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# From the President - Shari Weber



Happy Easter! Once we celebrate Easter we are ready for warm weather, flowers and camping! At least that is the case for us northerners. Those of you in the south are saying farewell to the winter snowbirds and getting back to using those campgrounds that have been full all winter. Everyone is ready to

enjoy some camping.

## Spring Break

Dave & Linda Hennie and Dal & Barb Dodson put on a great rally in Tallahassee. Everyone had a great "Spring Break" complete with a beach party. There was a wet t-shirt contest, sand volley ball and Nascar races. There was loads of fun all week long. Thanks to Hennie's & Dodson's and their team. Congratulations to the new Retiree King & Queen, Billy & Penny Ramlow from North Carolina.

## Election

Ballots have been emailed and snail mailed. The deadline to cast your ballot is April 15<sup>th</sup>. At midnight on that date the website you were directed to cast your vote will become unavailable. Your snail mail ballot must be postmarked on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> to be valid. If you have any questions or concerns about the election please direct them to Pat or Carl at the national office 716.668.6242.

## Awards

Hopefully you have someone in mind who should receive an award for their work in FCRV. The different types of awards available and the forms for making the nomination can be found at [fcrv.org](http://fcrv.org). Sue Carlsen, our Awards Coordinator is receiving nominations until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Welcome mat

How does a new member feel when they camp with your chapter? Making them feel welcome involves making sure they participate in activities. Remember, they do not know how things are done and therefore need help. Often it is necessary to ask them to join an activity. Is your chapter open to the new ideas new members bring? Trying things a new way can be a little scary but can revitalize enthusiasm for an activity. The following phrases cause negative energy. They make the person hearing them lose interest. "We have never done it that way before."

"This is how we have always done it." "We tried that, it didn't work." As we invite and bring in new members we also need to be open to their new ideas.

## Logo

A new marketing logo has been launched for FCRV. You will find it on the cover of this magazine and have seen it in use beside the one we have been using since 1993. We will continue to use both images until supply with the 1993 image has been depleted. As new items are ordered they will have the new logo. The new image is intended to open discussion. It uses the letters FCRV with the words International Camping Club. This is intended to help open conversation about us. People will ask, "What is FCRV?" This then opens an opportunity for you to share your story about camping with FCRV. A campfire and a tree are also used in the new logo to emphasize our outdoor spirit and emphasis on wild-life and conservation.

There are name badges available through Karen's Embroidery and The Sign Man. Both are commercial vendors and contact information can be found at [fcrv.org](http://fcrv.org). Watch the website for additional logo items as they become available. We have also finally found a flag vendor who makes flags at a reasonable price. Please contact Scott Serbousek, Vice President Planning & Development at [FCRVPlanDevelopmentVP@outlook.com](mailto:FCRVPlanDevelopmentVP@outlook.com) to obtain information on flags.

## Where it all Began

This is the theme for this year's campvention beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> in Doswell VA. The campvention team headed by Marjory & Don Bates, Ron & Reba Ray and Gerry & Betty Owens are working very hard to provide a fun and exciting campvention for us. Check out the articles with information about events at campvention elsewhere in this magazine. If you haven't registered, there is plenty of time yet to pre-register. If for some reason you are unable to pre-register come anyway. You will be welcomed. See you in Doswell.

Until the next campfire,

Shari







# Campvention 2018

July 9 - 13, 2018

The Meadow Event Park

Doswell, Virginia



## Confirmation Packets

Confirmation packets for  
Campvention 2018 will go out in  
May.

## Campvention 2018

WOW!!! Only three and a half months to the 2018 National Campvention of Family Campers and RVers. So make your reservations and come join us at THE MEADOW EVENT PARK in Doswell, VA.

We will be having someone from the tourism board to be there for your early days to help you find the right place to go and visit and tell you the best way to get there. Just down the road is Washington, D.C., Jamestown, Yorktown, Battlefields and some other historical places. Right down the road about a mile or so is the King Dominion Amusement park for your youths and teens and for the older teenagers. On down the road a little farther is Busch Gardens Amusement Park within a driving distance. So there are lots to do and see in that area.

As Co-Chairs for this rally, we hope to see many of you there. We are looking forward to a great time in hosting this rally.

Remember, make your reservations soon!  
Ron & Reba Ray  
Co-Chairmen for FCRV 2018 Campvention

## MARKETPLACE 2018 DOSWELL, VA CHAPTER SALES/FLEA SALES/ CRAFT SALES



Market Place will be held on Thursday July 12th  
Time: 9:00 till 11:00 AM

Vendors setup will be available at 7:30 AM July 12th.  
Application for tables will be available  
at Campvention

Fee is \$10.00 for a single table.

Each additional table needed will be \$5.00 per table

**No fee will be charge if Sales are Chapter projects.**

If you have any questions or requests contact:

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## REMINDER: SCRAP- BOOKS AND PHOTO BOOKS



## CONTESTS SUSPENDED FOR 2018

Due to low participation in the last few years, the Chapter Scrapbooks Contest and the State/Provincial Photo Book Contests have been suspended for 2018.

If your chapter has participated in the Scrapbooks or the State/Provincial Photo Books over the years, we need your input and the input of any member who feels strongly about the scrapbooks or photo books one way or the other. If you feel that the Scrapbooks are a thing of the past and do not want to see them continue next year, please email us and let us know

your opinion - whether yes, keep it going, or no, to discontinue them.

The same goes with the State/Provincial Photo Book contest. It just started 3 years ago, and really never got off to a good start. The participation, although voted upon by the Executive Board to start this contest, never materialized.

The Board of Trustees depends on your feedback for both contests to make the proper decision come next January.

We hope to hear from you

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## **CPR/First Aid Class at 2018 Campvention**

Our National DSAT Director has been following up suggestions from the CPR seminars held in Lima, Ohio last summer. He has found an instructor certified through the American Heart Association that is willing to conduct classes in CPR and First Aid for us in Doswell, VA.

The cost is \$40.00 per person for CPR class, and the First Aid class is \$10.00 for a total of \$50.00 per person. It is recommended that everyone takes both classes together as they go hand in hand. This is a very intense training showcasing all of the new methods for both CPR and First Aid. The minimum is 5 students

Once the participants have finished both and passed, they will receive a Certificate of Completion which is good for two years. There is no written test for this certification.

This CPR training is recognized as more accurate because the American Red Cross has not been keeping up with the new methods and updates established by doctors in the heart field of medicine.

In order to schedule CPR class in Doswell, VA, the Campvention Committee needs to get a feel from our members how many want and are willing to pay for classes. If there is adequate interest, we will have class or classes in the Campvention Schedule.

If you are interested in taking these classes at the cost of \$50.00, please respond. If there is enough interest, there will be a pre-registration form in the May issue of Camping Today.

Contact any of the following: [Owensfcrv@aol.com](mailto:Owensfcrv@aol.com), [reba256@yahoo.com](mailto:reba256@yahoo.com), or [mbates13@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbates13@bellsouth.net).

## **Golf Cart Applications**



Found elsewhere in this issue

Deadline June 15, 2018

## **Volunteer Opportunities at 2018 FCRV Campvention**

The following committees may need volunteers at the 2018 Campvention: Adult Games, Adult Center, Information Booth, Parking, Security, Door Prizes, Wildlife and Conservation.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marjory Bates, [mbates13@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbates13@bellsouth.net); Reba Ray, [reba256@yahoo.com](mailto:reba256@yahoo.com); or Gerry Owens, [owensfcrv@aol.com](mailto:owensfcrv@aol.com)

## **Wildlife Grants**



Remember to get your Wildlife Grant requests into me by June 5. You need to mail them to me with the appropriate documentation. You will find the form on the FCRV website. Plus you need support material and letter from the facility you are requesting the grant for.

Remember that the Grant must be for the protection of wildlife through education, providing habitat, etc.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Joanie Stone  
National Wildlife Director

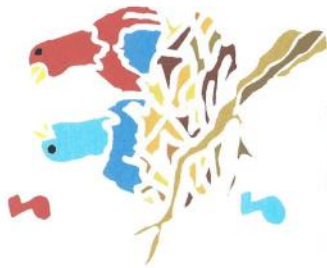
**Information on the Photo contest and building a birdhouse contest is on the next page.**

## Take a Walk on the Wild Side

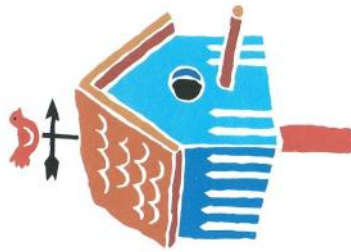
Joanie Stone,  
National Wildlife Director

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

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



## Build-A-Bird House Contest



*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

## 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 2017 – June 2018)

*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:*

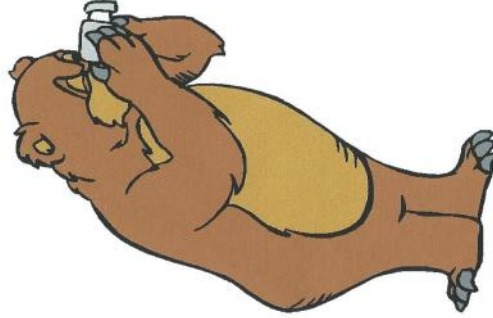
- Your name
- When and where the picture was taken
- Age group for submission.
- If the photo is entered in the two youth group categories, please state the age of the photographer.

*Age Groups and Prizes*

Youth	Ages 7 – 13	\$15 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.





## REMINDER - QUILT AND PAINTINGS RAFFLES

**TICKETS FOR THE QUILT/AFGHAN AND PAINTINGS RAFFLES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OUR BOOTH IN THE COMMERCIAL AREA AT CAMPVENTION IN JULY.** However, Quilt and Afghan raffle tickets and Paintings raffle tickets are still available by mail if you do not plan on attending Campvention. Remember, you do not have to be present to win. This beautiful Queen Size Quilt encompasses all of NCHA/FCRV's Campventions including 1960-2018 patches, plus our old and new insignia and several National Program patches. Obtain your tickets and you can be the owner of this unique and once in a lifetime history of our camping organization. Also, the Paintings raffle will be handled in the same manner.

Please refer to the Quilt and Paintings articles in the December 2017 CAMPING TODAY on the price of the raffle tickets, the information we need from you to obtain your tickets, and our email address to send your information. Also, in this issue of CAMPING TODAY are pictures of the pillow shams that will be included with the Quilt, which is pictured on the front of the magazine.

To order Quilt and Afghan tickets by mail, we need the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets you wish to purchase for Quilt/Afghan:

1 ticket                      \$2.00

Multiple tickets            \$10.00 (arms' length, finger tip to finger tip)

\_\_\_\_\_ inches for correct number of tickets

OR, to order Paintings tickets by mail, we need the same information, and state for Paintings.

Send check to us payable to 2018 FCRV Campvention (and mark check in memo space "Quilt/Painting Fund" accordingly). Your tickets will be sent to you upon receipt of your check. **DEADLINE TO ORDER BY MAIL IS JUNE 15, 2018.**

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## FCRV STATE/PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST 2018

All State/Province Organizations who publish a newsletter are eligible to enter. It is hoped that many editors of State/Provincial newsletters will submit an entry.

Newsletters will be judged on appearance and interest (30 points), and information and content (70 points) Information and content includes news and future dates of state/province and national activities as well as chapter news. Chapter news is not just the chapter minutes. Report national, state, chapter and member activities such as competitions, games, humor, shows, and travel stories. Include messages from the president and state/provincial director. Use of some pictures is good. As in any publication, spelling and grammar are important.

Please be sure your entry is the newsletter exactly as it is always sent to your members. Please do not prepare a "special edition" with color photographs, color fonts, etc. Also, do not put into special folders. We want the newsletter just the way you send it out. **Send three copies before June 9, 2018 to Melvin Coy, 447 Hollybrook Dr, New Whiteland, IN 46184-1311.**

### RULES AND REGULATIONS for National State/Provincial Newsletter Contest:

Newsletters of all State or Province Family Campers and RVers organizations will be eligible. State/Province name must be on the newsletter masthead. FAMILY CAMPERS and RVers must also appear on the masthead in words or logo.

2. Newsletter must be published on a regular schedule - monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly to qualify. Publication information must be in or attached to the newsletter.

Entry will be the most recent publication at deadline (i.e. April, May or June, depending on the frequency of publication). NOTE: This must be a regular issue as mailed to all members or subscribers.

4. Newsletters should conform to any of these formats and sizes:

- a) 8 ½" x 11" booklet (21.5cm x 28cm)
- b) 8 ½" x 14" half-fold bulletin, or
- c) Tabloid, like FCRV Camping Today

5. The completed Entry Form must be verified by the State Director with State Director's signature and date and sent to the Newsletter Contest Coordinator **by June 9, 2018.**

6. THREE copies of the newsletter must accompany the Entry Form.

**Entry form must be submitted to the National Newsletter Contest Coordinator before June 9, 2018.**

7. There shall be three non-partisan judges

**ENTRY FORM FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE**





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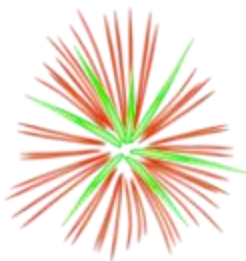
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The completed Entry Form must be verified by the Field Director with Field Director's signature and date, so be sure to complete the form before submitting.

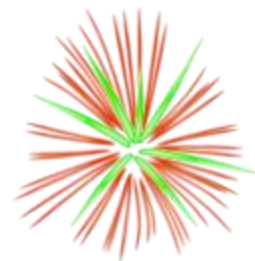
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***Be sure to VOTE in the FCRV  
election by APRIL 15***





# Retiree Rally 2018

Tallahassee, FL

March 20 - 25, 2018

## Wrapup

### FCRV RETIREES ENJOY 'SPRING BREAK'



**Linda & Dave Hennie, Reba & Ron Ray, and Barb & Dal Dodson cut the ribbon**

Approximately 300 people (244 Units, a few camp passes) who likely couldn't go on a spring break in their younger days attended Family Campers & RVers 2018 Retiree Rally at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee, Florida, March 20-25. Early rains and cool mornings gave way to pleasant weather for 'beach activities' such as flamingo races, flip flop decorating, beach blanket bingo, and an afternoon beach party. Chairmen for the 47<sup>th</sup> annual winter rally were Dave and Linda Hennie assisted by Dallas and Barbara Dodson, FCRV Retiree Directors, Ron and Reba Ray. Forty committees handled various jobs and activities.

A Monday evening party with root beer floats welcomed everyone including the 44 first timers. The full schedule began Tuesday morning. The day included a first timers meeting, android smart phone seminar, Easter egg necklace craft, veterans meeting, flamingo races (they looked a lot like frogs) and opening ceremonies. Following the posting of the flags, invocation and National Anthems the ribbon was cut by Rays assisted by Dodsons and Hennies. On stage were Trustees, Jan Cushing, Sue Carlsen, Sue Fromholzer, George Walters, Jack Smye, and Shari Weber. Welcomes were given by Chairmen, Dave and Linda Hennie, President, Shari Weber, and N. Florida Fairgrounds Manager, Kim Scherer who surprised everyone by leading the song, "Do Lord."



**Past Kings & Queens attending**



Past International Retiree Kings and Queens on hand were introduced by Coordinators Ronald and Jo Hersom (2011, including Peter & Jane Brown 1997, Leon & LaNelle Ishmael 2012, Tommy & Alice Garner 2013, Dick and Kathy Buresh 2014, Emil & Millie Pauwels 2015, and Dallas & Barbara Dodson 2016. Current King & Queen, Robert & Carolyn DeShone were unable to attend. Also introduced were this year's candidates, Bill & Penny Ramlow, NC and Cheryl & Roger Descoteaux, SC. Not competing were Jim and Janet Staher, NE.

Four men dressed in black suits quietly entered the back of the hall shaking hands with audience members and made their way to a stage full of authentic instruments to be introduced by Entertainment Chairman, George Walters and with that, Liverpool Live reincarnated the Beatles. It was an enjoyable trip to the past starting in 1964 with accurate renditions of the early hits working their



**Liverpool Live was true to the Beatles music.**

way into the late 60's 'Sergeant Pepper' days and ending up in the 70's (with 3 costume changes). The audience sang along on many songs and enjoyed the group's interaction as they ventured off the stage. During intermission, the group posed for pictures with audience members while beach balls bounced about. The Orlando based entertainers were given a well deserved and enthusiastic standing ovation.



**Flip flop  
decorating**

Wednesday was a busy day with a Trustee Candidate Forum, pet parade, card bingo, hill-billy golf, regular golf, North Carolina Hospitality, South Carolina Hospitality, and a craft session for decorating flip flops. Daily activities included morning devotions, exercise / walking, food bank, and breakfast / lunch courtyard.

The evening entertainment by Branson's Ron and Kay Rivoli gave RVers much to identify with in their parody songs about debris on the highway, the blue sewer hose, and Walmart. They paid tribute to veterans by doing the song for each branch of service, and reminisced, often with humor, about family. Their patriotic numbers were inspiring. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the show and Rivolis again displayed why they are favorites at large RV rallies.



**Kay & Ron Rivoli know  
what RVers like**

Thursday was another full schedule with group pictures, hard hat lunch, seminars on water treatment and holding tanks, line dancing lessons, origami wallet craft, full Timers meeting, choir practice, chicken foot, bean bag toss, washer toss, and a catered bbq dinner.

At 7 p.m. sharp the annual memorial service, led by Chaplain Harold Braley began. Linda Hennie read the names of the 92 members who passed away since last year's rally. Taps was played at the end of the list The FCRV Choir, led by George Walters, integrated 3 hymns and ended with "Blessed Assurance."

The FCRV Retiree Variety Show provided the evening's entertainment. Directors were Jack Smye and George Walters. The FCRV Choir provided a smooth transition with the first song, "Let There Be Peace on



**Beth Standiford led the  
variety show finale'**

Earth." George Walters, FL, began the trend of audience participation as he sang "Sweet Caroline." Next Jim Turner, FL, presented a serious story about feelings. Guy Dean, SC, sang a couple numbers, Gloria and Phil Steinberg, NY, told some pirate jokes and Kip Cushing, WI, vocalized to background music. Beth Standiford, MD did a patriotic reading and song followed by Horst and Joanne, WI, doing accordion and sax numbers accompanied on one by George Walters. Bill Stirewalt, NC, had the audience in stitches with his funny stories and Kathy Buresh, TX, led a line dance. Singer, Ashley Taylor, NC, did his famous "Old Man River" and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and it wouldn't be an FCRV show without Jack Smye, ONT, singing a moving version of "Danny Boy." For a finale' all the performers joined Beth Standiford on stage as she led the group and the audience in "God Bless America." Stage Hands Melvin Fitzpatrick and Johnny

Cumbel helped keep the entertainment moving along. The evening ended with the drawing of several door prizes.

Friday started with a continental breakfast and presentation by SkyMed. Other activities were the Red Hat lunch, and 2018 pre-campvention Travalong seminar. Highlight of the week was the 2 hour afternoon fun for all beach party which featured a wet t-shirt contest (by the guys), frisby, hula hoops, volleyball, wading pool, flip flop show, 'NASCAR' races and head through the hole picture panels, etc.

Refreshment followed with the ice cream social where the ballots were collected for the king and queen competition. This was followed by the National retiree meeting where Ron and Reba Ray announced that Dothan Alabama's Peanut Festival Grounds are being considered for the 2020 Retiree Rally. A preview of



**Volleyball was part of the  
'Beach Party.'**



the National Campvention, July 9-13 in Doswell, VA was given and everyone was urged to register for the 2019 Retiree Rally, March 19-24 at Houma, Louisiana.



**Tommy, Jo & Kids  
had the place rockin'.**

Before the entertainment Friday evening a drawing for a \$500 Adventure Caravan went to Judy Elleburg of TX who chose the Albuquerque Balloon Festival. Ron Braley conducted a 50/50 drawing to benefit the Florida Veterans Foundation. \$346 was raised. Marla Mantia, FL won half.

Tommy & Jo Hendricks and their 7 energetic kids had the audience singing and dancing along to the music of the '50s and '60s. The excellent show fit in perfectly with the rally's beach party theme. More door prizes were drawn.

Activities abounded again on Saturday with a bike trail ride headed by Bill Stirewalt, campers' flea market, an intense bean bag baseball tournament, and a catered dinner. The main event was the crowning of FCRV's International Retiree King and Queen for 2018. They are Bill and Penny Ramlow of North Carolina. First Runners-up are Cheryl and Roger Descoteaux of South Carolina. Full Timers Chapter hosted the reception.

Sunday began with the Non-Denominational Church service by Chaplain Braley and the choir. The rally staff enjoyed a thank you luncheon. After announcements and appreciation awards, the game awards were presented by Bill and Margaret Alderman.



**Full Timers hosted  
the K&Q Reception**



**Ashley & Gloria  
Taylor have  
chaired Food Bank  
for 16 years.**

Ashley and Gloria Taylor reported that members donated 115 lap robes. They will be distributed to the VA, Lighthouse Children's Home, Miracle Hill Nursing Home, and Pregnancy Resource & Health Center. The auctioned lap robe was won by Bill and Margaret Alderman. Taylors also presented a check for \$1,316 to the Lighthouse Children's Home food program. Taylors have been doing the Retiree Rally Food Bank for 16 years and yearly donations averaged \$1,000

The traditional noisy and energetic finale was the big International Parade of States, Provinces, and Specialty Chapters. President, Shari Weber thanked the committee for a fun week and the Chairman sign was passed on to Dal and Barb Dodson for next year Their Co-chairmen are Tommy and Gail Nelson. Once again Dave and Linda Hennie thanked everyone for coming and wished them safe travels home. "We'll see you in Houma, LA for the 2019 'Blue Bayou' Retiree Rally, March 19-24."



**YARS & Red Hats were largest  
groups**



photos by Barb Turner, D. Johnston

**MORE RALLY RESULTS NEXT ISSUE**

## RAMLOWS ELCTED AS 2018 FCRV INTERNATIONAL RETIREE KING & QUEEN



The 45<sup>th</sup> FCRV International Retiree King and Queen are Billand Penny Ramow of Whittier, North Carolina and Ruskin, Florida. Ramlows joined NCHA/FCRV in 1985 and Penny soon became secretary of the Thunderbolts Chapter. Bill was the chapter's DAT Director and SPC Director. When a fellow camper left to return home to Pennsylvania they took over the job of District Six Field Director. A few years later they were appointed to be South Florida District Director. While holding this position Ramlows were awarded Director of the Year. They have also served as FSA Scholarship Director and Assistant State Director.

Bill and Penny attended their first Retiree Rally in 2007 and haven't missed one since. They were asked to be Retiree Rally Registrar in 2008 and have done it ever since. They have also attended many National Campventions and have been on numerous committees. They were registrars for Ladson SC, Campvention and are currently registrars for 2018 in Doswell, VA.

Bill and Penny married in South Florida 48 years ago. 10 years ago they moved to North Carolina. They still winter in Florida. They have one daughter, one grandson, and one 4 legged family member. Bill worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Dade County for 40 years advancing through the ranks to Address Management Analyst. After finishing college, Penny worked as a billing clerk until the birth of their daughter. After their daughter started school she volunteered at the school and later became a teacher's aide then a substitute teacher. She worked 28 years for the Dade County School System.

Bill's hobbies include kayaking, reading, fishing, talking, walking the dog, and making new friends. Penny likes to try new recipes, working on the computer, planning their trips, and doing crafts.



## 2018 PET PARADE

19 Entries. Chaired by Sue Carlsen and Carl Fromholzer

- Best of Show - 9. Spike, Bob Huemme
- Best Costume - 11. Jesie, Brenda Felter
- Most Unique - 2. Angel, Kip Cushing
- Look Alike - 4. Precious, Linda Deserosius
- Best Trick - 3. Carlie, Janet Kainy
- Best Friend - 15. Ava, Sonya Smye
- Largest - 12. Mary Ella, Pat Thomas
- Smallest - 10. Isabel, Linda Ludwig
- Most Adorable - 14. Peaches, Joann Wollinger
- Obedient - 1. Marloe, Sammie Kelly



## 2018 Retiree Rally Golf Results

By Jim Turner

**Par 73 13 golfers**

73

Roger Hall	AL
Russ Hammond	TX
George Freeman	AL

73

George Reynolds	NC
Jim Rhyne	NC
Jerry Hoke	NC

76

Jim Turner	FL
Gene Beasley	AL
Tommy Garner	GA
Donald Jamison	CO

81

Dave Hennie	OH
Ron Ray	GA
George Hoyland	CO

Long Drive	George Reynolds	NC
Closest to the Pin	George Reynolds	NC





## 2018 C.A.M.P. ACTIVITY

By Dick & Kathy Burish

Here are some stats from our CAMP ACTIVITY at Tallahassee

34 Walkers walked 80 Miles over 5 Days

5 bikers each biked 20 miles in one day

15 people at line dancing class

We gave out 45 dollars in certificates for their efforts







Click link to Barb Turner's pictures <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Et9hwyLgrCmcSExH2>

## 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated



Dale and Kay Noel had a couple of special events which happened recently. First, on March 19, they observe their 70th wedding anniversary. They met in 1947 when she was a 19 year old recent community college graduate and was working as a mail clerk for a local insurance company. Dale was a 21 year old ex-GI attending a local business school on the GI bill and was hired, along with 25 or more other of his fellow students, to type car insurance policies for the same company. Dale thought she was my ideal and after a few months of dating, he convinced her to marry him. They now have two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and another due in April, and two great-great-grandchildren. They have been in NCHA, now FCRV, since 1965, and are now life members. They have attended many national campventions and retiree campventions over the years and have been registration chairmen for two nationals and one retiree gathering. In addition, They have held numerous offices in their state association and have been a field director and a district director at various times. They have many friends and acquaintances across the FCRV landscape. They would love to hear from them either by email to this address or by snail mail to 2824 E. 16th St., Apt. C223, Des Moines, IA 50316.".....Wonderful!! You can email them at [daleanoel@yahoo.com](mailto:daleanoel@yahoo.com).



## 90th Birthday Celebration



Ina Hill Carriker celebrated her 90th birthday March 12, 2018. She is known to many for her years of camping with Nebraska NCHA/FCRV. Her address: 1628 D. St., Fairbury, NE 64352.

## FCRV Activities

### FCRV WINTER TEXANS HAD A BUSY YEAR

FCRV's Winter Texan Chapter made up of members from across U.S. and Canada who spend the winter in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas had a year filled with socializing, fun, and charitable activities. The group meets monthly for lunch from October through March at a variety of restaurants. At Christmas the group donated cash and food to the Hidalgo County Food Bank, lap robes to a veterans' home, and attended a veterans benefit show. Nancy Herberholz got the group involved in the Hugs for Soldier gift box program.



*Julia Jackson scoops up some cash in the Lone Star Bank "Tornado Booth."*

Activities included local holiday parades, Land Sharks Jimmy Buffett tribute concert, Vipers basketball games, two Tower Theater plays, and William Jennings Bryan House tour. At the February meeting, Lone Star Bank representatives brought the 'Cash Tornado Booth.'

*24 Winter Texans enjoyed the Bryan House tour and lunch*



## 2018 NE Regional Campout

We from New York State would like to invite all to Leroy NY for a great campout. It is being held at The Ridge NY Campground, 8101 Conlon Rd., Leroy NY 14482, on August 16-19, 2018.

The campground is offering a fish fry (additional charge), we are having hospitalities, entertainment, a Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and dinner Saturday night which is included. Robert Wolf is planning a golf outing for those interested. The campground has a pool, pavilion, etc.

We have so much to offer in this area: shopping, The Strong Museum in Rochester, casinos, Genesee Country Museum, etc.

Directions: Just off I-90 Exit 47. Go toward Rt. 19 Leroy/Rochester. Take 490E Exit 1 to Conlon Rd. There are signs to direct right to the campground.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Stiegler, (716) 982-5518 or [stiegl2@gmail.com](mailto:stiegl2@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!!

## NASCAR Camping

By Jim Lewis

We've all camped in state, local and national parks, campgrounds and RV resorts, but a completely different experience is at a NASCAR Race. You can camp from the Monday before race weekend until the following Monday morning. At the larger tracks you can camp in the infield or with most tracks you park



in a reserved area or first come first serve on the outside of the track. Pretty much all camping is paid boondocking, no WES connections. They do provide free showers and portapotties. You can use generators, purchase additional water if needed or pay for a pump out if needed. Prices vary per race track but in the \$25-\$50 per service. Camping ranges from free, to \$60 for FCFS, to \$175 for reserved to \$500 or more for an infield site for the week. Campsites are very tight, often sized 20x40, so many people get 2

sites for the camper and truck or toad and a place to socialize.

Like regular camping, everyone is very friendly, comparing rigs or where you are from to what races you have been to in the last few years. Most race fans raise their flags proudly showing the American flag and then their favorite driver flags or a NASCAR flag.

Food is very plentiful with snacks, meals and full blown barbecues everyday. Campfires at night in raised fire-pits with more snacks and lots more socializing.

And then there is the race activities, practices, time trials and different races for races trucks, Xfinity cars (Saturday) and the Cup cars (Sunday). Vendors selling or giving away products, food vendors, and lots of automobile sponsors, a real circus environment. Camping at a NASCAR event is like participating in an FCRV Convention but just a different group of people.



## Jim Lewis Tip of the Day



For all of our RV members that are not Fulltimers or Snowbirds..... it's time to get your RV ready for a new season...

So, winter cover off, check your batteries for the correct level of distilled water. Check for coolant in your MHs, oil level in your generators, air pressure in your tires.

Now for the RV.... flush the antifreeze out of your pipes, then turn the bypass valves on your water heater and flush the heater and then fill it. Now turn on your propane and light the stove, this is the quickest way to get propane flowing in your pipes. Now, click on your refrigerator on gas, change the mode to LP if you are plugged into electricity. Light the water heater on gas and also check your furnace by turning on and pushing up the thermostats. If any don't light, it may be because of a spider web or for the refrigerator, rust may have dropped down from the heating tube above the burner. You may need to get a straw or hose to blow out the web or the rust .



## Snowbirds Flocking to Arizona; Facilities Fill Up

Courtesy of RV Business



## Take This Scenic Road Trip Along The Mississippi River

By Nikki Cleveland



This scenic cross-country route follows the Mississippi River all the way from northern Minnesota to the coast in

Louisiana.

The [Great River Road](#) takes you through the heart of America along the Mississippi River. For about 3,000 miles this scenic byway follows a network of highways and local roads along the river from northern Minnesota all the way south to the [Gulf of Mexico](#) off Louisiana's coast. It passes through ten states along several highways and roads all well marked with white and green "Pilot" signs.

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/mississippi-river-camping>

## 8 Spring Road Trips To Celebrate The Changing Of The Seasons

By Amanda Watson

*From the coast to the desert, celebrate the season with these spring road trips past lush forests, stunning ocean vistas, and an explosion of wildflowers.*

Spring is the perfect season for a road trip. After all, who doesn't want to embrace the great outdoors as vibrant colored flowers begin to bloom and temperatures start to rise?



<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/spring-road-trips/>

The snowbird business is up this winter at RV parks and resorts across the Valley of the Sun, according to a release from the Arizona Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds (AZ ARVC).

"Several of our members are telling us this has been an extremely busy winter," said Jo Ann Mickelson, executive director of the Arizona Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds, which hosts [GoCampingInArizona.com](#), the travel planning website.

"We are very busy," said Vickie Jepperson, general manager of Pueblo El Mirage RV & Golf Resort in El Mirage, which offers snowbirds 1,236 RV, park model and manufactured home sites. She added that RVing snowbirds who are just passing through Arizona on their way to another destination are having a hard time finding a campsite.

She attributes some of the increase to snowbirds who normally spend the winter at parks in Texas and Florida but couldn't do so this winter because of last year's hurricanes and floods in those states.

"We are absolutely up," said Angie Sherman of Apache Palms RV Park in Tempe, which has 80 RV sites.

Eric Vargas, general manager of the 218-site Desert Edge RV Park in Phoenix, said he has seen an uptick in business, too. "This season, February has been a lot busier than last season," he said.

The 377-site Leaf Verde RV Resort in Buckeye is also seeing more snowbirds this winter.

"We have been sold out a couple of days recently, and the rest of February and most of March we're almost sold out," said Connie Jenkinson, Leaf Verde's general manager.

Palm Creek Golf & RV Resort in Casa Grande, for its part, is at 100% occupancy, according to Cristin Zanolco, a divisional marketing coordinator for Sun RV Resorts and Sun Communities Inc., which owns the resort. Palm Creek has 961 RV sites as well as 731 park models and 503 manufactured home sites.

Some parks are also planning to make significant improvements in the future, including Apache Palms RV Resort, which plans to open a bistro next fall.

For more information involving campgrounds, RV parks and re-sorts in Arizona, visit [www.GoCampingInArizona.com](http://www.GoCampingInArizona.com).

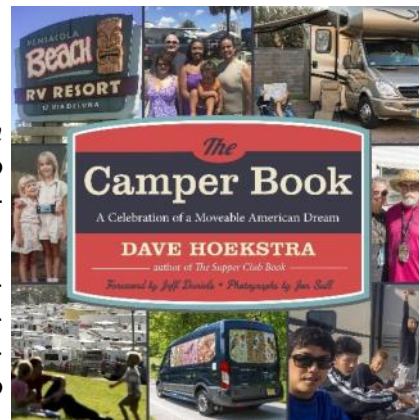
## ***The Camper Book* celebrates, in all its retro glory, the uniquely American pastime of seeing the country by camper van**

“Those of us who have chosen the RV lifestyle can relate. Sure, our covered wagons may have a kitchen, an espresso machine, running water, and satellite television, but make no mistake, we are trailblazers.”—**Jeff Daniels, excerpted from the foreword to *The Camper Book***

CHICAGO, IL—Few things exude Americana more than the great summer road trip. And camper vans, trailers and RVs take things a step further by bringing home along for the ride. Not just for placid retirees anymore, camper culture has sprung up among retro-loving “glampers,” simplicity-seeking millennials, sports stars and celebrities, aging hippies and more.

In *The Camper Book: A Celebration of a Moveable American Dream* (Chicago Review Press; June 1, 2018), award-winning journalist and radio host Dave Hoekstra hits the road in honor of #vanlife—diving into its history, the makeup of its subcultures and its future.

Hoekstra traveled throughout the country in a spruced up blue camper van he named Bluebird. On his journey, he immersed himself in the community, meeting fellow camper enthusiasts and drawing out quirky and entertaining stories from every type of RV-loving nomad—from downsizers to social media influencers, contract workers to homeschoolers. Ample photographs, sidebars, campsite recommendations and even tips on fixing up a van from scratch help to round out this loving homage to camper culture.



There's nothing quite like the open road, filled with renewal and possibility, and a camper elevates it to the moveable American dream. For those fantasizing about escaping the rat race, or those who have been using campers their whole lives, *The Camper Book* is a testament that the American pastime is more beloved than ever.

### ***The Camper Book: A Celebration of a Moveable American Dream***

By Dave Hoekstra, Foreword by Jeff Daniels, Photographs by Jon Sall

Chicago Review Press, distributed by IPG

June 1, 2018 / Trade paper / ISBN: 9781613738207 / \$24.99 US (\$33.99 CAN)

## **Money Saving Tips for RVers**



By Chelsea Barron

Because my family travels fulltime, it is incredibly important that we find ways to make our travels as affordable as possible. Fortunately, RVing is generally cheaper than other forms of travel as it is, and when coupled with our money saving tactics, we are able to live on a very tight budget without any issues at all.

Read more [HERE](#).

<https://mobilerving.com/blog/money-saving-tips-for-rvers>

## **Slow Cooker Recipes for the Road**

By Carrie Todd



RV living is built around adventure and convenience. Since the 1970s, the slow cooker (also known as the crock pot) has allowed cooks to prepare a meal at a time that is convenient, allowing them to go about their day and return to a hot, homemade one-pot meal. This makes it perfect for people traveling in their RV since it is not only time-efficient, it's easy to use and simple to clean. Here are a few easy recipes to experiment with on the road.

Read more [HERE](#).

<https://mobilerving.com/blog/slow-cooker-recipes-for-the-rv>

# Products

## NATM Lauds GMC's ProGrade Trailering System

Courtesy of RV Business

The National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM) participated in General Motors' (GM)



unveiling of its revolutionary 2019 GMC Sierra truck incorporating ProGrade Trailering System technology into the vehicle. According to a press release, NATM welcomes

GMC's leadership on technological advancements that can improve customer confidence when trailering.

"NATM is excited about GM's GMC ProGrade Trailering System announcement," said Kendra Ansley, executive director of the National Association of Trailer Manufacturers (NATM). "Our mission is to promote trailer safety, and technology plays an important role in advancing trailing safety. That is why NATM will continue to work with GM and other vehicle manufacturers on the implementation of technology on trailers."

In their launch, GM said the 2019 Sierra offers a more confident towing experience thanks to GMC's new ProGrade Trailering System, standard on Denali and SLT. The trailering system includes an all-new Trailering App featuring a pre-departure checklist, maintenance reminders, trailer light test, trailer electrical diagnostics and trailer tire pressure and temperature monitoring.

Many of the trailering App's functions, including the lighting test and pre-departure checklist, are also available with the MyGMC app on compatible Android and iOS smartphones, a feature that offers great convenience when outside the truck or trailer.

GM also noted that the next generation Sierra offers Hitch Guidance with Hitch View and Auto Electric Park Brake to help with perfect positioning when

hitching. The available side view cameras and a trailer-mounted HD camera provide additional assistance when driving down the road or in reverse. With exclusive Trailer Theft Detection, owners can receive text and mobile alerts from OnStar when the trailer has been detached from the truck without permission. "NATM member companies have worked to be at the forefront of the deployment of technology on trailers, including the adoption of electronic braking, LED lighting, and sway mitigation devices. Today's development is important to the future of the light- and medium-duty trailer industry," said Ansley. "So NATM will continue to engage with GM and other OEMs to further advance the cost-effective use of technologies that consumers want and safety demands."

## RoadMaster Adds Height to Trailer Tongue Jacks

Courtesy of RV Business

Roadmaster has introduced the Quick Foot tongue jack extension, allowing RVers to gain up to six inches of trailer tongue height in 10 seconds or less.

According to a press release, Quick Foot fits virtually all standard tongue jacks (both manual and electric) with two-inch diameter inner tubes and carries an MSRP of \$54.

Features include:

- Quick Foot slides up the tongue jack for easy storage.
- Adjustability as the Quick Jack extends in two-inch increments (2, 4, and 6 inches).
- Quick Foot is constructed entirely of steel, with corrosion-resistant zinc plating.
- A seven-inch diameter footplate provides maximum stability and resists "sinking in."



## Thetford's Tank Blaster Attacks Buildup, Clogs

Courtesy of RV Business

Thetford Corp.'s new Tank Blaster uses the power of enzymes to eliminate buildups that can create messy clogs or cause sensor malfunction in RV black and gray holding tanks.



“Tank Blaster’s enzymes use the waste in the holding tanks as food and they keep eating the waste, tissue, soap scum and grease until it’s gone,” said Barry Eckel, Thetford’s vice president of sales and marketing, in a press release.



Tank Blaster’s super-concentrated enzymatic blend was formulated in Thetford’s dedicated lab by industry-leading chem-

ists.

“Our chemical experts also created a proprietary Micro-Foam action that allows Tank Blaster to make better contact with tank walls and provide more complete cleaning,” Eckel said.

Tank Blaster, which has a light cherry scent, works overnight and in hard water – making it easy and convenient for almost all RV owners to use. It’s sold in a resealable pouch with four single-dose, tear-open pouches of nondusting granules to make it easy to use in black or gray water tanks.

For more information click [here](#).

## Farewells

### JOSEPH VASUT, PAST NCHA/FCRV PRESIDENT



Joseph Andrew “Joe” Vasut, 80 of Nashville, Tennessee passed away March 28, 2018. He was born in San Antonio, Texas. He retired as an administrator in the Food and Drug Administration and lived in Nashville with his wife of 59 years, Billy. The Vasuts were active in NCHA (it became FCRV in 1993). They belonged to Dekalb Trail Hounds in GA, helped organize Memphis Queens and Music City Campers Chapters and was State Assn. President and TN State Director. Joe served as President 1990 – 1992 and Trustee as Immediate Past President until 1996. Tennessee hosted the 1993 Campvention at Lebanon.

Billy said, “It is with great sorrow that I inform

you that Joseph went to his heavenly home Wednesday Morning. He passed praying the Rosary right before going to sleep after a day working in the yard and getting the camper ready to go for our trip to Edisto Beach, SC.”

His newspaper obituary said, “Mr. Vasut had a strong Catholic faith and attended Saint Edward Catholic Church. He was a fun loving jokester, loved to make people laugh, and made a lasting impression on everyone he met.” His passions included yardwork, collecting ferns from different states, travelling and spending time with his family. Noreen Smith remembered, “Over the years we camped together in many states and



*President Vasut cuts the ribbon at '91  
Campvention in Canfield, Ohio.*

Ontario. As President, Joe brought many new ideas and programs aboard.” Barb

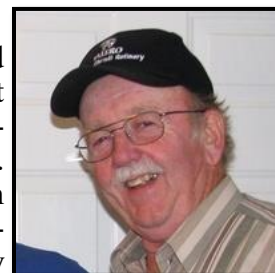
Turner said, “Joe and Billy have been special friends in

our life. Joe, along with Don Plummer mentored us and helped us grow in our camping organization. He was such a special man and friend.” DeWayne Johnston said, “Although Joe liked to laugh, he was always serious about the organization’s business. He was always thinking and got other people thinking too. I never saw him get ruffled or upset when a problem came up. He just calmly looked for solutions.”

Joseph Vasut is survived by his wife, Billy Vasut, four children, Debbie Vasut (Don Rogers), Theresa Stevenson (Jeff), Suzanne Beller, and John Vasut (Maggie). There are nine grandchildren. A grandson, David DeMassey is deceased. Burial will be in Schulenberg, Texas. Condolences may be sent to 3867 Priest Lake Dr., Nashville, TN 37217 or [billyvasut@aol.com](mailto:billyvasut@aol.com).

### PHIL TURCOTTE, MA STATE DIRECTOR

T. Phillip Turcotte, 79, died Thursday, March 15, 2018 at Health Alliance Hospital, Leominster after a brief illness. He is survived by his children Phillip Turcotte and companion, Debbie Sargent, Emily



Gladwah, wife of the late Glen Turcotte, and Adrienne Turcotte all of Clinton, MA plus Mark Turcotte and wife, Lisa of Florida, and daughter-in law, Kelly Turcotte of Clinton. Phil Turcotte was preceded in death by his wife 56 years, Frances, who died February 2, 2018 and their son, Kevin Turcotte who died August 17, 2017.

Phil Turcotte was a lifelong resident of Clinton, Massachusetts. He was a 1956 graduate of Clinton High School and a 1958 graduate of Worcester Boys Trade School, and a U.S. Army veteran serving from 1961 to 1967. For many years until his retirement he worked as a carpenter with Wyland Millwork Corp. in Marlborough.

Phil was active in his church, the NRA, Clinton Elks Lodge, and American Legion Post 50 where he was an officer. Phil and Frances were longtime members of Family Campers & RVers, Nashoba Apple Corp and YARS Chapters. They assumed the post of Massachusetts State Director in 1995 to present. They enjoyed travelling much of the U.S. and Canada in their RV. Known as the family historian, Phil enjoyed researching his Irish lineage as far back as 11 generations.

Phil will be remembered for his outgoing, friendly nature, sense of humor, and leadership. His sister, Marianne Turcotte Riley said, "Phil is at peace in heaven with his son, Kevin and Wife Francis." Condolences may be sent to [johnandmarianne@verizon.net](mailto:johnandmarianne@verizon.net).

**Harold Hudson**, 3-1-18, Five Points. Alabama, Troup Travelers Chapter, GA State Assn., worked security at Retiree Rallies.

**Bert 'Bing' Bowen**, 72, 3-18-18, Andover, Connecticut, past president of CT FCRV, known for amateur radio. Longtime member.

**Bill Dixon**, 3-20-18, Prattville, Alabama, Boll Weevils Chapter. Retired Master Sgt.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

#### **April 24-29, 2018 - NCFCRV Spring Statewide Campout**

Raleigh Oaks RV Resort, Four Oaks, NC. Traveling Tarheels Retirees – April 24-27, 2018

All members – April 27-29, 2018

### MAY

#### **MAY 18-21, 2018 - OPA Spring Campout**

Hard Oil Days - Black Gold Rush, Brigden Fairgrounds, 2435 Courtright Lane, Brigden, Ontario 0N 0N 1B0. Come with full water tank and empty holding tank, water available on grounds, gates open 9 a.m. Thursday. Roast Beef Dinner Saturday - Children free, 6-10 \$8, all others \$20 (separate ) pre-register by MAY 1, campout registration \$20, activity fee \$80, early bird Thur. 425 CDN, Send check payable to Spring OPA 218 to: Don & Bonita Willock, 1048 Fairlane Ave., Sarnia, ONT N7S 3JB 519-542-2244 [donbonwil@sympatico.ca](mailto:donbonwil@sympatico.ca)). include # of adults, teens, children, grandchildren. Hosts Sarnia 4T's. See application on FCRV website.

## AUGUST

### **AUGUST 1-5, 2018 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL**

Brown County Fairgrounds, Depere, Wisconsin, games, self guided tours, Saturday evening meal. Pre-registration \$15, by July 20, Activity fee at gate \$20, Camping \$25 per night, water & electric, payable on arrival. Send check payable to Wisconsin Field Directors Fund to: Kip & Jan Cushing, 21028 88th St., Kenosha, WI 53145. Info - [kcushing@wi.rr.com](mailto:kcushing@wi.rr.com), 262-914-5950, 262-914 5951. Registration form on FCRV website.

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***As you begin this camping  
season, remember to  
show others our  
Friendliness and invite  
them to join our group!***





**FAMILY CAMPERS & RVERS**  
**2018 STATE/PROVINCIAL NEWSLETTER CONTEST**  
**ENTRY FORM**

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter is published \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Bi-Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_

Date of issue submitted (see contest rules) \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Does your state/providence have a state organization with elected officers? Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

Is your newsletter on the FCRV website under newsletters? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your newsletter sent out via e-mail? \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROV. DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Entry must be registered. This form must be submitted to the National Newsletter Contest Coordinator before June 9, 2018.**

Melvin Coy, FCRV Newsletter Contest Coordinator [melvinlc@juno.com](mailto:melvinlc@juno.com)  
447 Hollybrook Dr, New Whiteland IN 46184-1311

**FAMILY CAMPERS & RVERS**  
**2018 CHAPTER NEWSLETTER CONTEST**  
**ENTRY FORM**

CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL CHAPTER NO. \_\_\_\_\_ STATE CHAPTER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter is published \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Bi-Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_

Is your newsletter sent out via e-mail? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of issue submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Editor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Entry must be registered. This form must be submitted to the National Newsletter Contest Coordinator by June 9, 2018. Three copies of the newsletter must accompany this form. See contest rules.**

Melvin Coy, FCRV Newsletter Contest Coordinator [melvinlc@juno.com](mailto:melvinlc@juno.com)  
447 Hollybrook Dr, New Whiteland IN 46184-1311

# FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers NATIONAL CAMPVENTION Doswell, VA 2018

## APPLICATION: GOLF CART RENTAL

(Print) FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PROV \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Golf cart costs including sales tax, \$250.00 for 2 passenger & \$300.00 for 4 passenger. They are rented from 7/09/18 -7/13/18. 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, 2 passenger \_\_\_\_\_, 4 passenger \_\_\_\_\_.

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID IN FULL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ US CURRENCY ONLY

(checks or money orders, no cash please.)

**Make checks payable to: FCRV Campvention 2018**

**Mail check and application to: Dwight S. Bonifield, 5570 N Strawberry Ln. Castle Rock, CO 80108**

**NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15, 2018**

### **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, VIRGINIA GOLF CARS INC., OR ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THEM RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE IN ANY WAY.**

Please sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15, 2018**



# 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers CAMPVENTION

HOSTED BY: REGION SIX

SOUTHEAST REGION

## "WHERE OUR COUNTRY BEGAN"

THE MEADOW EVENT PARK, 13191 DAWN BLVD, DOSWELL, VIRGINIA 23047

EARLY DAYS: JULY 7 - 8, 2018 RALLY DAYS: JULY 9-13, 2018

EARLY DAYS PARKING: \$25 PER NIGHT

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS: JUNE 21, 2018



REGISTRAR ONLY:

REG #:

CH #:

AMT:

SN:

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PRV: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME OF OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ST/PRV: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ SEND MY CONFIRMATION LETTER IN PDF: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CAMPVENTION? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES: \_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_

### NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR UNIT:

#OF ADULTS: \_\_\_ TEENS: \_\_\_ YOUTH 9-12 \_\_\_ YOUTH 5-8 \_\_\_ YOUTH 0-4 \_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN UNIT: \_\_\_

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND AGES OF ALL TEENS AND YOUTH:

NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE

### CAMPVENTION PARKING:

THE GATES WILL BE OPEN ALL DAYS FROM 8 A.M. TILL 8 P.M. THERE WILL BE AN OVERFLOW AREA FOR THOSE ARRIVING LATE, HOWEVER THERE ARE NO HOOKUPS. THE FIRST 150 UNITS THROUGH THE GATE WILL HAVE FULL HOOK-UP. PARKING IS HOBO STYLE WITH NO SAVING OF SITES. IF YOU WANT TO PARK NEXT TO SOMEONE COME IN TOGETHER. THOSE WITHOUT SEWER WILL BE GIVEN A VOUCHER FOR ONE FREE DUMP.

### SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

CHECK IF REQUESTING A SPECIAL NEEDS SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

NO SPECIAL NEEDS SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GATE. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED.

### REGISTRATION:

EVERYONE MUST FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDING SECOND FAMILIES AND CAMP PASSES. SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION FORM. ALL FUNDS SHOULD BE US. CURRENCY OR CHECKS. NO CREDIT CARDS.

	REGISTRATION	AT GATE
ONE FAMILY IN UNIT.....	\$290	\$300
EXTRA FAMILY IN UNIT.....	\$135	\$140
WALK-IN CAMP PASS.....		\$20 PER DAY

### THINGS TO SEE AND DO:

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, KINGS DOMINION AMUSEMENT PARK AND BUSCH GARDENS WILLIAMSBURG, BIRTH PLACES OF: ROBERT E. LEE, GEORGE WASHINGTON, HOMES OF: PATRICK HENRY, PRESIDENT JOHN MADISON, STONEWALL JACKSON SHRINE, NUMEROUS FORTS, MUSEUMS AND BATTLEFIELDS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FCRV 2018 CAMPVENTION

MAIL TO: BILL AND PENNY RAMLOW

341 HOLLY COVE ROAD #8

WHITTIER, NC 28789

CONTACT THEM AT: 305-822-6589, 813-545-6083 OR

EMAIL: [pramlow@aol.com](mailto:pramlow@aol.com)

REFUND POLICY: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, ALL EXCEPT \$25 WILL BE REFUNDED

WE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: \_\_\_\_\_