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Denver Convention Center

2018 Retiree Luncheon Jan 12th

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2018 Colorado Springs RV Show Feb 8th—10th

Altered Reality
Event Center

General Membership & Chapter Officer Meeting

Feb 10th
Arvada Presbyterian
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Wow! Can't believe the end of 2017 is here. Camping Season, for most of us is over and the rigs and camping gear are now hibernating for a while. The holiday season is upon us, a time to relax and enjoy family, friends and food, of course, and reflect on accomplishments made the past 10-11 months. We are looking forward to the New Year.

For those who have voiced their displeasure of not having RV shows this year – Guess What? We are going to have an FCRV booth at the January show at the Denver Convention Center and there will also be a booth at the February show in Colorado Springs. We got great deals on both shows and

some assistance from National Office to help pay the booth fee. So, when the sign-up sheet for volunteers goes out (very soon), we hope to see your names on it! More to follow on these shows.

Our next "Get Together" will be the planning meeting in February. Please come "energized" with thoughts and ideas for Spring Fling and the Fall campout. We need to get our attendance up, and most of all get members involved and excited about these two outings as these are the only times of the year that all chapters have the opportunity to mingle, exchange ideas and information and get to know each other. Spring Fling and the Fall campout are the only two state activities where the state makes any type of income from other than our Corporate Sponsors and Advertisers. This income is vital if we want to resume the RV shows.

We wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.



REMINDER

2018 Schedules, Member Roster, and Updates to Profiles if needed are due December 31, 2017

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan 4th—6th	NA	Colorado RV Adventure Travel Show	Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, Denver, CO
Jan 12th	11:00 am	Colorado Retiree Luncheon	Cinzzetti's 281 W. 104th, Northglenn, CO (104th & I-25)
Feb 8th—10th	NA	Colorado Springs RV and Outdoor Show	Altered Reality Event Center, 3960 Palmer Park Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 10th	9:00 am	General Membership & Planning Meeting	Arvada Presbyterian Church 5592 Independence St, Arvada, CO
Mar 20th - 25th	N/A	FCRV International Retiree Rally	North Florida Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL
Apr 27th – 29th	9:00 am	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Lakeside KOA, Fort Collins, CO
May 17th - 20th	N/A	Spring Fling	Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, CO
Jun 4th - 8th	N/A	Colorado Retiree Rally	Lakeside KOA, Fort Collins, CO
Jul 9th - 13th	N/A	2018 International Campvention	Meadow Event Center Fairgrounds, Doswell, VA
Aug - TBD	N/A	Statewide	TBD
Sep 17th - 21st	N/A	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA
Sep 21st - 23rd	9:00 am	Field Staff Workshop & Campout	Pueblo South Colorado City KOA
Nov 9th—11th	N/A	FCRV International Veterans Campout	ABC Campground, Branson, MO

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COLORADO SOUTHERN RETIREE RALLY

Rain, rain, go away----or please just rain during the night!! A gentle rain day and night didn't stop us from having a great time during the 2017 FCRV Southern Retiree Rally, at the KOA in Colorado City.

Our theme for this rally was "BOOTS FOR THE DASH", emphasizing living a quality, enjoyable and meaningful life on the dash between our birth and our death as on a tombstone. We were aware of making every minute of our life count by adding to that dash by having a lot of fun and expressing joy during the week's experience.



With 48 retirees in attendance, we started the rally with a fun meal of "Walking Tacos-All the taco fixings in a bag of crushed chips of choice. Every one then enjoyed the get-acquainted time. We were coupled with a person we didn't know very well and then each answered a given question to help get to know that person better.

The rain certainly didn't dampen our spirits--we brought the games indoors: Nerf Guns aimed at a target; Rubber Band Guns;-knocking over empty pop cans; A game called "Left, Right, Center; The Frog Race; Dice game called "Farkel"; and Old favorites like Card Bingo, Polish Poker, Train Game, and Bean Bag Baseball. Karaoke was enjoyed by many who ventured out and lifted their voice in song. Many enjoyed dancing. because Willi taught a class on Line Dancing-101!! With another Line Dancing class next year, the group will be able to go perform on the road!!

The craft this year, taught by Wanda, was to make a Folded Photo Album. It was a challenge, but many beautiful albums were made to take home to show each family represented. They can all be proud of the pictures displayed in these albums!!

The great entertainment for one evening was by the Alan Polilvka Trio. Three men playing and singing music from the 60's,70's and 80's. They played a lot of requests from the audience and many danced to the familiar music.



Bring your own meat to grill was our group potluck with each also bringing a dish to share. We have so many good cooks in our group and the meal was enjoyed by all. We kept an eye on our meat so we got what we brought, and to make sure it was cooked like we wanted it.

It was hard to say "goodbye" at the end of the Rally, but the "Rally Counsel Planning Committee" look forward to seeing you next year, plus many more from our Colorado chapters. You missed a great rally if you did not attend this one.

Submitted by: Wanda and Len Durbin

SOUTHERN COLORADO RETIREE RALLY



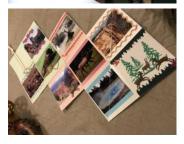






















































MARV & EDITH KRAMER

After the Oct/Nov 2018 Fireside Embers was published, Eugene and Dorothy Bagenstos sent an email to Jeff and Shirley Kendle with some additional information about Marv and Edith Kramer which we felt Colorado members would enjoy reading.

In 1995, Eugene and Dorothy Bagenstos attended a Chapters night. Marv & Edith also attended the Chapters Night along with several other couples. Eugene and Dorothy were in a group not knowing what to expect when Bill & Donna Clark introduced themselves and said that they were forming a new chapter. We were all part of the new chapter and Bill & Donna were the Field Directors.

During one of the first campout meetings, the group decided on the name "Gray Wolves" and Marv & Edith volunteered to come up with a logo. They knew someone who was in the business and he made up two or three logos for the chapter to vote on. He then proceeded to make up the logos and Edith volunteered to make the vests and put the logos on them. Edith continued to make the vests for new members when they joined the chapter. Eugene believes Edith did this until approximately 2012.

In 1996 when the Silver Foxes became a Chapter, Marv and Edith were assigned to be their Field Directors. Marv and Edith still maintained their membership with the Gray Wolves and attended the Gray Wolves meeting and campouts.

After Bill Clark passed away in 2003, Donna resigned from being Field Director of the Gray Wolves and at that time Mary & Edith took over as the Field Director for the Gray Wolves.

Marv and Edith were the Field Director for the Gray Wolves as well as for the Silver Foxes for several years. Later someone was appointed Field Director for the Gray Wolves; a couple of years later they resigned, and once again Marv & Edith became the Field Directors for the Gray Wolves and also was the Field Directors for the Silver Foxes.

About four/ five years ago the Kramers resigned as Field Director of the Gray Wolves. When Marv and Edith sold their camper a year or so ago they became honorary members of the Gray Wolves and continued to attend the meetings.

So, you see the Kramers certainly earned the Citation and the Gray Wolves and those that have known them for all these years are very proud to have had them in our Chapter.

Submitted by: Eugene & Dorothy Bagenstos

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CHAPTER NEWS SILVER FOXES

A year in planning and anticipation for the Annual Albuquerque, N.M. Balloon Fiesta. Approximately five hundred gloriously beautiful balloons participated in this internationally known event. The Silver Fox Chapter has former Hot Air Balloon Pilots and crew members in the group. They had shared the wonders of this festival with us and helped to guide the trip planning to insure we had an unforgettable experience. Only 3 rigs made the trek from Colorado Springs and lucked out to have spots together in a V.I.P. area. It was dry camping but they venue has everything covered to get you through the show.





This year's festival was blessed with favorable weather resulting in most of the events dazzling the crowds. Early morning Dawn Patrol balloons floated over our rigs alerting us to grab our hot coffee and get our chairs settled to watch the balloons engage the BOX.Our former Pilot explained how the balloons catch different wind streams to travel with the goal to come back to the launch field. We had a balloon touch down by our rigs and enjoy a cup of hot coffee. Then with a flash of flame launch back up into the air. Multiple balloons landed so close to us we went to see if we could help.

The Festival has food vendors and fry bread was on an early morning wish list. Albuquerque has delicious food and we couldn't get enough of the Mexican options. Each day we headed out for one of the multiple other things to see and do. The Chinese Lantern festival was spectacular. A tram ride gave us breathtaking views of the city. Some shopping in Old Town. We just scratched the surface of the events and options that this town serves up to the throngs of festival attendees.

The trip was finished off in Santa Fe. Former Silver Fox members now live full time in this equally wonderful place to explore. It has been a favorite destination for our group. Having full hook ups was luxurious. Visiting and relaxing was on this part of our agenda...and...more great food.



Submitted by: Carin Chambers





CHAPTER NEWS STAR CHASERS



It has been a fun camping season. Many of us went to Statewide and had a great time participating in all of the activities held there. Ray McGrady and Dave Watkins played horseshoes and walked away with some First Place Ribbons! Geoff Abbott gave a fly fishing clinic. Several people participated and had some one-on-one instruction on their technique. We had a couple of raffles during Project Sales of a crocheted afghan donated by Charlene Pearson and a handmade birdhouse donated by Dick Kloewer. It was awesome to see so many people reconnecting with friends and enjoying the activities!

In October the Star Chasers held their campout at the KOA in Limon. The hosts Dan & Judy Kimzey and Bill & Denise Leck hosted a campout with a "Western Flair." We had cowboy fondue via Dutch

Oven cooking that weekend. All the food was so delicious! We went on a field trip on Friday

to the Bailey Ranch Saddle Shop & Museum in Simla, CO. What a treat that was. We had a private tour by appointment to see his private collection of over 400 saddles and all kinds of western, pioneer, and rangeland memorabilia. His collection is extensive including some 50's Hollywood star memorabilia, cars, buggies and wagons. Here is the link if you would like to learn more about it: www.baileysaddleshopandmuseum.com. In addition, Duane Sherman, a friend of Dan & Judy Kimzey, came out to show a little bit about his hobby of wood

carving. He showed us examples of his work and explained about the work and tools required to start your on hobby of wood carving. It was an amazing weekend.

Now we are looking forward to our winter meetings, Christmas party and working on our camping schedule for the next year. It never seems to end, and we don't want it to! Happy camping and be safe until we meet again!











CHAPTER NEWS THE CAMP STARS



It has been a very busy two months for the Camp Stars. In September the group had a campout at Mueller State Park. Unfortunately several couples were out of town, and one couple had a medical issue that prevented them from attending, but those who did make it had a great time. It marked the return of the Jansens for a visit from their foreign lives in Florida, and I also understand that a trip to Cripple Creek may have occurred. All that plus beautiful scenery to boot.

Then came October with our nearly annual year-end trip. This year we took a 2 ½ week trip to Utah to

experience the five National Parks there, plus some related activities that we don't get to do just everyday. There was hiking and sightseeing in Arches National Park, Dead Horse Canyon State Park, Canyonlands National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Bryce National Park, and Zion National Park. Along the way we were able to also take a sunset jet boat ride on the Colorado River (followed by a "cowboy" dinner), and a sunset Humvee ride in the slickrock hills near Moab. As one who suffers from fear of heights, I can tell you that we looked over more deep canyon rims and dove down more steep rocks than I could have imagined. The hiking opportunities were plentiful, and once again Mother Nature smiled on us with abundant sunshine. We were all probably worn out by the end.



Pictures are worth a thousand words.

Submitted by: Larry Scott















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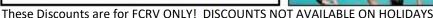
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Now is your chance to help Colorado FCRV grow. We will be looking for volunteers shortly to man the booths at both locations. Shirley and Jeff Kendle will schedule volunteers for the Denver show and Ron & Heddy Servant will schedule volunteers for the Colorado Springs show. Do not contact them directly as emails will go out to all chapters requesting volunteers.

If we are successful with "RECRUITING" and "RETAINING" new members, we will look at going back in 2019.





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CHAPTER NEWS THE TRAILBLAZERS



Colorado Springs Trailblazers headed to Buena Vista Mt. Princeton Campground for their last campout of the season at the beginning of October. The drive to the campground was a windy one, but the aspen and cottonwood colors were spectacular along the way! One of our traditions is to walk (or drive) to Labeck's bakery in the downtown area for their tasty pastries. I think that those of us who walked felt we were more justified in eating the hundreds of calories consumed. Labeck's is an old, established part of Buena Vista.

Some folks went "leaf peeping", some took the drive to overlook the valley, some went exploring up the pass, but all had a good time and gathered together for potluck dinners or breakfasts. Those of us who stayed an extra day enjoyed each other's company at Quincy's for dinner. We are sad the season has come to an end, but are excited to hibernate for a while and gear up next April!!

Submitted by: Vicki Patterson







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Edd Dimock, passed away on September 6, 2017, Colorado **Eagles and Outlaws**

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Vicki Brunner passed away on October 31, 2017, Oops

Howard Ray Morris passed away October 28, 2017, Colorado Eagles and Rambl'n Rec's.

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CHAPTER NEWS ASPEN ADVENTURERS

The 2017 camping season has come to an end. As we reflect back over the past year, the Aspen Adventurers have made a lot of memories.

Our last campout of the season was at Boyd Lake State Park with the kids Trick or Treating between the campers, a pumpkin carving contest, and our annual wrapped gift raffle.

As we dream of warmer weather, we look

forward to the upcoming holiday season beginning with dinner at the White Fence Farm in November and our annual Christmas Party in December along with lots of food, games, and a gift exchange. Aspen Adventurers wish Colorado FCRV chapters and members a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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CHAPTER NEWS THE ROADRUNNERS

The Roadrunner adventures of 2017 are about to come to a close, but not without some very fun and memorable moments shared together.

There was no better way to start out the year than with a visit to a Denver, must-see tourist destination—Casa Bonita. Most of the group had not been there in years and found the 30- foot-tall waterfall and cliff divers to still be the main attractions, plus it's always an experience to have food served in an assembly line! Next, came an awesome tour and lunch at the Breckenridge Brewery—sampling their award-winning brews was the best part of the tour. In March, the group enjoyed lunch together at Breadwinners (an Arvada eatery owned by the son of chapter members). Camping started in May and the group stayed closer to home this season. It truly is about the fellowship and making memories and not about the distance or locations!

The Roadrunners ventured off to the KOAs in Central City and Colorado City, Casey's Hideaway in Elizabeth (a substitute destination for another RV park that erroneously cancelled our group reservation at a very late date), Glen Echo in Poudre Canyon, Aspen Acres in Rye, and Riverview in Loveland. The best moments of these events and camp outs are captured in the photos below!

Sadly, we lost one of our members, Bob Bassett, in August. We will miss his gentle soul and kindness and hope Cheryl continues to be part of our group. The Roadrunners now end 2017 by celebrating together at our Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. More good times are already planned and in store for 2018!!

Submitted by: Connie Davidson



A brewery tour--the best way to get most of the members out to an event!!



Fall beanbag baseball playoff series at Riverview. Can you spot that one very competitive Roadrunner, again??



A very competitive Roadrunner sliding into home during bean bag baseball at Glen Echo.



Big kids playing while little kid in the background patiently waits for a turn on playground equipment at Glen Echo.



Sunday goodbyes at Glen Echo on an August chilly morning.



It's Fall and chili time at Riverview!



The "soup" line and chow hall at Riverview.



And our camping season comes to a close at Riverview in October.

CHAPTER NEWS THE WEEKEND WARRIORS



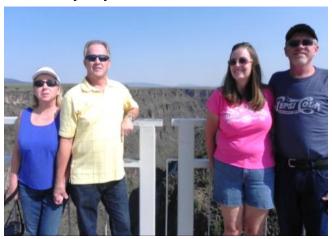
The Weekend Warriors strayed into northern New Mexico for our September campout and we were welcomed by the Taos Monte Bello RV Park. Wonderful hosts, and so much to do in this artsy, historical area. One of our day trips was a visit to the Chimayo "dirt church", the Santuario de Chimayo, which is visited by thousands of people every year to pray and take a bit of the "sand" from a hole behind the main alter, which miraculously refills itself as the sand is removed for its magical and curative powers. The local vendors are amusing and friendly, and lunch at a locally owned restaurant was delicious.

The RV park is just outside the town of Taos, and the narrow winding streets are resplendent with shops, galleries, restaurants, and museums. Allow more than a day to explore it all. Our group found more than enough to do, and still allowed time to get together on Saturday night in the well-lit and protected outdoor pavilion for our Peruvian-themed potluck dinner and business meeting. The surrounding mountains provided a beautiful sunset



In October, we traveled to LaVeta, CO for our annual trek to the Octoberfest, which is held the first weekend of October. The Circle the Wagons RV Park has been our host for many years now, and even though they have been sold, Jay and Denny have made the annual visit a pleasure, with promises that the new owners will continue. We visited the Dog Bar and grill in Cucharra, and then spent the day immersed in the German atmosphere of Octoberfest, with vendors, car show, rummage sales, and our fall festival-themed potluck in RV community room. Great food, games after dinner, and great camaraderie with our Weekend Warrior members. Always filled with fun and making new memories.

Submitted by: Kay Poland





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CHAPTER NEWS THE ROLLING SPRINGS



September in Colorado is one of the most beautiful times of the year. The Rolling Springs continue their travels and landed in Buena Vista with mild weather and sunshine. Saturday morning found us getting together for morning pastries and coffee, etc., then we were off to the Turner Apple farm to enjoy the Apple pie tasting, fresh cider, tours of the farm and picking a few fresh veggies out of the garden and learning about Victorian/"Victoria dress Secrets" for women. Buena Vista offers shopping down town, lots of great restaurants, and a walking bridge over the river. In the evening we



had a good old fashioned potluck. Afterwards we had our monthly meeting and a game of polish poker. Next month we will continue our flight south, to Pueblo South KOA.



October is a reminder of life's cycles. With very sad hearts we had to say goodbye to one of our newest members as he passed away on Oct. 2 while traveling with his wife in Paris. Life also brings with it weather cycles, warm one day and the next cold wind and even possible snow. As our camping season winds down and we shift our thoughts to the warm inside and the upcoming holidays, we enjoyed our last campout bonding over meals, games and laughter and sadness but most of all just being together. The cycle goes on, we would like to welcome new members and Skippy to our Rolling Springs family also.

Submitted by: Candy Furnish









- 1. Santa Pause!
- 2. A COWculator!
- 3. Because it's Decemberrrrrr!
- The elf-abet!
- 5. Jolly Ranchers!
- 6. A cookie sheet!
- 7. Santa Claus rolling down a hill!
- 8. A puddle!
- 9. Rude-olph!
- 10. Snow!
- 11. Do you smell carrots?
- 12. Snowflakes!
- 13. A pen-quin!
- 14. A snowball!
- 15. Because of all the wrapping!
- 16. Santa walking backwards!



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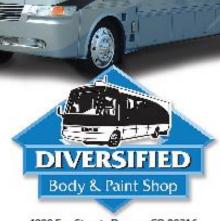


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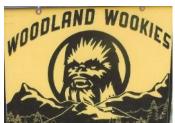








CHAPTER NEWS WOODLAND WOOKIES



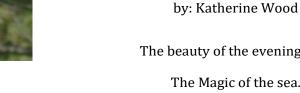
The Woodland Wookies September campout was in Elbert at a private Buffalo Ranch! In October the Wookies went to Tarryall!



The poem below touched my heart and totally made me think of our camping trips. I came across this very old and yellowed newspaper clippingon my 88-year-old Mother in Laws desk. It made me tear up.









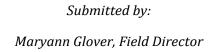


The beauty of the evening star,

"Glorious Golden West"

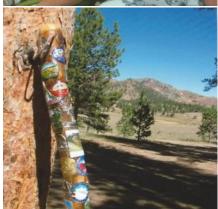
The Magic of the sea. The grandeur of the mountains tall, Enthrall, enrapture me! I know the wonder of the rose. The spicy pine tree air; The Rolling sweep of prairie wide, Wildflowers sweet and fair. All these belong to the Golden West. The sagebrush, tumbleweed, sand.

Canons, cactus, deep ravines, And the lazy Rio Grande. All God's creation is wonderful. Mankind is truly blessed, But the place on earth That is Heaven to me



Is the Glorious Golden West.







CHAPTER NEWS



We had a good time this year. We started out with a few home meetings during the cold months and enjoyed the Retiree Luncheon. A few of us attended the

Retiree Rally in Canton, TX.

We did some traveling around the area, museums, the rose garden, wow. We met a number of nice campers.

We followed that up with a few of us traveling to Brush for Spring Fling.



The next outing took us over the divide to James M Robb State Park, very nice place along the Colorado River. Bob Mitchell suggested we take ride on Highway 141, well worth the drive. Several campers visited the Gateway Auto Museum and had a wonderful time. We then made camping trips to

Manor RV in Estes Park followed by Statewide and Garden of the Gods RV Park in Colorado Springs.

We made a visit to the cliff dwellings.

Officers were installed during our last meeting. We are now looking forward to our Christmas party. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Submitted by: Tom & Cheryl Martinez









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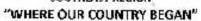


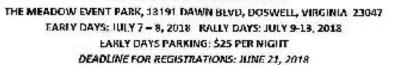
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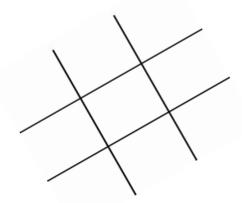
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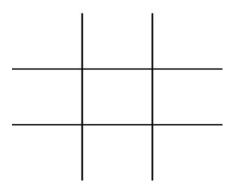
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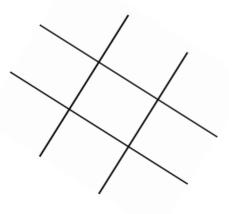
- 1. What do you call Santa Claus when he doesn't move?
- 2. What did the cow get for Christmas?
- 3. Why is it always cold at Christmas?
- 4. What do elves learn in school?
- 5. What's Santa's favorite candy?
- 6. What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?
- 7. What's red and white, red and white, and red and white?
- 8. What do you call a snowman in the summer?
- 9. Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?
- 10. What falls but never gets hurt?
- 11. What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
- 12. What do snowman eat for breakfast?
- 13. What kind of bird can write?
- 14. What kind of ball doesn't bounce?
- 15. Why do mummies like Christmas so much?
- 16. What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh?"





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