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Statewide

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Statewide is an opportunity to meet members from all of the chapters, find out where they traveled this season and pick up a travel tip or two. It's a fun time with many activities i.e. contests, door prizes, and games. There is something for everyone!

There is always time to get to know and talk with committee and field staff members. The Teen Queen & King competitions, parades, informative seminars, meetings and entertainment are among the scheduled events. Statewide is a wonderful place to make new friends and catch up with camping friends you may not

have seen in a while. There is even some time to relax.

Never been to Statewide? Haven't been in a few years? Join us for a GREAT event that will be even better with **YOU** there.



Remembering Bill Eckman



Colorado FCRV lost our dear friend, leader and mentor on March 27th. Bill joined the Rocky Ramblers Chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association in 1981, and his wife, JoAnn, became a member in 1987. Bill and JoAnn went on to become very involved with the Family Campers and RVers. Bill seemed to be everywhere having spent time as Field Director for the Rocky Ramblers and the Road Runners, as the Assistant State Director, as the Embers Co-Chairman, as the Colorado Membership Director and as the National Membership Director and Ambassador Club.



Bill and JoAnn could be seen busily helping at State and National events as they fulfilled duties in a myriad of ways. His volunteer efforts were seen behind a computer, managing sound systems, recruiting new members and welcoming them into FCRV. The list goes on and on. The common denominator in these efforts was Bill's smile, his laughter and his genuine desire to get to know people.



One person shared the following, "When my wife and I attended the Colorado RV show in 1997, Bill and Joann Eckman were the faces of FCRV and the first people we met. It was due to their friendliness and hospitality that we decided to join FVRV. On New Members' night, guess who was the first to greet us? You got it, Bill Eckman. Little did we know when we joined the Road Runners Chapter that Bill and JoAnn were the Field Directors. We had many fun gatherings where they attended - mystery campouts, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, Country Dinner Playhouse to name a few. They were a team."



Another person mentioned, "Bill was always full of energy, spirit and enthusiasm. Also, if you wanted something done, go ask Bill; he would ensure he, or someone did it."

Who remembers Campvention in 2007 when Bill was wearing a Mexican sombrero and emceed the evening performance with Jim M? Or Bill and Loana Schroeder's good natured banter at Spring Fling and Statewide? Or ... well, the list goes on and on.

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Delivery of the Fireside Embers is Changing -- Fall 2016

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Statewide ...

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2016 theme is Broncos

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Legislative Issues

MAY - JUN 2016

Everything seems to be quiet at the capital as far as Parks, Wildlife, and camping are concerned. I haven't heard a whisper concerning FEES, but, the session isn't over yet. Stay tuned.



ON TO HAPPIER THINGS

Denver's best spring trails

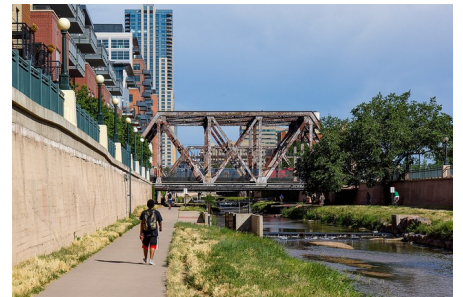
Even after last weekend's snow, we feel pretty sure that spring is finally here. And honestly, our bodies aren't quite ready for trail season.

So this week, we rounded up three urban "trails" that we use as training grounds for this summer's mountain adventures.

Cherry Creek Trail

The multi-use Cherry Creek Trail begins in Denver at Confluence Park and travels more than 40 miles along Cherry Creek to Castlewood Canyon State Park. Our favorite section is the 7.7-mile stretch between the Cherry Creek Shopping Center and Village Greens Park. That section ends right by True Food Kitchen, which features organic craft beverages and a full menu of healthy appetizers and entrees. If you go: Parking is free at the Cherry Creek Shopping Center. Other access points with free parking include Pulaski, Creekside, Cook and John F. Kennedy and Village Greens parks. After 8 miles of meandering trails, the scenic Mary Carter Greenway turns into the South Platte River Trail, which continues another 17.8 miles through downtown Denver to the trailhead in Thornton.

One of our favorite stops along the Greenway is Nixon's Coffee House. This little coffee shop and smoothie bar has a large outdoor patio facing the river and caters to cyclists with bike racks and a bike repair station. If you go: There is a 15 mph speed limit along the trail. The Mary Carter Greenway begins at Chatfield State Park (a fee site), but free parking can be accessed at the Chatfield dam and reservoir. Other access points with free parking include Reynold's Landing and Centennial parks.



Clear Creek Trail

The Clear Creek Trail starts at 6th Avenue and follows the creek through Golden's residential areas and historic downtown. At Ford Street, the trail takes a detour around the Molson Coors beer processing plant and follows the frontage road along the Golden Highway (US 58) before returning creekside at Interstate 70. After 6.5 miles, we usually turn around in Wheat Ridge and retrace our path. That brings us back to Golden's historic downtown district, where we can refuel at Goozell Yogurt & Coffee. If you go: There are several access points to the Clear Creek Trail in town with the heaviest use between Lions and Vanover parks. Parking is free in downtown Golden.



So here are some ideas to help you get into shape for those hammocks at the camp ground.

That is the latest info from this spot. Hope to see you at Fall Statewide or somewhere down the road.

Bud & Ann Farnum
Colorado Legislative Directors



Statewide information begins on page 23
Have you marked your calendar yet?



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The Tires and the Trips

By Angel Ireson

Publicity and Information Director

Have you ever stopped to think about some of the places an RVer's money goes? I mean other than the food industry which is not unique to RV people. There are many industries we support as we travel. I was thinking about the tire industry in particular. After all, depending on your vehicle, you could have as many as 6 tires on your main vehicle and 4 on your tow vehicle, so all in all 10 of those lovely round black things. They are lovely as long as they stay inflated and get you where you want to go. They have, however, been known to quietly go flat, especially the sneaky one on the inside of duals. They also can cause quite a problem if they blow out. So before you leave on any trip you carefully go around your vehicle and check the pressure in each of the little lovelies just to be sure everything is all right. You then round up the crew, people and pets, and head off for a pleasant time of camping and travel. All is going good until somewhere around day 2 or 3 of this trip ONE of the little lovelies decides to test your driving skills and blows up. As we know this is not a good thing for the vehicle as it may damage the wheel well but it will also damage your wallet. Depending which tire it is and where it is on your vehicle, you may be able to change it your-



self. If not, now you have to call for road service and wait. Everyone by this time is getting antsy to be on the road again and you are probably still waiting for assistance. Road assistance finally shows up, changes your tire and hopefully your insurance will cover at least part of the expense because you still have to get somewhere to buy a replacement. All this fun happened to a friend of mine twice on one trip. Needless to say, I cannot repeat his exact feelings but "little lovelies" was not what he was calling the tires. This happened to him again on several trips, not two tires nor the same tires but tire issues and it got to the

point that his wife ceased to look forward to these "fun" outings. By now he has put 4 new tires on his vehicles (he tows a 5th wheel) and is feeling like the tire companies must have him in their sights, like "oh goodie" here he comes again!

I am sure you or some of your friends have all had similar experiences. It makes you wonder where the tire industry would be without the RV customer.



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Editor's Page

And the winner is!..... Wait a minute, we won WHAT and WHO is Aprinda Cederplin?

Aprinda Cederplin is the pen name adopted by us, your new Embers co-editors—April Cederburg and Cinda Champlin. We met through FCRV, joining the same year. Since then, our many adventures truly taught us that “Strangers Become Friends and Friends Become Family.” Given this bond, we felt it appropriate to blend our names as we travel down this new Editor road.

While some of you may wonder why we asked to take on the Embers, we are very sure in our decision. Ok, maybe mostly sure. Well, we thought we were sure but our husbands thought we were off our rockers. And yes, that is thought quite frequently by both of them when we get together.



We have known for some time that we had wanted to do more for Colorado FCRV. We each had taken on a project within the organization. As one of us stepped down though, our intention had always been to step up into another role. What we didn't know was that each of us was eyeing the same new challenge. Unfortunately, it took losing Bill to bring our thoughts together. And it all started with, “You know, I have this crazy idea....”

So, where do we go from here? Well, the sky's the limit! We want to continue to produce an Embers that you all will find fun, informative and look forward to getting. Are we going to change some things? Yes, we are! Are we going to leave some things as they are? Yes, we are! Because we need to keep the best of the past but not wallow in the past. So as we change things around, please know that the heart of the Embers will not change. We take the “where strangers become friends and friends become family” motto seriously. Because we have experienced firsthand the blessings that come from it. So sit back, relax and enjoy. And keep sending in articles!

With that, we would like to leave you all with a wonderful Irish blessing...

“As you slide down the bannister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way” -author unknown

Happy Camping Everyone!

Aprinda



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2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
July 24 th – 29 th	N/A	National Campvention 2016	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Sep 2 nd – 5 th	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO
Sep 26 th – 30 th	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo
Sep 30 th – Oct 2 nd	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo

FCRV NATIONAL RETIREE RALLY – 2016

Twelve Colorado FCRV member families, 24 people attended the National Retiree Rally in Houma LA. Joe & Sandie Wingert were parking chairmen and they did a great job. Several Coloradoans participated in the games, CAMP walks and rides, Red Hat and Hard Hat luncheons, crafts – about anything that was going on. And we did sight-seeing also. Only one day and night of rain but we were parked on concrete so didn't have a problem. Rain doesn't interfere with the Retirees' fun.

Our members arrived from all directions, some getting caught by a temporarily closed highway due to rain. They sat until the water receded then proceeded. At one point, a highway was closed because the COWS from pastures on both sides of the road were trying to escape the rising water in their pastures. And the only dry land was the highway. Traffic was held up while the cowboys removed their cattle.

Many of our members placed in the games. As the names were called off at the closing program, there was no doubt that COLORADO was present. We may have been the loudest in the audience. We even had a participant in the Variety Show. Jan Johnston did a reading called 'The Green Thing' which pertained to the younger generations accusing the older generation of causing all of the ecological problems with our earth today. The audience had fun with that.

We had the crowning of the new Retiree King & Queen, the Missouri representatives. Great couple. There were many hospitalities. Always food somewhere.

Early on, Lou & Darlene Gibson asked all of us to assist in preparing the tables for the 2 dinners being served. In true Colorado FCRV fashion, everyone turned out to help. What could have been a 2-hour job was only about 30 minutes. Thanks, COLORADO FCRV. At one meal, we seated 248 diners. The catering company was superb, also.

And then it was time to say our goodbyes to old friends as well as the new ones we'd made. Some were going to Florida, Texas, Nebraska and some headed straight home. Greetings were sent out: See you at Spring Fling in May, Retiree Rally in June, National in July - - etc. The rally theme was 'Let the Good Times Roll'. And we did that.

2017 Retiree Rally will be in Canton TX March 21-27 and we'll have full hookups. Early bird days are the 17th – 20th.

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Chapter News

Rolling Springs Chapter News

The Rolling Springs January meeting was held at Panino's Restaurant. Our chapter is split this time of year, with several families attending. While several of our other members are enjoying southern destinations and warmer weather, we are finalizing our calendar for the 2016 year and looking forward to hitting the road and camping together. We started planning our craft projects for fund raising at Spring Fling or State-wide.



February's gathering was at Olive Garden. The schedule for 2016 is almost finished and reservations are being made getting ready for our first campout. We are excited with the turnout at the RV show held the first weekend which several members the Rolling Springs dedicated time to help out at. We are looking forward to new additions to our chapter but sadly we said goodbye to several families who moved away. We wish all of them well in their new adventures.



The March meeting at Mason Jar finds us showing our Irish colors and making the final plans for our first campout. Some of our members are headed to Louisiana this month for the retiree's rally and to visit New Orleans. The rest of us are preparing and looking forward to Chapter night in April, welcoming new members, seeing our snowbirds returning home and Camping together again as a family.



April weather can be a lamb or a lion and we had a touch of both. Clear sky on Friday and snow on Saturday and Sunday. The weather did not dampen our spirits, instead we had more time to enjoy each other's company and meet new friends from Georgia. We had a fun weekend and ended by helping each other clean snow off our awnings and heading home with stories to tell. See you next month.

Submitted by Candy Furnish

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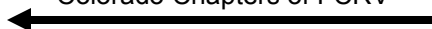
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Chapter News

Silver Foxes

The Silver Foxes shakedown at Mountindale is a prime example of “Murphy's Quantum Law: Anything that can, could have, or will go wrong, is going wrong, all at once”.

We have always scheduled our annual shakedown for April as winter is passing and spring is peaking its pretty head. Squirrels are running about and the deer have moved to a different location because hunting season is over. We know it is spring as we are dodging the potholes. Daffodils are popping up their green branches in sunny areas and the ground is not frozen anymore. It is time for camping, right? WRONG!!! – Mother Nature had the temerity to decide otherwise. We were forced to cancel our first campout of the year. It was disaster-prone from the start. We had a number of members signing up for the shakedown only dropping like flies that left only the hosts staring at each other. Health challenges were the major issues facing the Silver Foxes the last couple of months. The consequence of which was Sidney Walker's passing. With the Silver Foxes still coming to terms with that, we were forced to endure the heartbreak of the loss of another - Joanne Pendleton. Our happy-go-lucky close knit club persevered through all this with the Lord's blessing --- we are powered by HUGS!!!!!! All the other insignificant issues of rigs breaking down, water heaters not working, etc. were easy problems to manage. What finally did it in for the camp out was ONE OF THOSE pesky spring storms which Colorado is known for. Cold is one thing but snow was another matter.

In spite of these setbacks, the Silver Foxes are looking forward to a terrific camping season starting in May with Spring Fling at Brush and Santa Fe, NM. June will find us in Salida, followed by Buena Vista in July, Big Horn in August and FCRV Statewide at Kiowa. Of course September is our FCRV Southern Retiree Rally where we will be joined with all you RETIREES!!!!



IN MEMORY OF JOANNE PENDLETON

Joanne Pendleton, 77, passed away on April 6, 2016. She was a resident of Colorado Springs for 58 years and was formerly from Canaan, Indiana. She was a homemaker and worked at Air Academy Junior H.S. for several years.

Joanne and her twin sister Mary were born on July 4th, 1938 (a pair of firecrackers) to William B. and Enic Opal (Sigmund) Foley in Madison, Indiana. She graduated from Canaan H.S. where she was a cheerleader. On June 15th, 1956 she married Waldo F. Pendleton in Canaan, Indiana.

Joanne enjoyed camping with her RV groups and playing card games with her friends. She was fond of music, either listening, dancing or singing. She was a member of The Church at Woodmoor. She was also a Lifetime Member of the Auxiliary VFW and a member of the American Legion #0209. She actively participated in Family Campers and AARP #1100.

Joanne was known to many as just “Mom.” Whether it was the many students she encouraged (or straightened out) at the junior high school or her children's friends who were welcomed to her home, she made them all feel loved and respected.

She is survived by her loving husband, Waldo F.; her children: Waldo S. (Cheryl) and Rebecca (William); her sister, Mary; and sister-in-law, Susie B; her grandchildren: Khala Watson, Colson Watson, Brigitte Green and Cory Hankemeier; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Bill Foley and D. R. Foley, sisters Margie Whitton and Maxine Gordon and two infant children.

Mom/Grandma/Great Grandma “P” will truly be missed and loved always and from the Old Bull to the Old Heifer...Love you Anyways!



Joanne and Waldo

Submitted by Marion Waterhouse

Chapter News

Columbine Happenings

The Columbines just got back from a beautiful weekend at Greeley RV Park. They welcomed us with open arms and were very helpful with everything. We got to use their community room both Friday night and Saturday night.

Our wagon masters for the FIRST campout 2016 was Ron and Francis Hakanson. They did a great job in planning the camp-out! Six couples were able to make it: Ron & Francis Hakanson, Earl & Carol Peterson, Darwin & Sharon Baxter, Wes & Audrey Wichman, Scott Martin & Pam Rusk, Gary & Linda Jacobson – (newest cadet members checking the Columbines out.) Most of us were still de-winterizing some of the things that you have to do. So Ron helped out with some of that, he likes to help! A few of the guys helped Gary with his set up.

Ron and Francis received a call from Paul and Sandy Chamberlin. The “check engine” light came on so they turned around and put the motorhome in the shop. They were able to come up for the Saturday outing and lunch.

Friday night we all joined in at the Baxter’s site for snacks and drinks. We listened to Gary and Linda about their life stories, successful children and grandchildren. We all joined in and talked about various stories with grandchildren and animals. We decided for the ones that wanted to play cards meet in the community room for some hand and foot.



Saturday we car pooled over to the Greeley Railroad museum. The group spent a couple of hours there. There were some awesome layouts of HO Model trains! Plus, there was lots of historic information on the railroad. The lights, bells, smoke, fire always kept you looking forward to the next corner that you turned. They have hidden dinosaurs there, we only found 4 out of 9. Our tour guide was wonderful; he goes by “Santa”.

Afterwards we all walked over to Stuff Burger and had some very yummy burgers! The computer system went down while we were there, so our lunch was on the house. YIPPIE! We left a very nice tip for the service and the restaurant.

After lunch most of us went over to the Centennial Village Museum. We walked the village while reading about the history of the homes that moved to this location. It was baby animal weekend. We were able to fill our afternoon catching, petting and holding a variety of baby animals.

Saturday evening we gathered at the community room and had a fantastic pot luck. The Columbines do know how to do yummy pot lucks! After cleaning up we decided to play hand and foot. A good time was had by all.



Sunday we all gathered around to say our goodbyes and helped each other out with loading back up.

Columbines posted on the “Colorado FCRV” group on Facebook about the outing.

Columbines next outing is Riverview!

Submitted by Pam Rusk

Chapter News

Colorado Cruisers

Wagonmasters Glenn and Cheri Loyche selected Chatfield State Park for the first gathering of the year. The weekend was sandwiched in between two snow weekends, which is not unexpected for April in Colorado. We had sunny warm weather on Friday, and a nice clear evening to watch the stars. Saturday, it got windy, and I mean really windy, like hurricane-force winds – not politic winds like Chicago. We had a great gathering Friday night with those that arrived early enough to share the campfire.

Saturday's events included bird-watching, hiking, fishing, golfing, and whatever they wanted to do to enjoy "Earth Day Weekend". Saturday afternoon, the winds picked up, and challenged our spirits, but we still managed to pull off a large dinner and meeting with about 42 people, which included guests and prospective members. The theme for the dinner was Lunch Lady – inspired by the great vocalist and comedian, Adam Sandler. Sloppy Joes led the way, and was accompanied by a variety of high school lunch foods and other gourmet treats brought by our Chapter members. The meeting took place right after dinner, and then awards were handed out to include the best bird-watchers, as well as the worst bird-watcher award (who counted 46 magpies around her campsite- who knows it could have been the same magpie 46 times!). After the winds calmed down Saturday evening, we visited again around the campfire.



The weekend culminated with our Sunday morning potluck breakfast, again with fabulous food shared with all. All great festivities must come to an end, and we said our good-byes and safe travels, until we meet again.

Submitted by Cheri Loyche

Woodland Wookies

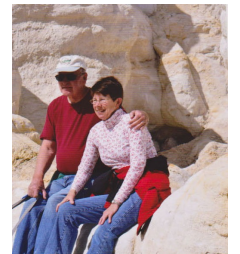
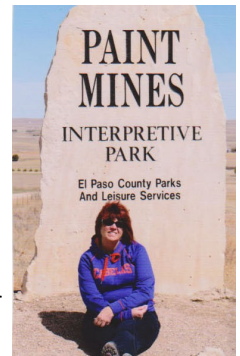
The Wookies had tons of fun in March when we traveled to Boulder, CO to tour the "Celestial Seasonings" Tea factory. It is a tasty experience! It sure can awaken your sences in the Aromatic Mint room. A must try ... Later we had our gathering at a restaurant name "The Dark Horse" for our meeting.



YAY! Camping Season is upon us In between snow. Accumulation the Woodland Wookies escaped to Calhan, CO to a great campout for APRIL. We hiked all around the Paint Mines there! It felt so good to haul the rigs and amp for the first time this year.

The Paint Mines is in God's Country alright! Pretty amazing colors and shapes and huge sizes of the Hoodoos. You just might have to see them to believe the sights of their massive beauty right near Colorado Springs!

Submitted by MaryAnn Glover



Chapter News

The Woodland Wookies

Sung to the tune of "The Beverly Hillbillies"

Come listen to my story of a camping group
Woodland Wookies is their name and dry camping is
their game...

Then one day they were fishing on a lake
And they caught a lot of fish for goodness sake!

Trout that is—

Rainbow colors—

Clear Creek.

Well the first thing you know

There's going to be a fish fry

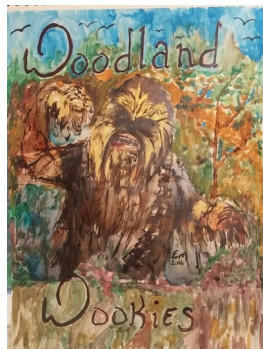
There were so many fish

Ohhhhhh my!

There's nothing like taking their rigs out in the woods ...

Every chance they could.

Submitted by MaryAnn Glover



Chapter News

Trailblazers



Trailblazers enjoying the day at the Royal Gorge

Well, the Trailblazers did make it to Cañon City in April. Ten rigs of campers didn't let a little wind, snow and cold stop them from enjoying themselves! We'd like to say a BIG "Thank You" to Rod and Cordelia Rau and Dave and Gerri Brown for hosting this campout. We appreciate and thank Mountain View RV Resort for opening earlier for the season than normal in order to accommodate our group.

We all enjoyed our Monday evening get-together and used the time to catch up with each other. Several Trailblazers visited warmer climates during the winter, and regaled us with tales of their travel adventures. Have you ever hit a large wooden crate in the middle of a busy interstate? Ask the Bantas—they did! And not only did they live to tell about it, but bravely continued on their journey!

Some of our members who couldn't camp with us drove down to join us for our potluck luncheon and meeting. We always have a 50/50 drawing at the end of our meetings, but Gerri Brown added a couple surprises! Mary Bernard

won an apron with Trailblazers embroidered on the front and Betty Newton won a hand-painted birdhouse. Both of these great prizes were made by Gerri Brown with help from her husband, Dave. Gerri and Dave also decorated the tables at the potluck with candles they made from small pieces of wood. At the end of the potluck each family got a candle. Thank you Dave and Gerri!



Handmade candles donated by Dave and Gerri Brown



Trailblazers visiting before the potluck luncheon at April's campout in Cañon City at Mountain View Resort

We had much improved weather on our last full day in Cañon City. A large group of us spent the day visiting the Royal Gorge, having lunch together and then heading off to see the Museum of Colorado Prisons.

The Royal Gorge has done a fantastic job rebuilding after the fire. We took a ride on the new aerial gondola across to the other side of the gorge. We also stopped at the Plaza Theater where we saw original artifacts and photos of the Royal Gorge. We were also in time to view a video that included footage of the fire that destroyed the park three years ago. Walking back across the bridge completed our visit!



Mary Bernard checking out the cell at the Museum of Colorado Prisons

Our visit to The Museum of Colorado Prisons was very enlightening to say the least. The museum is located in the historical cell house that was once the Women's Correctional Facility built in 1935. Many of the museum's displays are located in the original inmate cells and cover more than 140 years of prison history.

Mother Nature was not going to cooperate with us once more for our May campout to Chatfield State Park. We had rain, wind, and cold-again! You just never

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Trailblazers Cont.

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Vicki Patterson, President, conducting monthly meeting

know what the weather is going to do in Colorado! A really big "Thank you" to Larry and Sue Menke and Vicki Patterson for hosting this campout. The rain didn't stop us from having a good time. Our hosts were prepared—thank goodness for E-Z Ups!

Due to the rain and cold, Ken and Jeri Harper and Paul and Beverly Hassler offered their rigs for our Monday evening get together. Thank you! We all brought our hors d'oeuvres and drinks and had a great time visiting with each other.

Luckily, the weather was better on Tuesday and several of us were able to get a morning walk in. Chatfield has a lot of great walking paths and we took full advantage of them.

We want to thank Ron and Shalah Costello for joining us at Chatfield for our afternoon potluck and meeting. We all enjoyed meeting them and having them as part of our group for the afternoon. It was a little chilly, but at least it didn't rain!

We had sun on Wednesday! Again, several of us joined together for a morning walk. Larry and Sue Menke brought supplies needed for making portable, rotating outdoor flag poles that can be used at home or placed outside your RV. Several Trailblazers took advantage of this opportunity and enjoyed making one.

The afternoon turned out to be beautiful and a game of Bocce Ball was soon started. What a great time we had—it's amazing what a little sun can do for you!


We all cleaned out our refrigerators and shared leftovers for the evening meal. We had a good group around the campfire for the last night. Thank you to Ron Purvine for playing his guitar and doing some singing.

It's off to Alamosa for our June campout! Safe travels to everyone!

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary



State Directors, Ron and Shalah Costello, attending the Trailblazers' potluck luncheon and meeting at Chatfield State Park



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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

Chapter News Viewfinders

Camping season has begun, during the weekend of April 8th-10th the Viewfinders held their first outing of the season in Loveland CO. The weather was nice (in the low-mid 70s), and 9 rigs full of great friends. This was a busy weekend for all of us. On Sat. 9th some of attended a Special Olympics weight championship for one of our members, Jeremy Wade, in Greeley, CO. He brought home 3 blue ribbons, and broke one of his own records.



Later that evening during our group potluck we celebrated 4 Birthdays, 1 Anniversary and we had a surprise Retirement party for two members or as we call them friends, Craig and Linda Sparlin. The evening was filled with lots of wonderful food, laughter and memories for all.



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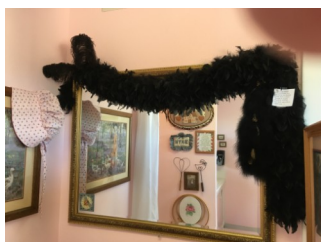
Rolling Waves

The Black Hills Campout

Robert and April Cederburg organized a group camping trip to the Black Hills in June. Everyone who went has agreed this is a trip they will want to do again. There were six different families at camp.

Lusk at Dusk

A few of the campers broke the trip to South Dakota into two segments, spending the first night at BJ's campground in Lusk, WY. This broke the long drive into two shorter segments, and allowed for some rest and relaxation at Lusk. BJ's campground has many treasures, including marbles in the driveway and a garden in the ladies rest-room, these you will have to see for yourself. If you decided to spend a night at BJ's, make sure to ask to see the Ladies bathroom and ask about the brothel!



The City of Rolling Waves

The Cederburgs led us to the best camping spot at Ditch Creek. It did not take us long to re-name it Rolling Wavesville. We made our selves right at home, good thing there was a lot of room to park the rigs!

Trail riding and more trail riding

One of the best things about South Dakota is all of the trails. The first few nights were dry camping and riding throughout the area. The riders are especially thankful for Robert who always made sure they knew where they are going and which way to turn next,

except for a few moments of being lost. But if we were all together, we really weren't lost!

The motorized army

When the group leaves camp, they have the whole "mad max" look down, dust, four wheelers, dirt bikes and safety in numbers.



Movie under the stars

There's a new tradition in the Rolling Waves of a movie under the stars. This campout the movie was Young Frankenstein. While everyone could see their



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breath as it was a chilly night, the group hung in there for the entire movie. We put a whole new meaning to a drive in movie!

Kubb

A good camping trip always involves some good hearted competition. Kubb is an outdoor game that is played like bean bags or the other lawn games. Cinda Champlin's grandson, Kevin,

was the winner of the evening. He had the final move that showed us all he was the champion.

Convoy

As we left the first camp site, we had ourselves a convoy and enjoyed listening to the Convoy song all the way. In case you are wondering what color a Chartreuse micro bus is.... it's a color halfway between green and yellow, or also known as puke green.

Rushmore KOA

After two nights of dry camping, the group packed up and headed to the Rushmore KOA. It's hard to describe this

KOA in one sentence. There is so much to do including a water slide, two pools, mini golf, bike rentals, bouncy pillow and hot wings. Careful, the wings are hot... just ask Tanner. One tradition we carried on from our Memorial Campout a morning breakfast get-together, complete with coffee and pastries.

Crazy Horse Laser Show

One evening took the group to the Crazy Horse Laser Show. The museum at the entrance has a large array of artifacts. The group especially enjoyed the selfie in front of the 1/34th size replica of the Crazy Horse Statue. The laser show included a wide variety of music and historical facts. Fun was had by all and everyone agreed this would be a great annual campout for the Rolling Waves.

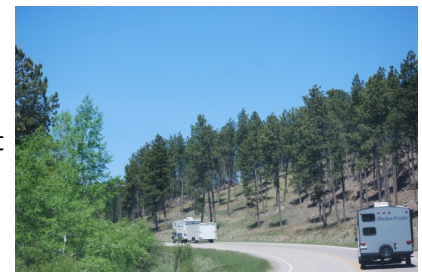


All Aboard!

Wednesday saw the group headed to the Hill City-Keystone train. We enjoyed the ride as it meandered through some beautiful scenery and listened to the sound of the steam whistle at 20+ road crossings!

Homeward bound!

Thursday night had a storm roll through that brought an amazing lightning show. However, this also started 8-10 forest fires. We packed up to head to our last dry camping spot but the weather proved to be more than even the tough Rolling Waves could handle. With temperatures soaring close to 100 and another storm coming, we did what we are best at—improvised! A quick phone call to Linda at BJ's and we were soon packed up and headed back to what has become a great overnight place. As a first really long trip for the Rolling Waves, this turned out great! Maybe we will see a few of you join us next year!!



Submitted by Lisa Bowers

Chapter News

RV Rascals

It's hard to believe this year is already half over. Didn't we just get started camping???



In January, Bob & Jean Maxwell hosted the RV Rascals' first 2016 activity with lunch at the *Origins Wine Bar and Wood Fired Pizza* restaurant in Loveland, followed by a tour of the Loveland Museum.

February's meeting was hosted by Terry & Mary Kaye Leonhart at the *Cheese Importers* in Longmont. After a yummy lunch, members browsed the eclectic merchandise offered and the cheese selections in the refrigerated section.

Brian & Betty Seeman opened their home to the Rascals in In March for a St. Patrick Day's lunch of homemade corned beef and cabbage. Everyone agreed it was deee-licious!

Our first campout of the year was at Boyd Lake in Loveland in April, hosted by Dennis & Jan Combs. What happened to Spring?? It was COLD, COLD, COLD... and the snow was blowing sideways. The Rascals are a hardy bunch. (Or is that a "stubborn" bunch?)



Deee-licious!!!



Spring Fling at Brush was selected as our May outing and was hosted by Bill & Linda Snyder. We had 13 Rascal members attend. Michelle Vegter won the *Conservation Poster* contest and Bob & Jean Maxwell's granddaughters (Audrey, 8 yrs. old, and Sarah, 3 yrs. old) won the "*Camping Is*" poster competitions. Those three posters now go on to the National competition at Campvention in Shawnee, OK. Several Rascals also had fun helping serve at the Spring Fling ice cream social.

Back in December (when we were choosing months and locations for 2016 activities), Sterling Reservoir sounded like a good place for camping in June. Who knew it was going to be so HOT, HOT, HOT????

As June is known for weddings, our hosts Gary & Mary Ann Merritt had each couple bring a copy of their wedding picture, and we played the Oldie/Newlywed game. A very fun time, in spite of the heat.



Dennis & Jan Combs (married 54 yrs) won 1st place



Ken & Michelle Vegter (41 yrs) won 2nd place



Dave & Judy Lohnes (almost 38 yrs) won the "We need to get to know each other better" prize

Jennifer Kingston has taken over as CAMP Chairman for the RV Rascals, and we look forward to future activities she and Dan plan for us.

Submitted by Linda Snyder



At Sterling Reservoir

Chapter News

Star Chasers

Happenings

Finally Spring is here and the Star Chasers have begun their camping season! We got off to a somewhat snowy start in April at Chatfield State Park as that is when the big snow storm rolled through. Despite the weather, some people were still able to make it. They played some games, watched the model airplanes and went on a tour of the Gemology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines Campus. Those of us that were not able to make it were home shoveling snow and wishing we were camping instead.



Dan & Judy Having Fun Dancing

In May several of us was at the Spring Fling Campout in Brush, Colorado. We had a great time and the new State Directors and Assistant State Directors did a great job putting the event together! There was so much to do with games, seminars, Polish Poker, Bingo, Line Dancing and Karaoke, entertainment and much, much more. Dick Kloewer made a beautiful bird house and Lee Stewart made a beautiful afghan for the raffle held on Saturday.

We appreciate their generosity and their time and talents in helping to raise money for our treasury.

Also in May, Dick & Alice Kloewer held a Garden Party at their home to showcase their extensive hobby with model trains (G-scale to be specific). They belong to two different train clubs. There was a total of 1,200 feet of track, 8 different train tracks and 8 different train sets running throughout the rose garden and bushes! Many of the Star Chasers came

and enjoyed the garden party as well as did many of their other friends from the many clubs they are affiliated with.

Now we are looking forward to our June campout in Cripple Creek, which we will report on in the next newsletter! As always, happy camping and be safe until we meet again.

*Submitted by Donna Watkins,
Field Director*



Bob & Elaine—Spring Fling First Timers



Dick & Alice



Dick Kloewer & Howard Boehme



Mike, Dan & John



Lee Stewart

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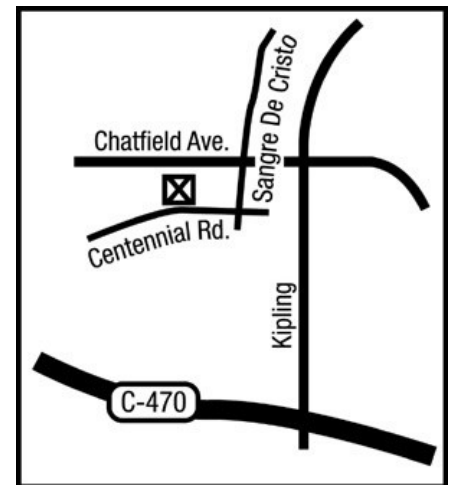
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Statewide 2016-Elbert Fairgrounds Kiowa

September 2- 5, 2016

This year's theme ~

Broncos Super Bowl Champions

Broncos Super Bowl Champions

Reminders:

Please bring: non-perishable food items for Elbert County Food Drive
 School supplies for Elbert County Schools
 Door prizes
 Bingo Prizes-adult and kids prizes \$5 items
 Field Directors-2 fruit pies for Friday night dinner

Project Food and Project Sales-please contact Salah Costello to reserve your spot

Hospitalities-Please contact Salah Costello to get your Chapter's hospitality event on the schedule

Project Food

Saturday: Teens-hamburgers \$5.00 pre-register on Statewide form

Friday night Chicken dinner \$7.00

Friday night Sox hop and Karaoke

Flag Ceremony

CAMP Walks & Bike Rides

Horseshoes

Pet Parade

Bean Bag Toss

Cribbage

Saturday morning breakfast \$7.00

Casting Contest

Teen Queen/King Pageant

Bingo: Cheryl Price

Dinner catered by Elbert County 4 H club on Saturday night-\$12.00 beef dinner

Polish Poker

Sunday Church Service

Sunday Morning Memory Bell Ceremony

Entertainment: Tamra Hayden-invited

Blood Drive

Seminars

Chapter Project Sales

Friendships—old and new

Camping!

Laughter

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2016 Colorado Fall Statewide – September 2nd – September 5th 2016***Elbert County Fairgrounds - Kiowa, CO*****Theme: “Denver Broncos-Superbowl Champions”****Camping fees are for 3 nights and include a \$15.00 Registration fee****Camping Fees: Families \$60 or Singles \$50 At the gate-Families \$65 or Singles \$55**

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

Two families attending Statewide and camping in one unit and/or campsite**The 1st family must submit a registration & pay the camping fee which includes the \$15.00 registration. The 2nd family must submit a separate registration & pay the \$15.00 fee.****If you are coming out for the day only, you must pay a daily fee of \$5.00. The daily fee is for the whole family. When you arrive, please register at the information table in the main building and pay your daily fee. This fee is on the honor system, we are not going to chase you down to collect the \$5.00. Fees and registrations are one of the most important sources of revenue that pay the expenses of Colorado FCRV. Deadline to pre-register is August 26th**

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

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

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

Reason for requiring handicap and/or electricity _____

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

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	0-5	6-8	9-12	13-15	16-19
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(Only Camping Fees are refundable in case of Medical/Family emergency, you will be reimbursed for all except the meals & registration fee which is \$15 of above fees.)

Gluten free meals (please ask before you are served): must pre-pay (no refunds, & none will be available at gate)**Friday Night Chicken Dinner** Sponsored by the Colorado Field Staff (state fund raiser)
adults ____ x \$7.00 = _____ # children (11 and under) ____ x \$3.00 = \$_____ for a total of \$_____**Saturday Morning Breakfast** Sponsored by the Silver Foxes (state fund raiser)
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Saturday Lunch Sponsored by the Colorado FCRV Teens (teen fund raiser)
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adults ____ x \$12.00 = _____ # children (3-11) ____ x \$5.00 = \$_____ for a total of \$_____

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

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APPLICATION FORM FOR VENDOR BOOTHS/PROJECT SALES

If you are planning on having a vendor booth at Fall Statewide, 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.

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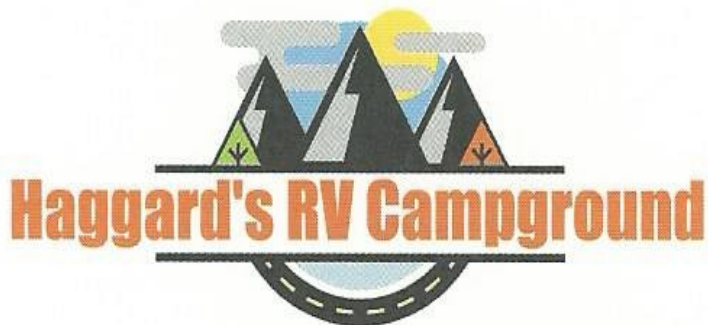
Only one person from the chapter to register for your project sales.

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The contestant must be single and at no time have been married. The contestant's moral character should exemplify the goals of FCRV by exhibiting wholesome and respected qualities associated with family oriented values.

Contestants must complete official registration form and return it to the State Teen Directors by the date specified on the registration form.

Contestants must be registered with the State Teen Directors no later than 9:00 am on Saturday during the Fall Statewide event.

Contestants must be present for the pageant practice, Teen Tea, Talent / Skill events and present at the time of judging during the pageant. Any contestant not able to participate in all the pageant events will be disqualified.

Contestants will also be expected to participate in Teen activities during Fall Statewide.

Have you marked your calendars?

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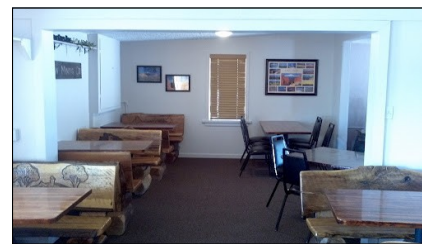
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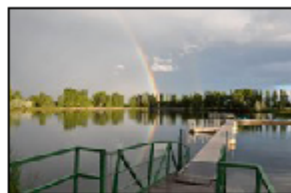
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