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MAY 11—14, 2017

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BRUSH, COLORADO

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Free Friday Night Dinner

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Dutch Oven Demonstration

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Court, How To Protect

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Cribbage

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Free Coffee and Donuts on
Sunday after Church

State Directors Corner

Jeff & Shirley Kendle



Another year has begun and it won't be long before all of the campgrounds will be open. Once again it seems like we went from Fall to Spring - not much of a winter at our house!

We would like to express our appreciation to Ron and Shalah Costello for dedicating their time and effort over the past year as State Directors of Colorado FCRV. We enjoyed working side by side with them. Best wishes and thanks for all you did for the state.

We have completed our 2017 Planning Meeting and are now in the process of getting the program together for Spring Fling. We also will be meeting with the Field Directors the end of April, so if you have any concerns, suggestions, or ideas let your Field Director know so they can be addressed or used to better Colorado FCRV.

It has been quite a challenge getting ourselves repositioned from Assistant State Directors to Acting State Directors and also Far West Region 1 Directors. Two surprises in two weeks was a bit more than we had expected. We are working our way through it all and we would like to thank all of the members who have helped and supported us over the past few months. Your continued support would very much be appreciated as we move forward in this endeavor.

Flea Market At Spring Fling

Once again we will be having the Flea Market this year, so bring all your gently used items to donate, so we can sell them back to you!! The market will open on Friday morning and also be open on Saturday. Just about anything will be accepted - Kitchen items, garden tools, tools, RV stuff, books, records/cds/dvds, toys, and small pieces of furniture are just some examples of what you can bring. Please do not bring any clothing items or large furniture this year!!



Don't Forget to Bring the following to Spring Fling

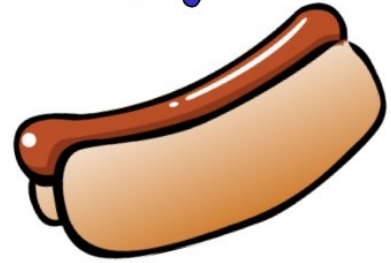
- ⇒ Can Goods and Non-Perishable Food Items for the Brush Food Drive
- ⇒ Pop Tabs from aluminum cans. The pop tabs will go to support the Ronald McDonald House in the Denver metro area.
- ⇒ Bingo Prizes for Family Bingo (\$10.00 items would be appreciated)
- ⇒ Bring your Bolo Horseshoe Set if you plan to compete on Saturday
- ⇒ Bring finger type foods for the icebreaker on Thursday afternoon
 - ⇒ Bring your nickels for Polish Poker on Thursday evening



Spring Fling 2017

Free Friday Night Meal

Only those registered in the fairgrounds are eligible for the Corporate Sponsored Dinner. Smoked Sausage dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and drinks.



Free Sunday Morning Coffee & Doughnuts

Free coffee and doughnuts (Home Town Bakery)

Join us Sunday Morning after church service

Flea Market

It's a good time to start saving those items you no longer want or need and bring them to Spring Fling. No large Furniture or clothing items.



Seminars

Dutch Oven Cooking
Cooking Seminar & More

Saturday Night Entertainment Juke Joint Cruisers

Pop Tabs

We will be collecting pop tabs from aluminum cans at Spring Fling. The pop tabs will go to support the Ronald McDonald House in the Denver metro area.

Brush Bucks—Enter the Drawing

Once again the Chamber has Brush Bucks you can redeem for merchandise from local merchants. One Brush Buck entry per family.

Teen, Pre-Teen, & Youth Sessions

Brush Food Drive

Bring Can Goods and Non-Perishable Food Items for the Brush Food Bank.

2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Apr 28th—30th	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Fort Collins, CO
May 11th—14th	N/A	Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, CO
June 5th—9th	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Fort Collins, CO
July 9th—15th	N/A	National Campvention 2017	Lima, OH
Sept 1st—4th	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO
Sept 25th—29th	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74—South of Pueblo
Sept 29th—Oct 1st	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74—South of Pueblo

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2017 EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

May-Jun
Jul - Aug
Sep - Oct
Nov - Dec

May 31st
Jul 28th
Sep 29th
Nov 30th

Article submission is for chapters, program chairmen and members who have news or interesting articles or classified ads that they would like to share with the membership. It will be included, space permitting, in the next issue.

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

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- Bumper & Paddle Boats
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Chapter News

Rolling Springs



The Rolling Springs are flying into 2017. Our first meeting of the year was at The Airplane Restaurant in Colorado Springs. The Airplane Restaurant's first flight was in Dec. of 2008. The restaurant is constructed partially in a Boeing KC-97. This particular plane was used as a refueling tanker in missions to Europe over the Atlantic. Several of our members came dressed for flight, proper Air Force attire, and also fun t-shirts and whirly top baseball caps were present. Flying with us on this meeting were several guests checking out the Rolling Springs. The New Year has started off with flying colors and we will be continuing our

flight south of the border next month.



February we are at the family owned Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant in Falcon, CO enjoying Mexican food and drinks. The restaurant staff went out of their way to make us comfortable and accommodate our large group. We had four new couples visiting with us this month. Our chapter/FCRV family is growing and we couldn't be happier. Next month the Rolling Springs will be traveling to Mongolia for our monthly meeting.

~ Submitted by Candy Furnish



Chapter News

Winter Happenings with the Camp Stars

The Camp Stars have had a very interesting Winter season, with lots of good times and fellowship. As befits the old West, we started out the year with a visit to a ranch. The Pizza Ranch that is. I guess that's more about food than it is about ranching, but they do have a nice room which accommodated our group and allowed us to have a nice meeting space to do a bunch of camping planning.



The show really got going in February with a tour of Mile High Stadium. Bronco fans really came out of the woodwork as extended family members joined us for the tour. The tour starts in the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame which is interesting all by itself. Then our guide took us on a one and a half hour tour of parts of the stadium you don't get to see during games. We got to see one of the luxury boxes to see how the rich and famous see the game, and then the TV broadcast booth which is not at all luxurious. There was quite a discussion about how much it costs and then on top of that the box holder arranges and pays for their own catering in the bar area behind the seats. Then the tour guide took us down under the stadium to the visitors' locker room. In four or five locations there were huge signs to remind the visiting team that they were at a mile high. Inside there were other little tricks to make the visitors feel uncomfortable such as carpets with a pattern that causes visual distortion, and old training equipment. Then the highlight of the tour was a trip out to the playing field to look up at the whole place. Really cool!!! What more could any Bronco's fan ask for. This was followed by a dinner at Mimi's Café back in Loveland



In March we actually kicked off the camping season with a weekend at St. Vrain State Park. The weather guessers promised us a glorious weekend, and as usual they lied. However, we made the most of it and had a really fun weekend. Several Bald Eagles were roosting in the trees near the campground, and they were fun to watch. Saturday morning the ladies from our Chapter gathered in the social room of the camper services building and made 18 fleece blankets for Project Linus. Then we went to lunch at the Cheese Importer restaurant in Longmont. The management set aside an area just for us, and a good time was had by all. This was followed by a dessert potluck. That's my kind of potluck. Didn't know there were that many ways to prepare chocolate. All in all we had a very nice campout to kick off our camping season. Everyone is looking forward to a great camping season.

~ Submitted by Larry Scott



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"CAMPING IS" POSTER CONTEST

"CAMPING IS" a contest to give the youth of FCRV an opportunity to express what camping is. The contest is divided into six age groups, 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years and 11-12 years. Ages 0-4 will have a coloring contest with an official entry form. Ages 5 through 12 will have a poster contest. The "Camping IS" Poster Contest will be held at Spring Fling on Saturday. The winning poster in each category will be taken to the National Campvention in July for competition. Colorado awards will be handed out at the Spring Fling Saturday evening program. Contestants who enter should portray *what camping means to them*. The contest rules are as follows:

- Contestant or contestant's parents or legal guardians must be FCRV members.
- For Coloring Contest (ages 0-4) an official coloring page is required.
- For Poster Contest (ages 5-12) posters must be a standard size of 22" X 28'.
- Coloring contest entries may use any non- electronic drawing or coloring materials.
- All work, coloring, drawing, lettering, etc. must be the youth's own work.
- Name, complete address, and birth date, along with Field Director's or State Director's certification of FCRV membership must appear in the lower left hand corner on the back of the poster/official coloring sheet.
- Age will be determined as of July 1 of the year of the contest.



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Spring Fling 2017 - Teen Events

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this year at Spring Fling



Roller Skating



Photo Crafts



Photo Crafts



Pizza
Party



Giant Tumbling
Tower
Tournament



Frisbee
Golf



Frisbee Golf

Chapter News

Trailblazers

It's been a warm 2 months in Colorado, we should have scheduled our April and May meetings in February and March! We do enjoy our times together, once a month, at a local restaurant for lunch during the winter months. We get to catch up on all the happenings in each other others lives.

In February we had our annual picture contest organized by Ray Walkowski. We take pictures throughout the camping season. In January we then vote on which pictures win the contest in various categories. The winners this year were: Sue Frindt, Cathy Vegvary and Rose Stamps.

In March the meeting was very simple and quick, except for one incident. We do a game called 50/50 every meeting. Well, as luck would have it, a longtime member of our club, Ed Johns, came to visit us for our luncheon, as he has retired from the club. Word has it that he and his deceased wife, Loraine, were notorious for winning the 50/50 game, and guess what?? Ed won! It brought much joy and laughter to have Ed and his caregiver, Birdie, join us and win the game.

Celebrate Life! Go camping with good friends. First camping of the year is at Pueblo South.

~ Submitted by Hank and Rose Stamps

ETPP SECRET SOCIETY

Are you looking for lots of fun and a big secret?

Come join us in the ETPP Secret Society! We will be having a 'Joining Ceremony' at Spring Fling and another at Statewide. For a \$3.00 fee you are welcome to have fun joining and learn the secret too! Just mark your registration form and include the fee and we will all have fun!!

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Meet the District Directors

We would like to take a few minutes to introduce ourselves to you so you can get to know us better. We are Dean and Monica Culver of the OOPS chapter. Dean is a Colorado native who grew up camping and fishing with his family as part of the NCHA Blue Spruce Chapter. Monica grew up in Louisville, Kentucky and had never experienced camping in her life until she moved out to Colorado. After the first few times out camping together she was hooked.

We started out with a tent but it was decided that a tent wasn't for either of us, so we started looking for a tent trailer. As we started shopping we realized the pop-up concept was not for us either and we ended up buying a Rockwood Roo hybrid that gave us the best of both worlds. After a few years of owning that camper Mother Nature decided that she wanted to add a few holes in it via a hailstorm and that was the end of that camper. We have an 8 year old, Taylor, that was almost 2 at the time and needed her own space so we upgraded to a travel trailer with a bunkhouse. They say you don't know about a space until you live in it and while the new space was great, there is always room for improvement. Two years ago we upgraded to our current 38-foot Open Range with a private bunkhouse for Taylor and all of those girl friends we know she'll be making.

We got introduced to FCRV off a post on the Trailer Life forum page. We met a few people and we talked about it and figured out what the heck. Our first campout with people we never even met was at Statewide where we were treated like family. At that time our daughter was 9 months old and she was loved by everyone in the OOPs group and at that camp out she received the nickname Smiley from everyone and those people still call her that.

We love FCRV because of the friends we've made and the family atmosphere it creates. We've seen a lot of Colorado through camping and enjoy taking the camper out of state as well.

*Dean and Monica Culver
FCRV Denver Metro 1
District Director*

Hello FCRV families,

As recently named the District Directors for Metro 2 we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are Jolene and Laura Martinez. We have been Part of the FCRV Family for about 3 years, now, we are members of the Viewfinders chapter, however we have spent our entire lives camping with our families and friends. We currently own a 26' trailer that we enjoy camping and traveling cross-country in. Between both of us we have over 80 years of camp stories we could share, some good, some not so good, but always with a positive attitude and lots of food. We are truly blessed to have our family and friends in our lives that camp with us and spend time together.

As the new Metro District 2 Directors we are looking forward to meeting the different chapters and getting to know the FCRV members. Our goal is to help each chapter grow either in experiences or in numbers.

Please feel free to contact us with questions, concerns, ideas or just to talk. We hope this is a new beginning to expand friendships, ideas and camping.

Happy Camping,

*Jolene & Laura Martinez
FCRV Denver Metro 2
District Director*

YOUTH/TEEN/ADULTS CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

The Conservation Poster Contest is open to Youth, Teens, and Adults and will be judged at Spring Fling on Saturday. The contest is open to Youth, Teens, and Adults and is divided into six age groups: Up to 5 years inclusive; 6-8 years inclusive; 9-11 years inclusive; 12-14 years inclusive; 15-19 years inclusive; 20 and up. Age is to be determined as of July 1st of the year of the contest. The winning poster in each category will be taken to the National Campvention in July for competition. Colorado awards will be handed out at the Spring Fling Saturday evening program. The contest rules are as follows:

- A Conservation Poster will be defined as a medium to catch the attention of the observer and convey a specific conservation message.
- Contestants must be members of FCRV.
- Each poster must be approved and signed by a Field Director to certify the entrant is a member in good standing with FCRV.
- Each poster must pertain to some phase of conservation.
- Posters must be on standard sized poster board (approximately 22" x 28," not to vary more than 1/2").
- Name, date of birth, chapter, and complete address and Field Director's certification (signature) MUST appear on the lower left hand corner of the back of the poster.
- The poster must be the contestant's own work and must have been created for the FCRV contest only.
- Any art media may be used.

Judging at all levels will be based on:

Adherence to National Conservation Board Rules

Originality - Neatness - Adherence to or development of the theme

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Now available a Deluxe Cabin with full bathroom, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV deck with gas grill and patio with fireplace overlooking the mountains (sleeps 6). Also available: One-Room Camping Cabin w/Cable TV, WiFi & AC/Heater, Grass yard, patio with gas grill. Close to restrooms & RV sites. (sleeps up to 4 people)
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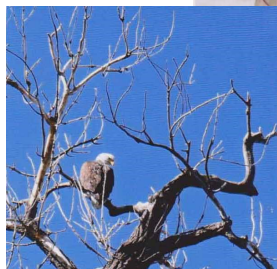
Chapter News

Woodland Wookies

What had the Wookies been doing to pass the time away waiting on Camping Season?

Pretty much ADVENTURES ...

1. Dog sledding in Winter Park!
- 2) Hiking to view eagles at Barr Lake!



3) Rocking paintings of nature!

4) Restaurant Meeting!



5) Early campout (Gorgeous weather) at Clear Creek, Buena Vista enjoying fishing and a goat farm. The Tee Pee was our neighbor. We were camping "off the grid" - always our preference! Clear Creek Reservoir was still half frozen ... Fun though. Views—Views—Views!

True Conversation:

Everyone know what it is like getting prepared for the first campout with getting the RV ready and loaded while packing the kitchen and clothes, etc.

For one weekend the "wife" packs for herself:

- 2 hoodies
- 3 tops
- 2 pair of pants
- Lots of socks and undies



For the same weekend, the "husband" packs for himself:

- 1 pair of pants
- 1 pair of socks
- 1 t-shirt

Chapter News

Silver Foxes

Hellos...handshakes and hugs...How are you?

During those months the Silver Foxes' rigs are in storage...winterized ...resting up for the next season of travel.... This is what we do once a month. Our connections and community are kept warm and strong by gathering once a month for a meal. Gathering at the same restaurant at the same time is a comfort for many... and provides that rhythm and continuity that we often crave in this season of our lives.

Of course, some do travel to warmer climates during this travel hibernation cycle... and then return to us with stories and sometimes new ideas and knowledge... enriching our group further.

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The Silver Foxes celebrated a milestone year... Our Chapter being recognized for 20 years of providing a rally point for RV travel as a part of the FCRV.

With this passing of years we have also had some major transitions in our members lives. Being a mature group...we have had some promotions to heaven...some who have decided that driving large RV's is no longer part of their current lifestyle...some who are dealing with health challenges.... I mention this because that is part of why belonging to this group is so important. The relationships birthed by ownership of these homes on wheels and the travel experiences we share is doing life together. When we gather during the off season to lunch and munch... we catch up on the ups and downs we all have in life. When you share life together you create that relational safety net of people... that make life richer and fuller.

So, we are looking forward to adding more rigs to our group this year...more faces to our gatherings...while continuing to make memories and friendships traveling.

~ Submitted by Carin Chambers

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2017 Colorado's 30th Spring Fling

May 11-14, 2017

Morgan County Fairgrounds - Brush, CO

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

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

DAY ONLY: \$5.00 per family

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

This is **DRY Camping**—Water is available, dump station available at the park next to the fairgrounds.

Electric is available for those with a medical need

These proceeds are one of the most important sources of revenue that pay our expenses.

Two families attending Spring Fling and camping in one unit and/or campsite. The 1st family **MUST** submit a registration & pay the camping fee which includes the \$15.00 registration.

The 2nd family **MUST** submit a registration & pay the registration fee of \$15.00.

DAY ONLY: 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.

Deadline to pre-register is May 1, 2017

In order to camp with your chapter you must pre-register and registration must be **RECEIVED** by May 1 2017, otherwise you will be put into the overflow section.

If this is your First Spring Fling, check here []

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

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Anyone plugging into the electrical outlets at the fairgrounds **must** have an electric cord with a size 12 or preferably size 10 wire.

There are limited electric hookups in the handicap area for those with a medical need for electricity.

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

Come to Spring Fling and be inducted into the SECRET SOCIETY—ETPP—Cost is \$3.00 per person—all can participate –no age limit.

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	0-5	6-8	9-12	13-15	16-19
Female					
Male					

**FRIDAY'S DINNER—COMPLIMENTS OF OUR
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Friday night meal will consist of sausage dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and drinks.

Please mark this box if you plan on being there to eat on Friday night by 5:30 PM []

Saturday night dinner will be Chapter Potlucks or you can visit your favorite restaurant in town.

For Specific Directions to Morgan County Fairgrounds go to the Colorado FCRV Website (Colorado FCRV.com)

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

Chapter News

Columbines

The Columbines have set the group camping calendar for 2017 with the first outing in April at Chatfield Reservoir. At the group's March 19, 2017 pizza lunch meeting we reviewed the camping schedule to ensure everyone was making the necessary reservations well in advance of these outings. As the state continues to grow in population, more and more people are taking advantage of all the state parks and camp grounds in Colorado which can impact planned group events. We also reviewed the decreased state and national member numbers for FCRV. The Columbines are going to promote FCRV with the members banner we have. The newest Columbine members will be purchasing name signage to add to this banner. We will also be active in promoting FCRV as we camp. While the Columbines might fit the build, others may find a better match with another group. The bottom line is for all of us to promote and build the FCRV Colorado family. We wish everyone a safe and fun camping season.

~ Submitted by Earl Peterson



Calling All Youth and Preteens!

Spring Fling is right around the corner! We will be providing poster board and various mediums for creating Camping Is.. posters.

So bring your creative ideas! Also for the Saturday Afternoon session we are going to get hooked on fishing. It is **extremely** important to be sure all kids are registered to be sure we have enough fishing poles. Each family will receive a pole to keep!



In other news.. Bingo is on Friday night. This will be family bingo children are welcome to play too, prices for packets are the same (\$1/sheet or \$5 for the packet). As far as prizes go there will be 3 big prizes provided by the Youth/Preteens. Please bring a \$5-\$10 prize to Spring Fling that YOU would want to take home.

Be sure you support our Corporate sponsors and advertisers. Their dollars support us. We should do the same for them.

Spring Fling 2017

APPLICATION FORM FOR VENDOR BOOTHS/PROJECT SALES

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

If you are going to need space for your chapter project sales, please let us know that as well by attaching this form to your camping registration. Tables will be available for chapter project sales. Because we will be using the tables and chairs on Friday evening, we ask that you don't claim your space for chapter sells until Saturday morning.

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. **CRAFT SALES ARE ONLY HELD AT STATEWIDE.**

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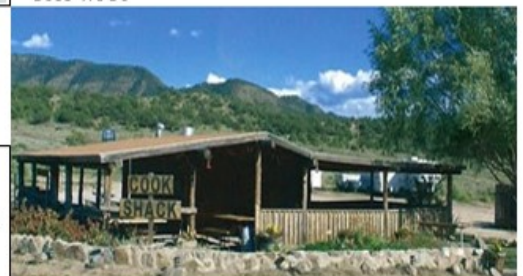


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Chapter News

Aspen Adventurers

Even though we were not camping, the Aspen Adventurers managed to keep ourselves busy with quite a few fun indoor adventures during the winter months (January – March).

In January we met up at Coal Creek Bowling Center in Lafayette for a couple games. Most of the members (plus guests) were able to join: Kathy and Rob Farina, Jeff and Shirley Kendle, Shaun Kendle and Dezirae Eggers with Shaun's children (Ian and Dawnella), and Dennis and Marcy Ervin. I don't think anyone in the group (outside of his family) knew Jeff was such a good bowler! The only one who came close to his score was Shirley (who may have beat him by a couple of points one game). He left most of us in the dust every game. I think his highest score was in the 160's. Being very dusty in my bowling skills, I was absolutely thrilled I bowled above a 100 one game (and, I am not ashamed to admit this, but I bowled in the lane with the kids who used bumpers).



In February our group (plus the Wards and my son, Nate) met at the Forney Transportation Museum in Denver. The kids really enjoyed the miniature room which had many varieties of model vehicles from different historical eras. The working model trains were a popular attraction for the children. They had a lot of fun trying to beat each other in train races. In the main exhibit area we were able to check out vintage cars, buses, lightweight aircraft, motorcycles, bikes, buggies and carriages from the early pioneer days, even two once operational trains with locomotives. Another interactive exhibit that was a hit, for all ages, was the Ford Model T which you could climb into and "drive." Looks like David's son, Eli, is already going too fast for him.

Our most recent adventure in March, after a lunch visit at Panera's in Thornton, took most of the Aspen Adventurers to the Downtown Aquarium. It was 8-year-old Ian's first time there and he was very excited to see the tiger. River otters were also a highly anticipated creature. After exploring the many marine habitats and

their animal inhabitants, the crew decided to try on old timey diving gear. Man, these kids are stronger than they look!



Even though we had fun times in the off season, we are anxious for the camping season to start (which, for our chapter, will be Easter weekend). Happy camping!

~ Submitted by Kathy Farina

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CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK and PHOTO BOOK CONTEST

The Chapter Scrapbook/Photo Book Contest is held to recognize the outstanding chapters from each State for their contributions, participation and dedication to FCRV and for recording their chapter's history for members and future members to enjoy. The winning Chapter Scrapbook/Photo Book will be taken to the National Campvention in July for competition.

SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

RULES

Scrapbook shall cover events from January 1st to December 1st of 2016

Scrapbook size will be no larger than 20" in. X 24" in. X 8" in. They may be smaller.

Page 1 (the actual first page--not the inside cover) must include the Chapter Name, National Charter Number & Date, Chapter Patch or emblem, and Colors.

State or Regional Director's Printed Name and Signature in lower right hand corner of first page, to certify the Scrapbook entry.

CONTENT OF SCRAPBOOKS

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

Coverage of chapter activities and accomplishments (during the year)

Campouts, community projects, parade floats, special programs, special projects, national programs and other FCRV related activities.

Newsletters, program booklets, singles, special events, parties; human interest and; newspaper clippings with dates and identity of persons pictured.

Captioned photographs of groups & candid snapshots. Explain who and what is pictured in the photo.

Certificates and awards.

Chapter publicity for community activities and any FCRV related outside interest concerning members.

If trophies or plaques have been awarded to chapter for outstanding events, photograph and place in scrapbooks.

PHOTO BOOK CONTEST

RULES

Photo Book shall cover events from January 1st to December 31st of 2016

Photo Books will be 8.5" X 11" in landscape, or 12" X 12" hardcover, of at least 20 pages. Additional pages are allowed but should not exceed 40 pages.

CRITERIA ON THE COVER

State name will appear on the cover of the Photo Book.

Year the State camping activities take place will appear on the cover of the Photo Book.

CONTENT AND TOOLS

ACTIVITIES

Photo Books should include photos from State/Provincial Campouts.

Photo Books should include photos of any activities the state/provincial members participated in at the Regional Campout.

Photo Books should include photos from any activities the state/provincial members participated in at Campvention.

Photo Books should include photos from individual chapter campouts.

DOCUMENTATION

All photos should be documented with text captions.

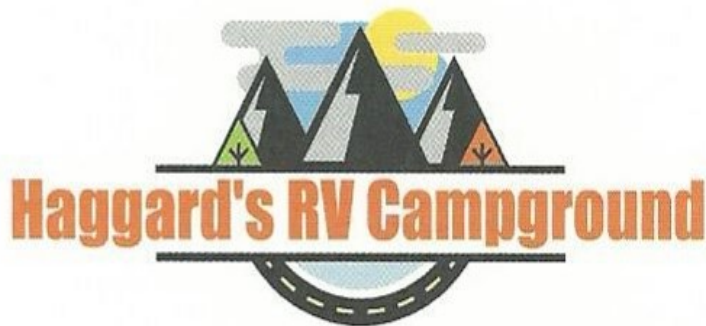
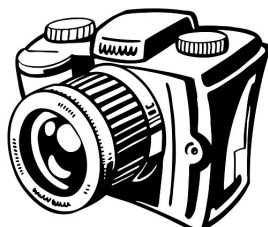
Newspaper clippings, maps, ticket stubs, and other non-photo documentation can be scanned into an electronic picture format (such as .jpg) and added to the Photo Book, or you can take a photo of an item and add the photo to the book.

PHOTO BOOKS can be created online and ordered through digital photo websites such as Snapfish, Shutterfly, Walgreens, Mix Book and many others.

Not complying will all the rules will disqualify your scrapbook/photo book.

Judges will score in five areas as follows:

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Please send the deposit to Carter, NOT THE CAMPGROUND.**Make check payable to Colorado FCRV Retirees.****Mail to: Carter Bloomfield, P.O. Box, 1564, Sterling, CO. 80751-1564****E-mail us with questions: carterandann@bresnan.net****If you must cancel please call Carter at 970-580-0406***We do our best to help you out by returning your deposit in an emergency situation.***Please plan to enter the campground after 1:00P.M. KOA charges \$3.00 an hour for early arrival.**Detach here _____

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A camping deposit of \$45.56 is required 45.56

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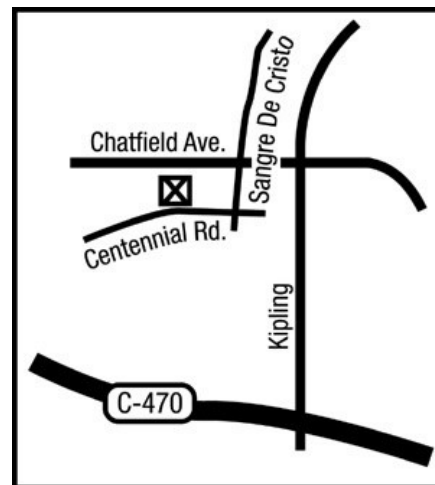
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Wife asks husband after she puts everything away at the campsite, "I hope you have more underwear packed in the camper?"

Husband replies with a big grin, "Yes! 5 pair ... That'll be for all summer!"

We camp at least twice a month on weekend get-aways—HA, HA, HA, HA!

There's a difference with priorities between women vs men when it comes down to camping ...

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Join us at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, Colorado May 11 -14th for the 30th Annual Colorado Family Campers and RV'ers Spring Fling. We are hoping for good weather as there will be lots of activities for the youth, pre-teens, teens, and adults outside and inside.

First and foremost, make sure you pick up your Brush Bucks entry form and take it around to the different merchants on the list and return it for a chance to win a gift certificate to be spent at local Brush merchants.

On Thursday afternoon there will be an ice-breaker in the main building. This will be a great time to visit with, and get to know, members from other chapters. Campers just need to bring munchies to share at the icebreaker, coffee and ice tea will be furnished. Vendors will also be in the building featuring their merchandise. Thursday evening will feature our 2nd annual "Polish Poker" event for everyone attending so don't forget to bring your nickels.

On Friday, join in on the CAMP walk or bike and earn some CAMP dollars which can be used to purchase FCRV merchandise or you can use it to help pay your registration fee at Campvention this year. Make sure you check out the Flea Market, you never know what you will find. There will be a seminar on Friday afternoon. Sil Fernandez and Ken Shockley, of the Northern Lights Chapter, will also be on hand to give pointers on how to play and win at bean bag toss. You don't have to worry about cooking on Friday because a free dinner will be furnished to those that checked the box on the Registration Form. Everyone has a song in their heart so let's hear you sing it at Karaoke after dinner. Don't forget about Bingo! The youth and preteens will be sponsoring a family bingo and will furnish three BIG prizes in addition to the prizes that are donated by the members.

We will kick off Saturday with the Flag Raising Ceremony by the Rolling Renegades, teens, pre-teens, and youth. Are you ready for a jammed packed day? Then Saturday is that day, there will be a variety of games including bolo horseshoes, bean bag baseball, seminars, a Dutch oven demonstration, chapter fund raisers, and an ice cream social. Another favorite event is the Golden Skillet Contest, which is a four-person relay race involving teams who take a sack of wood and knife to whittle kindling down, build a fire and heat the skillet hot enough to cook a pancake on. One person builds a fire, one mixes the batter, and one cooks the pancake. The pancake is then taken back to a table with a spatula and must not be dropped for fear of starting over. The fourth person eats the pancake. Whoever finishes first, wins.

The Youth, Pre-Teen, and Teen Directors have been working hard on coming up with some different activities for the youth, pre-teens, and teens this year. The youth and pre-teens will go on a short walk to the nearby lake and get "hooked on fishing".

The popular scrapbook contest will also take place at Spring Fling, Jo Anne Lien will go over the rules and regulations for the FCRV scrapbook contest and oversee the judging. The winning scrapbook will be taken to the National Campvention in Lima, Ohio and will be entered in the National contest. Colorado has taken first place in this event many times. Let's see if Colorado can do it again. The winning Conservation Poster and the Camping Is Poster for each age group will also be displayed at the National Campvention and entered in the national contest. Last year Colorado brought home numerous First Place Ribbons, let's do it again!

Juke Joint Cruisers, a three piece Rockabilly band will entertain us on Saturday evening with sounds of the past like Peggy Sue, Oh Boy, Folsom Prison, and much more. You can check them out on You Tube.

Sunday, activities will come to a close, but first there will be Church Services for those that want to attend followed by donuts from the Home Town Bakery.

So what are you waiting for? Send in your Spring Fling Registration Form and pack up your gear and camping unit and join us at the 30th Annual Spring Fling Event for three days of making new friendships, renewing old friendships, camping, seminars, entertainment, food and FUN!

Remember, this is a "DRY Camping" event with only limited power sites for medical needs. Water is available, a dump site is located right around the corner at the Brush City Park, and there are showers in the building. So come prepared.

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