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Colorado FCRV Members, we are all sad to see our camping season draw to a close. However this has been a GREAT fall with lots of people able to extend their camping plans. Among those fall plans have been some *frightfully fun* Halloween inspired campouts! I put on a clever disguise and snuck in to share some of excitement at one of these held by the Oops Chapter with assistance from members of the Rolling Waves group. A *howling* good time was had by ALL.



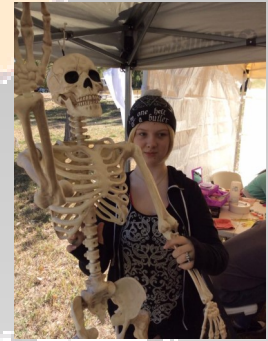
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As night fell at Cherry Creek, younger campers were transformed into trick-or-treaters, happily going from cleverly marked rig door to rig door. Laughter filled thenight.

~ Happy Haunting  
Aprinda

## Passings



**Hugh Hedley Hicks**, 64, Vice President of Operations, passed away Saturday, October 8, 2016 peacefully at Stratford General Hospital. Hugh was the loving husband of Kathleen Hicks (nee) O’Keefe, father of Sarah Hicks (Laurent Bartleman) of Toronto and Gregory Hicks (Vanessa) of Elmira and Papa to Henry and Thomas Bartleman.

Hugh joined NCHA in August 1990, when living in Montreal, Quebec. Both Hugh and Camy have held many positions for the South Shore Wanderers Chapter of NCHA 1990 to 1997. Hugh and family moved to Ontario in July of 1997 where they became active as Teen Directors, Provincial Directors, Chairmen for the Campvention in 2004 and 2012 and Regional Directors 2014-2015. Hugh Hicks was appointed in 2016 as the Vice President of Operations.

You can contact Camy at [fcrvpd@gmail.com](mailto:fcrvpd@gmail.com). Cards may be sent to 17 Halliday Drive, Tavistock, Ont, N0B 2R0 Canada. Donations may be made on behalf of Hugh Hicks to the Grand River Cancer Centre or Family Campers and RVers Scholarship Fund.



**Louis 'Lou' Gibson**, 77, of Denver, Colorado passed away October 8, after a lingering struggle with breathing problems. He served in the U. S. Navy and was retired from Mountain Bell. He married Darlene in 1962 and they had three children, Steven, Wendy, and Randy, and four grandchildren.

Lou and Darlene were very active in Colorado over the years having served as chapter officers and Field Directors. They belonged to the Sundowners and Timberliners chapters. They also were on several state campout committees. Lou was President of the Full Times Chapter from 2004 – 2007. He presented several seminars at rallies on “Tips for Extended Travel.” In 2008 the Gibsons chaired the Retiree Rally in Rayne, Louisiana and were food service chairmen for the 2016 rally in Houma. They also belong to the Winter Texan chapter in the Rio Grande Valley where Lou served a term as Vice President and organized some activities.

Lou Gibson was a great ambassador for FCRV as well as a good nurse recently for Darlene, his wife of 54 years who is recovering from a serious illness. Condolences may be sent to Darlene at [darlou5@msn.com](mailto:darlou5@msn.com) or 6987 W. Wyoming Pl., Denver, CO 80224.

*Submitted by Dwayne Johnson, Editor, for FCRV*

## Letter to the Editor

### Dependability

On Friday afternoon approximately three miles south of I70 on the Bennett/Kiowa Highway, the Thomas' truck decided to sit down and throw a tantrum. Their truck has not been dependable this entire year. Contrarily, one could depend on this truck to breakdown during a camping trip. Bruce and Kathy Thomas sent a group text for assistance to OOPS Chapter members that were to attend the FCRV Statewide Campout. Within minutes, Dean Culver was on his way to tow the Thomas' trailer to the Elbert County Fairgrounds. Dean took Kathy and Stephanie to the campsite while Bruce accompanied the tow truck driver back home with that obstinate pickup.

Dean's humble statement is, "All you have to do is ask".

Since this was a holiday weekend, the Thomas' truck would not be repaired until the middle of the following week. On Sunday, Bob Jordan arrived for the day to help with our OOPS Chapter fundraiser and our 20 year hospitality table. Sunday night, Bob took Bruce back to town so the Thomas family could borrow Bob's truck for the remainder of the weekend.



Bob's humble statement is, "All you have to do is ask".

Dean and Bob are dependable friends. This is what friends do.

We, the members of the OOPS Chapter, are extremely proud of our dependable friends. We are so grateful that we have the good fortune to have Dean and Bob as members of our chapter. Personally, I need to follow their example. Dean and Bob exemplify what it means to be a dependable friend. All you have to do is ask.



Respectfully submitted by a very grateful member of the Colorado OOPS Chapter.

Thank you,  
*Rick Walorski*

### In this Edition ...

- Joint Chapter camping
- Christmas in July
- Moose sightings
- Chapter Anniversaries
- Pink
- Reasons to camp
- Sparks Page
- Don't miss out on great articles all the way through this edition!

# Chapter News

## Colorado Cruisers

Wagonmasters: Chuck Clark and Marilyn Tough

July 15-17, Cotopaxi KOA, Cotopaxi, CO

In spite of the nearby fires in Hayden, there was very little smoke during the weekend at the Cotopaxi KOA, which we were all grateful for. We could see the smoke clouds, and they'd billow threateningly and then retreat back. We still managed to have 20 folks, plus some of our family and friends, show up in spite of the fire. We all met at Chuck and Marilyn's campsite, it's the one at the end of the row near the field, and has a huge shade tree on it. Chuck secured 4 tables for us all on the site, so we had our outdoor 'room' to share our meals.



Friday night our hosts laid out a delicious smorgasbord of appetizers enjoyed by all. We socialized and talked about the fire 4 miles away and had a great time catching up.

Saturday the weather was perfect, and we each went our way. Some to Cotopaxi, some to Salida, some to the river, and some stayed in the campground enjoying the pool (and some stayed in their RVs with the A/C running!). Some of us had sites on the river, which gave us an ex-



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## A photograph of a field of pumpkins at sunset. The pumpkins are scattered across a field of dry grass and twigs. In the background, a church with a tall steeple is visible against a dramatic, orange and yellow sky.

A favorite American pastime in the fall is to pack a picnic basket and set off with loved ones on a Sunday drive along one of the nation's many scenic byways. It is a time of year when people enjoy crisp cool weather and marvel at the transforming landscape as tree leaves turn from lush green to gorgeous shades of yellow, orange, red, purple, and brown. Autumn filled with sunny days and cool, frostless nights, the smell of sun burnt leaves, and the sweet chill of pumpkin are all signals our 2017 camping season has ended.



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If you have never been to Statewide you missed this and more - morning hikes & biking, flag ceremonies, door prizes & raffles, pet parade, youth & teen activities, seminars, dinners, library book exchange and food & project sales, blood mobile donations, great entertainment-sock hop, the wonderful singing Tamera Hayden (Vodean's Daughter) and many games. Our very own Shirley Karlstrum and Willi Walker, as a team, placed first in the Bongo board (Washer Toss) game. They dedicated the win to the memory of Sidney Walker, Joanne Pendleton and Royce Brown.

The theme for the Southern Colorado Rally this year was **“Something Old and Something New.”**

# Chapter News

## Trailblazers

The Alamosa KOA was the June destination of the Trailblazers. "Thank You" to Bob and Cathy Vegvary -- and Don and Judy Banta for hosting this campout. We did experience some warm weather along with stubborn winds that certainly made the dust fly!

We all enjoyed hearty hors d'oeuvres our first night and played a short game of Family Feud, Trailblazer style. Unfortunately, because of the wind we weren't able to have a campfire that evening.

Many of us headed into Alamosa later the next morning to take a self-guided historical tour of the downtown area. Of course, several of us also did a little shopping along the way. The afternoon was free for members to explore more of the Alamosa area or get ready for the

evening potluck. Fortunately, the wind died down and we were able to have our campfire.

Coffee, juice, and plenty of breakfast breads greeted the Trailblazers the next morning. Many of us decided to just hang out after breakfast and visit with each other while others did more sightseeing around the area.

Later, we all ended up having an impromptu lunch together. All twenty-five of us met at the Rubi Slipper in downtown Alamosa. The staff was happy to accommodate us and the food was great!

Sometimes, unplanned activities work out the best!

The afternoon was set aside for the first running of the "Trailblazer Derby" a new and exciting game brought back by Judy Banta from their Arizona trip! A BIG "Thank You" to Bob Vegvary and Don Banta for setting up the race course -- which was not an easy task in the gravel of our outdoor meeting area.

We had a total of six exciting races that produced lots of lucky winners.

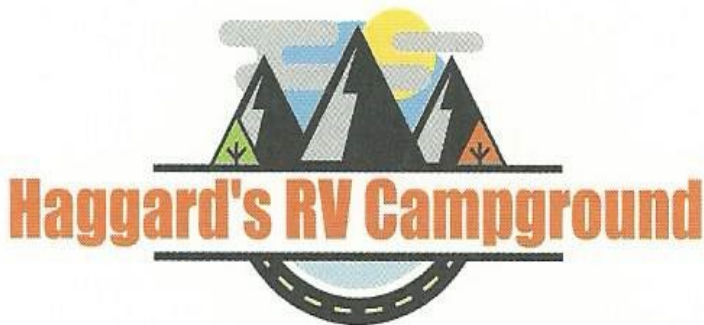
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Trailblazers enjoying downtown Alamosa—outside the San Luis Valley Brewing Company



Getting ready for Tuesday night potluck



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Jockeys for the race—L-R Russ Skillman, Sue Frindt, Cavan, Monte Hudson, Ray Walkowski, Betty Newton



Spectators wait patiently for the first race of the inaugural Trailblazer Derby



Beautiful evening for a campfire

We couldn't have done this without the enthusiastic participation of all the Trailblazers attending the campout. "Thank You" to all of our jockeys, especially Cavan, (Dave and Daphne Turner's grandson) who rode in every race! We had a great time cheering for our favorite horses and jockeys.

Our last evening in Alamosa was spent around the campfire enjoying the warm evening and each other's company.

The next adventure will take Trailblazers to Mueller State Park. This location may be rather close to home, but it is a beautiful State Park with many great hiking trails and beautiful Colorado mountain scenery.

Travel safe everyone!

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary

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## Silver Foxes

Silver Foxes Buena Vista Campout 17-22 July 2016



"Buena Vista" is the Spanish word for "Beautiful View" as reinforced by these pictures.

The Silver Foxes arrived Sunday 17 July and Monday 18 July, captivated by the views from the Arrow Point Resort in Buena Vista.



Our original hosts, Ed and Marie Mannerberg, were plagued with a nasty summer cold and unable to attend. In true fashion, the Scotts (Scotty and Peggy) jumped right in the same way they always do and took care of the "pack." As the socially flexible animals we are named after, we were determined to have fun and fun we did have.

Tuesday, Willi Walker and Caroline Jamison went for a two-mile hike. Oscar Hinson, Jack Czerwinski, Willi Walker, Caroline and Don Jamison went fishing. Willi showed them all up. She caught the first, the most and the biggest fish of the day. She also caught the ONLY FISH!!!! Lunch found most of us in town at the K's Dairy Delite for "Old Fashioned" burgers. We enjoyed eating outdoors, passing the time watching traffic and people watching, all the while reminiscing to 50's music. We returned to the campground where we spent the afternoon at Don & Caroline's rig getting a sugar high on some great fudge. That evening we met at the clubhouse for a friendly card game of Bull S\*\*t. Yep, Pat Beres and Elbert Carter turned out to be the biggest liars.



Wednesday morning, Oscar and Eileen joined Willi and Caroline for an early morning walk. Several campers met at Scott's rig for a little chitchat while Elbert and Eileen went to Mt. Princeton Hot Springs to be rejuvenated. That night we all went into town to Quincy's Steakhouse for dinner. After dinner, we all met at the Jamison's for a great campfire and made s'mores over the open flames.

Oscar, Caroline, and Eileen's did their Thursday morning walk followed by the Foxes all loaded up and going for a road trip to St. Elmo, Colorado. We walked around, shopped, and visited the local attractions. Somewhere along the way, the Silver Foxes proved that foxes and chipmunks could get along. The chipmunks showed no fear. They were so friendly; they came right into our hand to eat.



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## Timberliners



The Timberliners traveled to Grand Lake, Colorado in July to enjoy the beauty of the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Grand Lake is Colorado's largest and deepest natural lake and became part of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project in 1937. Due to its elevation, 8369 ft. above sea level, the town has a short growing season. Temperatures are chilly at night, even in the summer months, and only 3 months have an average temperature above 50 degrees F.



The theme for the weekend was "Christmas in July." The Timberliners shared a meal on Friday night at the Sagebrush Bar and Grill and a potluck dinner on Saturday night following the monthly meeting.



The group collected monetary donations and 20 pounds of canned food for the Food Bank of the Rockies. Pete Hagan won the raffle which entitled him to the lone present under the Christmas tree. It was a spectacular weekend of good weather, good friends, and beautiful surroundings. We particularly enjoyed the daily sightings of a mama moose and her calf at the campground. We'll definitely be back!

*Submitted by Deborah Borek*



## Chapter News

### Camp Stars

It has been an interesting season for the Camp Stars. For the most part we revisited places and activities where we have gone before, but we revisited them because they appealed to all of us in the past. Sort of like going home. The one new activity was a Banjo Billy Bus tour of Boulder in March. This was both unusual and enjoyable. We got to tour the Boulderado Hotel and hear about all the ghosts which inhabit the hotel and nearby buildings. It was also neat to travel around town having people wave, yell, and honk as we went by. The inside is as bizarre as the exterior. There are couches to sit on and even a saddle.



April and May brought us to State Parks in our own back yard, but it's not a bad backyard. In April we camped at Boyd Lake State Park, and the weekend involved lots of games played and entertaining various grandchildren.



In May we camped at St. Vrain State Park. As you can see from the picture, this was not a warm, sunny day, but we made the most of it anyway. We took a morning hike around several of the lakes, followed by an afternoon of Bean Bag tossing. St. Vrain is popular with the group for Spring outings before we head for the high country starting in June. And it is a bird watching paradise. It is nice having such a great campground right in our own backyard for Spring outings.



June found us in Ranger Lake Campground. We are almost always guaranteed beautiful scenery, good hiking, and views of abundant moose. This particular guy must

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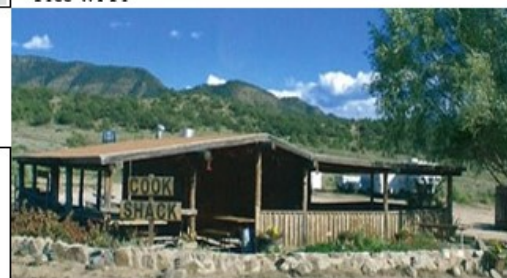
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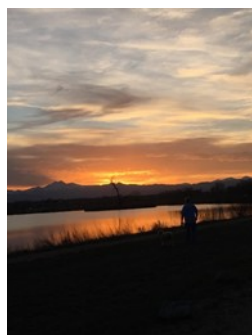
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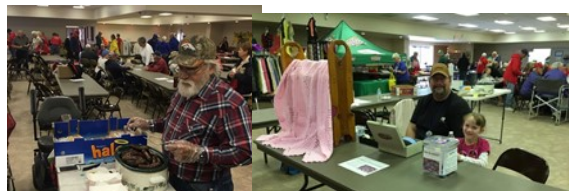
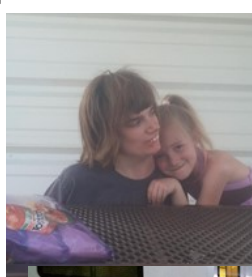
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## Oops



Well these are a little late but wanted everyone to know what the OOPS chapter has been up to. We started out with our first camp out at Saint Vrain State park in April. The weather was pretty good except for the wind. We had a lot of fun visiting, the kids were busy fishing and riding bikes. Ed and I were even able to come for the Pot luck.



Then it was off to Spring Fling. Rick and the



rest of the group were very busy with our brat sale and raffle for the beautiful afghan that was donated.

Time to head to the Sand Dunes where everyone had a great time. They even went to the alligator farm.



June was really a busy month because then we headed to Donkey

Derby Day which is always a lot of fun.



In July it was time to kick back at Boyd Lake for some water activities. The theme for the weekend was Hawaiian days.



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# Chapter News

## Good Timers and Campfire Coyotes

FCRV Good Timers and Campfire Coyotes RV clubs had a combined campout September 30-October 5, 2016, at the La Junta KOA campground. Brad and Wendee Patterson became the new owners this past May. They and their family were wonderful hosts and extremely helpful. We recommend staying at the La Junta KOA if in the area.

This was a fun and busy campout. Our first event was an ice cream social and campfire to finalize plans for Saturday's 8 hour excursion to Picket Wire Canyonlands Guided Auto Tour. This all day tour was very educational and included four wheeling, short hikes, wading across the river, dinosaur tracks and much more!

Sunday's activities began with a tour of the "tiny homes" located at our KOA campground. In the afternoon, a guided tour of Bent's Old Fort east of La Junta was educational and enjoyable. Our tour guide, "Jose, a Mexican worker at the fort", shared as his character, the history of this fort in an informative and interesting way. Following Bent's Old Fort we all cheered the Broncos to victory! Sunday evening we enjoyed a potluck with the Good Timers and Campfire Coyotes, complete with ukulele dinner music provided by a new-found friend/camper we met earlier in the day! First class, for sure, and gourmet food prepared by us!

Monday we traveled to Granada for a guided tour by John Hopper of the Amache Museum and a self-guided tour of the WWII Granada Relocation Center. This museum is managed by teacher John Hopper's high school students and includes history of the Relocation Center where Japanese Americans were ordered to when Pearl Harbor was bombed. The tour was educational but sad and sobering to learn how Japanese/American citizens were treated during World War II.

Tuesday we began our day with a guided tour of Sprouts Tiny Home Factory in La Junta. This factory opened just two years ago building 2 tiny homes. Last year they built 22 homes and this year they are set to exceed that amount. They are also experimenting with creating homes from shipping containers.

Tuesday afternoon we visited the Koshare Indian Kiva and Museum in La Junta. This special museum and kiva originated from a group of high school Boy Scouts and is still very active in the lives of approximately 30-40 La Junta high school students, as well as the community. The original group had a dream to build a huge kiva and persevered and the beautiful kiva is used today for many community events. The group has gathered many American Indian artifacts, and other art for their museum. They have a group of youth dancers who perform special Indian dances during summer months. They earn enough money from the dancing and museum to provide the opportunity for the group to visit and travel all over the US. The group is open to all students in the area who meet scholastic requirements.

Our campout ended with a campfire and s'mores! Our special guests were a couple traveling on vacation from New Zealand who got to taste their first s'mores.



This was a fun-filled, fact-finding, and fantastic campout!

*Submitted by  
Ruth Case, Good  
Timers RV Club*

Koshare Museum & Kiva



Bent's Fort

# Chapter News

## Rolling Springs

August camping in Colorado at Aspen Acres was both cool and warm. Cool brisk mornings followed by warm afternoon sunshine. The Rolling Springs enjoyed it all. Morning hikes, playing baseball in the common grounds area, ping pong inside, tours of a stone castle, happy hour and of course lots of wonderful food. Most of all time with our families, guests and friends made the weekend special.



September's warm weather and a visit to Jumpin' Good Goat Farm in Buena Vista for the Rolling Springs this month. Jumpin' Good Goat farms offered our members an hour long tour of the farm including mingling with the goats, details of how they process and make cheese and free samples. Cheese Items could be purchased if desired. While in Buena Vista our members and guests also did some shopping, kayaking and scouting out new locations for future campouts.



October and our last campout of the 2016 season. This month the theme is Oktoberfest. We started off with a one mile hike and a couple of our members completed a 5k volksmarch.



Next we enjoyed a day of shopping in the local area towns. We got to see our name in lights at the Chamber of Commerce marquee. Dinner was goulash, kraut, bratwurst, sides and dessert. Then came couples pictures, and the trivia quiz on Germany and prizes. Congratulations to Bill and Elaine our trivia winners. Auf Wiedersehen!



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## Chapter News

### Timberliners

The Timberliners September 2016 campout was held at Royal View Campground west of Canon City. Hosts were Don and JoAnn Ramig.

Friday evening was dinner at a local restaurant.

Late Saturday morning was a game of miniature golf, followed by lunch and a brief rest. Afternoon found us playing a game of bean bag toss.



Mid-afternoon was our monthly business meeting. Along with other business, hosts for 2017 luncheons and campouts were assigned. This process went smoothly because members willingly volunteer.

Following the meeting, time was allowed for the gals to go back to their rigs to prepare for the evening potluck. As usual, there was a good variety of food and everything was delicious. Winners of the games were announced. Mark Sadler was the winner of miniature golf, team Cliff Richards and Lou Black, winners of the bean bag toss. A small trophy was presented to each.



Sunday morning was a continental breakfast provided by the hosts. A nice way to end a fun weekend and to wish each other farewell until next month.

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# Chapter News

## Trailblazers



Merle and Betty Newton, Larry Menke, Jeri Harper, and Rose Stamps enjoying a hike at Mueller State Park-thanks to Ken Harper for a great photo

lots of eating (and donuts, Ken Harper's favorite food) and lots of walks. Rose Stamps led a group on a 5+ mile hike through aspen groves, by old homesteads and up to Gorse mountain. On Tuesday evening, Russ Frisinger, Naturalist at the park, volunteered his time to chat with us and give us a presentation on the history of Mueller State Park. A pleasant time was enjoyed by everyone!

*Submitted by Vicki Patterson*



Intrepid Trailblazers hiking in the beautiful Colorado Mountains (L-R) Merle Newton, Ken Harper, Rose Stamps, Betty Newton, and Larry Menke-Thanks to Jeri Harper for her photography skills

Trailblazers camped at Mueller State Park as one of their campouts in July. We would like to thank Ken and Jeri Harper and Hank and Rose Stamps for hosting. It was such a relief to everyone to get out of the heat in town and into the cooler air of the park! We were fortunate that the weather, although producing some sporadic rain showers, gave us plenty of sunshine for activities. There were Mexican Train contests where adults were almost beaten by a

6 ¾ year old young man, Cian! There were trivia games,



Ray Walkowski enjoying morning coffee



Russ Frisinger, Naturalist at Mueller State Park



(L-R) Dave Turner, Daphne Turner, Rose Stamps, Ray Walkowski, and Hank Stamps playing Mexican Train

# Chapter News

## Rolling Waves

In August, members of the Rolling Waves chapter enjoyed a PINK Party at Horsetooth Reservoir. The party started out with a PINK potluck, where we enjoyed as much PINK food as possible. What kind of PINK food do you ask? To name a few, the group enjoyed spaghetti with pink alfredo sauce, shrimp, crab salad and PINK lemonade.



Campers were encouraged to wear as much PINK as possible. As you can see the chapter accepted the challenge. Felicia the PINK Flamingo made a guest appearance. You can see her photobombing Jan and Alan.



Even the four legged friends of

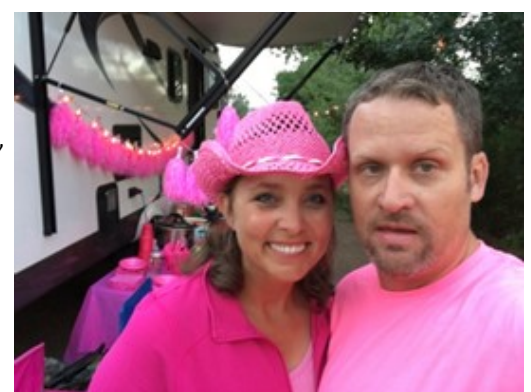


the Rolling Waves enjoyed the PINK party. Here you see Judah (fawn boxer) rocking PINK pom poms. While Judah did an impressive job of masking his happiness, his buddy, Kip (blue healer) has a smile on his face. Kip seems to be enjoying the PINK flare look.



The PINK party was a success. It was a great day of PINK, people, partying, and photographs! To end the day with a bang, even the sunset joined in the PINK fun. A great time was had by all.

*Submitted by Lisa Bowers*



# Chapter News

## Trailblazers

The Trailblazers August campout was at the Snowy Peaks RV Park in Buena Vista. A big "Thank You" to our hosts, Mary Bernard and Ron & Sue Frindt for treating all the Trailblazers to a Godfather's Pizza and salad dinner. Other members provided desserts -- rounding out a great meal.

Our hosts planned several activities after dinner -- all centered around the heritage of our members. Many Trailblazers shared stories about their family origins. It was fascinating to hear about the ancestors of our fellow Trailblazers -- who they were and where they came from.

One of our activities for the evening was to draw the flag that most represented our nationality and to list the ethnic family traditions that we still practice. Prizes were awarded-- not for the best flags -- but for those that could use some "improvement". The "winners" will forever remain anonymous!



Heritage Dinner

All the Trailblazers headed into Salida the next day for lunch at the Boathouse Cantina and to explore the downtown shopping district. Many of our members also visited Scanga Meats, an iconic family owned butcher shop, to take home some of their great meats.

Later, we had a Heritage Dinner for our evening meal. Trailblazers brought ethnic dishes that represented their ancestry. We had a variety of wonderful foods to savor and enjoy.



Boathouse Restaurant in Salida!

More stories about our members' ancestors were shared after dinner. Later, we played a foreign language matching game. After picking a language (we had eight to choose from) we tried matching the list of words & phrases to their English equivalents. Prizes were awarded to Dave Turner and Bob Vegvary who matched the most words and phrases.

Several Trailblazers walked in to Buena Vista the following morning (others drove!) and enjoyed coffee and donuts at Lomack's Bakery. The rest of the day we were on our own. Several members drove to Leadville for the scenic train ride. Others drove back to Salida and browsed the many shops. A few of our other members enjoyed the soothing waters of Mt. Princeton Hot Springs.

On our last evening, we all got together for a "Leftovers" potluck -- followed by several games of Mexican Train. A warm campfire brought an end to our campout.

*Submitted by Cathy Vegvary*

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## Chapter News

### Rocky Mountain Maniacs



The **Rocky Mountain Maniacs** had a great turnout for August as Bob & Lindsay hosted an event at Mueller State Park.

We joined thousands of people and bikers in Cripple Creek for the Annual Salute to American Veterans Rally.



We enjoyed the melodrama, Darling of the Derby Day at the Butte theatre before heading back to camp for dinner and a campfire. Only four rigs were able to make it to Garden of the Gods Campground in September and we expect five to join us at Boyd Lake for our final campout of the year.

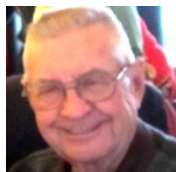
Back row: Kathern, Bob, Gary, Denny, Mark, Charlie & Bob  
Front row: Sue, Lindsay Susie, Jan, Lissa & Debbie

*Submitted by Debbie*



## Southern Colorado Rally Sep 26 to Sep 30, 2016

The theme for the Southern Colorado Rally this year was  
"Something Old and Something New."



Billy Moore

There were 34 rigs and cabin campers circling the campfire to enjoy the camaraderie. Something new this year was the joint venture, which consisted of seven groups – the Gray Wolves, Silver Foxes, Rolling Springs, Runaways, Silver Riders, Ute Pass Crickets, and the Trailblazers under the leadership of Billy Moore (Southern Colorado Retiree Director) as the trail boss. The family time together included food, games, and the opportunity to listen to the excellent music (acoustic, string, folk, bluegrass, gospel, acoustic-country, old-time, irish-celtic, americana and rural-roots) of Jody Adams.



Jody Adams

Rita and Bill Newell on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday led the CAMP Walking.

Monday morning and afternoon the **Gray Wolves** managed the sign in with Rita Newell from the **Ute Bobcats** collecting for 50/50 tickets which proved to be a profitable for James & Dee Ozburn who coincidentally are members of the Gray Wolves. The Presidential debate cancelled the scheduled icebreaker for the evening but the **Silver Riders** still took their turn at center stage collecting dimes for card bingo game which was still held.

The **Trailblazers** on Tuesday morning served up coffee and sweet bread. The menu for lunch with all Chapters participating was a sandwich bar. Two desserts with a mixed salad and condiments were the assignment for the Chapters. The council supplied meats and cheeses. The **Gray Wolves** provide the speaker (Doug Decker from Trailer Source, Inc) as entertainment and information.



Following lunch the **Silver Foxes** were responsible for the Bolo game with the **Gray Wolves** for Baseball toss game. Willi Walker from the Silver Foxes with Don and Kay McDermid for the Gray Wolves worked together to get the Bolo game going. The winners for the Bolo game were 1<sup>st</sup> Place Carter and Ann Bloomfield (State Retiree Directors), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – El & Eileen Carter (Silver Foxes) with 3<sup>rd</sup> Place going to Jean & Cleland Berg (Gray Wolves). The Baseball toss game was men against the women with the men taking the prize. Watch out next year guys. The women will be out for blood.



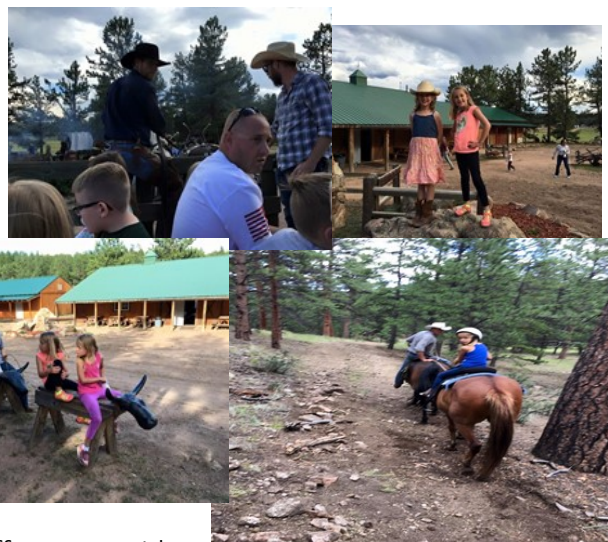
The **Gray Wolves** were in charge of coffee on Wednesday morning. Under the guidance of Oznur Quinones and Caroline Jamison from **Silver Foxes**, bracelets, necklaces, and key

## Oops

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Then it was time for a relaxing weekend at the M Lazy Dude Ranch with a beautiful sunset, hay ride, horse back riding and an awesome dinner.

In August Ed, Bob, Bruce, Kathy, Rick, Stephanie, Dean and Taylor took 2 huge wagons full of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and they were so happy to get them.



Next it was off to Statewide.

There were a few bumps in the road but thanks to Dean and Bob the Thomas's were able to make it for the weekend and made it home safe. The new addition to the Thomas family and Teddy won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The Oops chapter celebrated our 20th anniversary as a chapter, with fabulous, homemade cupcakes and refreshing punch at the Sunday afternoon hospitality event.

*Submitted by Vickie Brunner  
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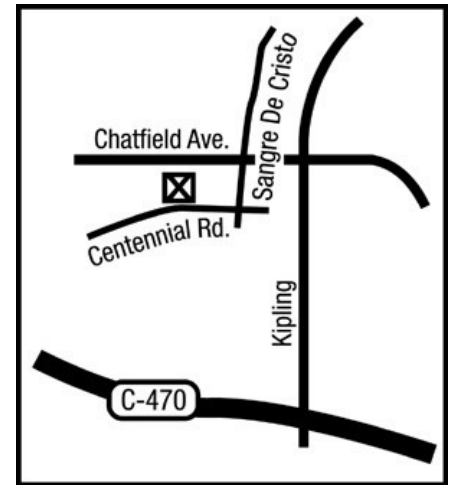
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BEFORE



AFTER

## Silver Foxes

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The Silver Foxes are noted for eating, so on the way back to the campground we had to stop at a little Mexican restaurant for a late lunch. With no need for another heavy meal we met at the clubhouse that evening for another friendly game of cards while snacking on a variety of yummy treats. Jack was the big winner that night.

Sadly, Friday arrived and the Foxes all had to say farewell to each other and sought refuge at their own home “dens.”

At Tuesday’s meeting on 2 Aug, 2016, we unveiled an old tradition for the Foxes.

Ed Mannerberg along with Edith Kramer presented our old/new moniker for all our outings. It proudly displays what we are all about - Colorado Chapters of Family Campers and RVers Where Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family. It also identifies members participating at the function.



Final Note - We have the sad task of reporting that Royce Brown, a Chapter Member and the first Silver Fox President, passed on 9 July 2016. Our condolences to his family.

Submitted by Marion Waterhouse and Eileen Carter



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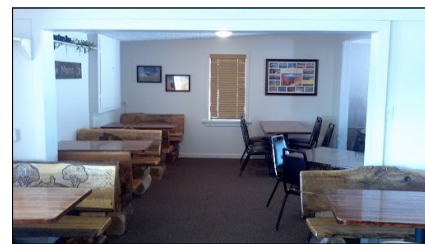
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## Colorado Cruisers

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ceptional view of the rafters on the Arkansas River. Even a couple of hidden beaches were found on the river. The nights were cool and clear, watching the stars and an almost-full moon. It was lovely.

We gathered for dinner at Chuck and Marilyn's campsite, and enjoyed a Backyard BBQ Bash. There were hamburgers, and hot dogs, just like you'd expect, with all the trimmings. Everyone brought something to share. And did we share!

Sunday morning we were sharing again and enjoyed fresh fruit, pastries, yogurt and more. A perfect ending for the weekend.

Submitted by Cheri Loyche



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## Southern Colorado Rally

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chains were made. There were many ohs and ahs from the resulting jewelry. The putt-putt golf tournament,



managed by Don Jamison of the **Silver Foxes**, showed the many expressions and contorted positions that can be brought about. Because of the fun had by all, everyone was considered a winner. The day culminated in an Ice Cream Social.

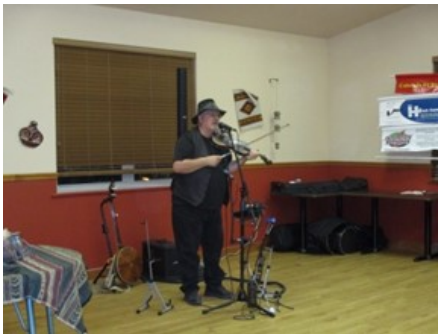
Thursday was **Silver Foxes** turn to provide coffee. It was also a day to do your thing. Some went to Bishop's Castle, as described online as "an



elaborate and intricate "one-man project" named after its constructor, Jim Bishop. It is located in south central on State Highway 165 in the Wet Mountains of Southern Colorado southwest of Pueblo Colorado. Others took time out to unwind and watch the fish swimming around at the campground which to some is better than watching grass grow or paint dry.



Thursday evening's dinner was a choice of fried chicken or green chile sloppers with fries. Jody Adams provided live entertainment in the Social Hall.



The Poster Caption Winners were announced by Vicki Patterson. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Wanda Durbin (Gray Wolves) for her numerous funny captions with 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Sue and Larry Menke (Trailblazers).



Friday we had a full breakfast of pancakes, waffles or biscuits & gravy for departing attendees. It was a great Rally.

Door prizes such as coffee container with slit on side with toilet paper inside, portable charcoal grill (egg carton with charcoal briquets), steel wool, 9 v batter, cotton ball for fire starter, balloon for hair dryer to name a few were drawn through out the week. The attendees were excited to find what the next prize would be.

Thank you to everyone who came and especially thank you for all participating Chapters. This was a successful joint venture!!! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!



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## Camp Stars

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enjoy campfires, because he spent the weekend within sight of our campfire location. All we had to do was stand up and look down the hill, and there he was.

In July the group returned to Western Ridge Campground in the Red Feather Lakes area. It seems that this is a popular site for many of the chapters in Northern Colorado with lots of activities available.



In August we returned to Bellaire Lake Campground which is also located in Red Feather Lakes area. We had excellent weather for our weekend. We were able to take several nice walks around the lake, and Larry & Shelly Lantz took several people on rides off-roading. Several grandkids were along and they really enjoyed hiking and doing a lot of rock climbing.



Our most recent outing took place in September at Curt Gowdy State Park near Cheyenne, Wyoming. We were able to take pretty nice hikes around the lake on Friday and Saturday mornings, but Wyoming winds were not our friends each afternoon. We spent a lot of time huddling out of the wind. I never realized we could get 14 people into our motorhome for a business meeting. Thursday night was opening night for our beloved Broncos, so we went to a nearby restaurant to watch them on a large screen TV beat Carolina. Very Happy Ending.

*Submitted by Larry Scott*



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# Chapter News

## Cactus Bandits 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The chapter that is not supposed to be. That's right, this chapter of FCRV/NCHA is not supposed to be in existence. When the Cactus Bandits of southern Nevada was formed in 1976, the general opinion was that the chapter wouldn't last more than 3 years. For you see, this chapter was formed at Nellis AFB by military personnel. Everybody knows that in this time period the military moved people from one base to another about every 3 years. So therefore the chapter should have dissolved in 1979, but it didn't. What changed? The military. No more Vietnam, no more need to relocate personnel.

The families that made up this chapter where the type of people that FCRV is looking for, friendly, family oriented, fun loving, adventurous, hardworking, and caring of others. Thus the glue that kept the chapter going. During its peak enrollment, this chapter had 25 families and a waiting list of 3 or 4 more families that wanted to join the chapter.

They all started out as young group of adults with children and tents. Over the years the tents gave way to trailers and the trailers gave way to 5<sup>th</sup> wheels and eventually some even went to motor homes.

As the years slowly passed by, the times changed and the children became young adults and found other interests in their life. So now its grandma and grandpa taking the grandkids on an outing a few times a year.

The Cactus Bandits are proud to declare that the last 40 years have been very memorable and especially for 2 charter member families that are still with the group. State Director, Richard Roberts presented to the chapter president Jim Kvoool a certificate of recognition for the Cactus Bandits for achieving 40 years with NCHA/FCRV.

Jim and Lois Kvoool worked hard to get the chapter going under NCHA and when they hooked up with Rudy and Shelia Rehfeld along with other life members, they had a chapter of fun loving people.



Jim and Lois Kvoool have held every position in the chapter from board member to president more than once and have continued to promote the group and have seen it through its hard times as well as the good times. Yes, it does sound like they are married to the cause. LOL. Past presidents and members have leaned on Jim and Lois for assistance and they have never turned them down.

State Director Richard Roberts presented to Jim and Lois Kvoool a certificate of achievement for 40 years of hard work to keep the Cactus Bandits moving forward with the times.

Rudy and Shelia Rehfeld also have worked to make the chapter fun and adventurous. They started out as regular members but soon found themselves as youth directors for the state of Nevada and later as the kids left the family they were promoted to Field Director. When the last state director left the chapter and the vacancy was hard to fill, they graciously filled in until the position was taken on by the current member. They performed these duties above and beyond the normal call to duty for over 28

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## Cactus Bandits

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years. Rudy and Shelia were also presented with a certificate of achievement for 40 years of work with in the Cactus Bandits.

Due to health reasons, the Rehfeld's have to retire from camping. So a special award was given by past State Director Marie Cormier to Rudy and Shelia for 28 years of dedication service.

The Cactus Bandits would like to thank Jim, Lois, Rudy, and Shelia for giving the members the fun and relaxation of camping. The increase in friends has meant an increase in family.



# Chapter News

## Woodland Wookies



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"My wish for you Pine  
Needles in your shoe and  
Acorns in your pocket"

Camping Rules  
Be Lazy & Crazy  
Sit by the Fire  
Eat & Drink Plenty  
Take a Nap  
Enjoy the Day  
Enjoy Every Sunset



This says it all as far as enjoying every campout. The Woodland Wookies have been looking forward to each and every one of our "Run-away-from-it-all outings!"



Mike

Looking forward to the changing colors now. Camping season has been such a joy this year! Our Wagonmasters each month have led us out to the great outdoors for such wonderful experiences with each other.

We all seem to never get tired of simple pleasures and being away from normal everyday "wear and tear", stressful weeks of our jobs and anything that we worry about. Camping has been something to look forward to!

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Sherry

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## Woodland Wookies

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Linda & Gil

Not everyone is still working. The Woodland Wookies have retired members as well! Making time to camp with a group of friends does take a commitment as a club and it sure has worked out to be tons of fun!

Sharing camp stories in any way is so helpful. To enjoy reading articles from different FCRV groups has proven that we are all alike in our quest life long friendships and camping experiences.

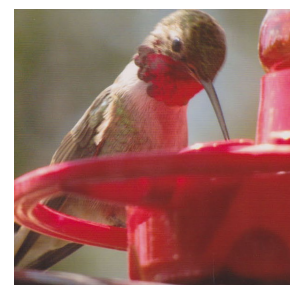
So with sadness, it must end soon until Springtime 2017. The Woodland Wookies camp the last time of the year in October. But the memories are not forgotten! Thank goodness for the photos and the contentment that camping does for us all!!

And that's why we say and sing, "Happy trails toooo you until we meet again!"

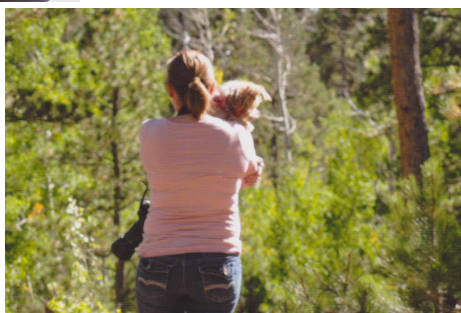
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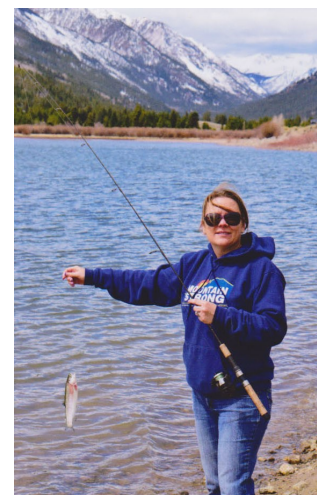
Lonnie & Chad



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Gerry & Kathy



Tammy



# Chapter News

## HI-COUNTRY CAMPERS Jan-Oct 2016

The year 2016 has been a busy year for all us campers. We started with three home meetings and pot luck dinners and again the food was very good and plenty of it. April was our first outing at the Lakeside KOA in Ft Collins, a bit cool but very nice. We had dinner at Vern's which is always good and plenty. Potluck dinner Saturday evening and breakfast Sunday morning. May was Spring Fling and all attending had a good time. June had us headed north to Wyoming and the AB Campground. There was a bit of wind here, LOL. We then had an afternoon outing at the Rambler Ranch at Elizabeth. August was up to Estes Park and the RV Manor. Here we had their breakfast and an ice cream social. A trip up the Old Fall River Road is always a trip well worth taking. September had us in Kiowa for Statewide and meeting old friends, playing a few games and of course a few meals. We followed up in September with a trip to Boyd Lake. The evenings were passed with good food, again, and a game of cards. The weather and sunsets were beautiful. Our next function is the at El Jardin restaurant on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, looking forward to this activity. December is our Christmas party/dinner hosted by Richard and Marlin Hunter. We have a close, neat chapter and always willing to add a couple or more to our family.



Next year is starting to shape up to be another fun time with, of course, good food. January, February, and March will find us gathering at the home of a chapter member for our meeting and some friendly talk. April is an open month and camping to be determined soon. May will find us at Spring Fling

catching up with old and new friends. June will be at James M Robb State Park along the Colorado River. July is also an open month. August will find us back at a favorite spot, the RV Manor in Estes. September and October are also open months. December is our Christmas party at the home of the Hunters.



A friendly game of cards



Fall River Road Trip

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Hi-Country Campers

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Relaxing on a Saturday afternoon



At Spring Fling



# Web Reporter Contest

Here is your chance to a “Web Reporter” and brag about your chapter. Tell others about your chapter’s favorite camping trip(s) in 2015 or 2016.

Many of our chapters are involved in very exciting outings and we would like to publish a story about them on our Colorado FCRV web site. This will provide a way for other chapters to learn more about your chapter and maybe get some great ideas for their future campouts.

## **RULES:**

- Your Camping Story must reflect a recent (2015 or 2016) camp outing.
  - Submissions may be made by individual members, chapters or group (retiree, pre-teen, teen)
- Please identify if entry is from one person, more than one person or from a chapter. Awards will be made only to the identified submitter
- Story must contain 2 to 6 photos of activities and be no longer than one page in length (not including photos)
- Story should be about an outdoor **Camping** activity and tell where the location of the event took place. Campground name is always nice
- Please refrain from publishing full names, telephone numbers or email addresses
- Originality and creativity are encouraged
- You may enter more than once but you can only win one prize
- Credit will be given for early submissions. So as soon as you write your story, submit it!
- Reporter’s name(s) and chapter name or group must be on the entry
- By entering the contest you agree that the story may be published on our Colorado FCRV web site
- Entries will be posted on the Colorado FCRV web BLOG as they are received
- 1st place wins \$100— 2nd place wins \$50.00—3rd place wins \$25.00
- ALL entries become the property of Colorado FCRV
- Contest is from Spring Fling thru April 1, 2017. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at “Spring Fling” 2017. You do not need to be present to win.

This is meant to be a **FUN** project! Submissions are to be electronic and include photo files separately.

Send submission(s) to [Webmaster@ColoradoFCRV.org](mailto:Webmaster@ColoradoFCRV.org)

## SPARKS PAGE

Hey kids! Have a great camping story to share?

How about a funny camping picture?

Ask your parents to send your stories and pictures to [cofcrvembers@gmail.com](mailto:cofcrvembers@gmail.com).

MAKE SURE TO PUT "SPARKS" IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF THE EMAIL!

We will post your pictures and stories here.

WORD SCRAMBLE	
FLAL	_____
GRANOE	_____
ETRE	_____
DRE	_____
WELYOL	_____
Can you guess what I am thinking about?	

WORD LIST
CAMPFIRE
HOODIES
BLANKET
FOOTBALL
BRANCOS
HOT COCOA
STARS
SLEEPING BAG
SMORES

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### Jokes, laughs and chuckles

QUESTION: WHY IS 6 AFRAID OF 7?  
ANSWER: BECAUSE 789.

QUESTION: WHAT DID THE BEACH SAY TO THE TIDE AS IT ROLLED IN?  
ANSWER: LONG TIME, NO SEA

QUESTION: WHY DO HUMMINGBIRDS HUM?  
ANSWER: THEY DON'T KNOW THE WORDS.

**Knock-knock.**

Who's there?

Lettuce.

Lettuce who?

*Lettuce in,*

**Knock-knock!**

Who's there?

Hatch.

Hatch who?

Bless you!

**Knock-knock!**

Who's there?

Ash.

Ash who?

That's your second sneeze. Do you have a cold?!

I LOST MY SON TANNER ONCE BUT FOUND HIM ASLEEP IN THE DOG KENNEL.

WANT TO KNOW THE FULL STORY?  
ASK ME THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME AND I'LL TELL YOU!



### RIDDLE ME THIS SPARKY

What animal can jump higher than a house?

What month has 28 days?

If a rooster laid an egg on top of a hill, which side would it roll down?

ALL JOKES AND RIDDLES COURTESY OF [WWW.BESTFAMILYADVICE.COM](http://WWW.BESTFAMILYADVICE.COM) - CHECK THEM OUT!

An EMBER starts from a SPARK. Like the growing spark, our younger campers are an important part of the collective Ember that is Colorado FCRV. The Sparks Page is for our young and young-at-heart. Enjoy!

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**Where Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family**

Want more ways to stay in touch, become closer friends? Make sure you are part of the Colorado Family Campers and RVers Social Media, beginning with Facebook!

This is the Colorado FCRV Facebook group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1680243058923788/>

