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FIRESIDE EMBERS













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STATE DIRECTORS CORNER

JEFF & SHIRLEY KENDLE



Spring has Sprung and we really lucked out with the Spring Fling weather. We had 89 registered members, 14 walk/drive-in, and 20 First Timers. The attendance was about what we expected as this was Mother's Day weekend. We attempted to schedule all we could into Friday and Saturday without overlapping seminars and other activities so that no one missed the opportunity to participate and we think it worked out well. There was a few minor problems

with electrical hookups, but attributed it to air conditioners running due to the hot weather. There was also some issues with the PA system only working in a portion of the building. The fairgrounds is currently upgrading their PA system so hopefully next year we will not have an issue. The Juke Joint Cruisers put on a show that kept everyone rocking - even Carl Bird was rockin in his chair. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will spread the word about how much fun they had. A special thank you to Jack and Dutchi Pasco for taking the state trailer to Brush and Bill & Linda Snyder for binging the trailer back to our home. Also thanks to all who helped put Spring Fling together and to all of those who volunteered their time to assist at Spring Fling. You are the backbone of Colorado FCRV. A BIG THANKS TO ALL. Next stop "Statewide".

COLORADO ATTENDEES AT THE 46TH ANNUAL FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY



Canton, Texas March 21-27, 2017



TRANSWEST OPEN HOUSE



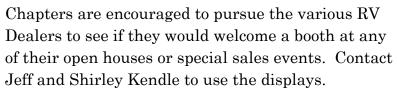
The Silver Foxes Chapter set up the FCRV Show Booth at the new Transwest RV/Truck Center in Fountain, Colorado on May 5th and 6th. Elbert and Eileen Carter, Field Directors for the Silver Foxes, approached the dealership a few months ago about recruiting prospective members at their Grand Opening.



They, along with other chapter members spent all day Friday and Saturday at the Dealership and talked to several prospective members whom they will be following up with.



Colorado FCRV thanks Ray Knourek and the Transwest staff for the great hospitality they showed Colorado FCRV.











HOT PICKLE RECIPE BY ROSE STAMPS, TRAILBLAZERS

- 1 48 oz jar dill pickles
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 oz Tabasco sauce
- 2 garlic cloves or 1 level tablespoon minced garlic

Drain pickles and cut into ½ inch pieces. Put pickles back into jar and add 2 cups sugar, 1oz tabasco sauce and garlic. Put lid on jar and turn upside down on counter, turning jar once a day until sugar is dissolved. Enjoy!!

2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION		
June 5th – 9th	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Fort Collins KOA Lakeside in Ft. Collins , CO		
July 9th- 15th	N/A	National Campvention 2016	Lima, OH		
Sep 1st-4th	N/A	Colorado Statewide	Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, CO		
Sep 25th – 29th	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo		
Sep 29th – Oct 1st	N/A	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA I-25 @ Exit 74 – South of Pueblo		

The "Embers" is published six times a year. Please send any information that you would like to have included in the "Embers" to:



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2017 EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

Jul - Aua Jul 1st Sep - Oct Sep 1st Nov - Dec Nov 1st

Editor: Kimberly Kendle fcrvcoembers@gmail.com 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.

> (Please type or print information & include your CHAPTER NAME. YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER)

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C.A.M.P. ACTIVITIES

The Purpose of the Colorado FCRV Campers Actively Moving Program (C.A.M.P) is to provide opportunities for FCRV members participate in activities, that are not part of a normal fitness routine – but as special times with FCRV family and friends. These activities, which encourage good health, fun, and fellowship **must** be held at an official FCRV Chapter, District, State, Regional, International Campout, or indoor meeting – with **at least two persons participating**. Participants may earn C.A.M.P. merchandise certificates for completing program activities, according to the National FCRV guidelines. You may view the C.A.M.P. directives (as amended April 25, 2017) on the National FCRV website, fcrv.org, under the "National Programs" tab (I forwarded this document, via our state Acting Directors, to the Colorado FCRV Field Staff): your chapter C.A.M.P. chairperson should have a copy

You can use C.A.M.P. merchandise certificates to purchase FCRV merchandise at our Colorado state-level rallies (Spring Fling, Statewide, etc.) and with cooperating vendors at international campventions. Further – these certificates can be redeemed as part of international campvention fees!

Colorado C.A.M.P. Status



We're off to a great

start this camping seasons. Several chapters have reported member C.A.M.P. activities for campouts and/or outings. At the 2017 Colorado FCRV Spring Fling, Brush, Colorado – Members of 12 chapters (26 participants), and one unaffiliated member walked/hiked for a combined total of 119 miles. At Spring Fling, 3 chapters (10 members) bicycled a combined total of 97 miles.

Overall, as of 17 May, 2017 - Colorado. Has reported a total 342 miles to the International C.A.M.P. Director:

16 chapters for 3 chapters for

245 miles hiking 97 miles biking

Come and join the fun—you'll like it and meet new friends!

Bill Newell Colorado FCRV C.A.M.P. Director





MEET THE DIRECTORS

DON & CORAL YAKEL, NORTHERN DISTRICT DIRECTORS



Hi, we are Don and Coral Yakel and currently make our home in Loveland. We are both Colorado born and raised and have been fortunate to have been able to watch our two daughters, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren grow and thrive here is this beautiful state!

Coral was a stay-at-home mom for many years, but when the girls were teens, she utilized her clerical and accounting skills that she had learned in High School. She retired from Boulder Valley Schools. Don was a "from scratch" baker, then baked for King Soopers for 22 years. He then worked at Boulder Valley Schools until his retirement. However, he now works as a crossing guard for Thompson Valley Schools and enjoys it except for bad weather.

We bought our first camper – a Red Dale trailer (remember that home-grown company?) in 1980 and would camp occasionally with friends. In 1994 one of our friends introduced us to FCRV and the Northern Lights. We enjoyed group camping so much that we joined in 1995, and in January 2000 we helped start a weekend

chapter, the Millennium Mavericks. We soon found that the Northern Area also needed a Retiree Chapter and the Good Timers, W.E.I. was chartered in August of 2000! We eventually became Field Directors of each chapter and continue in that capacity. We accepted the position of Northern District Directors a few years ago.

We have made many friends in Colorado FCRV and hope that we can continue as long as we are able.

Happy Camping to All!



ROB & KATHY FARINA COLORADO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS

We have lived in Colorado for the past 17 years and we love experiencing the beautiful CO outdoors with our teenage son, Nate. We have been family camping since our son was little. Our first family camping adventures started in a standard pop-up camper. Then we graduated into a small Forest River camper that had a tent fold out sleeping area. Just last year we purchased our current Lance travel

trailer. We enjoy every moment we get to spend in our Lance. Last year we became part of FCRV and quickly became members of the Aspen Adventurers. We have had some fun campouts with the group in such beautiful CO campgrounds as Cheyenne Mountain State Park and Golden Gate Canyon. Since we enjoy camping with our chapter so much we want to bring this same joy of group camping to other families who otherwise would not have considered camping with strangers (who quickly become friends). This is our main goal in our new roles as Membership Directors. Additionally, a long term objective of ours is to bring in younger families into FCRV so that the Colorado chapter will be around for generations of campers to enjoy. Since we have never held any positions like this before, any ideas and suggestions from any FCRV members is very welcome. We are here to help your chapters grow, so please let us know how we can best serve you. If you would like to contact us, our e-mail address is membershipcofcrv@gmail.com.

MEET THE DIRECTORS

SCOTT MARTIN AND PAM RUSK SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTORS



Scott Martin and Pam Rusk have been members with Colorado FCRV since 2013. We joined the Columbine Chapter as we wanted an "Adult chapter". The Columbines have been a great fit for us and we have made some lifetime friends with the Columbines. We have held a few offices with the Columbines, board members, social media liaisons and currently Field Directors.

We were appointed as the State Social Media Directors last year (2016) and

have thoroughly enjoyed helping grow the social media side of Colorado FCRV. We have done a few seminars on the state level at Spring Fling and Statewide. We are here to get the word out on how much "Fun" Colorado FCRV is! We

currently have a presence on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. Coming soon will be Pinterest.

We have been married for 17 years, have 4 Chihuahua's, 2 farm kitties, 3 guinea fowl, 24 chickens and a partridge in a pear tree! Pam has 2 children and 5 grandchildren. We enjoy camping along with fishing, boating, bike riding, Nascar, Disney and fitness.

If you see us around, come say Hi!





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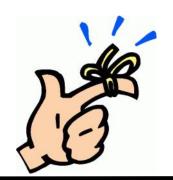


Coming soon!



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- ✓ Can Goods and Non-Perishable Food Items for the Elbert County Food Drive
 - ✓ School Supplies to be donated to Elbert County
 - ✓ Bingo Prizes for Family Bingo (\$10.00 items would be appreciated)
 - ✓ Bring your nickels for Polish Poker
- ✓ Each Chapter is to bring 2 Door Prizes (unwrapped) worth at least \$10.00 each
 - ✓ Photos for the Photo Contest
- ✓ Hats, Gloves, Scarves, winter jackets for all ages to be donated to Elbert County



- ✓ Fly Fishing Rod for the Fly Fishing Clinic
- Each Field Director is to bring one 9x13 pan of brownies or bar cookies or 2-3 dozen cookies.
 - ✓ Chili makings for the Chili Cook-off
 - ✓ Bean Bag Toss Boards
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THE TRAILBLAZERS



Our first campout of the season was on Monday, April 24, at Pueblo South, Colorado City KOA, a short distance south of

Pueblo. It was nice and sunny on Monday, with many breaking out shorts for the first time this year. Russ and Dawn Skillman drove all the way from Las Cruces, NM to be with us, They have remained Trailblazer members. They also surprised



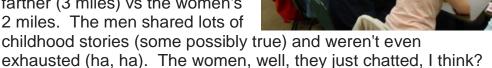
us with many delights from our favorite bakery in Las Cruces. Hasslers and Newtons (hosts) treated us to a fun campout.

We began our Trailblazer festivities of heavy hors d'oeuvres at around 5:30 pm and returned to the clubhouse later for a rousing game of Polish Poker (each of us lost 30 cents); the winner,

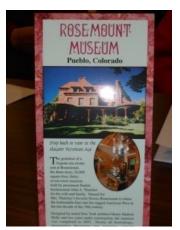
Daphne Turner, got about \$6.00. The game (only!) lasted about 2 hours.



Day 2 began with a CAMP walk at about 9 am. Like the tortoise and the hare tale, the women started out fast and had the best time while the men walked farther (3 miles) vs the women's 2 miles. The men shared lots of



At about noon on day 2 we had a pot luck meal (see the recipe in the Embers for delicious pickles served) followed by an excellent presentation by Premier Auto and RV, located on US 24 near Falcon, on various aspects of maintaining your RV. We were very impressed by the presenters' knowledge and technical expertise. Our monthly meeting was later that day.



On day 3, Wednesday, the campground staff provided an excellent breakfast for all campers for a small fee. The highlight of day 3 was a tour

of Rosemount Museum, a three-story, thirty seven room mansion in Pueblo, built in 1893. Nearly all furnishings are original to the home. Most Trailblazers were able to attend.

Submitted by: Larry Menke



THE COLORADO FCRV PHOTO CONTEST AT STATEWIDE IS BACK!!!



Do you have an eye for nature or have you captured the beauty and excitement of the outdoors in a photograph. If so, consider entering this year's Colorado FCRV Photo Contest at Statewide. Categories are: *Funniest; Most Unusual; Most Artistic; Wildlife; and Too Cute for Words*. As a bonus, First Place in each category will be featured in the Sep/Oct 2017 Fireside Embers.

- **1.** FCRV members may enter ONLY ONE PHOTOGRAPH PER CATEGORY per person. Photos must be no larger than a 3x5 or a 4x6.
- 2. Only ONE Ballot PER FAMILY and only ONE family vote for Each Category. Ballots will be handed out when you check into Statewide. Ballots will not be replaced if lost.
- **3.** Photos must have "owners" name, Chapter name, and the category chosen on the back of EACH photo so the photo can be placed properly and returned to the owner.
- 4. No altered photos are allowed.
- **5.** There is not a separate group for "Youth". Each photo is to be judged on the merits of the photo, not the age of the photographer.
- **6.** All entries must be turned in to JoAnne Lien (Colorado Timberliners), or placed on the photo display table no later than 9:00 a.m. Saturday.
- 7. VOTES are to be placed in the ballot box next to the Photo Display no later than 3:00 p.m. Saturday.
- **8.** Winning photos will be posted Sunday by 12:00 Noon and will be left for display until 9:00 a.m. Monday. All other entries should be picked up by 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

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Age limit is 13 to 19 inclusive. The Contestant must be 13 to 19 years old on the day of the contest at the Fall Statewide event prior to the following years National CampVention. The Contestant must also be 13 to 19 years old on the day of the contest at the National CampVention.

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

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

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

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

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

Contestants who win the State of Colorado pageant and are crowned Colorado Teen King or Colorado Teen Queen will also be required to attend the National CampVention following the Colorado FCRV pageant.

Please see page 13 for the Colorado FCRV Teen King / Teen Queen Registration Form.



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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?
AMBITIONS:
HOBBIES:
T-SHIRT SIZE:
TEEN QUEEN REGISTRANT TALENT TO BE PRESENTED:
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NUMBER IN FAMILY:
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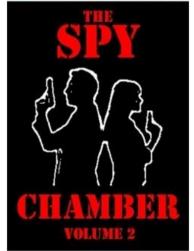
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 30, 2017

ROCKY EXPLORERS

April, the Harris' hosted an event at the Centennial Clue Room. The group matched wits with the spy organization to break numerous codes, riddles and puzzles so that they may be captured.

Ten of our highly trained Intelligence Officers (Rocky Explorers) were called in to help break up the spy organization that was responsible for the disappearance of 12 agents. Lots of fun and sleuthing!

CLUE ROOM PRESENTS...



Our first campout of the season was held May 1st and 2nd at the Riverview RV Park in Loveland. The Wingert's hosted our campout and the theme for the weekend was 'Fresh as Spring'. Lots of fun time together and good food! It's great to be camping again!

We'll be out again in June for a campout!! Looking forward to it!

Submitted by: Cynthia Kotary

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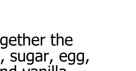
1 egg

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Ice cream salt

Ice



Mix together the cream, sugar, egg, salt, and vanilla.

Put the mixture in a 1- pound coffee can with tight lid.

Put the coffee can in a gallon can with tight lid.

Pack ice and ice cream salt around coffee

Two people roll gallon can back and forth until ice cream is solid.

THE TRAILBLAZERS

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Oh the joys of Colorado camping in May!! We went to Cherry Creek in Denver. It is a lovely State Park with many biking and hiking trails. There is also a beautiful reservoir with a swim beach, boating, fishing and a target practice range. Of course in May the water sports were out. We had a great time anyway with good food, hiking, biking, and hanging out with

friends. It was a little cool on Wednesday and

those of us who braved staying over until Thursday were rained and snowed upon. Many of us take our furry friends camping with us. The picture is of Vicki Patterson and her dog Gertie. Looks like Gertie has different plans than her master, so we called in a dog whisper, Beverly Hassler, to talk some sense into Gertie. It worked so now Beverly has a new job.

Submitted by: Hank and Rose Stamps

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THE MOUNTAIN GOATS

The Mountain Goats chapter of FCRV can't seem to get enough of the camping experience in its yearly schedule. So many of the members are retired, that monthly weekend campouts from April through October often end up as a 3-5 day mini-vacations! Outside of the regular FCRV camping schedule, many members strike out on their own or in small groups to different campgrounds all over the state and beyond. However, our age is showing, once where any old spot in a forest clearing was a good spot to stop for a night or two, our brave members are now opting for campgrounds with hook-ups. Having electricity takes the pain out of a chilly day when we have access to a fan blowing heat out of the fake fireplace! Oh, well—the boy and girl Scouts who would criticize such a thing as "not camping" are our grandchildren.

So far this year, we have camped in a driving snow storm at Cherry Creek State Park—only to have it all melt in the warm sun the next day—ah, spring time in the Rockies. We have also been to the Great Sand Dunes—where we escaped the continuous bad weather on the front range. Next month we will be in our favorite hobo campsite, a secret place that we call Goatland. With the population explosion in Colorado, finding a quiet or remote location in the mountains is becoming harder to do. Anymore, there seems to be cars and campers stuck in every nook and cranny along the forest roads.



Recently, a news reporter on a local channel was doing a story on the popularity of camping in this state. He recommended a local state park as a good camping site and gave the ominous warning that it was absolutely essential to make reservations six months out if you want to camp in a good park in Colorado. We learned that lesson long ago.

Submitted by: Kathy French

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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 Saturday evening, we ask that you don't claim your space for chapter sells until Sunday morning.

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

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THE COLUMBINES



The Spring Fling held in Brush Colorado was attended by three couples from our chapter. While it was Mother Days weekend we all hit the road early Sunday morning so we could get back with family. The event

provided games, displays, shopping, food and an evening of live music and dancing. Everyone had a great time and meeting other chapter members was

wonderful. With little time to rest we headed out the following weekend to St. Vrain State Park for our chapter campout. While the weather was a little off that Friday evening the rest of the weekend really turned out nice. Between the potluck, games, fishing and a few trips to the local stores for some forgotten supplies all went well. Pam made all the girls "Queen for the Day". Not sure what that meant as they all still had to cook.





Submitted by: Carol Peterson

The May rain has been great except for the record damage from hail that hit areas in the metro area. If you were impacted by this we wish you well in getting your home, motorhome, rv trailers and

car damage issues resolved.



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RV RASCALS



Hip hip hooray for nice weather. Although we hardy Coloradoans can have fun in crummy weather, it's nice to assume we won't get any more snow during campouts for the next few months.

In January, the RV Rascals enjoyed a lunch gathering at the Hu Hot Restaurant in Ft. Collins; in February, we went bowling in Greeley; and our March outing was at Rudy's

BBQ in Greeley.

April's campout weather at Boyd Lake in Loveland was cool and windy, but the activity building was a welcome refuge to play games and have potluck.

Three Rascal couples and extended family members enjoyed the many activities at Spring Fling. We won 2nd <u>and</u> 3rd prize in the Golden Skillet contest (don't ask how many teams were entered) and won 3rd prize in bolo horseshoes. Two members were also lucky and each won a \$25 Brush Bucks certificate.

The weather leading up to May's campout was iffy right to the last minute, but the brave members who gambled on clearing skies were rewarded with a beautiful weekend at St. Vrain State Park. On Saturday, several Rascals carpooled to Boulder and took the Bronco Billy bus tour of historic Boulder. Our guide made the tour fun and interesting. We gave it "10 thumbs up"!!

To close with a bit of wisdom: "When using a public campground, a tuba placed on your picnic table will keep the campsites on either side vacant".

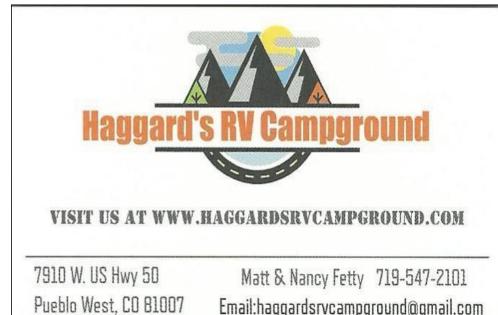
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Submitted by: Linda Snyder





THE ROLLING SPRINGS



Hello from Hu Hot Mongolian Grill. Our meeting was attended by ten families, two families that are now new cadet members. We enjoyed the great food and experience that Hu Hot provides, it is fun to see how your food is cooked on the giant grill. The final details are all set for our first campout in April and we are ready to go. We camped in the snow last April, hoping we miss the snow this year and have beautiful Colorado sunshine. See you next month with details of our adventure.





















Our first campout was attended by turkeys (live ones not the people), deer and happy campers! We were able to camp at Mountaindale RV along with the large herd of Turkeys and Deer that didn't seem to mind sharing the area in the least. Several members enjoyed dinner on Friday evening at the Gooseberry Patch in Penrose. While others enjoyed cozy dinners at home in their rigs. Saturday we were greeted by sunshine and warm weather. Our morning

hike was also attended by our furry family pets; they

were welcomed by the wild life too. In the afternoon several campers ventured to Florence to antique shop, while others stayed to rest and visit in camp. Evening dining was soup and salads, with a lively game of Polish poker and root beer floats provided by the camp ground. This is going to be a great year with new members joining and more adventures to come. See you next month when our travels lead us farther south to the wild open spaces of Pueblo West.



Submitted by: Candy Furnish



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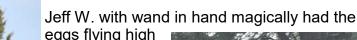


ASPEN ADVENTURERS

Aspen Adventurers first campout of the year was at Chatfield Reservoir on Easter weekend. Colorado weather was at its best, sunny skies the whole weekend.

Saturday after a potluck breakfast, the adults had fun hiding over 100

Easter eggs.



in the trees.
While David,
Shaun and Dez
scoured the
area for the
perfect place to
hide the eggs.





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ASPEN ADVENTURERS

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Once the kids were let loose for the Easter egg hunt there was no stopping them. When "Go" was shouted the kids rushed the area

around the campsites in hopes of gathering as many candy and money filled eggs as possible.

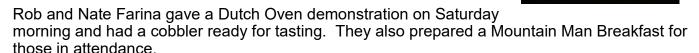






All weekend the kids enjoyed playing at the playground and riding their bikes from one end of the campground to the other. Some members took a short drive over to watch the remote control airplanes fly, while others took walks around the campground. After all of the playing and walking everyone built up an appetite and was ready for dinner. No one went away hungry after a dinner of 3 different kinds of soups to choose from, salads, crusty bread, and dessert. After dinner, there is nothing better than a colorful campfire.

In May, Aspen Adventurers headed to Brush for Spring Fling. Again, Colorado weather was at its best, sunny skies and warm temperatures.



Everyone enjoyed the remote control airplane and drone demonstration sponsored by the teens. Kids had fun making

posters, fishing, roller skating, and most of all just being kids while the adults played bean bag baseball bolo horseshoes, and flew kites.

Our next adventure takes us to Rocky Mountain National Park.





Submitted by: Shirley Kendle

THE SILVER FOXES

Silver Fox 2017 Shake Out Trip

Being a group of retired R.V. travelers gives us the flexibility to make our expeditions work for our life styles. Many of us hibernate our wanderlust for the cold months. With that in mind our first campout of the year we stay close to Colorado Springs. Getting the rigs out of storage and tending to all of the details needed to be travel ready...being close to home is wise. We have enjoyed the hospitality and wonderful amenities of a beautiful R.V. resort tucked just south of the city the last two springs.



Our Silver Fox campout host

Ed & Marie Mannerberg choose Carnival as the theme of our adventure. The resort is perfect for our group because it has cabins for some of our members who no longer have rigs but enjoy the friendships developed through the years of fun. The weather was predictably Colorado. We were lucky to have missed the usual snowstorms that have challenged past years and had some beautiful sunshine.

Mountaindale RV Resort, Campground & Cabins
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The food and games and prizes spread out over the trip interspersed with walks and down time make our trips fun and relaxing. Silver Fox don't need a vacation after these trips...Things are low key and enjoyable. Time for friendships to grow and memories to be made. Looking forward to our monthly travels this summer.

Submitted by: Carin Chambers

THE WOODLAND WOOKIES









Positive Thought: "Happiness is a butterfly which when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you." - Nathaniel Hawthorn

The Woodland Wookies had a exceptional time camping in the Merry, merry month of May at Tarryall just dry camping and getting away from it all for peace and quiet. Having to wait to camp between weather bursts of winter has put a slight

damper on some of our plans, but we have at least three campouts so far. So we are feeling very

grateful and pleased. Camp, Explorer, Dream, and Discover.

The fire is the main comfort of the camp, whether in summer or winter, and is about as ample at one season as at another.

It is all well for cheerfulness as for warmth and dryness. Our pets motivate us to play be affectionate, seek adventure, and be loyal.











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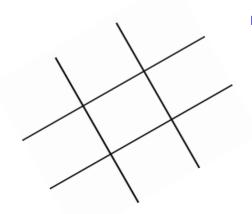
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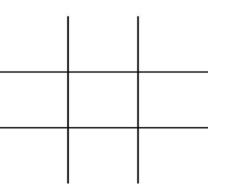
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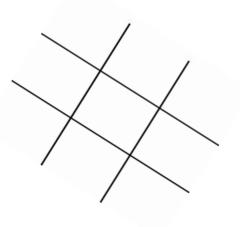
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The **2nd family MUST** submit a separate registration and pay the registration fee of **\$15.00**.

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Deadline to pre-register is August 14th If this is your First Statewide, check here []

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