

# FIRESIDE EMBERS



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## FALL STATEWIDE - SEPTEMBER 1st - SEPTEMBER 4th Elbert County Fairgrounds - Kiowa, Colorado



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# STATE DIRECTORS CORNER

## JEFF & SHIRLEY KENDLE



The past six to eight weeks have been very busy. After Spring Fling we resumed the plans for fall Statewide (Sep 1 - 4, 2017). We have found that it's somewhat difficult coming up with vendors, seminars, and entertainment during the Labor Day weekend. It seems like they are just like us; they want to get away for the last long weekend of the Summer! We will however; have Interstate Batteries visiting us on Friday from 10:30 to 2:30. We will also have a seminar on casting and fly fishing on Saturday. We have a band in mind for Sunday evening and will be going to one of their "gigs" next week to meet them and see how they sound live.

We left Colorado on the 4th of July for Lima, Ohio for the 57th Campvention with Vodean Benham and Jo Ann Eckman in tow (they followed us). We met a lot of people from other Regions and tried to meet with all of the Program Directors to obtain information on what they have planned for the future, i.e., Retiree Rally's, Youth Program, etc. There were approximately 233 rigs in attendance. Colorado had seven attendees. We got together on Wednesday and had a potluck dinner with everyone from Colorado. As usual, there was plenty of food to go around.

We spent all day on Sunday in the Executive Board Meeting. The Executive Board voted to add a new program — The International Veterans Program. The Camping Today will be available with a subscription of \$20.00 per year beginning in January 2018. Be sure to check out the next Camping Today for more information on Campvention 2017.

The humidity wasn't too bad, but we did have some good rains and had a tornado warning one night. On Saturday there were some RV's needing a "tug" by the fairgrounds personnel and their tractor. All in all it was a good week.

We along with Ron and Carla Martinez from the Star Gazers will be tent camping at the Great Erie Outdoor Adventure Campout on Saturday, August 26th. We feel that this will be a great opportunity for us to try to recruit some members. We will have the FCRV booth set-up and will be handing out brochures during the day. We will also be furnishing smores to the kids in attendance before the evening movie. If anyone would like to come out and help for a few hours, send us an email at [coloradofcrv1@gmail.com](mailto:coloradofcrv1@gmail.com). Contact your Field Director If you have not seen our email asking for volunteers. Thank you Ron and Carla Martinez for spearheading this.

That's all for now - back to finalizing the Statewide Get Together. Once again the schedule will be posted in the Facebook Group and sent to Field Directors to forward to members.

If you have not been to Statewide lately, we hope you will give it a try. This is a great event to renew old friendships and make new ones. We hope to see everyone there to make this a memorable Statewide!

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# RETIREE RALLY

The 2017 Colorado FCRV Retiree Rally, was held June 5 to the 9<sup>th</sup>  
at KOA Lakeside, 1910 N Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins, CO 80524

What a beautiful place to have a great rally!



With our theme being Colorado History we were able to schedule several very enjoyable sightseeing tours around Old Town Ft. Collins and also four tours with Magic Bus Tours. It was fun to spend some time before or after the tour exploring Old Town on foot. We found lots of restaurants and stores to enjoy.



Richard Price challenged the group with a Colorado history quiz. He displayed some of his great collection of artifacts. Thank you Rich!

*Thank you, Moose Shattuck who invited our group to be his guest and enjoy an informative and fun trolley ride in old town Ft. Collins.*



*Following a pot luck dinner we were entertained with music by Clark Street Music Club*

*Friday morning everyone was invited to join together for breakfast.*

*A special thanks to the Colorado Eagles that helped Carter and Ann prepare breakfast.*



*A special thanks goes to Carl Bird, and Jeff and Shirley Kendle for their help and support.*

## Miniature Golf

### Men

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ted McChesney 41
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jim Knoll 42
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie: with 43  
Dennis Hartman & Chuck Luginbill

### Ladies

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jo Ann Adolf 44
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cathy Hartman 45
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ann Bloomfield 46

## Cribbage

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Jim Knoll
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marilyn Luttrell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie: Lyle Luttrell and Grayson Hartley

## Bo-Lo Horseshoes

### Ladies

- Karen Fleming 52
- Jean Berg 42
- Irene Backes 31

### Men

- Joe Machado 46
- Dennis Hartman 41
- Chuck Luginbill 36

## Bo-Lo Horseshoes Champion Playoff

- Karen Fleming 32
- Joe Machado 25

## Horseshoes

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Turnquist
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gary Campbell
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dennis Hartman
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Robert Stone



**Colorado State Retiree Rally 2018, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
KOA LAKESIDE**



## 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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

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### 2017 EMBERS CUT OFF DATES

**Sep – Oct**

**Sep 1st**

**Nov – Dec**

**Nov 1st**

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, AND PHONE NUMBER)*

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- Volleyball & Jumping pillow
- Bolo & Regular Horseshoes
- Bumper & Paddle Boats
- Chuckwagon—Ends 9/15/2015
- Wading pool—Ends 9/7/2015
- Arcade—Ends 9/15/2015
- Recreation Center—Ends 9/15/2015
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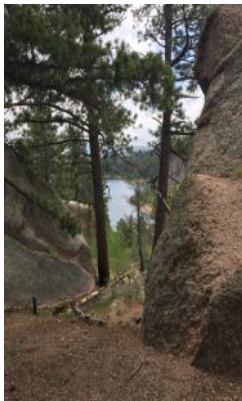
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## DON'T FORGET TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO STATEWIDE

- ✓ Photos for the Photo Contest
- ✓ School Supplies to be donated to Elbert County
- ✓ Can Goods and Non-Perishable Food Items for the Elbert County Food Drive
  - ✓ Rods and Reels for Casting Contest
  - ✓ 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
  - ✓ Fly Fishing Rod for the Fly Fishing Clinic
- ✓ Hats, Gloves, Scarves, winter jackets for all ages to be donated to Elbert County
  - ✓ Bean Bag Toss Boards
- ✓ Each Field Director is to bring one 9x13 pan of brownies or bar cookies or 2-3 dozen cookies.

## CHAPTER NEWS ROCKY EXPLORERS



The Rocky Explorers met for a fun weekend in Woodland Park, near the Rampart Range reservoir. Hosted by Roger and Deb Hardy, we had a great time catching up with each other and enjoying good fun. We had several pets along for the weekend, but Chip (Dillon) was the only pet who posed for a photo!

The Hardy's planned several fun games (who knew you could use a measuring tape in a game, 3 ping pong balls, anybody?)

We made a cookie craft and had fun roasting miniature marshmallows! Thanks to Cheryl Price for making the cookies! We missed you and Rich!

Looking forward to more fun together this summer!

Submitted by: Cindy Kotary







## 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.

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# CHAPTER NEWS

## THE COLUMBINES



With the nice warmer weather the Columbines headed off for some higher altitude camping southwest in Woodland Park. While going on I-25 to Colorado Springs still has its challenges the ride up to Woodland Park after you get off the main highway is really

beautiful. The Diamond RV Park is a nice place. So sad they are no longer be providing group camping. We were able to use the group building at the park for the Columbines pot luck and other meals along with evening games. Mike and Judy Valdez did a great job of providing a wonderful breakfast Saturday morning as the camp group hosts. Given the endless waffles that Mike prepared his new calling might be a short order cook at the local Waffle House.



Thank you to Ron Hakanson for getting name plates made for our Columbine FCRV Display of members. This display will hopefully promote FCRV to others at each campout.

Submitted by: Carol Peterson



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 1 can (16 oz) whole berry cranberry sauce  
 2/3 C. walnut pieces  
 1 apple, chopped

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add enough water to juice to measure 2-1/2 cups; pour into saucepan, bring to boil. Pour over Jello in large bowl and stir till completely dissolved.

Stir in pineapple, cranberry sauce, walnuts and apple. Spoon into 24 paper-lined muffin cups.

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Submitted by: The Rolling Springs



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# CHAPTER NEWS

## PIKES PEAK RAINBOWS

June Campout – Lakeside KOA – Ft Collins,



**BBQ Ribs being served by our Hosts:  
Hobie & Gladeen, Jack & Margie**  
The Hosts also served Breakfast both days!!  
Lots of yummy food

Paul just relaxing  
being “cool”



Meanwhile back at the camp  
men fixing stuff

Ladies took a  
Safari Train Ride  
around the Lake



Nice Shade Tree to get  
out of the heat



## Chicken Enchilada

1 can of Tyson chicken drained  
1 can of cream of chicken soup  
1 can of chopped green chilies with juice  
1 cup sour cream  
Shredded cheese to taste  
1 package corn tortillas torn into pieces

Mix first three ingredients well. Making sure to break up chicken chunks. Add sour cream and cheese. Mix well. Then tear tortillas and mixing chunks in after every few tortillas as torn.

Place in 350 degree oven in covered casserole dish for 1 hour. Top with more cheese and place lid on until melted. Serves 6

Submitted by: Cheryl McCarthy—The Rolling Springs

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# GRANDMOTHER'S APRON



The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath. Because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot woodstove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

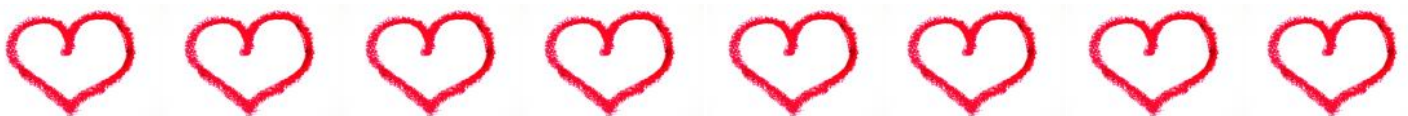
When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to eat.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the windowsill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron but LOVE.

Author: UNKNOWN





# COLORADO RETIREE RALLY



CAMP  
WALK



GAMES



Awards





# COLORADO RETIREE RALLY



SOCIAL TIME



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE  
2018 Colorado State Retiree Rally  
June 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Lakeside KOA, Ft. Collins**

# CALLING ALL YOUTH AND PRETEENS!

## COLORADO OR BUST!

Calling all youth and pre-teens to this year's Statewide. We have exciting activities planned.



We will be stepping back in time and exploring the pioneers, Native Americans and trappers and traders of Colorado's history. You will get to make butter, try your hand at pottery, and many more activities! Feel free to dress in costume for our activities! Dress like a pioneer, trapper or trader or Native American! Also, you won't want to miss our evening of outdoor games! This year we will be playing glow-in-the-dark Capture the Flag! We can't wait to see you!



### ***FAMILY BINGO***

For Statewide this year we are requesting that each person brings a new ADULT Bingo prize between \$7-\$10. Please bring something you would want to win! Do not bring any kids' prizes! We will be providing special Bingo prizes for the kids during Family Bingo! Don't forget we will also be drawing for 1 or more grand prizes! You don't want to miss Family Bingo this year!

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red colored decorator's sugar	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Blend shortening and sugar in bowl.

Stir in flour to make a soft dough.

Put red sugar on waxed paper.

Cut licorice whips into 4 inch lengths.

Use about 1 tablespoon dough and shape into cylinder around licorice.

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# CHAPTER NEWS

## THE CAMP STARS



Since the last time I reported, the Camp Stars have had two really nice campouts, and the Weatherman looked after us with a big smile. In May we went to Horsetooth Reservoir which is a wonderful rustic feeling campground even though it is only a few miles from home as the crow flies. It's like a different world. We were all able to find sites close together right by the lake, and we enjoyed hiking, boating, and the usual sterling conversations and campfires. We took a hike Saturday morning to the brand new visitors' center which is very nice, but it is so new



that most of the exhibits hadn't been set up yet. We look forward to seeing what they put in. On the outdoor patio they have shaded picnic tables and a wonderful view of the lake.

I looked at pictures of our Campfires and they look like the same cast of characters sitting in the same positions.



In June we went to Dowdy Reservoir in the Red Feather Lakes region. This is absolutely one of our favorites. We took several hikes, one around the lake on Friday, and one over the hill to the Westlake on Saturday. Beautiful country. Some of our members got in some serious fishing, and even more serious storytelling.

And then there is the always popular Potluck dinner. As everyone knows, the "F" in FCRV stands for food and there is always plenty to go around (and go around some more).





# CHAPTER NEWS

## THE COLORADO CRUISERS



### The COLORADO CRUISERS MYSTERY WEEKEND!

On June 16-18, Rich and Gaby Usmar, and Abe and Karleen Williams, our hosts, had us all curious about the weekend they had planned. Along with a light supper of 'Cold Dachshunds' that were warmer than their name implies, we were given 'clues'! Groups of 4 signed up for the challenge that would begin Saturday afternoon. We could 'earn' free minutes so that time could be trimmed off our time to 'Escape the Room'! 😊 We had been told the best 'sleuths' would win a mystery prize! The evening was spent catching up and enjoying the company.



Saturday morning Circle The Wagons RV Park cooked up a delicious pancake breakfast for the Cruisers and park guests.

The Escape Room escapades began at noon, with about 45 minutes for each team to complete their challenge and get the key to unlock the room. There were games each team had to complete: Card Matching (two decks!), Hit the Can, Red Cup Pong, Balance Bolts, and Ice Fishing for Marbles with Toes!!! The faster the team completed the games, the better their time, and time is what it was all about!

We had our Meeting at five, followed by our pot-luck. Dinner was a delight – we were treated to HOME-MADE Fried Chicken by Abe Williams – Chef Extraordinaire! PLUS all the side dishes that the Cruisers brought to the table – literally.

After dinner, we were treated to a mini-seminar on tire pressure safety for our various RVs by Arnie Carlsen.

And then, Ta-Da! The fastest three teams won canning jars filled with delightful treats! However, the fastest team was known to all: Harold and Lori Johnson and Arnie and Jane Carlsen. It was a fun game, to be sure. We spent the rest of the evening with our CC friends, reminiscing about other campouts and camp-ventions.

Sunday Breakfast is always a sharing event, but this one was special because it was Father's Day, and we wished all the fathers a happy one. And so, another campout is a sweet memory...

Submitted by: Cheri Loyche





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# CHAPTER NEWS

## THE TRAILBLAZERS



Our third campout of the season was at Chalk Creek Campground near Nathrop, June 19-22. This was our first campout that didn't have assigned "hosts". Everything went surprisingly well, considering all scheduling was by word-of-mouth. The Raus graciously provided shady space near their rig for us to have our Monday evening hors d'oeuvres and Tuesday luncheon.

Tuesday began with a CAMP walk into the nearby "town" of Nathrop. Again, the women were out to get some "real exercise" and push for 10,000 steps on their Fit bits. The men just seemed to enjoy the walk and talk about "old times", coming in a distant second (neither tortoise nor hares among us, no hairs either for that matter).



The kids (three grandchildren) spent most of their time playing in the irrigation ditch next to the campers (3 feet wide by about 1 foot deep). They weren't easily deterred from their escapades by the adult report of having sighted a 3 foot long shark. They even said that they found it! The highlight of their day was the rubber duck and boat races the kids put on. Camping neighbor kids even joined in. Chalk Creek was a raging stream this time of the year so we couldn't let the kids go near it (see photo) except with an adult.

We had a noontime luncheon/meeting on Tuesday--the food was excellent! And no flies!

Chalk Creek CG is sort of two campgrounds in one: you can camp on the upper level with full hookups and very little shade or grass or camp on the lower level (electric only) where you would have very tall cottonwood trees, beautiful green grass, playgrounds and fast moving creek but not really suitable for very large rigs. The lower level is perfect for tents and smaller trailers.

We had a campfire each evening. Tuesday's campfire included a wienie roast along with s'mores. The kids

entertained the "seniors" with asking prepared questions from cards-- the first person to answer received a bag of trail mix provided by the Turners. Most of us received a prize.

The campground management hosted a potluck dinner Wednesday evening for campers and workers. We really enjoyed it! Later in the evening the Hasslers provided coffee and dessert (key lime pie, yum, yum!) at their rig.

Submitted by: Larry Menke



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# CHAPTER NEWS

## SILVER FOXES



Traveling to our Silver Fox June gathering in Canyon City, Gary & Pat Beres, Don & Caroline Jamison, Elbert & Eileen Carter, Billy & Liesa Moore, and Ed & Maria Mannerburg got settled in and met up at the club house the first evening. The next day Bev Schaab & Oscar Quinones and Scott & Peggy Scott join us for a cook out hosted by Pat & Gary Beres.

Mid week we all gathered between the Jamison & Carters rigs for fun conversation and a bean bag tournament between the men & women. The men won, first place for men went to Don Jamison and Caroline Jamison took first for the women. We had two more guests join us for a group lunch and the tournament. Willie Walker & Monica Holdridge. Great to see you both, thanks for joining us. The last full day was left unplanned to allow everyone the chance to do their own thing or nothing.



The night came to an end with an ice cream & pie social at Gary & Pats rig. Everyone enjoyed the peach & cherry pie with ice cream. Time to head home always comes faster than we expect. Before we left we enjoyed a continental breakfast of sweet rolls & orange juice at the Beres rig. This was a low-key and well fed trip. There is a lot to see and do in Canyon City but sometimes it is just good to enjoy people and relaxation and food.



Submitted by: Carin Chambers

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## HI-COUNTRY CAMPERS



We started out our year very sad as we lost Don Keefe. He and Sue were long-time members of FCRV and the HI-Country Campers. We had a couple of home meetings in January and February. March saw four of our campers attending the National Retiree Rally in Canton, TX. Weather was good but a bit of wind going down.



In April we were at Las Delicias and again food was center stage. Then off to Spring Fling and had a great time. In June we were over the divide at James M Robb State Park.



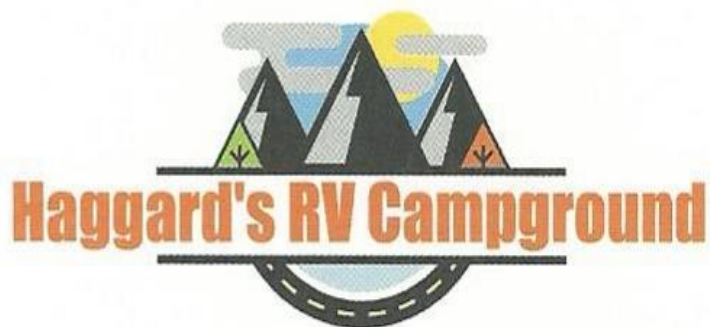
A few went to see the car museum at Gateway along a beautiful Colorado drive on Highway 141.



The area was ever changing. Next month we are at the Ft Collins KOA.



Submitted by: Tom & Cheryl Martinez



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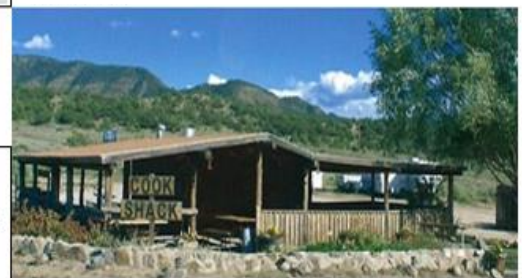


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## ASPEN ADVENTURERS



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Mother Nature cooperated and brought us sunny skies and pleasant evenings. Those that arrived early on Friday headed to one of our favorite restaurants, Sweet Basilico, for dinner and feasted on pizza and salad. After that we headed back into the park and enjoyed sitting around the campfire and visiting. On Saturday, some of us ventured into Estes Park for a day of shopping, taking old time photos, enjoying ice cream and taffy. We enjoyed the Old Time Candy store and reminisced about the days when we could buy a candy bar or a bag of candy for a nickel, dime, or even a quarter. Now that same candy bar costs a couple of dollars. Our next campout we will head to Orville's, formerly Western Ridge for more fun and adventures.



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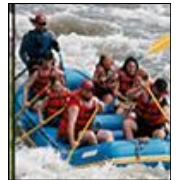
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## COLORADO EAGLES



Our group of intrepid Eagles, all 21 of us plus 4 guests, left Alamosa KOA at 7am for the 50-minute drive to Antonito, and the start of our trip on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Rail Road. We picked up our tickets peruse the Gift Shop until we can board the bus to Chama where the train ride will begin.

When you start from Chama you are going uphill all the way. If you enjoy seeing a steam engine work and smelling the coal smoke, and don't forget the cinders that fly in through the open windows, this is the side to start from. When you board the train, it is like going back in time. The car we rode in was enclosed but you could open the windows. The windows take you

back to school and the windows on the bus; it takes two to squeeze the latches to lower and raise them. There were overhead racks for carry-on's and the brackets that held them were the letters in script of C&TSRR (Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad). Once the train left the station you could walk up to the front to see the engine or walk back through the "snack car" to the gondola car which is open air and no seats but does have sides about 4feet high so you don't fall out.



About noon you reach the top and stop at the old railroad settlement of Osier for lunch. This lunch is included in the price of your ticket and you have a choice of meatloaf dinner, turkey dinner or a full salad bar plus two hot items which vary daily; all with desserts (yes, plural with lots to choose from) and a drink. After an hour to eat and visit it is back on the train. The ride in both directions is unique. The morning is up hill with lots of trees, rocks, trestles and watching them get water for the train from huge water tanks along the way. The trip down to Antonito shows off the large expanse of sage by the acre and the mosquitos really seem to like them too. The mosquitos also enjoy the passengers on the train. I think they have a scout who lets everyone know the "dining car" is coming because I swear every mosquito in the county showed up. One unique thing is an old *maintainers home* by one of the water stops. They have kept it up, as no one lives there anymore, and have painted a bouquet of flowers, a cat, railroad lantern and curtains on the windows. Cute is the only word to define the look.

It has been an enjoyable day on the rails, lots of fresh air, sun screen and bug spray but also a great adventure. Antonito and the end of the ride is in sight. Everyone is ready for the KOA but dinner is first and groups of likeminded folks are headed for whatever restaurant fulfills the dinner wishes.

This trip is a "must" for narrow gauge railroad fans!

Next trip out this week is the **Great Sand Dunes National Park**.

Submitted by: Michael Ireson





# CHAPTER NEWS

## WEEKEND WARRIORS

Colorado late spring/early summer weather can be fickle....The chapter event was planned for 12 – 14 May at Cherry Creek State Park. After a number of beautiful weekends, the weather turned and on Thursday, the area received a blanket of snow and cold. Friday temperatures were projected to be in the 40's and 50's. Members had to do a second look on whether the weekend was salvageable.

On Friday, three couples decided to brave the trip as the outlook for Saturday was "reasonable." Besides, the reservations were in place and the site paid for. It turned out to be a good decision for the brave souls. Saturday was in the 60's and the sun returned. By Saturday noon, no snow remained on the ground in the campground.

The Weekend Warrior campers decided to travel to the nearby Denver Aquarium where they were entertained with sharks, turtles, manta ray.... And mermaids. The crew had a wonderful time and continued camaraderie with a shared Saturday meal back at the State Park.

The June campout is scheduled for Cripple Creek Colorado where a rodeo will be happening as well as a railroad tour/ride through the hills surrounding this gold mine town.

Submitted by Matthew Gogan, Weekend Warriors Vice President



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# CHAPTER NEWS

## WOODLAND WOOKIES



### Never Forget Your Friends

This morning I received an email from a friend in Florida who is going through a tough time. It seemed like a cry for help – I'm not sure – but the words in the email really hit home. At some point in life, they will hold true for all of us.

Never Forget Your Friends. They will become more important as you get older. Really? What about family – aren't they supposed to be the most important? What should a support system really be?

Think about life in general. Kids grow up, take jobs in other cities, and take their families with them. This leaves you to decide how you will continue to spend your life. True friends that you cultivate

along the way are one of the most valuable treasures we shall ever have. There are always there no matter how long it's been since you've seen them or how many miles are in between. True friends don't need to get re-acquainted every time they come together. They just take up where they left off the last time. You know you can share anything with them, there won't be judgement, but rather the blessing of understanding, intervening in your favor and/or being happy for you when something wonderful happens. This is priceless!

In turn, as you keep and maintain your circle of good friends, don't impose your own criteria. Be as good a friend as they are to you. Listen, have a dialogue, work through whatever needs to be. To have this support system of friends, know how to be one.

Camping has proven this!

June Woodland Wookie Camping had an Adventure in Creede, CO and then Moose were seen ATVing!



The "Moosechievious" Wookies have enjoyed Camping at Tarryallonve again in Park" also! Silly hat dinner for the fun of it...Even the pets joined in! Hammocks were used at this outing. It's really tempting when those welcoming hammocks are out there hanging from tree to tree. Plus wildlife in abundance where ever we go!



"Lost

Submitted by: MaryAnn Glover





# CHAPTER NEWS

## THE ROLLING SPRINGS



We find ourselves at Haggards RV in Pueblo West in May. We were welcomed with very friendly management, and nice wide flat sites. We feasted Friday evening at one of our favorite restaurants the Gooseberry Patch. Saturday morning we gathered for our monthly meeting and morning hike around the campground. We split up in the afternoon with several members going to walk at the Pueblo Riverwalk and stopping to dine at a riverside café. While others antique shopped in Florence and still others enjoyed reading and

time to get away from it all at camp. We meet back up in the late afternoon to enjoy happy hour and a BBQ. Yummy! So many good foods to try. We all went away very full and as the saying goes "Happy Campers."

Heading farther south in our travels we will find ourselves in the town of La Veta in June, to one of my personal favorite campgrounds Circle the Wagons. We started the weekend off with going to eat at the newest restaurant the Cowgirls Cantina for farm to table fresh food. They were very welcoming to a rather large group dropping in and served us on the patio. Saturday we were able to stroll downtown to the local grocery store to visit the Soda Fountain and eat refreshing ice cream treats and don't forget walking around town to shop or to go visit the wonderful Museum. The day continued later back at camp with a very competitive scavenger hunt, and Congratulations to the winners, our visitors Steve and Jan. Dinner Saturday evening was Italian food. Momma Mia! Everything was so good.

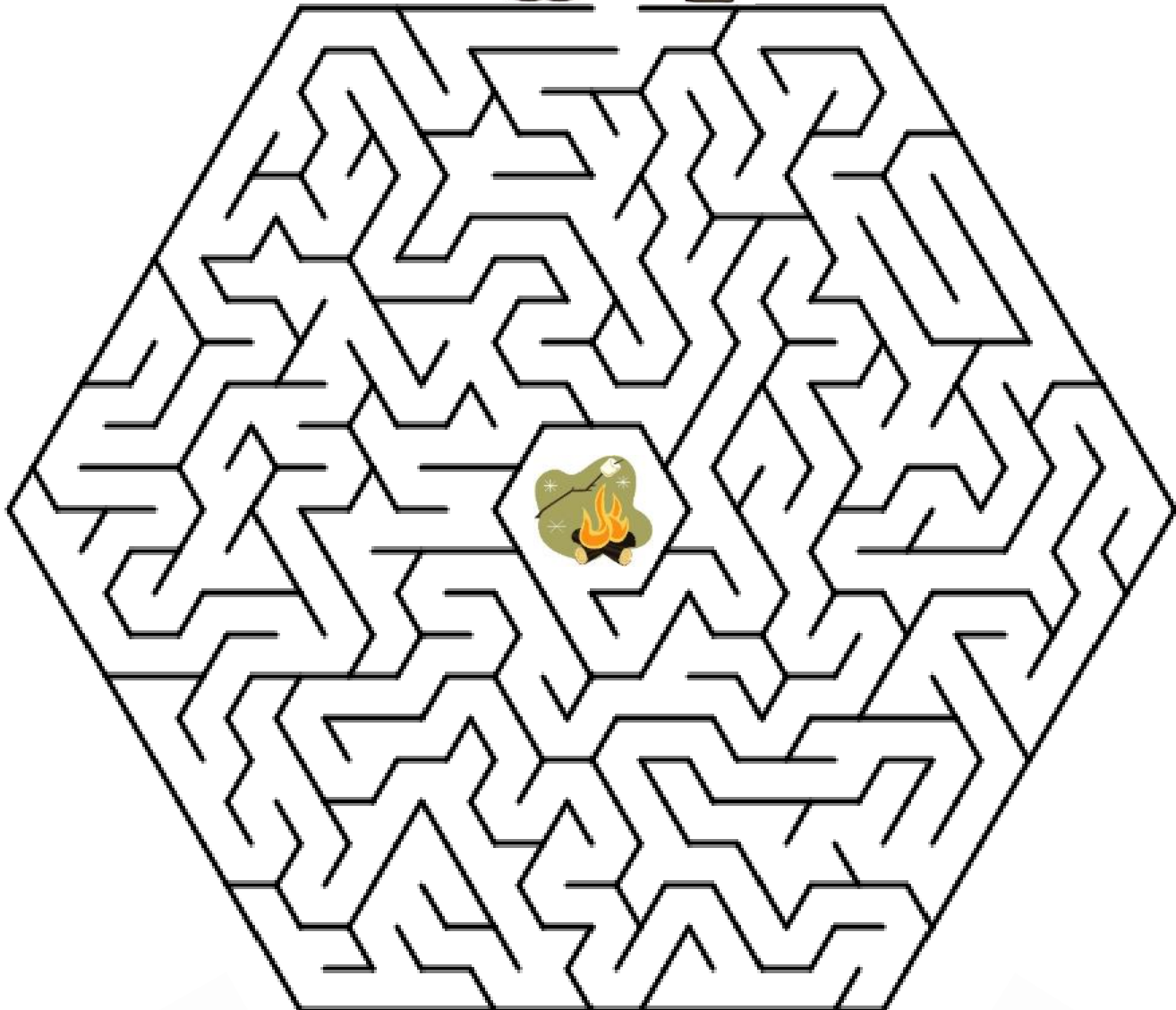
As the heat starts to climb, so do we next month we will be in Elizabeth CO. See you there.

Submitted by: Candy Furnish

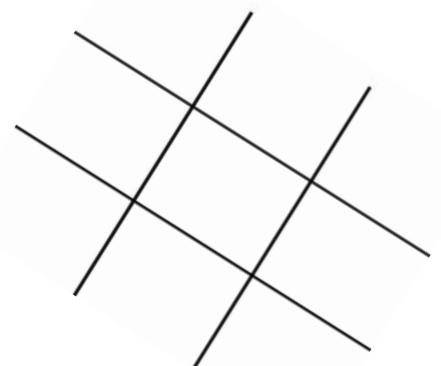
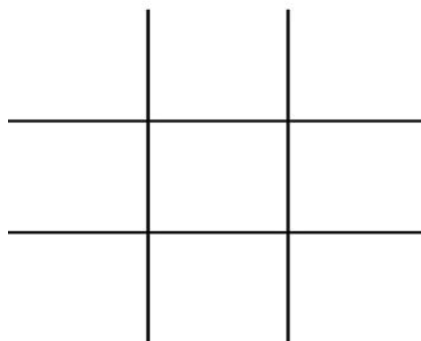
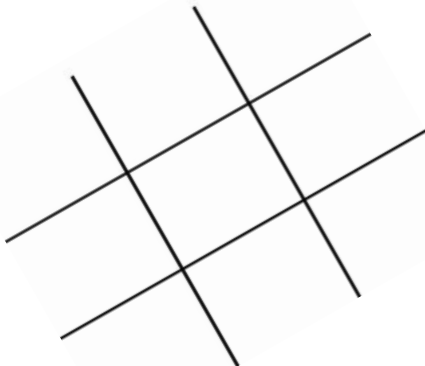


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