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From the President - Shari Weber



Spring has sprung! All indications are that the 2017 camping season will be a good one. I hope your plans include some camping outings with your Family Campers family and friends.

The 2017 Retiree Rally is history. This year was my second time to attend. My tent stayed up and dry the entire week! Jim & Barb Turner and their team put on a great rally. They tried some new things and did old things differently. Everyone had a good time. Congratulations to Caroline and Bill DeShone from Michigan who were crowned Retiree King & Queen. The next Retiree Rally will be in Tallahassee, Florida.

New DASAT Director

The executive board welcomes Joe Boswell from Maryland as our new DASAT Director. Joe brings a lot of expertise to the position. There are lots of good things we can learn from Maryland as our new DASAT Director. Joe brings a lot of expertise to the position. You can give your support to Joe by supporting and participating in the Disaster and Safety Awareness Program.

Where Strangers become friends ...

During the rally I observed myself on several occasions surrounded by friends. That in itself is not unusual. What is unique is the fact that as I looked around there were people from many different states and provinces. One thing great about our organization is getting to see friends from all over two lands. We were out celebrating a birthday during the week of the rally. Around the table were people from Indiana, Maine, Georgia, Virginia, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa. A message from the retiree chaplain, Rev Harold Braley was to expand beyond your circle of friends. Don't always sit near the same people try to meet someone new, make a new friend. We need to make sure we are doing this during all of our campouts just to make sure everyone including newcomers and first timers have a good time and feel welcome.

Benefits of being a part of Family Campers & RVers

Our wonderful camping organization has lots of benefits in addition to all the friends we make. We were founded in 1949 with a focus on conservation and education. Our programs, Conservation, Wildlife, Disaster and Safety Awareness Training, Campers Actively Moving, Scholarship are unique opportunities to learn, stay fit, and contribute to making sure we can always enjoying camping and RVing. Your dues help to support each of these programs along with additional people programs providing activities for specific age groups, Retirees, Adult Activities, Teens, and Youth. In addition the travelong program helps provide an opportunity to travel to new and fun places with friends of all ages. Finally, we support our family members in advancing their education with our scholarship program. This program helps several people each year pay for advanced education. All of these programs make us special and provide opportunities to learn new things, preserve our environment, and enjoy the generational diversity that is uniquely ours. In addition to all these programs part your dues are also used to help share our message in advertising and promotion to invite others to enjoy Family Campers. We have a great organization and lots of wonderful programs. The program directors appreciate your support. As always one of the best ways for them to measure your support is by your participation. Don't sit back and wait for things to happen, go out and make them happen. All our events have activities planned in many of these program areas. The field manual describes all of these programs. Take a look and see what opportunities your chapter or state/province want to add to your usual activities. Contact any of the program directors with questions. They will be delighted to help you.

All Aboard for Lima!

Trains are the theme for this year's campvention. The Great Lakes team headed by Dave & Linda Henne is working hard to provide a wonderful experience for everyone. If you haven't registered there is still plenty of time. A registration form is included in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you in July!

Until the next campfire, Shari



Campvention 2017

Allen County Fairgrounds

Lima, Ohio

July 9-15, 2017

CAMPVENTION DOOR PRIZES

Anyone wanting to donate a door prize for Campvention, a table will be at Central Registration to leave your donation when you arrive and check in. Door prizes will be drawn on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and can be claimed between the hours of 10:00 AM till 12:00 noon. The location for the claiming of the prizes will be posted on the Campvention bulletin boards.

Unclaimed prizes after Thursday July 12th will be drawn following the close of the Friday night entertainment program.

Questions or comments may be directed to: dentec957@att.net
Duane & Ruth Keegan (IL) & Chuck Carlsen (MI),
Co-Chairperson

2017 Campvention Crafting Fun!

Session 1: Creative Sewing



Join us in making a beautiful flower pin with your choice of flower print fabric that will be sure to accessorize your wonderful campvention ensemble. Pin it to your hat, bag, lanyard, or wherever. This session in-

cludes a hat to pin your new pin to. Everyone will be in awe over your flower pin crafted by you. In this session we will also be making a cute Kleenex holder. Why settle for a boring plastic package of Kleenex's when you can have a fabric print of your choice? The next time you go to grab your tissues it will certainly be in style. Notes: This session is open to everyone and the sewing involved is easy. **Cost: \$5.00**



Session 2: Spice Up Your Campfire Potluck

Looking for something to jazz up your hamburgers, salads, and crock pot dishes? Look no more! We have the answer to adding the perfect seasoning that will spice up your next get-together. Create your own unique blend of flavorful spices artfully crafted by you. Take home your new seasoning blend and create something wonderful!

Notes: This session is open to everyone. **Cost: \$5.00**

Session 3: Campvention Relaxation – Lotions and Potions!

Ladies and gents, if you are looking for some relaxation join us as we make a variety of sensational lotions and scrubs. Who says camping isn't relaxing? Once you have created your lotions and scrubs, feel free to indulge and relax all while camping. You are not going to want to miss this amazing session! Notes: This session is open to everyone. **Cost: \$5.00**

Photo book Webinar Scheduled

It's time to start putting together your State/Provincial Photo books for the 2017 National Campvention competition! All FCRV members are encouraged to volunteer to help your state with this effort.

Photo books serve as a great alternative to scrapbooks and photo albums. They pull photos that would otherwise remain on the computer and bring them to life. By creating them in an online format, you can edit your photo book throughout the design process. It also enables you to share your projects with others regardless of distance. They are affordable enough that you can print several at a time and have them sent to family and friends. Aside from mailing out your creation, you can also share your photo book online.

Get a group of folks together at your next State Campout and work together to create your photobook. All it takes is one person's computer and internet access. It could help if you have a projector so others can more easily see but you could also huddle around a computer with a few people. This is a fun way to remember last year's events and have some good laughs about past memories while making new ones!

If you aren't sure where to start or just want to bounce some ideas off of others, we've scheduled two webinars so we can get together to answer any questions you might have and show you what others are doing. Anyone is welcome to join, whether you want to help create a state/provincial photo book or you just want to know how to make one for your own vacation. This will be an informal session that will cover how to use Shutterfly for your photo books.

They will be held on

- Thursday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. central
- Monday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. central

RSVP to Jill Serbousek at jnsserbousek@gmail.com to receive the link to the appropriate webinar. If you have specific questions you would like to have answered please send those along before the meeting.

Golf Cart Rental form found elsewhere in this issue or on the FCRV website (www.fcrv.org)

Campventions Held in Ohio

by Barb Turner, 2017 Publicity Chair

Pictures by Nancy Edgar

'All Aboard! Destination: Great Lakes Region' is the theme for the 57th NCHA/FCRV National Campvention at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, Ohio. Dave & Linda Hennie, Campvention chairs, emphasize – 'remember the number 200'. That's Dave's way of association – 'get off I-75 at exit 125. That equals 200!' And, he adds that it's a 'straight shot to the fairgrounds'.

As we anticipate the upcoming 2017 Campvention in July, we can look back at this annual summer gathering's history in the state of Ohio. Campvention 2017 will be the fourth Campvention held in Ohio. Previous Campventions were held in 1964, 1983, and 1991.

When preparing to share some info and memories of these former campventions, I asked for input from our members. With their help, I'll share those memories with you.

Convention 1964 was NCHA's 4th annual gathering and was held in Tamsin Park, near Akron in the north-east area of the state. 2287 families attended. (Note the term 'convention'. The term 'campvention' was first used in 1965. In 1971, 1972 & 76, 'convention' was used. Since 1977, our summer gathering is Campvention.) The early annual gatherings were 'conventions', as we normally think of the word. It was the annual meeting as determined in the organization's by-laws. The organization's annual meeting is still held at Campvention.



The 1964 convention chairs were Tom & Thelma Hicks. Nancy Edgar shared this memory: "Since the 1964 NCHA Ohio Convention was over 50 years ago, what I remember the most is the nice lake onsite where I took my daughters, Susan age 5, and Kathy age 3, for a 10-minute swim each day. They loved it.

"Another memory is that President of NCHA, Tom Hicks, parked his trailer on the grounds and didn't put jacks under it. Whether he was rushed or just forgot is unknown. But, the surprise was that when he walked to the rear of the trailer to get something, the weight at the rear forced the trailer to be-



Entertainment Area

come unbalanced and the front end flipped up in the air! Neither he nor his wife Thelma was hurt, but needless to say, it brought out a crowd. Afterwards, we all had a good laugh about it with them at the campfire that evening. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at our second convention that we attended. Later, we were to participate in about 20 more Campventions.”

Noreen Smith shared her memories of that 4th convention: “Ohio 1964 was unique. It was the muddiest week of any Campvention. Remember, there were few solid units at that time. Most campers were in tents or tent campers. This lent to more gathering in or under awnings, and more friendships came out of 1964 Ohio than any other.



*Paul & Renny West
(started the Scholarship
Program)*

“I feel that Committee deserved an AWARD. They provided a wonderful week in spite of rain. Evening programs began but invariably were rained out. Over half of the campers were parked on the nearby airstrip and commuted.

“About the Chairs: Tom and Thelma Hicks of Ohio were Chairmen. (Owner of Tamsin Park in Akron was Tom Jones.) Fortunately for us, Tom Hicks and Tom Jones came up ‘Derelict Road’ (some wag changed our name from ‘Deer lick Road’) as we were setting up saying, ‘Stop, do not set up here’ They took us down to the Ranger station where there was a parking spot for us to use. We personally had a car topper camper atop our station wagon. Our kids were 5, 3, and not yet 2. They spent all day playing in back of the station wagon....for a week. (By Fall we had arranged a Rolite camper for next season!! Could not let rain prevent us from getting to NCHA campouts!)

“Among the friendships we made were Roy and Marilyn Williamson! And, going in to town and visiting the area, we ran into the same people and eventually began to talk with them. There were tours which went on and other activities. Ohioans were good hosts, with difficult conditions.

“We camped with Ohio so many times after that intro. I believe John and Eleanor Potts were part of the committee, too. They, also, spent years working for the State and National.”

Our final submitted memory of the 1964 Convention is from a new Ohio teen at the time, Linda Hennie, who together with husband Dave is the 2017 Campvention chair: “I do remember Tamsin Park, and if I remember correctly, I think it was near Akron because I remember Dad (Don Plummer) saying that it had been Goodyear's recreation park for their employees.

“I was only 13 but things I remember:

It rained all day every day; many units had to be pulled in and pulled out. Many of us were camped in a field, and, of course, there were no hook-ups, no water, electric or sewer!

There were lots of teens, and they had a big red & white striped tent set up where the teens had a dance every night, sometimes live bands.

There was a pond in the park, and the Illinois noise parade walked right through the middle of it (they were already wet because of the rain) led by one of their members who was very tall and was dressed as Abe Lincoln, stove pipe hat and all!

We had campfires back then, and our chapter was in charge of lighting the first campfire of the Campvention. We had worked up a skit where ‘space men’ came from outer space and helped us light our fire (very popular in 1964). Several of our chapter members were dressed as space men with outfits made of silver material and the paper 5-gallon ice cream buckets we used to get ice cream in painted silver and put over their heads. They had a whole skit about the space men coming to meet humans and at the appropriate time in the skit when one of the space men pointed his finger to the stack of wood, Dad was in a tree and pulled a string which tipped over some kind of liquid



Aerial Photo of 1964



NEITHER RAIN nor sleet stops Piasa Ramblers Chapter (Illinois) from parading at Akron, Ohio, 1964 Campvention. Photos courtesy of N.C.H.A.

Piasa Ramblers parade

chemical and the fire ignited. I remember that everyone thought it was quite exciting, and our chapter really got into it.”

“I do remember having a great time, but then I was only 13 and there were lots of teens to hang out with in our chapter.”

(Part 2 next month)

Presenting a Seminar at Campvention?

If interested in presenting a seminar at
Campvention, contact the Luensmanns at
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Retiree Rally 2017

2017 FCRV RETIREE RALLY A CIRCUS OF FUN

FCRV's International Retiree Rallies have had many interesting 'themes' over the years and the 46th annual sun-belt event was no exception with the fun theme of 'Circus Under the big Top.' 137 units on grounds and a few camp passes (286 people) attended March 21st – 27th with four optional early days at the Canton, Texas Civic Center and famous First Monday Market grounds. Texas had the most members in attendance. There were 24 first timer couples and 1 single this year.

The rally, chaired by Barb and Jim Turner, officially opened Tuesday evening with the words, "Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages, welcome to the circus." Welcoming campers were Civic Center Manager, Melanie Montgomery, National retiree Directors, Ron and Reba Ray, Reverend Harold Braley, Past President, Jack Smye, Current VP of Programs, George Walters, Co-chairmen, Dave and Linda Hennie, FCRV International Retiree King and Queen, Dallas and Barbara Dodson, and FCRV President, Shari Weber. The 10 vendors on hand introduced themselves and their products - RV parts to plants. The 8 past Kings and Queens attending were

introduced by past K&Q Jo Elyn and Ronald Her-son, Jon & Delores Derrick, Bob & Nancy Linder, Emil & Millie Pauwells, Tommy & Alice Garner, Dick & Kathy Buresh, Leon & LaNelle Ishmael, Dal & Barb Dodson. Also introduced was this year's candidate couple, Robert and Carolyn Deshone of Michigan.

Instead of wrapping up the rally the last night with the International Parade of States, Provinces, and Specialty Chapters, it became the kick-off for 2017's opening. The enthusiastic parade was fol-



Rally opened with the International Parade



What's a circus without popcorn?

fashion show of travel clothing and apparel featuring 10 models (volunteer members) was hosted by vendors, Larry and Marsha Yarberry of Colorado.

Wednesday was the big day for free carnival



"Roll" toss was a popular carnival game.



FCRV President Shari Weber ran a game.

stuffed animals, inflatables, and carnival prizes. The top prize requiring the most tickets was a large stuffed teddy bear won by Dora Lewis. Chairmen were Dave and Linda Hennie.

Each day there were morning devotions, exercise, walking, and crafts. Throughout the week, seminars were provided by Adventure Caravans, RV101, Skymed, Jim Lewis – Smart Phones, Ham Radio, RV Disaster Corps, Full Timers and Pre Campvention Travelong. The book exchange, food bank, and Lap robe donation were manned daily. The Happy Days Diner in the Civic Center served breakfast and lunch daily and Turner's ice cream was kept busy. Meetings were held by Singles, Full Timers, Kentucky

lowed by a hospitality with fresh made popcorn, circus peanuts, lemonade and lots of time for catching up with old friends. Earlier in the day, a

games set up by FCRVers. Players got a ticket for each win on track to Lima

dart toss, ball to bucket toss, turtle race, duck pond, hoop toss, golf hole in one, squirt gun sharp shooting, toilet paper roll toss, and photo cut out board. At the conclusion, tickets were traded for the numerous

Colonels, Veterans, YARS, and First Timers. Throughout the week, table games (chicken foot, card bingo, skip-bo,) and outdoor / skill games (frog races, ladder golf, bean bag toss, washer toss, bocce ball, and bean bag baseball) were played. Line dancing and poker walk were also done. The commercial area was open daily. Michigan and Missouri presented hospitalities. Each night after the program, popcorn was provided and Lawrence Phillips called bingo.

Wednesday evening, prior to the entertainment, Past President, Jack Smye presented a certificate of appreciation for service to Dick Likins of Florida, who stepped down last year as National Retiree Director. Entertaining was the right word for Brian Koenig, professional juggler with the Cincinnati Circus Company.

His energetic show included a variety of juggling and dexterity moves and he also recruited audience members, Emil Pauwels (rings), Bob Linder and Johnny Cumbo (bags), Dora Lewis (tennis racket).

For the most dangerous trick of all, Brian juggled pins blindfolded over Dave Hennie with Dave lying on the floor. Koenig received a standing ovation and stayed after to meet FCRVers.

Thursday the first catered dinner was served prior to the evening program which began with the annual Memorial Service for members who have passed away since last year's rally. Chaplain, Harold Braley delivered the message, Linda Hennie read the names, and the FCRV Choir directed by George Walters provided the music. People were asked to stand when the names were read if the deceased member was a friend.



Dora Lewis won the top prize.



Brian Koenig made Bob Linder and Johnny Cumbo jugglers



Dave Hennie endures a dangerous trick.

The stage was reset for the change from serious to light for the FCRV Variety show, but first, Larry and Barb Herman held the drawing for an Adventure Caravan Mega Rally worth up to \$4,995. The winners were Debbie and George Walters of Florida. Fifteen 'acts' provided songs, stories, and skits. Those enter-



Alice Garner puts a 'Happy Face' on George Walters.

taining were George Walters and Penny Ramlow, Bill Stirewalt, Guy Dean, Kathy Buresh and Willi Walker, LaNelle Ishmael, Kip Cushing, Jim Turner, YARS, Ed Hurley, Jan Johnston, John Derrick, Chuck Wehner, Jack Smye, Gloria Steinberg, George Walters and Alice Garner. Jack Smye and George Walters shared MC duties. The entire cast closed the show singing "God Bless America."

Friday morning began with the 28 entry pet parade (results separate). In the afternoon the ladies enjoyed the Red Hat Luncheon with guest speaker, Jill Beam, Ms Senior Texan. Mickey Wagner of PA was selected as honorary Queen Mum. The ice cream social rounded out the afternoon with a chance to meet the candidate couple. This was followed by the Retiree Meeting with Directors, Ron and Reba Ray. Past President, Jack Smye thanked FCRV members for being givers of time and talent to the organization and financial and volunteer support to local charities. National President, Shari Weber, who camped in a tent and volunteered for several activities, thanked the Retirees for keeping the fun in FCRV. Dave and Linda Hennie invited everyone to Lima, Ohio for the Campvention in July and to next year's Retiree Rally, March 20 – 26 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. 2018 theme is "Spring Break."

Proving that music feeds the soul and lifts the



Southern Anthem did a great show spirit, Southern Anthem brought the stage to life with

a lively and often moving blend of classic country, gospel, and patriotic music. The talented 4 member family from Waco, TX played a variety of instruments and amazing 11 year old fiddler, Derek ventured into the audience several times. He brought Dora Lewis onto the stage and sang a romantic song directly to her. Later, Dal Dodson was recruited to help out with "Deep in the Heart of Texas." The youngest daughters 2 and 3 year olds, were also introduced and delighted the audience with a song. The group was given a standing



Dora Lewis got a special song from Derek

ovation which was rewarded with an encore and they stayed to meet FCRVers.

Saturday was flea market and crafts sale. 17 sellers were set up. The afternoon was devoted to the ever competitive bean bag baseball. 16 teams were narrowed down to 2 surviving to playoff for the win. Odd Balls team finished in first place and KC's was second. The week's busy sports schedule was headed by Marjory Bates. The second dinner was catered by Chef Cassy's Creations.

The crowning of an International FCRV Retiree



Dodsons, Deshones, and Hersoms get ready for the crowning.

King and Queen and reception rounded out Saturday evening. The 2017 Retiree King and Queen are Robert and Carolyn Deshone of Saginaw Michigan. They are the 44th couple to accept the honor since the first crowning in 1973. 2016 King and Queen, Dallas and Barbara Dodson recounted their travels and visits to retiree campouts in Missouri, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Georgia, and Florida putting many miles on the truck and trailer and making many new friends. They said that it was a very good year. A dance and

reception was hosted by the YARS Chapter featuring 'circus food' – hot dogs, chips, and animal crackers. DJ, Marvin Williams provided a blend of music that got lots of dancers on the floor.

Reverend Harold Braley conducted the non-



First dance to "Love Me Tender."

denominational church service Sunday morning with the choir taking part. The volunteer rally staff was treated to a luncheon. Chairmen, Barb and Jim Turner

thanked their Co-chairmen, Dave and Linda Hennie, Retiree Directors, Ron and Reba Ray and all of the chair-



Ready to serve 'circus food' at the dance

men and workers of the 55 committees who volunteered to put on the 46th annual FCRV Retiree Rally.

Sunday evening wrapped up activities with the Games and Pet Parade awards (separate articles). Ashley and Gloria Taylor presented a check for donations of \$1,350 and several boxes of food to the local food bank. 115 hand-made lap robes were given to Crestwood Rehab Center and the Pregnancy Care Center. The week of "Circus Under the Big Top" was fun, but the tent must come down and everyone moves on hoping for safe travels and grateful for seeing old friends.

Photos by DeWayne Johnston and Barb Turner



MICHIGAN COUPLE ELECTED 2017 FCRV RETIREE KING AND QUEEN

Robert and Carolyn Deshone from Saginaw, Michigan have been selected for 2017 International Retiree King and Queen. Election took place at Family Campers & RVers (FCRV) annual Retiree Rally, March 21-27 at Canton, Texas.

Carolyn writes, "Bob and I met in 1952. He was very good at handling horses and he was riding my neighbor's horse in parades and shows. I also had horses at the time so we gradually became acquainted and enjoyed talking and riding horses together. As time went on we became more friendly and eventually fell in love and got married in July of 1955. We raised a family of 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl. They all have families now and we have 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Our oldest son is 60 and our youngest great-grandchild is 7 months old."



Bob was a railroad worker for 38 years and when their youngest child was in first grade Carolyn got a job driving school bus which she did for 25 years. Before that they were foster parents for newborns from birth until they were able to be adopted. During this time the Deshones had more than 30 different babies in their care.

Carolyn and Bob joined FCRV in the late 60's when their kids were young but as they grew older and got involved in sports and other activities that it became more difficult to keep up with the camping schedule so they dropped out. Rejoining about 10 years ago, they are active in the Timber Town Travelers and Still-A-Goin' retiree chapter. Carolyn is Recording Secretary for TTT and Newsletter Editor for the retiree chapter.

When they aren't camping or involved in other things, Bob keeps busy fishing, hunting, and doing small crafts. He belongs to 2 gun clubs and is actively involved with the Bridgeport Gun Club fish fry for the last 6 years. Carolyn has gotten interested in quilting and other sewing projects and crafts. They Say, "We have had a long full life over the last 61 years and are very thankful for everything good that has happened for us. We are happy to represent FCRV."

RV Disaster Corps Seminar



Susan Copeland (1 front) from RV Disaster Corps (RVDC) presented a seminar on how members can make a difference by helping to relieve the trauma caused by natural disasters. Members travel to the area in their RVs and help restore the community while not occupying the limited housing resources. Training is provided. RVDC is a division of senior corps and CNCs, a federal agency conceived during John F. Kennedy's presidency.

Susan is an FCRV member. Her office is in Waco, TX. 245-299-8755, info@rvdisastercorps.org

2017 RETIREE RALLY GAMES

By Marjory Bates

Frog Races 36 players

1st Mike Partick TX 2nd Jerry Zimmerman CT

Hillbilly Golf 45 players

Men's Doubles

1st Jerry Zimmerman CT Roger Hall AL
2nd Joe Wingert CO Jerry Rozelle IN

Women's Doubles

1st Pat Hall AL Marjory Bates AL
2nd Jan Cushing WI Judy Kreuger WI

Mixed Doubles

1st Brenda Dennis AL Roger Hall AL
2nd Dock Adams AL Billie Adams AL

Card Bingo 100 players

3/13 18 Players

1st Virginia Barnett KS 2nd tom Howard KS

Chicken Foot 12 players

1st Virginia Barnett KS 2nd Vina Haggerty IL

Bean Bag Toss 50 players

Men's Doubles

1st Dock Adams AL Roger Hall AL
2nd Earl Vanderhoff KS Bill Bigglein KS

Women's Doubles

1st Sandy Wingert CO Dora Lewis CT
2nd Janet Kanya OH Sandy Kutz OH

Mixed Doubles

1st Dock Adams AL Billy Adams AL
2nd Jerry Zimmerman CT Dora Lewis CT

Washer Toss 19 players

Men's Doubles

1st Jerry Zimmerman CT Bill Ramlow NC
2nd Kip Cushing WI Tom Howard KS

Women's Doubles

1st Janet Kanya OH Sandy Kutz OH
2nd Willi Walker CO Cheryl Descoteaux SC

Mixed Doubles

1st Cheryl Descoteaux SC Jerry Skoczylas
2nd Jerry Zimmerman CT Dora Lewis CT

Skip Bo 16 players

1st Millie Pauwells NC
2nd Mary Burris NC

Bocce Ball cancelled due to weather.

Bean Bag Baseball 144 players

1st Place Odd Balls – Marjory Bates AL, Billie Adams AL, Stan Shaw NE, Dock Adams AL, Laura Shaw NE, Jim Roberts NV Richard Roberts NV, Russ Hammond MN, Pat Hammond, MN.

2nd Place KC's – Rita Letellier LA, Charlie LeDet LA, Joy LeDet LA, Wayne Felter IL, Brenda Felter IL, Warren Potts, IL, Chris Potts IL, Dave Blair TX, Rita Blair, TX



Washer Toss

Hillbilly Golf



RETIREE RALLY PET PARADE

By Robert and Rita Letellier

Best Trick - 1st #23 Penny Ramlow & Regan,
2nd #7 Mary Schwenke & Matilda

Cutest Dog - 1st #4 Joe Wingert & Osaka,
2nd #28 Sandra Carter & Harley

Best Behaved - 1st #22 Matt Manta & Lilly,
2nd #5 Sandy Wingert & Kyoto

Owner Look Alike - 1st #8 Roger Ward & Missy,
2nd Sonya Smye & Ara

Non-Canine - #12, Sonya Smye & cat Ara

Best of Show - #24 Sammie Kelly & Marlow

There were 28 entries.



2017 Retiree Rally Golf Results

1st

Dwight Bonifield	OH
Tommy Garner	GA
Jerry Hoke	NC

2nd

Mark Flatt	TX
George Freeman	AL
George Hoyland	CO
Bob Linder	MI

3rd

Rudy Sandau	ONT
Stan Shaw	NE
Leon Ishmael	SC
Dave Hennie	OH

4th

Roger Carter	AL
Jim Rhyne	NC
Cecil Baker	FL
Jack Smye	ONT

5th

Roger Hall	AL
George Reynolds	NC
Gene Beasley	AL
Fred Muckle	SC

6th

Jim Turner	FL
David Laux	IL
Ron Ray	GA

Long Drive - Jerry Hoke

Closest to pin - Rudy Sandau



Camping Safe and Sound

The rules that apply to your family being safe and sound at home are easy to follow on the road as well. However, there are some things you may not think about that could put you at risk for burglary, petty theft, or other crimes that could have been avoided. Here are some tips to keep you and yours safe.

Read [HERE](#)

Wildlife Grants

Remember to get your Wildlife Grant requests into me by June 5.

You need to mail them to me with the appropriate documentation. You will find the form on line. Plus you need support material and letter from the facility you are requesting the grant. Remember that the Grant must be for the protection of wildlife through education, providing habitat, etc. If you have any questions give me a call.



Joanie Stone
National Wildlife Director



Photos by DeWayne Johnston
& Barb Turner



Meet The Director!

Bill & Daryl Bacon
Utah State Directors



We are Daryl and Bill Bacon from Bluffdale, Utah; and we are honored to be the State Directors for the Utah Chapters of FCRV.

My wife Daryl and I met while I was a cadet at West Point, and she attended an all girls college just outside of New York City. After serving an initial tour overseas, we came back to the states and I was ready to camp! Problem was, when I told Daryl these plans she explained to me that, growing up near New York City, her idea of camping was the Holiday Inn. Our camping plans were put on hold for a few years until my career in the Army had ended.

When it did, we found ourselves in Utah, and I went back to work on convincing Daryl that we wanted to go camping...now as a family. The draw of the national parks and the Rocky Mountains finally proved to be enough. Daryl finally compromised and said she would try camping if we got a trailer so she did not have to sleep on the ground. We bought a small tent trailer and at the same RV show where we selected the tent trailer we saw an FCRV booth. It was destiny!

Over the years our love of camping grew. And just like the FCRV literature says our FCRV friends became our family. So when asked if I would become State Director I was proud to accept. And our little tent trailer? It has kept growing as well, now



into a fifth wheel that is probably a little more posh than the Holiday Inn. Strange how that happens.

Milestones

Larry and David Demonet

Larry and David Demonet, better known as "The Twins" formerly from New Jersey and Pennsylvania have moved to



Carthage Missouri to be closer to family. They are known for their laughter and willingness to pitch in wherever needed at FCRV events. They received FCRV's first Fun and Friendship Award several years ago.

Their new address is 12638 Country Road 130, Carthage, MO 64836. They now have a Facebook page - "The Adventures of the Demonet Twins"

FCRV Activities

FCRV International Veterans Program Proposed

As we head home from another exciting Retiree Rally we look forward to the next time we will see our friends, old & new, again and what experiences we will hear about when we do.

As far as the Veterans Committee is concerned we will be different for sure. With a showing of 55 Veterans and their spouses present we realized what we had to offer for not only fellow Veterans but, also FCRV.

We had several conversations with the several

Veterans that were very motivated to see the Veterans Committee become more. George Reynolds and Matt Mantia got with my brother and I and looked at our future. We discussed becoming a Chapter, we discussed becoming a Program, and after several discussions with trusted advisors the decision was made to explore becoming an International FCRV Program known as the International FCRV Veterans Program.

We feel that this gives us the means to reach the goals that we have set for ourselves. We will continue to need the support of each state to make us as strong as we can be. We hope that you have safe travels wherever you are headed. Look for an announcement concerning the Veterans Committee proposal in Lima, Ohio at Campvention.

Please add "#Veterans" or "Number of Veterans" to all registrations so we know how many will attend.

We need to keep talking about the Veterans Day/Week in Branson, MO. Please contact Michelle if you would like to go. We are penciled in for this year so please contact them using one of the below listed ways and let's go camping and enjoy a weeklong celebration with other Veterans from around the country. Let them know you are part of the FCRV Veterans group so we get credit and maybe get a discount. We personally want to fill up their park but, it fills up fast.

INTERNET: <http://www.abc-branson.com>

PHONE: 800-671-4399

EMAIL: AMERICASBESTCAMPGROUND@GMAIL.COM

I would also like for those of you that belong to groups in other states to have this put in your state newsletter if you have one.

Ron Braley FCRV Veterans Committee Chair
727-251-0909

James Braley FCRV Veterans Committee Co—Chair 937-763-2995
fcrv-veterans@outlook.com



Photo courtesy Tom Wenzel

Veterans and Spouses at Retiree Rally

CORRECTION

From Melvin Coy: On the last page of the Newsletter Forms sent to the State/Provincial/Regional in the Campvention forms packet, his email on the last page is incorrect. Should be melvinlc@juno.com

CANADIAN CAMPING MAGAZINE

SCOPE RV Camping Magazine

The big Spring issue of Scope is now on line. It is a big one
--- 105 pages.

Here is a link to reach it.

<http://www.clickoncamping.ca/Spring2017/pages/page1.htm>

WINTER TEXANS HAVE BUSY WINTER

By DeWayne Johnston

FCRV'S Winter Texan Chapter made up of members from various states and provinces in the U.S. and Canada who spend winters in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas enjoyed activities in 2016-17. The group holds monthly luncheon meetings the 3rd Tuesday each month from October thru March at a variety of restaurants. The January and February meetings are the largest gatherings. 102 people attended the February meeting at the Riverside Club Restaurant in Mission.



*Winter Texans board the
Black Dragon pirate ship*

Activities in December included Tuba Christmas concert and Weslaco Christmas Parade. At the December meeting and Christmas Party \$225 and 100 lbs. of food were donated to the Hidalgo County Food Bank. At the January meeting the group heard an informative presentation by Border Patrol and Customs Agents. Also in January there was a trolley tour of Hidalgo including a visit to the Pump House Museum and model train display. January also included an outing to the annual Veterans Benefit Show at Casa Del Sol RV Park. In February a 'hardy' group went aboard the Black Dragon Pirate Ship at Port Isabel for a fun cruise.



Captain and 'crew'



*Bob Linder came
dressed as a pirate*

In March the group attended a hilarious play, "Drinking Habits" at the Tower Theater.

The group was to gather stuffed animals and lap blankets for the Alzheimer's unit at the local Veteran's Home. Ed and Vina Haggerty kick-started the

drive by donating xxx lap robes. The old Winter Texan web site has been replaced by an FCRV Winter Texans page on Facebook. For information on FCRV Winter Texans, contact Nancy Herberholz at nanron5350@yahoo.com.



Earth Day - April 22

Earth Day is just around the corner, reminding us to be good to our planet and take some time to reconnect with Mother Nature. Many people are dusting off their tents and getting ready to head into the great outdoors. This year during Earth Day, Thousand Trails and Encore, leaders in outdoor destinations, recreation and family camping, are encouraging campers to live green and practice some tips below to make sure their outdoor camping vacation is also eco-friendly.

Please find below several tips to help you plan your eco-friendly Earth Day camping getaway:

- ♦ Plan ahead to achieve no trace camping: The principle behind no trace camping is to leave nothing behind – what some people refer to as "pack it in, pack it out." This requires planning ahead for things like extra bags to pack garbage away to be thrown out later.
- ♦ Bring real dishes: Don't fall into the trap of buying paper plates and silverware. Take time to pack real dishes or reusable dining gear that you can bring home with you after your trip.
- ♦ Buy used camping gear: Recycle in a new way this trip. If you find you're missing a piece of gear, consider buying it used (extra bonus: you'll probably save some money).
- ♦ Pick a site nearby: Cut car emissions by choosing a nearby destination. Thousand Trails and Encore have more than 180 campgrounds to choose from across the country. They are guaranteed to have one to fit your needs. Some of the most popular destinations for nature lovers are:
 - o [Lake Conroe Camping Resort](#): Located just outside of Houston, this campground is a paradise for water lovers with an onsite marina.
 - o [Mt. Hood Village Resort](#): If mountains and forests call to you then take a trip just outside Portland to Mt. Hood Village Resort.
 - o [Yosemite Lakes Resort](#) : Located adjacent to one of the nation's most popular national parks, this resort has a little something for everyone, from a roaring stream and ma-

jestic mountains to a hauntingly beautiful forest.

Are you interested in speaking with a Thousand Trails and Encore spokesperson about planning the perfect Earth Day eco-friendly camping trip? Call **877-570-2267**

RV Show Raises Truckloads For a Local Shelter

Courtesy of "RV Business"

A homeless shelter in Otsego County got a generous donation from the Northern Michigan Camping and RV Show.

"We've pretty much been full since we've been opened at this location," said Vicky Rigney, the vice president of The Refuge.

Until last November, the shelter bounced from church to church with mats for people to sleep on. Now, the group has a small house that can provide shelter for nine people at a time and feed them breakfast and dinner.

"It's just amazing how much of a help this is to people who don't have a place to stay, who don't have a place to put their head down at night," Rigney said.

At this year's Northern Michigan Camping and RV Show, instead of charging an entree fee, it charged a donation of food or money for The Refuge.

It ended up raising more than \$9,000 and about seven truck loads of food.

"This is going to help us greatly to continue with this mission that we have," Rigney said.

The Refuge is for adults who don't have a place to live.

"I was the first one to check in right after it opened, the day after it opened, after Thanksgiving," said Carl, who stays at the Refuge. Carl found himself in a situation where he had nowhere to stay and was camping in the cold. He was been staying at The Refuge since it opened and helps to volunteer when he can.

"You meet all different kinds of people," Carl said. "It's surprising how many circumstances can put you here. You can have a normal life, your own business even and have a beautiful house. I had a retirement home on a nice lake here and all of the sudden you get a divorce and you lose it all and you're stuck in a place like this. So you're really appreciative to have a choice to go, because I was camping until then and I was getting really really cold."

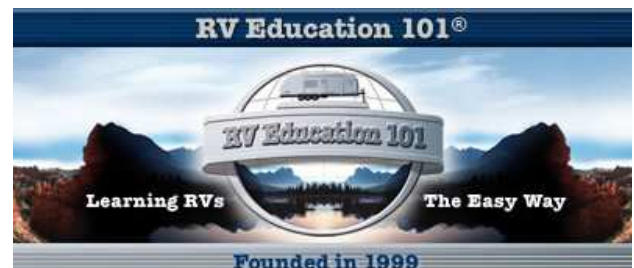
The Refuge used some of the donated money to put in a much needed new toilet.

There was so much food that they shared it with the Otsego County Food Pantry.

Anyone interested in donating to The Refuge can find information on its website.

THIS 'N THAT

- ♦ FMCA will vote in July whether to offer membership to owners of towable RVs. According to "RV Business" membership in 2004 was 130,000 and today is 70,675.
- ♦ KOA reports that technology has allowed campers to spend more time camping by being able to check in on line with the work when needed.
- ♦ My RV Mail forwarding service allows you to check your physical mail daily online and choose what gets forwarded. www.myrvmail.com
- ♦ The demand for used RVs is soaring according to dealers. Demand is high in Canada also. All age groups are buying. Even the 'not so nice' units are flying off the lots.



RV Education 101 produces professional RV how-to instruction training videos and DVD's, books and e-books on using and maintaining your Recreation Vehicle (RV). <http://rveducation101.com/>

APRIL FACTS

The Jewish Passover usually falls on the first full moon after the Northern Hemisphere vernal equinox, although occasionally (7 times every 19 years) it will occur on the second full moon.

The Christian churches calculate Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the March equinox.



Recreation.gov
EXPLORE YOUR AMERICA

Visit Unique Locations for Free

There are several fee-free days throughout the year. Visit one of these unique locations for free, or any other destination that charges entrance or standard amenity fees.

Mark your calendars for the **2017 Fee Free Days** in your national parks, refuges, conservation lands, lakes and forests. On designated days throughout the year, participating federal land management agencies offer free entrance and waive some standard amenity and day-use fees. For more details about which standard amenity fees and day-use fees are waived, please contact the location you wish to visit.

This year, find yourself at a federal land destination to participate in a fee-free day!

Find fee-free locations [HERE](https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm)

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Products



Airfree's mission is to combine the best technology and design, to turn their clients' needs into innovative solutions for indoor atmospheres, whether for health reasons, comfort or to increase productivity.



Covers
180 sqf

The Benefits Of Airfree Air Purifiers

Airfree air purifiers are effective against bacteria, viruses, mildew, mold, dust mite allergens, pet allergens, pollen, and tobacco odors. SGS, the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification com-

pany, and dozens of other international laboratories have proved the effectiveness of Airfree air purifiers at reducing the amount of microorganisms and harmful substances from the air. The TSS technology used is an exclusive and patented technology used in Airfree's air purifiers, is established in over 50 countries worldwide, and is completely silent. With no fans or turbines, a good night's sleep is guaranteed.

Only Airfree combines high efficiency with an award-winning design that beautifully complements the appearance of your home. Airfree air purifiers do not require any maintenance or replacement parts and generates no waste. There is no need to change filters or moving parts. It uses less energy than a 60w light bulb, is easy to transport, weighs less than 5 lb, and takes up very little space.



Covers
650sqf

The Unique Airfree Process

Airfree's exclusive technology works by eliminating microorganisms and allergens, destroying them in a fraction of a second. Depending on the model, between 4,000 and 6,000 gallons of air pass through the Airfree device every hour, treating all the air in the room in a very short space of time.

The process works in much the same way as sterilising water by boiling it; when water is boiled, the microorganisms it contains are eliminated. In similar fashion, Airfree continually draws in air, heating it to over 390°F and instantly sterilising it. The purified air is then cooled inside the device before being returned to the room. The entire process is completely silent and requires no maintenance, not even the occasional replacement of parts. All you have to do is switch the device on and leave it to get on with the job.



A POWERFUL, MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANER AND DEGREASER

Mean Green is the #1 Heavy Duty Cleaner in America. That's because people know and trust that Mean Green will get their toughest messes clean the first time. In fact, independent tests prove that Mean Green out cleans other brands on nearly every stain.





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Camping & Hiking Items

Pocket-sized gear for use while camping, hiking, training, and more! We know that being able to carry gear that is compact and portable is ideal when space and weight are limited. The following pocket-sized items come in handy, pack incredibly well, and will become a favorite of any outdoor enthusiast!

BugBand Towelettes - Repels Ticks & Mosquitoes without DEET



Keep pests away camping or hiking with BugBand Towelettes! The Bug-Band Towelette is a very handy, easy-to use method of applying Geraniol DEET-FREE insect repellent for heavy duty insect protection. The towelettes travel anywhere, are lightweight and take up very little space. Safe and effective, the towelettes allow for exact application of Geraniol lotion on exposed skin. They're ideal for using around your face or neck without over-applying. The towelettes can be folded and stored in the foil container for future use. Bug-Band Towelettes use naturally derived active ingredients to repel mosquitoes, flies, gnats, no-see-ums, fleas, ticks and head lice. Safe for the entire family, even pets! www.bugband.net

The Pocket Shot Arrow Kit & Pocket HAMMER - Adult Pocket-Sized Slingshot

The team at Pocket Shot LLC have brought a childhood toy to mass market for adult calamitous playtime as the world's only circular slingshot manufacturer! The Pocket Shot is the evolution of the slingshot and their patented circular design allows users to load and shoot different projectiles at two to three times the rate of a regular slingshot. Perfect for hunters and recreational use as its tiny size allows you to keep it in your pocket, tackle box, or backpack while storing ammo in its watertight compartment. When The Pocket Shot is in use, it measures 5 inches long but The Pocket Shot measures only 2.3 inches

by 1.3 inches when it is closed. Up to 350 feet per second, The Pocket Shot is not a toy.

Shoot the tiniest bow in the world with The Pocket Shot Arrow Kit. The Arrow Kit includes a whisker (arrow cap) to hold the arrow in place while shooting as well as an arrow

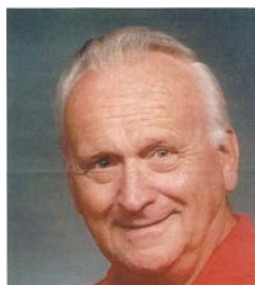


pouch (Red). The arrow pouch is designed to shoot full size 30 inch arrows up to 140 FPS and gives the shooter a full draw length for aiming. Four proprietary nock caps also come with the arrow kit to cover the nock of any full size arrow to prevent tearing of the pouch.

The Pocket HAMMER helps add a traditional slingshot grip to The Pocket Shot. The handle was designed by Simple Shot Shooting Sports to create a traditional slingshot feel to The Pocket Shot. Use The Pocket Hammer for better stability and more power. The Pocket Hammer works with The Pocket Shot Arrow Kit or The Pocket Shot and includes an optional wrist brace. See a full list of products at www.ThePocketShot.com

Farewells †

NORMAN GUENTHER, PAST NY STATE DIRECTOR



Norman A. Guenther, 85, of Cheektowaga, New York passed away on March 10, 2017. Norm and his wife Phyllis were very active in New York NCHA/FCFRV having served chapter and state and were State Directors in the 80's and 90's. They were chairmen for the 1996 Campvention in Hamburg, NY. His newspaper obituary said he was preceded in death by Phyllis (1998) and Barbara. Father of David and Susan (deceased), stepfather of Deborah Bonsack, Denise (Mark) Dunbar, and Desiree (Mark) Carrao.

Pat Wittmeyer, FCRV office manager and long time friend said "Western District, indeed, New York State, has lost one of it's "Elder Statesmen" in the passing of Norman A. Guenther. Norm, just a couple of months shy of 86, was an active and energetic

member of NCHA, joining with his family in 1963. He and his wife Phyllis would join the Thundering Herd of Buffalo, NY, and hold a variety of positions throughout their tenure with the chapter. They also served as Western District Directors, and New York State Directors, for many years. Norm served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, of which he was quite proud. After Phyllis died over 20 years ago Norm became close to Barbara Bonsack, who was employed as a part time employee of the FCRV office for several years. They were married for approximately 10 years; Barb predeceased Norm just about two years ago. In addition to his great love of reading, Norm enjoyed singing, and was a member of the Queen City Chordsmen, a barbershop quartet-style a cappella singing group, for many years. He also sang in the choir of Trinity Church, and later St. Stephen's Bethlehem Church. Norm will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

JULIA 'PAT' COLEHOUR PAST TEXAS STATE DIRECTOR

Julia Elizabeth (Pat) Colehour, 97, passed away 3-24-2015. She and her late husband John were Texas State Directors for NCHA / FCRV from 1977 – 1987. Pat was raised in Brownwood where she graduated from Daniel Baker College. She taught school for more than 30 years mostly at Fort Worth ISD, where she made a lasting impression on her students, some

returning year after year to see her and thank her for taking an interest in their lives. She married John Colehour in 1945. Pat and John were dedicated campers and instilled the love of nature and camping into their children and grandchildren. Pat was an active member of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church since 1957. Husband, John passed away in 1988. She is survived by 3 sons, Bob, Michael (Janis), Chris (Dianne), daughter Julie Odom, daughter-in-law, Andrea Colehour, 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to granddaughter, Kris Shaffer (kiris@hotmail.com).

Edward Miller, 97, Boston, Michigan, Travel Kats Chapter, Longtime member.

Stan Horrocks, 3-6-17, Brockville, Ontario, Coers de Bois and Eager Beaver Chapters

Gerry Collister, 69, 3-14-2017, Pointe Claire, Quebec, West Island Questers (21 yrs.), past Field Dirs., Quebec Regionals and Blythe Campvention committees. Condolences to wife Daphne, son Jamie gdj.coll@gmail

Bob Owensbey, 3-30-17, Fort Worth, Texas. Penthouse Campers, Retirees, YARS Chapter, Past State Assn. President, long time active member. Although ill, he attended '17 Retiree Rally in Canton, TX. Condolences - ownb@aol.com

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 21 – 23, 2017 – Illinois State April Campout

Okaw Valley Kampground, Brownstown, IL. We hope you can join us for the first state campout of the 2017 season! We are planning a fun time for everyone and hope you will come to enjoy. This year will be camping with a Pirate theme! Tentative plans include: Friday night Pirate hospitality and registration, Saturday morning pot luck breakfast (optional), Saturday Pirate dinner and Sunday morning breakfast will be provided, Bring your Pirate costumes 'cuz we will have a contest for the best-dressed pirate, best-looking pirate, and scariest pirate. We will have a treasure hunt for all ages and more. Okaw Valley Kampground is located at Exit 68 off I-70 in Illinois. [Click here to complete and mail the registration form.](#)

April 27 – 30, 2017 – Great Lakes Regional

Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, OH. Games, Self-Guided Tours, Crafts, Saturday Evening Potluck. Hosted

by Ohio, this year's campout will include lots of fun events and food. Saturday will contain a tour of the fair-ground facility that will be used for the 2017 National Campvention as well as an informational meeting with all committee chairman and volunteers.

Pre-Registration Activity Fee \$15.00 (must be postmarked by April 10, 2017). Activity Fee at the Gate \$20. Camping Fee - \$25.00 per night (water & electric) payable upon arrival, cash or check. Make checks payable to: **Ohio Field Directors Fund** Send pre-registration activity fee only to: David and Linda Hennie, 4101 Honeybrook Ave. Dayton OH 45415 Questions?: Contact us at glr4fcrv@aol.com or call 937-750-3320 (Dave) or 937-750-3322 (Linda)

May 5 – 7, 2017 – Blue Water Mixer Spring 2017

Pt Huron Twp Park, Water St., MI. **Activities include:** adult & family games, soup lunch, saturday dinner potluck (district will provide the chicken for saturday dinner), sunday potluck breakfast, fun for all ages. come have fun and relax. **50/50 drawings (saturday) in place of activity fee.** View the registration form for more information and to let us know you are coming on FCRV website.

May 19 – 21, 2017 – MD/DC State Association Spring Campout

Walkersville MD Volunteer Fire Department, West Frederick St., Walkersville, MD 21793

Enjoy camping, weekend festivities and meeting new people. Saturday the town has yard sales, train rides, strawberry festival, and open house at VFD/EMS. For more information and registration form, please contact Cheri Fox at 202-503-8155, drfox623@aol.com and/or Linda Foote, 301-843-0543, falconcamping@gmail.com.

May 19-21, 2017 - Cobweb Campout

Hants County Exhibition Grounds, Windsor NS, organized by FCRV Nova Scotia Directors Celebrating Canada's 150th birthday. Games, CAMP hikes, jam sessions, fun and food. Registration fees \$10 cd, late registration(postmarked after May 1st, 2017)12 cd. Send to Ed and Darlene Hingley, 1223 Masstown Rd, Debert, NS B0M 1G0

May 19 – 25, 2017 – South Carolina Spring Campout

New Green Acres RV Resort, Waterboro, SC. Reservations: 843-538-3450

May 26 – 29, 2017 – Wisconsin Get Acquainted Campout

Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI. Activities –Touring –Campfire- Chocolate Festival in Burlington, Wisconsin just a few miles away – “South Pacific” is playing at Fireside Theater nearby -- contact Kip Cushing (kcushing@wi.rr.com) with questions and if you plan to attend. One meal will be furnished.

June 15-18, 2017 - Badger State Campvention

Green County Fairground, Monroe, Wisconsin. Also on grounds this weekend is a Monroe Hot Air Balloon and Blues Festival with Glows and flights- Blues Music – Custom Car show – much more going on at the Fairgrounds. Monroe is also Home of Swiss Colony Cheese Co. Please contact Kip Cushing if you are planning on coming while en-route to National (kcushing@wi.rr.com)

July 1-5, 2017 – Southwest Regional

James E. Ward Agricultural Center, 945 Baddour Parkway E., Lebanon, TN 37087 Exit 239 I-40 East of Nashville, TN. Saturday, July 1st, Gates open at 8:00 a.m. Supper provided @ 5:00 CST Entertainment 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, July 2nd Morning worship 9:30 a.m. Evening entertainment @ 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 3rd Open (meetings etc.) Tuesday, July 4th Wilson County will have their 4th of July festival at this location with fireworks at dark. Regional Fee due at gate upon arrival \$125.00. Contact: Mike Hardison, 615-838-2230 and hardisn@gmail.com for any question.

July 9-16, 2017 - 2017 FCRV Campvention

Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, Ohio. Registration form in this issue.



57th Annual FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers Campvention

Hosted by Region #4

ALL ABOARD !!!

July 9-15, 2017

Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima, OH 45804

6 Nights of Camping Sunday thru Friday 5 Days of Activities

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION JUNE 1, 2017



There will always be room
for you at Campvention!

If you decide to come at the last minute,
bring this registration with you.

We Want You To Come!!

Early Bird Days July 7-8 at \$25 per night. Pay for Early Days at registration in building. Cash/Check only.
Gates open at Noon on Friday, July 7. Gates open all other days at 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. After 8 PM go to overflow lot.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest First Name _____
Address _____ City _____ St/Prv _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____ First Campvention? Yes _____ No _____

*Print name of State or Province you want to be parked with, if different than home address: _____

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

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

TWO OR MORE FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMPVENTION IN ONE UNIT

Each family in the same unit must complete a separate Registration Form. The additional family must pay for 6 nights at the second family rate below. Please indicate the unit owner's name: _____

FAMILIES STAYING OFF GROUNDS

You must purchase a Daily Walk/Drive-in pass and complete a registration form. Pre-paid Walk/Drive-in pass is \$20 per day. At the Gate cost is \$25 per day per family.

SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Check yes if requesting a special needs site: YES _____

There will be no special needs sites available at the Gate. To guarantee a special needs site you must pre-register.

CAMPVENTION PARKING

All parking will be hobo by State/Province. You will be assigned a site as you arrive. 30 Amp Service with water available.

Unit Type: Tent ____ Pop-Up ____ Travel Trailer ____ Truck Camper ____ Van ____ 5th Wheel ____ Motorhome ____

Unit Length _____ ft

VENDOR BUCKS

Each family registering will receive \$10 in VENDOR BUCKS that can be used towards any purchase from a vendor in the commercial area. Vendor Bucks must be used at 2017 Campvention. Vendor Bucks have no surrender or cash value which means no cash back from vendor. VENDOR BUCKS will be given to you at registration.

COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW

Pre-registration Fees Campvention Fee \$285.00 Second Family in same unit \$135.00 Pre-paid walk/drive in pass \$20/day	Type of Registration	# of Days/Nights	X	\$ Amt.	At Gate Registration Fees Campvention Fee \$300.00 Second Family in same unit \$150.00 Walk/drive pass \$25/day
	6 nights 5 days of fun	6 nights \$285.00			
	Second Family in unit	6 nights \$135.00			
	Walk/Drive pass	# of Days _____	X \$20		
Total Enclosed				\$ _____	

Mail to: Dennis/Cindy James
3395 N. US Hwy 33
Decatur, IN. 46733

Have Questions call (260)223-0863 or email

2017fcrcampreg@gmail.com NOTE: If you register and are unable to attend for any reason, we will automatically mail you a refund of any pre-paid fees minus \$25.00

We would like to volunteer for the following jobs:

Make check payable to: FCRV Campvention 2017

All funds should be in US Currency

Credit/Debit Card Payment (optional)

Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Expiration ____ CW# ____

Credit Card # _____

FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers NATIONAL CAMPVENTION

Lima, Ohio 2017

APPLICATION: GOLF CART RENTAL

(Print) FIRST NAME _____ MI _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ AGE _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____

Golf carts cost including sales tax. \$225.00 for 2 & 4 passenger. They are rented from 7/10/17 - 7/14/17. You must provide flashlight and reflectors. You must be 21 or older to rent the Golf Carts. Golf carts **MUST** be ordered **and paid for** in advance. **There will be no additional carts available at Campvention.**

NUMBER OF CARTS _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID IN FULL \$ _____ US CURRENCY ONLY

(checks or money orders, no cash please.)

Make checks payable to: FCRV Campvention 2017

Mail check and application to: Dwight S. Bonifield, 4235 Cherlick Cir, Zanesville, Ohio 43701-9250

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

BY SIGNING THIS ORDER FORM YOU ARE TAKING COMPLETE AND TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE GOLF CART AND/OR ANY PERSONAL DAMAGE TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND/OR ANY OTHER PERSON.

YOU WILL NOT HOLD FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers, GOLF CAR COMPANY, OR ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THEM RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE IN ANY WAY.

Please sign _____ Date _____

NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15, 2017