on Sunday to help tear it down. Thanks to Bill & JoAnn Eckman and Will & Vodean Benham who were at the show everyday to fill in where needed.

Chapter News

UTE BOBCATS NEWS

The Ute Bobcats are gearing up for National Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming this coming July. Many made their reservations months ago, and now are looking at the playtime activities as well as the fun volunteer opportunities. One member has donated very nice, but useful, items for the goodie bags that participants from all over the United States and Canada will receive. Another member is especially creative and has come up with some cute ideas for the Jack-A-Lope contest.

The year 2014 was filled with many fun activities for the Bobcats.

Highlights include the 45th anniversary of the Ute Bobcats and this special occasion was shared with the rest of Colorado FCRV members at the big Statewide Camp-out in Kiowa. Members set up and decorated a hospitality booth and then handed out gift bags filled with bottles of water and snacks (some healthy and some totally decadent!)

Another highlight was Lakeside KOA in Ft Collins, one of the nicest KOA parks in the country. One couple brought their seven year old grand-daughter. Her delight in all the fun things there was to do there brought smiles to all of us. The beautiful Circle The Wagons Campground, with many campsites right along the Cuchara River, was another special time. The village of LaVeta was within walking distance and was filled with art galleries, fun shops, and a restaurant that served homemade pie! For members who wanted to explore, spectacular rock formations were a short drive to the south and there was plenty of fishing to do in the nearby rivers and lakes. Best of all, were the times we came together throughout the week-end to visit, play games, or to just relax and enjoy the day.

Community service projects are a big part of what the Ute Bobcats do. One couple is very involved with the Outdoor Buddies, a part of the Wounded Warriors. They help the handicapped with outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. Barb and Marlin even dress up in costume for their Mountain Man demonstration down at Westcliff! Members also save old medicine bottles to give to ESM. These containers are filled with soap and shampoo for the needy to use when they come in for that much appreciated shower.

For seven months out of the year, the Bobcats are eagerly traveling up the highway, ready to check-out new campgrounds or returning to favorite camping areas. The rest of the year, sharing a meal or working on a special project brings us together.

Wanda Parkhouse
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TIMBERLINERS CHAPTER NEWS

On March 14th, our group had a luncheon meeting at Red Rocks Grill in Morrison. We became a little Irish, dining on corned beef & cabbage, monte cristos and Mexican dishes. Hosts were Barbara Anderson, Pete Hagen and Marlene Kingsford. Returning guests Ginger Woodward and Mary Wilfawn were again welcomed. The meeting talked about the April campout at Lakeside KOA in Fort Collins. The hibernation is over..yippee! Lastly, a huge thank you from Emily Kingsford for the generous pledge from the Timberliners to the Polar Plunge. This event was held at the Aurora Reservoir and proceeds went to Special Olympics. Happy Trails!!

Submitted by Marlene Kingsford and Ann Herronen

Rocky Ramblers News

2014 was a busy year. We all enjoyed playing Bean Bag Baseball, Corn Hole, Ladder Toss, Disk Golf, and many more fun games. We also did crafts, made these really neat personalized coasters and some really cute recipe/name holders. Lets not leave out the occasional Wii tournaments, kids against grown-ups. "Yard Sale" with a twist (this is a favorite), Let the bidding begin on new and old things that even the kids enjoy bidding on. Fishing, Horseback rides, shopping trips, and all time favorite Dinner Time! We enjoy the greatest feasts ever. A little of this and a lot of that. There's no way you don't go back for seconds with our group of Chefs. Our campouts have been so much fun with many of these activities. We started 2015 out with a meeting and game night at Gander Mountain in Aurora. I definitely look forward to writing about this years journeys, games and feasts.

Submitted by Julie Sparks



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

MAR—APR 15

Well the wheels started at the Capital in early January, but there is not much of interest at this point, We do have some GOOD NEWS at the Federal level which you can enjoy reading below. But first the LEGISLATIVE REPORT —

HB 1005; Would Give Veterans free access to State Parks & Recreation Areas upon presentation of a DD214, Veteran's License plate, drivers license or ID Card. One sponsor in the house, None in the Senate. a Long way to go.

HB 1045; Would give Veterans and Active Duty free access to State Parks & recreation Areas on a three day weekend associated with Veterans Day four House Sponsors, one in the Senate.

SB 081 This proposal will expand the use of Lottery Funds currently allocated for parks, recreation and open space purposes to include construction and expansion bicycle trails along state highways, county roads and municipal streets. Looks like they want to introduce a little creep into the system. Where will we expand to next?

This came in late in December and could not be included in the previous Report - Bud

THE FEE-FREE PRESS

GOOD NEWS!

As perhaps you already know, late Saturday night the US Senate approved an Omnibus Appropriations Bill to fund the government through fiscal 2015. The House had already passed the bill, and President Obama is expected to sign it this week.

Here's the good news: A top-to-bottom revision of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act that could have authorized fees to be charged on all federal lands, for all visitors, and for any activity, was not included in the funding bill!

Thanks! To everyone who called, wrote, and emailed your U.S. Representative and Senators. By letting Congress know that recreation fees are a controversial topic that is of intense interest to citizens, you helped send them "back to the drawing board."

Read more below about what to expect when the new Congress convenes in January.

HOUSE BILL THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED FEES FOR ALL PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS HAS BEEN STOPPED

IMMEDIATE RISK HAS BEEN AVERTED

Recreation Fee Policy Changes Must Start Over

Sometimes the best you can do in politics is to dance with the devil you know.

That's the takeaway from the US House's (for now) failed attempt to pass legislation that could have conferred nearly unlimited authority on federal land management agencies to require that visitors pay a fee to be anywhere, or do anything, on our National Forests, BLM, and other federal public lands.

Instead, the funding bill that passed just as this session of Congress came to an end extends the current law - the devil we know - through September 30, 2016.

That law is The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, or FLREA. It is a deeply flawed statute. But it does contain some important provisions, which have been upheld in several federal court cases, that protect citizens from over-reach by fee-hungry agency bureaucrats.

For example, FLREA says:

"The Secretary shall not charge any standard amenity recreation fee or expanded amenity recreation fee for Federal recreational lands and waters administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, or the Bureau of Reclamation under this Act for any of the following:

- (A) Solely for parking, undesignated parking, or picnicking along roads or trailsides.
- (B) For general access unless specifically authorized under this section.
- (C) For dispersed areas with low or no investment unless specifically authorized under this section.
- (D) For persons who are driving through, walking through, boating through, horseback riding through, or hiking through Federal recreational lands and waters without using the facilities and services.
- (E) For camping at undeveloped sites that do not provide a minimum number of facilities and services as described in subsection (g)(2)(A).
- (F) For use of overlooks or scenic pullouts."

The House bill would have gutted those prohibitions. It called for amending FLREA:

"by striking subparagraphs (A) through (F) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

- (A) For any site, area, or activity, except as specifically authorized under this section."

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES Continued

Since "this section" authorized almost unlimited fees, those important protections against fees for undeveloped areas and general access could have been wiped out.

In our last several Alerts, we warned of the possibility that the House bill (known as HR 5204) could get attached to a piece of unrelated "must-pass" legislation and sail through Congress without being debated or considered on its own merits. Indeed, quite a few unrelated measures, known as "riders," were attached to both the National Defense Authorization Act and the FY2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act in the final week of the congressional session.

But not HR 5204. Whether that is because of citizen action or due to some other force is unknown to anyone outside the back rooms in Washington where such deals are done.

Nevertheless, those of you (and you were many) who took the time and made the effort to contact your elected officials should pat yourselves on the back and take credit. When Congress doesn't hear from you, they assume you don't care. They certainly can't make that assumption on this issue!

What Happens Next?

Although the new expiration date of FLREA is in 2016, the date to watch is September 30, 2015. That's because FLREA is where the authority resides for the federal agencies to sell the interagency annual "America the Beautiful" Pass. The Park Service brings in the lion's share of revenue from these annual passes and relies heavily on that revenue. If new legislation (or another extension of FLREA) is not in place by a full year before FLREA expires, then purchasers of annual passes can't be guaranteed a full year of benefits, such as entrance into every National Park, with predictable impacts on sales and reduced revenue to the National Parks. No one in Congress wants to be perceived as hurting the National Parks. So even though most of the controversy about fees swirls around National Forests and BLM lands, the future of fee policy there is tightly coupled to the Parks.

The 114th Congress convenes in January, with some new faces and some important changes in leadership.

Rob Bishop (R-UT), who was the sole sponsor of HR 5204, moves up from Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Public Lands to become Chairman of the over-all Natural Resources Committee. That puts him in an even more powerful position to push legislation that he supports and/or sponsors. He has not yet named a replacement for himself for the Public Lands Subcommittee, but the leading candidates are said to be Tom McClintock (R-CA) and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY).

More sweeping changes are coming in the Senate with the transfer of the majority to Republicans. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) will now chair the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which oversees federal public lands. She also will be the head of the Appropriations subcommittee for public lands, so she will have great power over both policy and the purse strings. Mark Udall (D-CO), who was Chairman of the National Parks Subcommittee, lost his bid for re-election, and is likely to be succeeded by Rob Portman (R-OH). The Public Lands Subcommittee is likely to be led by either John Barasso (R-WY) or Jim Risch (R-ID).

These House and Senate leaders represent states where many people live close to or surrounded by federal public lands. They should certainly "get it" that their constituents have a fierce sense of ownership and commitment to our National Forests, BLM, and other federal lands. Those constituents want federal lands adequately funded so that there is no incentive for the agencies to pick our pockets just to go for a walk in the woods. They also want Congress to exercise strong oversight of the federal land agencies and make sure they are using our tax money wisely and following the law.

And the law, THANKS TO YOU, still says that we can't be required to pay a fee solely for parking, roadside picnicking, general access, dispersed undeveloped areas, camping outside of developed campgrounds, passing through without use of facilities and services, or enjoying the sunset from a scenic overlook.

There is a lot of devil in the details, but at least it's the devil we know!

THAT IS IT FOR THIS TIME — Hopefully we will see you down the road.

We'll See You Down The Road!

Bud & Ann Farnum, Legislative Directors

2015 Campvention Reminder

Loana Schraeder our Regional Director has challenged every family in Region 1 to please donate one \$10 gift for door prizes at Campvention. They should be new items but do not need to be gift wrapped. If you will not be at Campvention please give your gift to someone who will be attending. We do appreciate your gift donation, THANK YOU!



Campvention 2015 Up Dates

Let's Have a Parade



Every Campvention has a parade and Colorado Chapters need to be represented this year. I know you can make some wonderful floats because I saw them in Brush when we were celebrating Spring Flings 25th Anniversary. Unfortunately it rained that day and the parade was held on grounds.

The Campvention parade will have floats with the Teen King & Queen and their court. Many States and Provinces participate as well as chapters. The FCRV Band is there and the Trustees will walk or ride. There can be an individual Family walking unit or a Family float. It would be nice if the Colorado Field Staff had a float or walk as a group.

CHAPTER FLOATS:

Section A: Walking Units – all members walking (including no motorized displays). Section B: Small Units – motorized units under 8' in length

Section C: Large Units – motorized units over 8' in length

AWARDS:

1. One award shall be given in each category section, plus participation certificates to each registered unit in the parade.
2. Parade Stealer: All units in the seven categories are eligible. This is awarded to the unit accumulating the most points.
3. President's Award: All units in the first six categories are eligible. This award will be chosen by the President and those he chooses to help him.

This years theme is "Wagons Ho." There are rules and of course there are awards. There are 7 categories that are judged. The Parade is a really big thing!

We will hand out the complete rules and regulations at the Field Staff Campout.

Erv & Alice Zimmer are the Parade Chairman and Mike & Connie Davidson are Co Chair.

Bill & JoAnn Eckman - Campvention Co Chair

**Here are the names of the 6 winners
Of the \$50 Gift Card drawing for
the Campvention registrants prior
to 12/31/2014.**



Carl Bird - Louisville, CO
Bob & Doris Jones - Arvada, CO
Debra Melton - Ft. Collins, CO

Billy & Anneliese Moore - Colorado Springs, CO
William & Penny Ramlow - Whittier, NC
Sidney & Willi Walker - Colorado Springs, CO

Those winners who were not present at the March 7th drawing will be notified by mail. The Gift Cards will be presented to them at Campvention. It is not safe to mail Gift Cards through the mail.



Campvention 2015

Up Dates

We need people to step forward to fill these positions ASAP!

Teen Ball – Youth Center Co-chair – DASAT Co-chair

Contact Loana if you are at all interested. 303-466-1239

The efforts of so many volunteers, about 150 people, are doing a great job working on this years Campvention in Gillette, Wyoming.

Some teams work is almost done like the publicity. Mike and Angel Ireson have already sent their last article into Camping Today. Many other teams have done much advance work, such as Judy Carroll and Margie Hanson in charge of the Red Hat luncheon and the Cowboy Hat Luncheon.

Ron Costello had to open checking accounts for the Campvention, Bill and JoAnn Eckman along with Carl Bird started working on the entertainment months ago, as well Larry & Marsha Yarberry and Melvin & Doris Nigh have worked tirelessly signing up commercial vendors.

Deb Hardy & Denise Harris have spent lots hours contacting people to hold many of seminars. George and Jan Carlson along with the Trailmix chapter have been gathering items for the Welcome bags. Jeff and Shirley Kendle started taking registrations last July and will continue up to late June. John Nyman & Hugh Strong will be

working on the parking assignments.

John & Carole Lyttle along with Dorothy Clark had to have the tours planned many weeks ago.

Pictured below are members of the Gypsies chapter who have been working hard, under the direction of JR & Connie Fulmer and Terry & Jan Teetor, on designing the stage decorations and then cutting and painting cardboard characters. Others are building a covered wagon and archway.

We shouldn't have started naming people because there isn't room to list everyone. So many others are working on their plans for the youth, church services, parade, CAMP activities, scrapbook contest, security & communications, first aid, hospitalities, VIP area, bulletin boards, signs, golf carts, handicap hosts, first timers, conservation & wildlife, crafts, prizes, band, lot's of teen activities, adults games, photographers and others we don't have room to mention, that are working behind the scenes.

Most of the people mentioned above report to our 6 Team Lead-

ers and the Team Leaders report to Loana and Bill and JoAnn.

Team 1 - Ken & Velma Willis and Bill & Daryl Bacon. Team 2 - Carl Bird and Vodean Benham. Team 3 - Steve & Judy Nesvold and Gene & Cathy Porter. Team 4 - Don & Coral Yakel and Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell. Team 5 - Lynn Clinton and Richard & Idamarie Roberts. Team 6 - Dave & Donna Watkins and Dick & Paula Lieberman.

The Team Leaders have a huge responsibility and have been busy for months working with the many Chairman that report to them.

Of course we need to mention Loana Schraeder. As the Campvention Chairman, she is calmly dealing with many questions, her phone does not stop ringing and her schedule seems to change every hour of each day.

So, JoAnn and I and Loana are so thankful for all the wonderful people who have supported us as we work towards July 6-10 in Gillette.

THANKS TO EVERYONE.

Loana Schraeder

Campvention Chairman

Bill & JoAnn Eckman

Campvention Co Chairman

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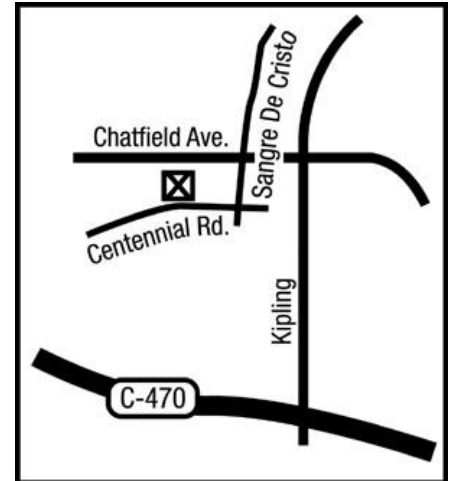
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JoAnn's Camping Recipes



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½ C	white wine
1 T	brown sugar
½ tsp	salt
½ tsp	pepper
½ tsp	caraway seeds
1 C	onions - baby carrots to preference
	celery to preference
2	potatoes cut into chunks

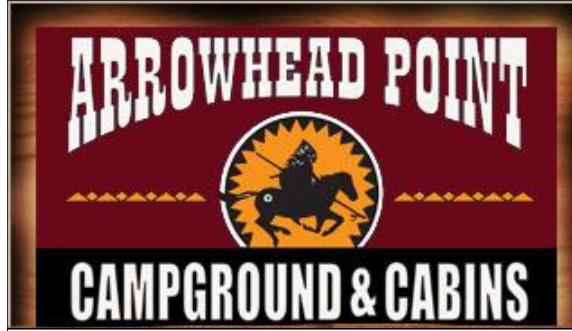
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Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 7th	9:00 am—5:00 pm	Chapter Officers Workshop/Planning Meeting	Arvada Presbyterian Church 5592 Independence St. Arvada, CO
Feb 26th—Mar 1st	N/A	Colorado RV, Sports, Boat & Travel Show	National Western Stock Show Complex 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
Mar 11th	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 1st Denver Show	Cabela's Outfitters Exit 226 off of I-25 N 14050 Lincoln St. Thornton, CO
Mar 12th	7:00 —9:00 pm	Chapter's Night Meeting 1st Denver Show	Gander Mountain Outfitter 14000 E. Jewell Ave. Aurora, CO
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	7:00 —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	7:30—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

FAREWELL

Kreston Babcock—12/25/14—Son of Ken Babcock of the RV Rascals
Judy Harris—1/29/15—Golden Nuggets

2015 Colorado FCRV Retiree Rally

June 8 to 12th

KOA Lakeside

1910 N Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins, CO 80524

The Retiree Rally is open to all FCRV Retirees regardless of chapter affiliation.

Advance registration deadline is May 13, 2015

Monday evening there will be hospitality and information meeting upstairs at 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 Outdoor games

Tuesday evening, Beef Dinner, cost is \$12.00 per person

Room will be available for games after dinner.

Following dinner, games of your choice, upstairs.

Wednesday June 10th

9:00A.M. Minature Golf Tournament and Bean Bag Toss

2:00 P.M. Larimer County Sheriff Department, Crime Prevention Unit

presenting a seminar on senior safety.

7:00 card bingo, bring \$2.00 in dimes.

Thursday enjoy your day your way!

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner

Please bring a main dish and either a salad, a vegetable or desert.

Singles please bring one dish of your choice.

7:30 Music by Gospel Trail

Friday 8:00 AM: Breakfast prepared for you.

Please plan to exit park by 11:00.

Reservation confirmation will be mailed or e-mailed in May.

Camping is \$38.00 per night, plus tax, for 1 or 2 people

Please send the deposit to Carter, NOT THE CAMPGROUND.

Make check payable to Colorado FCRV Retirees.

Mail to: Carter Bloomfield, P.O. Box, 1564, Sterling, CO. 80751-1564

E-mail us with questions: carterandann@bresnan.net

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Please plan to enter the campground after 1:00P.M. KOA charges \$3.00 an hour for early arrival.

Detach here _____

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Chapter _____ Phone _____

Handicap space required? _____

Type and length of rig _____ Number of slides _____

Towing an extra vehicle? _____

Rally registration, per RV \$10.00

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Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest First Name _____
Address _____ City _____ St/Prv _____ Zip/P.Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____ Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___
Print name of State or Province you want to be parked with, if different than home address: _____

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

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

Please list names & ages of all teens & youth. _____

TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING THE CAMPVENTION IN ONE UNIT

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

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

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

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

CAMPVENTION PARKING

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

Motorhome ___ 5th Wheel ___ Trailer ___ Truck Camper ___ Van ___ Unit Length _____ Number of slides _____

SPECIAL FOR 2015 CAMPVENTION

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

If you prefer not to send this information by mail you can complete this registration on line at fcrv.org and pay by credit card.

↓ Please fill in your selections below ↓

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Full Hookups 6 nights \$275.00
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(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
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(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)
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Check this box if you are you a member of the Ambassador Club? ☐

Check if you are attending:

Red Hat Luncheon ☐

Cowboy Hat Luncheon ☐

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Field Staff Campout April 24-26 Lakeside KOA – Ft. Collins

This Campout is for all Field Staff including Field Directors and Program Directors. Also we want all Campvention Team Leaders to attend. You will get an email soon from Loana to confirm your attendance. **It is important that you respond to her.** If you can't camp, then come for just the day on Saturday.

A big share of the time together will be spent on Campvention 2015. The Campvention is a huge undertaking and we need everyone on deck so we will be well prepared.

So load up the camper
and head up North.



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