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From the President - Shari Weber



I really enjoy the month of May. It means the weather is now warm enough for me to get my flowers planted. I love watching the gardens take shape and wiping away the ugly leftovers of winter. I look forward to the Memorial Day long weekend which is busy for the campground. We are now $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way through

2017 already!

Are you “**All Aboard for Lima**”? The campvention team has worked very hard planning a great week of activities for us. A registration form is included in another section of “Camping Today”. Pre-registration is very helpful for planning, but do not hesitate to register anytime right up to arrival in Lima. You will be welcomed. The team was just in Lima to work out plans and gave their stamp of approval for the grounds.

The nominating period for national awards ended April 15th. We will be recognizing many of our hard-working members at campvention. In our volunteer organization this is our way of recognizing the extra efforts by our volunteers in getting the work of Family Campers accomplished. Several of the programs have special awards they present at campvention as well. The recognition is not won it is earned and well deserved.

Speaking of volunteers... We are the only international camping organization managed by volunteers. You are very important to us. When you are asked to help out by undertaking a position within our organization, please consider a positive answer. Try to think of why you can do the task, not why you can't. Without willing volunteers, we are nothing. You do not need to be retired! Fresh thinking will help us grow. Maybe we will even find new ways to do old things. Many members of the executive board are still working full time positions and finding ways to contribute to the organization they enjoy.

Looking ahead... The trustees are working on plans to participate in the Tampa Super RV Show next January. Currently we are waiting to see if there are

available booths after this year's participants chose their spaces. There is camping with electric right next to the show as well. Several folks have already indicated willingness to help. We will welcome anyone interested in helping us introduce Family Campers to potential new members. We realize this show attracts over 15,000 people from all over the US and Canada so will give us some good exposure. I will keep you informed as we know more.

Until the next campfire, Shari



New Bill would Give a Tax Write Off for Outdoor Gear, Sporting Goods, and Gym Memberships

By Stephanie A. Mayberry

RVers have always known: physical activity, especially of the outdoor variety, keeps you healthy. In fact, Senator Charles Boustany of Louisiana and Senator Ron Kind of Wisconsin have introduced a bill to the House of Representatives that would make fitness-related “qualifying purchases” tax deductible. They brought it before the House in 2015, but it has been gaining support to the point that it looks like 2017 may be its year.

<https://mobilervinc.com/blog/new-bill-would-give-a-tax-write-off-for-outdoor-gear-sporting-goods-and-gym-memberships>



Campvention 2017

Allen County Fairgrounds

Lima, Ohio

July 9-15, 2017



Youth Program Volunteers Needed

Hello, all FCRV members. I am in charge of the youth program at Campvention. I have fun activities, games and presentations planned for our future FCRV members. I do need volunteers to help assist me. I would encourage you to take this opportunity and volunteer a morning or afternoon to help with these young people. They are our future kings and queens of this wonderful organization, and we need to start mentoring them now. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at Campvention in Lima!

Thanks. Jeannie Woods, Youth chairman, 517-930-5009 Greenshamrock17@aol.com

On-grounds Transportation Drivers Needed

We will be looking for volunteers to run the transportation (golf carts) at Lima. If you are interested, please make sure to sign up for a driver shift at the registration tables when you arrive at Campvention. All volunteers will be given a driving test to make sure they pass (just joking, if you can drive a large motorhome or pull a 35' trailer you are probably qualified!!!)

Thanks in advance for helping us at Lima.
Campfire Agitators (Indiana)



First Aid Volunteers

Anyone who has first aid knowledge, first responders, nurses, CNA - please consider helping at Lima in First Aid. The more volunteers we

have; the shorter time we can schedule!

Thanks so much for your help!

Delbert Powell; First Aid Chairmen; dlpow-ell54@aol.com

First Timers

Do you know someone who has never been to Campvention? Invite them! They will be a FIRST TIMER! Matt and Marla Mantia are diligently working on information and guides to help them enjoy their first time being with us! They can also use help from those who have been to campventions to ease our first timers into an enjoyable time in Lima! Contact them at 4OLDMATT@gmail.com.

Teen Center Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to organize an activity for the Teens during the day at Campvention in Lima, OH. It could be a craft or games that would last approximately one hour. It could be something easy as serving them root beer floats or doing an egg toss. We also have an evening at the teen center (probably Thursday) open that would need an activity. Thank you and see you at Lima!!!!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Jane Thornton Teen Center Chairperson at raythor2@aol.com or phone: 989-777-5958.

Samie-Jo Schaub Teen Center Co-Chairperson at petsam6@aol.com.

GOLF CART RENTAL FORM

Found elsewhere in this issue





Individuals & Chapters! "ALL ABOARD" FOR THE MARKETPLACE Register Now!!

Interested in raising money for your Chapter by selling your Chapter projects or for yourself to sell your own craft/hobby items or other merchandise, now is the time to get your plans in order and register for the 'Marketplace' when you attend Campvention 2017 at Lima, Ohio in July 9-15.

There will be no fee charge for Chapters BUT there will be a \$15.00 fee charge for individuals for an 8 foot table for your wares. If a second table is needed, an additional \$10.00 is required (two table limit). The registration form is posted in this issue on the FCRV Camping Today website and will also appear in the following months issues.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 23, 2017. Checks, enclosed with registration, made payable to: **FCRV Campvention 2017** with 'Project Sales' written on the memo line.

Further questions/information you can e-mail: dentec957@att.net Mail the forms to: Duane & Ruth Keegan 957 N. Lois Ave. Addison, IL 60101-1237

So "ALL ABOARD" register now for
MARKETPLACE!

Duane & Ruth Keegan, Project Sales Chair

Registration form found elsewhere in this issue.



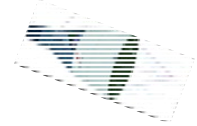
RV Repairs at Campvention

Wayne RV Service will be a vendor at Campvention 2017 in Lima, OH and has indicated that if you have repairs that you would like completed at Campvention, he would be happy to do that. You will need to contact him as to the repairs you need done so he can bring parts, etc. that he may need. Below is the contact information for Wayne.

Wayne's RV Service
6535 N 775 W Shipshewana IN 46565
260-463-6549
waynerv@kuntrynet.com



Tour Links to Visit Before Campvention



Here are links that campers may view prior to Campvention. We will have information about them at our booth for those interested in visiting them. They are from YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/aGtjRwrSv1Y> Neil Armstrong Museum

<https://youtu.be/iC4OMABzZZY> Train Ride in Lima, Ohio

<https://youtu.be/7OtDII1Gdo4> Promotional for Lima, Ohio (8 months ago)

<https://youtu.be/AQ7qkHodGww> Wright Patterson AFB

<https://youtu.be/uSV46LiWTl0> Airstream Tour

Stan and Fran Vozar, Tours Chairmen



Mardi Gras Parade



The Teen Pageant and Ball schedules have changed

with all activities taking place on Wednesday. The pageant will take place during the day with only the crowning of the Teen Queen and King at night with the Ball immediately following. This year the crowning will take place on the stage and then a Mardi Gras parade is planned to the Teen Center where all Campvention attendees are welcome to enjoy a hospitality and part of the Ball. We would like to invite you to dress for the Mardi Gras theme and/or decorate your golf cart for the parade. Dress code for the Ball is please no denim. There will be no other entertainment for the evening and we hope everyone will enjoy the Mardi Gras party.

Campvention Online Registration

You can now register for
Campvention 2017 with an online registration form on the fcrv.org website.

Hard Hat Lunch



Plans are underway for another excellent meal and camaraderie in Lima. The day, time, and location will be announced shortly. We have engaged an amazing speaker who will enlighten us on the history of the railroads in Lima. You won't want to miss this!

Scott Trostel from Fletcher, Ohio, is a writer and speaker concentrating on transportation and industrial history. His topic will be: THE AGE OF THE RAILROAD AT LIMA, taking the audience through Lima's development from a tiny village on the edge of Ohio's Great Black Swamp to a regional and national hub as a railroad center. Seven railroads once operated into Lima, with two lines establishing major shops in town. Over 7,500 locomotives were constructed by four builders. Railroad freight and passenger cars were built at five sites. The modern day tank car was invented and first constructed here. The city boasted an early street car line and was the first town to successfully operate an electrified street car system. Electric interurban railways operated five lines into Lima, with one establishing a major shop to build and maintain interurban cars. At its peak almost 60% of employment was with the railroads and allied industries. Lima truly set its watch by the locomotive whistle. This is an amazing story of the rise and fall of the railroad industry at Lima, Ohio.

Scott has completed 52 titles and five documentary DVDs. He appeared on the award winning documentary, MADE IN AMERICA LIMA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS. Included in his genre are a number of railroad transportation histories, industrial histories and the acclaimed book, THE LINCOLN FUNERAL TRAIN. He appeared on the 2009 History Channel documentary; STEALING LINCOLN'S BODY. Scott has consulted to The Library of Congress. He is also a historical consultant to national news networks. He has been associated with the Allen County Historical Society for 50 years in the focus of Lima and Allen County railroad history.

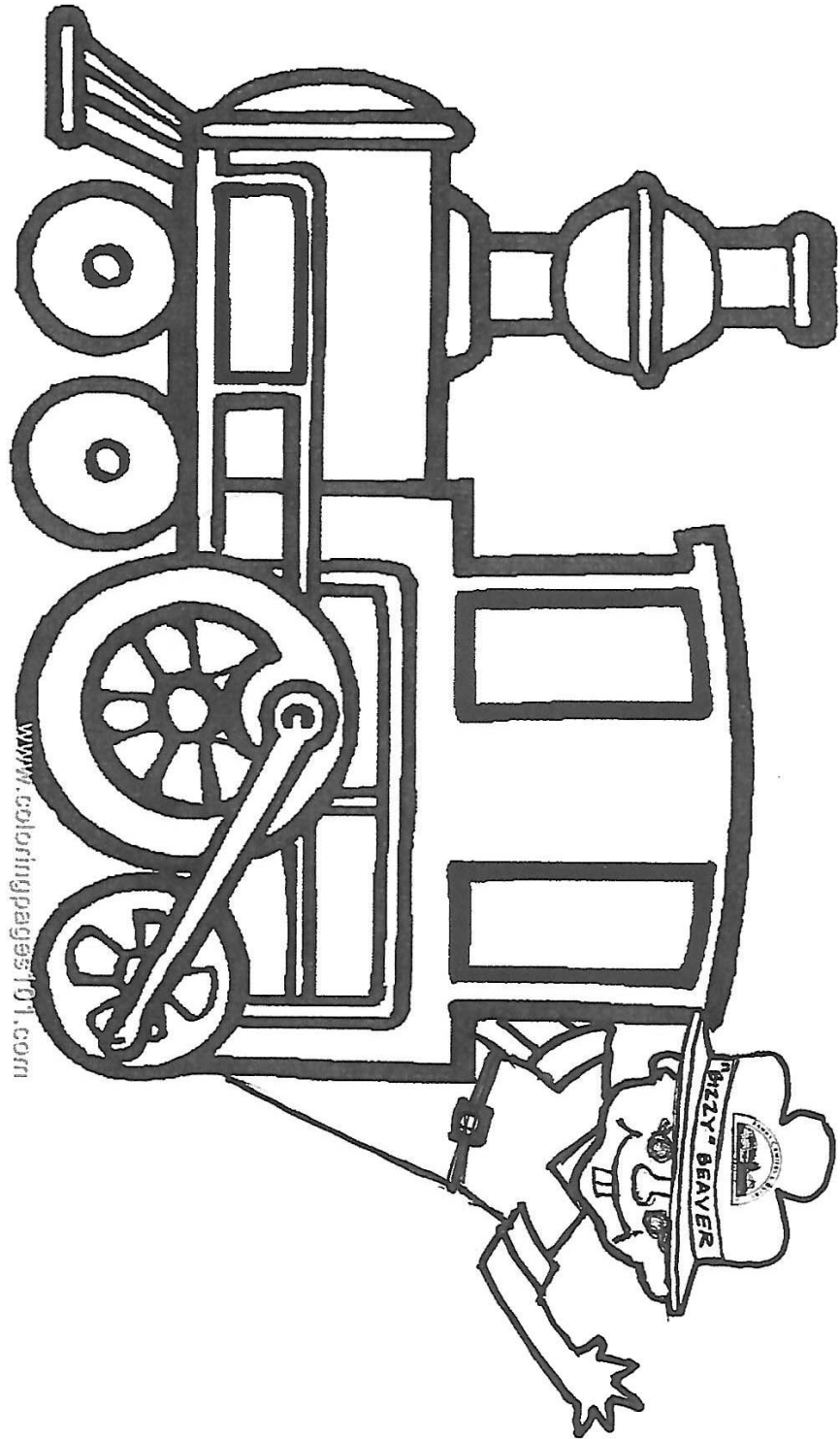


Red Hat Luncheon

The Red Hats will also have a luncheon with a speaker. Tickets will be sold at Central Registration.

SPRING AND MAY FACTS

- ◆ Dandelions originated in Asia.
- ◆ Spring is when birds return home after migrating in winter. About 1800 bird species migrate.
- ◆ No US President has ever died in May. It is the only month that can make such a claim.
- ◆ In any calendar year, no month begins or ends on the same day as May.
- ◆ According to an analysis by Google, 'may' is the 55th most commonly used word in English.
- ◆ On May 1, 1931, the Empire State Building was officially opened



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ALL ABOARD FOR CAMPTVENTION 2017

WILDLIFE CONTESTS

Amateur Photo Contest

Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director

Get those cameras ready and plan to enter the Wildlife Amateur Photo Contest at National Campvention this year! Show your talent for photography, and help provide a look at the beautiful sights of your outdoor travels! Members constantly tell us how much they enjoy looking at the photos submitted for the contest and all the areas of our country!

- The rules of the contest are as follows:
- Only Amateur Photos
 - No domesticated animals (i.e. dogs, cats, birds, pets.)
 - Pictures must be of wildlife in their natural habitat not in a zoo. (Wildlife in a reserve will be acceptable)
 - Photos must be taken within the last year (July 2016 – June 2017)

Please follow these instructions for submitting your photos:

- Photos must be no smaller than a standard 4" x 6" photo and no larger than an 8"x10".
- Photos must be on regular photo paper.
- There is a limit of two photos per individual.

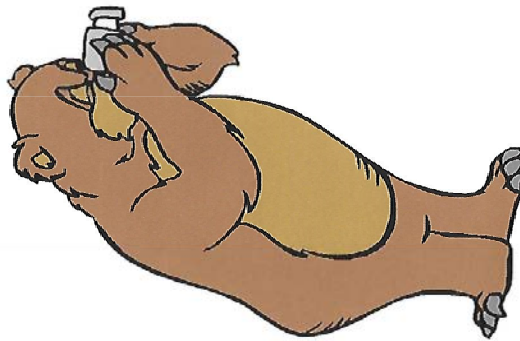
On the back of the picture print:

- Your name
- When and where the picture was taken
- Age group for submission.
- If the photo is entered in the two youth group categories, please state the age of the photographer.

Age Groups and Prizes	
Youth Ages 7 – 13	\$115 first prize
Youth Ages 14 - 19	\$20 first prize
Adult Ages 20 and over	\$25 for first prize

Second and third place in each age group will receive coupons for FCRV merchandise.

Pictures will be displayed and judged in the Wildlife National Booth. Pictures need to be signed in by Tuesday noon at the Wildlife Booth. Pictures will be returned to their owners following the show.



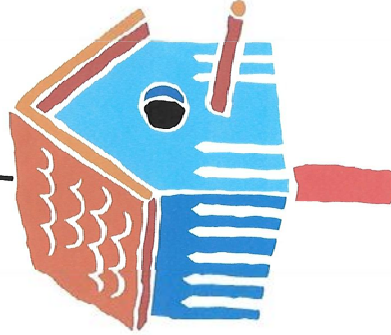
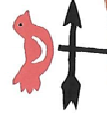
Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Build-A-Bird House Contest

Joanie Stone, National Wildlife Director

Looking for a fun Chapter or Family Project? Are you a Craftsperson?

Enter the Build-A-Birdhouse contest this year at National!



The Build-A-Birdhouse contest has two categories this year:

- A bird house that could actually be used by birds in your yard.
- A bird house that you would use in your home or at your campsite as a decoration.

The following rules apply to both categories:

- The bird house must be made and not purchased.
- It can be a chapter, family or individual project.
- When you submit your bird house please indicate the following:
- Category you are entering
- Your name
- Adult or child project

Walk on the Wild Side with Wildlife, and enter your bird house! Bring your entry to the Wildlife Booth at National in the Commercial Building by Tuesday at noon. You may have your feeder back after the contest.

Campventions Held in Ohio – Part 2

by Barb Turner, 2017 Publicity Chair



Dick & Pat Smith

Nineteen years after the 1964 Campvention, Campvention 1983 was held in Ohio, specifically at Buck Creek State Park, Springfield in the southwestern part of the state. Dick & Pat Smith, Ohio State Directors at the time, were the Campvention chairs. 4031 families attended. The area of the park designated for our use was basically abandoned farm area and was overgrown with weeds. Jim & I were Field Directors at the time. During a Spring Seminar held in Springfield, the Smiths took all of us over to the state park, specifically to our designated grounds. They said, "Ohio is going to host the 1983 Campvention here on these grounds." We were standing in the back of a pickup truck. The weeds were

nearly as tall as we were! I believe all of us thought, "We're going to what?"



Dick & Pat Smith shared: "We have so many wonderful memories that we don't know where to start. Our fondest memory is that of about five hundred Ohio members, working on weekends for nearly three years, turning an area of weeds, some of them five feet high, into a campground for four thousand and 31 campers. The most important thing is after all that work and all the challenges we had to cope with, we all remained friends. Several months after the Campvention we got a phone call from the ODNR telling us they were going to make the area into a permanent campground and would we please call off our people; they were being swamped by all the letters being sent by our members."

Yes, there was a letter-writing campaign to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to establish a permanent campground. And, the campaign worked! On July 24, 1987 the campground at Buck Creek State Park was dedicated. Smiths as the Campvention chairs and we as Ohio State Directors were invited to attend. Pat Smith cut the ribbon, making it official.



One of camping areas

Also from Smiths to wrap up 1983: "Another incident that sticks in my mind happened after the close of Campvention. Friday evening after the close of Campvention on Thursday we along with our parade chair people, Hugh and Helen Groseclose, took our contact lady from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce out to dinner as a 'thank you' for all of her help in setting up the parade among other things. We had 103 entries in the parade so you can imagine the effort she put forth. Shortly after dinner we expressed our sincere gratitude and said our 'Goodbyes' and headed back to camp where we walked into a surprise party for our 25th wedding anniversary with music, a wedding cake and about 200 guests. The dinner was a ruse by Hugh to get us away so they could set up the party. Grosecloses knew it was our anniversary. He had called us at home a month before Campvention and suggested we take Diane Smith out to dinner. Linda Hennie baked the four-tier wedding cake. We'll never forget that evening." As an attendee at the party, they were surprised!



Commercial Area 1983

**Teen Pageant
Tammy Messbarger –Miss Ohio
Miss NCHA 1983**





And, lastly, Campvention 1991 was held at the Canfield Fairgrounds in Canfield. The Canfield Fair is Ohio's largest county fair, held on 353 acres. Jim & I, as Ohio State Directors, were the chairs. We did not volunteer outright to chair the campvention. While attending the Executive Board meeting at the 1989 Campvention in Oklahoma, it was announced that no one had come forth to host 1991. Ed Crook, West Virginia State Director, came to us and said that he thought he might have a site if Ohio would help. West Virginia did not have enough members to host on their own. We agreed to help. A couple of weeks later, Ed called. The place he had in mind would not be available. (Campvention was locked into a set formula at that time.) Our phone was in our kitchen. I remember standing in our kitchen, and Jim saying that it was a 'no go' in West Virginia. What do we do?

We had a 'less than two-year timeframe'. We couldn't do what was done in 1983. We were pure novices at this. In 1983 we were Religious Services Chairs & Band Liaisons. Our first thought was to call the Ohio Tourism Bureau. Jim called. They couldn't help us, but they suggested the state agricultural department. Jim called and was given the names of two fairgrounds that might work for us; both were on the eastern side of the state. We lived on the western side of the state and were not familiar with either. Jim called Lawrence Ford, our district director for the southeast. He said that we didn't want the one in their area. It was on a reclaimed strip mine. He said there wasn't enough flat area for campers. That left Canfield. Jim called.



Aerial Photo of Campvention

There wasn't a Campvention Director back then. There was a Campvention Coordinator. Problem #1: we were between coordinators. The old one had resigned and wasn't helpful. The new one had not been appointed yet. Problem #2: no campvention guidelines. We were told not to use the old ones. New ones? Well, they didn't have those finished yet so we couldn't use those. Problem #3: We were told there wasn't any money available for the usual Campvention advance. We asked our Ohio members to register early so there were operating funds. They did!! Somehow, a contract was made with the fairgrounds and 2415 families attended.



Ribbon cutting by President Joe Vasut

I gave them a call and asked if it would be possible to get a cooler. They called and said that they had one with shelves – perfect. What a gem they were to work with. Also, a couple years later we were camping in FL and happened to be in the same campground that they were and met up with Pat and Bob. They asked if we'd like to go to church. We said we do but didn't know where there was a church. So they took us to their church and then we went out to eat. What a fun day that was. I remember them so well."

There were some unique hurdles to overcome in Canfield that were not shared with us till closer to Campvention. The fairgrounds people and the town police said we would need to get our campers onto the grounds as they couldn't have them backed up on the street. Jim asked the parking chairs Russ & Jane Reno and the registration chairs to devise a plan to accomplish that. They did. And, we publicized to the membership the

Hazel Laughner, PA, shared a memory: "Clarence and I were hosts for PA's hospitality. We had chicken salad sandwiches. I thought, oh my, I need a cooler to keep them. Pat and Bob James were the hospitality chairpersons. I

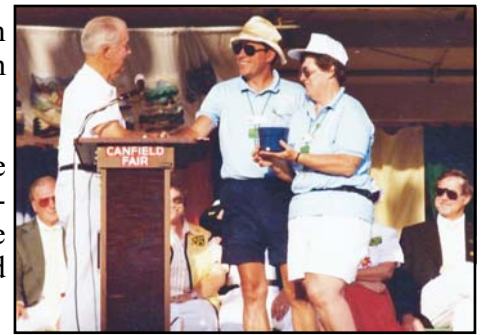


Larry Altman & Marie Osman

times they'd encounter the least amount of traffic. And, we advised them to stop at a mall, cool off, and rest before arriving on grounds. The plan worked wonderfully well. No backups!

Another hurdle was the noise issue. No noise parades! The police were adamant about that. Jim reinforced that from the stage almost nightly. The Thundering Herd Chapter from New York solved that...the noiseless parade! Their noiseless parade through the Executive Board meeting was so much fun! Thank you, Thundering Herd!

With this rich history of hosting three Campventions, Ohio again welcomes the membership, this time hosted by the Great Lakes Region of Family Camper & RVers. See you in Lima in July!



The fair rep presented us with a buckeye tree from the Canfield Fairgrounds grounds. It survives in the front yard in Tipp City - probably 30' tall, at least.



Event Grill Purchase Authorized By Trustees

The Trustees have approved the purchase of an event grill. This grill will be used at Nationals for Family Fun Day. It is owned by FCRV, so if you are interested in using this grill for your hospitalities, rallies, regionals...please let us know. We will try to get the grill to you for your event, or we may have to deliver and camp with you! We have agreed to maintain the grill for FCRV to make sure it stays nice and in working order. This grill has the capacity of frying 65 quarter pound hamburgers at once.

Ed & Angie Shaneyfelt
National Campvention Directors



Meet The Director!

Jeff & Shirley Kendle
Far West Regional Directors



The Kendle's began their camping adventures in a tent over 25 years ago. Soon after roughing it they graduated to a tent trailer; however with 4 children they soon found out they needed more room and upgraded to a fifth wheel. Their first experience with group camping came in 1992 when they joined National Campers and Hikers Association and became a member of the Front Range Loco-Motives. They did not know what they were in for, but had a fantastic time camping with their group. Jeff and Shirley still reminisce about all the fun they had with 10 other families and 30 kids in the chapter. Even though the members of the defunct group Front Range Loco-Motives no longer camp together, they still are friends. In fact many of the kids still talk and see each other. Who knew that a group of strangers would become such good friends and family!

In 2009, Jeff and Shirley decided to give Family Campers and RV'ers another go. After belonging to a chapter for six years, they along with other chapter

members decided to form a new chapter. The Kendle's have held every officer position in the various chapters they belonged to including Field Director.

Over the 12 plus years with NCHA/FCRV, the Kendle's have been actively involved wherever they could help. For four years Jeff helped layout parking at Spring Fling and Shirley helped with the garage sale. When Colorado was tasked with National Campvention in Gillette, WY, they were appointed as the Registration Chairperson. In 2016, the Kendle's were appointed as the Assistant State Directors for Colorado.

Jeff and Shirley are both retired. Jeff joined the Army in 1963 and retired in 1986 after serving 23 years. He went on to work for the Department of the Army as a civilian for another 20 years. After working for the government in one capacity or another Jeff officially retired in Aug 2008 with hopes of camping more often. Shirley began her federal career at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. When Fitzsimons was announced for closure she became a member of the Base Realignment and Closure Team. After 28 years at Fitzsimons, Shirley transferred to the Internal Revenue Service in 2000. After holding various positions from Program/Management Analyst to Security Manager she retired from the Federal government in 2010.

Besides camping, Jeff and Shirley enjoy traveling, bowling, and spending time with family and friends. Shirley also enjoys spending time in her craft room making cards and crafts.

As Jeff and Shirley begin their next adventures as Region 1 Directors and Colorado Acting State Directors, they want to be able to help increase membership, especially by recruiting younger families, retain current members, and assist in any way that they can.

Director's Desk



Every month you will be hearing from one of your Regional Directors with an occasional "visit" from a special guest writer. We are hoping that this will be the place to go for updates of policies, things to know and special events. If there is a specific policy, you would like to hear about you can email me at the below address.

This month I will highlight the following:

1. Did you know that the cost of printing a requested monthly Camping Today cost our organization as much as your yearly membership dues cost? Therefore, only State Directors can request this for you!
2. Always, update your E-mail address with the National Office to receive ballots and current correspondence from the national organization.
3. Do you know your membership number? The office using it for ALL aspects of membership.
4. Reports are due to the next person in the chain of command 3 times a year.

Come join us at the annual campvention this year in Lima, Ohio from July 9-15, 2017.

See you there!

Sue
FCRV VP of Operations
Fcrv.vp.ops@gmail.com



Ellis Ittel On "Honor Flight"

Ellis and Frankie Ittel are long time Ohio FCRV members.



Ellis at the Air Force Monument in Washington, DC on the "Honor Flight" from Dayton, OH. His daughter, Kim, signed him up for a wheelchair so he didn't have to walk. He could have walked, but this was much easier! Such an experience! The only

way to get through Washington, DC is by police escort and sirens blaring!!! The whole group were treated like VIP's that they are!! Wonderful stories of their adventure! Big crowd at the airport to welcome them home also. People shaking their hands, hugging them and a band playing....exciting!!

Lynn Crosby

Pennsylvania's "Tab Man", Lynn Crosby recently celebrated his 86th birthday. Lynn has coordinated and hauled PA's pop tab collection to Campvention for the past several years. He also puts out collection houses and adds to the always large collection for Ronald McDonald House. Congratulate him at tabman@windstream.net.

Canada Organizations Promote RV, Camping Week

by Bob Ashley , Courtesy of RV Business

Three Canadian organizations associated with camping and the RV industry are coordinating the 2nd Annual Canada RV and Camping Week that will begin May 23 following the country's Victoria Day long holiday.



The Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) of Canada, the Canadian Camping and RV Council (CCRVC) and Go RVing Canada are looking to increase campground attendance and drive more customers into Canadian RV dealerships.

With a goal of raising \$20,000, campgrounds and RV dealerships additionally are raising money by selling \$2 paper "stars" through Make A Wish Canada to fulfill the dream of a 6-year-old cancer victim who wants to go camping with his parents.

"We are hoping to have 50 or 60 dealers across the country to participate," said Eleonore Hamm, president of RVDA of Canada.

Whichever dealership raises the most money will be given free convention registration for the RV Dealers International Convention/Expo Nov. 6-10 at Bally's in Las Vegas.

Along with promoting RVing and camping generally, a countrywide marshmallow roast is planned for May 27. "We are encouraging all of our dealers to

participate," said Hamm, noting that 2017 is the 150th anniversary of Canada's founding. "There are a lot of celebrations happening and Canada Camping and RV Week is a way for RVers to experience our land in terms of seeing the great outdoors."

"We are targeting 100 campgrounds to participate, some of which will be offering discounts during the week," added Shane Devenish, executive director of CCRVC, a group of private campgrounds. "The idea is to fill up camping sites after the long weekend and bring potential RVers into RV dealerships."

Meanwhile, in conjunction with Canada RV and Camping Week, the 6-year-old who has lymphoma and whose name is being withheld, will go camping in a Rockwood camping trailer provided to Go RVing Canada at a discount by Forest River Inc. The



boy won't know that his wish is being granted until the day before the conclusion of Canadian RV and Camping Week on May 27.

"We are just finalizing which Ontario campground they will be visiting," said Chris Mahoney, Go RVing Canada executive director.

Seniors Can Get Lifetime Access to National Parks For Just \$10. But Not For Long

By Jennifer Calfas

Older Americans can access more than 84 million acres of land protected by the National Park Service for the rest of their lives for just \$10 — but not for long.

The National Park Service's lifetime pass will be eight times more expensive soon — costing \$80 for American citizens who are older than 62. And while it is unclear when the price surge will take effect, this week — [National Park Week](#) — offers a good opportunity to remind older Americans to purchase their passes before it's too late.

To get your Senior pass through the mail, just submit a completed application, proof of residency and age, and \$20. The fee covers the cost of the pass and a document processing fee.

You can print out an application at this web-

site: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html>

Once the application package is received and the documentation verified, the pass will be mailed to you.

For more information, please visit:
http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm

Ingrassia: Outdoor Rec Stepping Forward in D.C.

by RVBusiness



The following column by Recreation Vehicle Association (RVDA) President Phil Ingrassia, appearing in the April issue of *RV Executive Today*, reports on the progress made for key industry issues through the recently-formed Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable.

Phil Ingrassia

As great as business has been for the RV industry over the past few years, there are outside factors that do impact our business. That's why one of RVDA's key organizational values is advocating on public policy issues that affect RV dealers, and it's why we're excited about the formation of the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable (ORIR) with RVIA, NMMA, and many others.

Putting the business of outdoor recreation front and center is important in today's political environment. In an era of shrinking federal budgets, many departments that manage public lands vital to outdoor recreation are rewarded for closing campgrounds, reducing hours of operation, and limiting access. This goes on despite the fact that recreation is the leading revenue driver for many national parks and forests.

Dealers across the country are well aware of the need to modernize campgrounds on federal lands and improve roads and bridges in national parks and forests. Allowing public-private partnerships to bring campgrounds up to today's standards will alleviate some of the budget problems on federal lands, help revive the economy in many rural "gateway" communities, and provide more opportunities for owners of the hundreds of thousands of new RVs that are sold each year.

Earlier this year, I was talking to California dealers at the CalRVDA annual meeting – folks who are

at ground zero of attempts to limit access. Closing off areas used by off-highway vehicles (OHVs) limits their use and affects dealers who sell toy haulers. ORIR has made it clear that it's important to protect our national public lands, but it's also important to balance protection with common sense and responsible use.

Last month, ORIR briefed Congressional representatives on some of its priorities, including:

- Prioritizing recreation-related infrastructure improvements in federal agency budgets.
- Establishing more public-private partnerships to address maintenance backlogs on public lands.
- Achieving better balance between recreation and conservation in federal agency decisions.
- Developing and deploying a digital information strategy for outdoor recreation on federal lands.

The groups coming together through ORIR represent diverse outdoor recreation interests and have found common ground in many areas when it comes to trying to change the mindset of those charged with managing our public lands.

"As an outcome of cuts in federal spending, many federal agencies are reducing or eliminating recreational opportunities," says ORIR member and Archery Trade Association President Jay McAninch. "The ORIR member industries believe this is tragic, and are offering private investments on public lands as a way to provide all Americans with the chance to recreate outdoors – an American birthright. Our industry's view is this is a much-needed stimulus for the federal lands, which are sorely lacking in welcoming our citizens outdoors."



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/>



Airstream Prepares for Liftoff

Around the country. Across the globe. Airstreams have been everywhere, it seems. But we're always looking to broaden our horizons – to “go see what's over the next hill, and the one after that, and the one after that,” as our founder Wally Byam said.

This year, we're going a little farther than the next hill. We're going to the next planet.

Our Newest Trailer Takes Rocket Fuel

Do you know the distance from Earth to Mars? Or what Mars' atmosphere is made of? Are you wondering why we're even asking?

For the past 18 months, we've been working on a project we're very excited about, but one we haven't been allowed to discuss – until now. But first, a little history.

“One small step for man...”



Airstream has played a role in America's space exploration efforts since 1969 – the year Apollo 11 made the first moon landing. When astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edward “Buzz” Aldrin, and Michael Collins returned to Earth in July of that year, they spent several days in quarantine in case they had been exposed to any contagions in space. The site of their quarantine? A converted Airstream trailer called a Mobile Quarantine Facility (MQF).

Airstream went on to produce three more MQFs for the crews of Apollo 12, 13, and 14.

Then, from 1984 to 2011, another special Airstream – the Astrovan – shuttled astronauts to and from the launch pad at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

Now, in 2017, humankind is gearing up for the very first manned Mars mission. And because of Airstream's history with the space program, paired with our legacy of quality and durability, we were contacted to help make the mission a success.

In partnership with some of America's leading aerospace engineers, we're creating a very special version of our iconic travel trailer – one that can sustain human life on Mars. We're calling this initiative Project Mars RoVer.



The Project Mars RoVer space trailers will be specially outfitted and equipped to serve as temporary housing until permanent living arrangements are established. Each unit can house three people for up to five years, and they include many of the features you'd find in our regular trailers – contemporary décor, full bathrooms, kitchens with Corian® surfaces, flexible sleeping options, durable marine-grade flooring, entertainment centers, and plush UltraLeather™ seating.

Of course, the space trailers will also have a slew of options you don't need here on Earth, including:

- oxygen generation and artificial gravity capabilities
- roomy spacesuit storage areas with special shelving for helmets
- trash compactors powered by energy from the stars
- Asteroid Intercept Systems to vaporize dangerous incoming space debris
- panic rooms with a direct link to the primary spacecraft, in case of an encounter with unfriendly lifeforms

- freeze-dried ice cream supply (one flavor per unit) jet propulsion

Plus, a special double-sealed, dual-compartment door area will allow for safe entry and exit. This means residents can move between the units to socialize, attend meetings, or even just borrow a different flavor of freeze-dried ice cream. And with the push of a button, the space trailer autopilots itself back to the primary spacecraft for routine maintenance or other repairs.

We can't wait to share more about our progress on Project Mars RoVer. But before we do...

Happy April Fools' Day from Airstream!

It's time to come clean: we're not really designing a new space trailer to help colonize Mars. But we do build a lot of other pretty amazing products. Check out the Flying Cloud, our most popular trailer, to see how Airstream can make your (terrestrial) travel dreams come true.



<https://www.airstream.com/travel-trailers/flying-cloud/>



WORLD'S LARGEST RV RENTAL COMPANY TO LAUNCH P2P PILOT IN THE US

San Francisco, CA – Motorhome owners in Northern California will soon have an opportunity to earn passive income on their vehicles when they're not in use by listing them on Mighway.com, an innovative new company owned by Tourism Holdings Ltd (*thl*), the world's largest RV rental operator.

Since launching in New Zealand in 2015, Mighway has become the country's largest and fastest growing peer-to-peer RV rental service, with hundreds of RV owners listing their vehicles and seeing potential earnings of \$2,000 to \$4,000 per month.

Mighway will be launching a pilot in the San Francisco Bay Area in Q1 2017. The service will offer local RV owners two distinct service options, Mighway Local (peer-to-peer) and Mighway Managed (in partnership with local RV dealerships). To help facilitate the Mighway Managed option, Mighway has partnered with Cordelia RV Center in Fairfield, California. Owners who choose the Mighway Managed option can count on Cordelia RV to store and maintain their RVs and manage the entire rental process from beginning to end.

With RV travel on the rise in the US, Mighway Chief Operating Officer Dave Simmons feels this presents a major opportunity for RV owners.

"Buying an RV is a major investment," says Simmons. "Where previously an RV sat around gathering dust between use, Mighway allows owners to capitalize on the booming tourism market, earn some extra income in a safe and supported way and provide real value for guests. We know Mighway has huge growth potential in the US, and we're looking forward to seeing the impact we have on the California market to start."

James Foreman, owner of Cordelia RV Center, says, "We are excited to be partnering with the world's largest RV rental operator to introduce the Mighway Managed proposition to the Bay Area. We expect Mighway will create new opportunities to drive RV sales and vehicle servicing revenues in addition to getting more potential RV owners into our yard to have RV experiences."

After the pilot, Mighway will continue to build out partnerships with other RV dealerships across the

US to broaden its Mighway Managed proposition, making it convenient for owners anywhere in the country to sign up and start earning income.

With Mighway, RV owners and guests can rest assured they'll be in good hands. Mighway's parent company *thl* has been operating globally for 30 years and are considered the market leaders when it comes to RV rental.

About

Mighway is operated by Tourism Holdings Limited (*thl*), the largest provider of RVs for rent and sale in Australia and New Zealand. In the USA, *thl* owns and operates the Road Bear RV Rentals and Sales brand and El Monte Rentals and Sales. In the UK, *thl* owns 49% of Just go Motorhomes. Within New Zealand, *thl* operates Kiwi Experience and the Discover Waitomo group, which includes Waitomo Glow-worm Caves, Ruakuri Cave, Aranui Cave and The Legendary Black Water Rafting Co. *thl* is a joint venture partner in Action Manufacturing LP, New Zealand's largest motorhome and specialist vehicle manufacturer. For more information, visit www.Mighway.com.



Making Money While RVing-- Here Is One Way It Can Be Done

By Russel Michhimer

Many RVers are looking for ways to make money while on the road. It can be done. I just finished doing it full time for twenty-five plus years. Was it easy, many times yes; but like anything, sometimes it wasn't. The rewards of the freedom it allowed me and the fact that I was my own boss far outweighed the tough parts.

<https://mobilervng.com/blog/making-money-while-rvng-here-is-one-way-it-can-be-done>

Products

weBoost Introduces Its Most Powerful RV Cellular Signal Booster Kit with the Drive 4G-X RV

New Booster Provides Up to 32X Enhanced Signal for RVs Just in Time for Spring Travel

GEORGE, Utah--weBoost®, the global leader in cell signal boosters, today announced the launch of the Drive 4G-X RV, the brand's most powerful and best performing in-vehicle cell phone signal booster, providing up to 32X stronger cell signal. RV owners

will now be able to experience exceptional call quality, faster data uploads and downloads, and fewer lost connections and dead zones when on the road or off.

The Drive 4G-X RV increases the reach of cellular signals by a maximum 50 decibels.

Whether you are on a family camping trip, are running your business from the road or are chasing a storm, the Drive 4G-X RV makes the difference in reliable communication and internet access in remote areas.

"Just like people expect good cell coverage at the house, they expect it in their 'home on the road.' Part of the RV experience is not sacrificing the luxuries, comforts and necessities of home," said Bruce Lancaster, Wilson Electronics' CEO. "Because it provides access to family, friends, work and all of the media we now associate with modern technology's access to 4G cellular signal, every RV enthusiast should consider packing the Drive 4G-X RV."

Compared to its RV predecessors, the new booster is smaller, thus taking up less of the valuable space in the RV. Setup is easier with an omnidirectional antenna, meaning the user does not need to determine the direction of the cell tower. The comprehensive Drive 4G-X RV kit includes all of the components needed for a do-it-yourself, one-time installation. This includes:

- One Drive 4G-X Unit
- One 4G omni antenna

- One 4G desktop antenna
- AC and hardwire / DC wall power supplies
- 20-foot, RG-6 cable with connectors preinstalled
- Cable entry cover
- Cable management mounts and zip ties

Accommodating up to four users across all carriers simultaneously, including Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile, the booster enhances talk, text and high-speed 4G LTE, as well as 3G network signals.

How it Works: The external antenna reaches out to access cellular signal and delivers it to the booster. The booster amplifies the signal and serves as the relay between the phone/device and the nearest cell tower. As a result, mobile devices receive stronger signals that are fed through the booster back to the network.

The Drive 4G-X RV is available for purchase now online at store.weboost.com/products/drive-4g-x-rv and through resellers for \$499.99 MSRP. All boosters come with a two-year warranty.

For more information, please visit www.weboost.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Brush Hero

My name is Kevin Williams, car geek and founder of [Brush Hero](#); the revolutionary car-detailing tool powered by nothing more than the pressure of an ordinary garden hose.

I've always been obsessed with cars. But I could never find the right product to clean my wheels gently, yet thoroughly.

That's why we created [Brush Hero](#) - a new lightweight detailing tool that uses water pressure alone to power its turbine and bust the muck in seconds. The Brush Hero is strong enough to remove grime, but gentle enough to safely clean paint, chrome and other sensitive surfaces.

Our revolutionary cleaning tool makes it easy for you to clean your dog. Now bath time for your best friend is stress-free and mess-free for the both of you!

Score points with the man in your life this Father's Day by giving him the gift that will drive him to clean. Get him a Brush Hero today so he can blast the grime away!



The Hydaway Bottle - Portable & Packable Water Bottle

The Hydaway Bottle is the next generation in portable hydration. Hydaway is a handy alternative to disposable plastic water bottles - it folds down easily to fit in almost any pocket! The ultimate travel and hiking companion, when expanded, the 21 oz. Hydaway will quench your thirst during airport layovers, or the final pitch to the summit. This larger size bottle fits in most vehicle cup holders and backpack water bottle pockets. The 12 oz. bottle is perfect for the quick getaway and features a stable base to prevent tips and spills at the playground or the campground. The innovative, hinged design allows the Hydaway to pack down easily to fit in backpacks, lunch boxes, and picnic baskets. Expand the bottle full size to quench the biggest thirst. When you're finished, collapse it flat (just over an inch thick to be exact) and stash it in your pocket, pack, purse - almost anywhere! All Hydaway bottles feature an easy to use, flip-up straw for quick sips, carabiner-friendly carry handle, and come with a Watertight Guarantee. BPA-Free, Taste & Odor-Free and Dishwasher Safe. <http://hydawaybottle.com/>



THE NEW CAMP COOKBOOK

Coming July 1st, **THE NEW CAMP COOKBOOK** will make you want to get outside and eat well under the open sky.

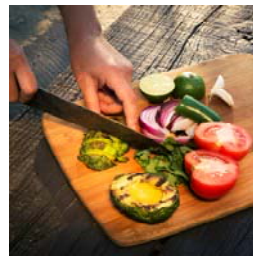


Good food makes for great camping. The two can and should go hand in hand, and the recipes and tips in **THE NEW CAMP COOKBOOK** will guide you along the way. This is a book for day trippers, adventurers, campers, and anyone who enjoys cooking outdoors. You'll find organizational advice and cooking techniques, from planning your meals, packing a cooler, and stocking a camp pantry to building a fire, grilling in foil packs, and maintaining heat in a dutch oven. You can choose your own adventure for each occasion, with recipes as easy as Mexican Street Corn Salad and Tin Foil Seafood Boil to more in-

volved dishes like Korean Flank Steak with Sriracha-Pickled Cucumbers and Dutch Oven Deep-Dish Soppressata and Fennel Pizza. All recipes use a standard set of cookware to streamline your cooking in camp, and are marked with icons to help you quickly find a suitable recipe for your cooking style.

Linda Ly is the blogger behind the award-winning gardenbetty.com, called the "Best in Gardening" by Country Living and deemed a go-to source for all things green by HGTV. She is a new mom and lives in LA with her husband and baby daughter.

Grilled Guacamole



Cooking avocado may not be the first thing you think to do with the fruit, but over a hot grill, the flesh turns smoky and savory, almost meaty in flavor. Just a few minutes on each side can elevate raw avocado into its own secret ingredient in this unconventional

take on guac.

MAKES 2 CUPS (450 G)

3 small avocados, halved, pitted, and peeled

1/2 small red onion, root end left intact

1 medium tomato, finely chopped

Handful of cilantro leaves, chopped

1/2 jalapeño pepper, minced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste

Juice of 1 medium lime

Prepare a grill over medium-high heat.

Place the avocados and onion cut sides down on the grill. Cook for about 10 minutes, until lightly charred with grill marks, turning once. Transfer to a cutting board. Cut the onion into small dice and cut the avocados into large chunks.

In a medium bowl, mash the avocado with a fork. Stir in the onion, tomato, cilantro, jalapeño, garlic, salt, and lime juice. Taste and add more salt as needed. Serve warm.

TAXA Cricket Offers 'Truma Combi' on '17 Lineup

By RV Business



TAXA Outdoors, a manufacturer of lightweight, recreational campers and trailers for the off-grid, will be offering the Truma Combi heating system exclusively on its new 2017 Cricket line.

"When we started looking for a heating solution for our campers, we knew we needed something out of this world," said Garrett Finney, TAXA founder and former NASA architect, in a press release. "We wanted to keep the weight low, and our customer is focused on being off the grid, so efficiency and reliability are key for us, not to mention technology. Space in a 15-foot trailer is limited, and the Combi was the only choice for us on the Cricket."

Mark Howlett, vice president business development with Truma, noted, "The Cricket and the Combi

are a perfect melding of NASA inspired design and the latest in RV technology. The Truma Combi allows TAXA to provide their customers the full experience of adventure camping, without the interruption of a noisy furnace and water heater spoiling the sounds of nature."

The Truma Combi was released for North America in January 2015 and offers both propane and electric heating of water and air.

Farewells †

CORRECTION:

April Farewells

Gerry Collister Pointe Claire, Quebec. An error was made on the email in April Camping Today and should have been gdj.coll@gmail.com

Lew Wetzel, 96, 3-28-17, Curwensville, Pennsylvania, past State Assn. President, Keystone Trailer Club, longtime member.

Harold and Margaret Jo Barber, 3-29-2017, New Braunfels, Texas. Perished in church bus crash. Members since 1973.

Charlie Bowes, 4-23-17, Sylvania, Ohio, longtime member, known for his costumes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

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, falconcamp-ing@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 25-28, 2017 - Florida State Association Spring Campout

Paradise Oaks RV Resort. The FSA Spring Campout will be held during Memorial Day weekend at Paradise Oaks RV Resort. May 25th will be an early day if you want to get a headstart on the weekend. Activities will start on Friday. Plans at this time are to have a Friday night cookout, Saturday morning breakfast and a Saturday night dinner. We will have games as usual and maybe some new ones. Please bring a door prize to share. Reservations must be made with the campground at 352-793-1823. Also, please send Peter Brown your registration fee of \$10.00.

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 an if you plan to attend. One meal will be furnished.

JUNE

June 9 –12,2017 – Illinois June Campout

Kentuckiana Campground, Hopedale, IL.Join us for a fun weekend at Kentuckiana Kampground! There is a LOT to do at Kentuckiana Kampground so bring your friends and family. They have two stocked ponds for bank fishing (please bring your own bait and tackle), playgrounds, bocce ball-court, asphalt basketball court, shuffleboard court, paved roads for walking through primitive area in the “holler”, Bluegrass Creek 9-hole golf course is 6 miles away. On Friday June 9 join the campground for Bingo in the rec hall. Every Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. it’s time for that good ole’ country music with a free live stage show the entire family can tap their toes and clap their hands to.For reservations, call the Kampground office at (309) 449-3274 or (309) 840-2234 during business hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Let them know you are with FCRV. Sites are full hookup and cost \$34 per night for 2 adults, children are free. There is a \$2 per night charge if you run air conditioning. Pre-registration is due by May 26 and includes 2 additional activities that require RSVP. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

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 hardishn@gmail.com for any question.

June 16 -18, 2017 - Penn Camp '17

, Sharp's Campground, Rt. 422,, Shelocta, PA. Breakfast Sat \$5., Taco Lunch \$3, Pot Luck Supper. Handicap sites must pre-register. Sites have light electric, water and sewer. (No air cond.) \$80 payable to Penn Camp to Sarah Carberry, 15490 Raystown Rd., James Creek, PA. Come have an Old Fashioned Penn Camp. (Reg. blank on web site www.fcrv.org)

JULY

July 9 - 16, 2017 - 2017 FCRV Campvention

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

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - 4, 2017 – Nova Scotia Provincial Campout

Hants County Exhibition Grounds, Windsor NS. "Proud to be Canadian celebrating 150 years" is this year's theme for the 47th Nova Scotia Provincial Campout. Come and join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary with games, theme parade, jam sessions, CAMP hikes, hospitalities, entertainment, fun and food. Registration \$5 cd, late registration (postmarked after 15 August, 2017) \$15 cd. Camping fees \$25 cd per night. Send to Robert & Cecilia Haughn, 1904 W LaHave HWY 331, Pleasantville, NS, B0R 1G0

September 22 - 24, 2017 - Blue Water Mixer Fall 2017

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, Imlay City, MI 48444. Activities include Bingo, Soup Kettle, Project Sales and much more. A free weekend will be drawn for those registered by Aug. 12, 2017. Basic electric available!!! Fees: \$10.00 registration fee, \$35.00 camping fee. NO Canadian checks or money orders, Please. Click here for [registration](#) form.

Let's show everyone the fun, unusual, and interesting activities we participate in at our campouts! Send articles (don't have to be long) and/or pictures to d_johnston01@msn.com or mail to 126 Hermitage RD., Butler, PA 16001 for the Camping Today. We'd also like to have information on members who have reached a milestone such as anniversary, birthday or received special recognition outside of FCRV.





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
2017fcrvcampreg@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 AND RVERS

47th INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY
NORTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS
441 PAUL RUSSELL ROAD, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 16TH – MARCH 19TH
RALLY DAYS: MARCH 20TH – MARCH 25TH



LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE/OTHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

LAST NAME OF OTHER: _____ ADDRESS: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____

PHONE# _____ OTHER: _____

WHICH ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR? CAMPING: _____ CAMP PASS: _____ IS THIS YOUR FIRST RETIREE RALLY: YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES _____ NO _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN YOUR UNIT: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT IN PDF FILE: YES _____ NO _____

CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO ANOTHER ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE ADDRESS IN THE SPACE BELOW:

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP/PROVINCE: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING:

TO BE PARKED IN SPECIAL NEEDS (HANDICAP) AREA, YOU MUST HAVE ON FILE WITH THE REGISTRAR AN UP-TO-DATE : DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE, STATE LICENSE REGISTRATION INCLUDING HANDICAP PLATE, OR HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS AREA IS RESERVED FOR WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, OR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY PROBLEMS: _____

GUEST ARE WELCOME:

Guests/Non-FCRV members are welcome. They may be in their own unit or with you. Have them complete a registration form and indicate they are your guests. We strongly suggest they enter the camping area at the same time you do. We are guests or NON-FCRV members of: _____.

FEES:

EARLY BIRD PARKING (MARCH 16 – 19): FEE IS \$25 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC. EARLY BIRD FEES WILL BE COLLECTED AT TALLAHASSEE.

RALLY FEES: MARCH 20 – MARCH 25 AND LEAVE MONDAY: INCLUDES: 5 nights of camping, water, electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	<u>Pre-registration (paid in advance in full)</u>	<u>At the Gate</u>
Two people in a unit:	\$225.00	\$250.00
Single person in a unit:	\$195.00	\$220.00
Camp Pass (2 people or second couple in a unit)	\$125.00	\$150.00
Camp Pass (1 person or extra person in a unit)	\$ 85.00	\$110.00

REFUND POLICY: Refunds must be requested in writing by mail or email or phone call to the

Registrar. Refunds requested before March 9, 2018 will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$200, one person in a unit: \$170.00, Camp Pass two people: \$100.00, Camp Pass single person: \$60.00.

After March 9, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. CAMP PASSES WILL RECEIVE NO REFUND.

Make checks or money order (US CURRENCY ONLY) payable to: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2018. NO

CREDIT CARDS. Mail registration to: Bill and Penny Ramlow, 8009 Cherry Branch DR., Ruskin, FL. 33573. You can contact them at: 305-822-6589 and 813-545-6083 or email them at pramlow@aol.com.

“ALL ABOARD” MARKETPLACE

Table Registration Form

Please place an **X** in the box to indicate if the registration is for Chapter or Individual.
Note: There is no charge to Chapters for tables. There is a \$15 charge for Individuals who want to sell craft or other items. If a second is needed, an additional \$10 fee is required. Please remit your payment with registration form.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual

Chapters: Please provide the following information if registering for a Chapter.

Chapter Name:	
Contact Person:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Number of tables needed (No Charge)	
Describe products to be sold:	

Individuals: Please provide the following information if registering as an individual.

Contact Person:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Number of tables needed: (\$15/ table) (\$25 for two)	
Describe products to be sold:	

Mail registration forms to: Duane & Ruth Keegan, 957 Lois Ave., Addison, IL. 60101
dentec957@att.net

NO later then **June 23, 2017**. Individuals please sent fee with registration.
Make checks payable to: FCRV Campvention 2017 Write Project Sales on memo line.

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