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From the President - Shari Weber



Spring has finally arrived in the Midwest! Winter just did not want to let go. Sure is nice to see people enjoying camping both with FCRV and at our campground. The FCRV facebook page is full of fun pictures of our camping family having great fun. Be sure to check that out. Some of our state and provinces have their own facebook presence as well. It is fun to keep up with everyone.

Election

The deadline for the election was extended to April 30th. The results of the election are found elsewhere on this page.

Awards

The awards committee is busy reading and evaluating the nominations for this year's awards. Sue Carlsen, Recording/Corresponding Officer and our Awards Coordinator is thankful for all the nominations. The awards will be presented at campvention in July.

Campvention fun.

Campvention begins July 9th 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.

Remember \$2 bills? Some are still bringing them to campvention as a visible sign of our presence in the community. We make an impression and become known as those campers with \$2 bills. They are rarely used and make an impression on local businesses when they are used. Bring \$2 bills and make an impression on Doswell!

During the annual meeting there is an opportunity for questions. The past few years I have provided paper and a box for questions you have for me or any of the Trustees. This box will be a central registration during the week for you to place your questions

to be answered during the annual meeting. If you wonder about something, ask the question and maybe we can provide an answer.

Family fun day will again be on the opening day of campvention. Come and enjoy your camping family with food, fun and fellowship. Bring a racehorse to decorate your campsite! Geneseo Campground is sponsoring the decorating contest. Information is found in the campvention article elsewhere in this issue. Finally, if you are musical you are encouraged to bring your instrument and join the FCRV band. The music has a patriotic theme this year and I am told it is easy to play.

Also plan to play games at campvention. All adult games including horseshoes, washer toss, ladder golf are open to any adult who wishes to play. Check the program book for times to sign up. There is friendly competition with a little fun mixed in. The icing on the cake is there will be champions and bragging rights. We also look forward to the competition between teens and adults on the softball diamond.

See you in Doswell!

Shari

Election Results

President

Shari Weber - IL - **Elected**



Vice President of Programs

George Walters – FL - **Elected**
Lorne Douglas – ON



Recording/Corresponding Officer

Sue Carlsen – MI - **Elected**
Cheryl Descoteaux – SC



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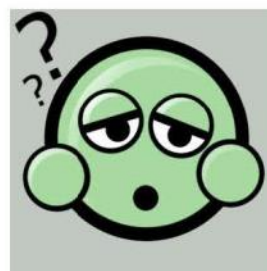
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Without it, you might miss useful information.



So please send an email to

fcrvnat@verizon.net and tell us your email. You can also let us know if your email address has changed recently.



THANK YOU!!





Campvention 2018

July 9 - 13, 2018

The Meadow Event Park

Doswell, Virginia

Campvention 2018 Meeting Highlights

By Barb Turner, PR Chair

As the Retiree Rally was winding down, the Campvention 2018 committee members in attendance held a meeting. I wanted to share some highlights with you.

We anticipate Campvention 2018 in Doswell, VA in July. Are you registered? **Parking will be hobo; if you want to park together, come in together.** In Camping Today, info has been related as to where to gather before going into Campvention. Check it out. The first 150 units through the gates will have full hookups. Once those sites are filled, parking will be in the water/electric sites & will be given a voucher for one free dump. **All electric hookups are 50 amps. If your unit isn't 50 amps, come with your 50-to-30 amp adapter.**

The area tourism department will be set up during the early bird days to offer information on area attractions. That will be a big help to those who go early to tour.

C.A.M.P. chairs Guy & Jeanne Dean are going to mark the hiking route to make it easier for those who want to hike on their own. From their experience of getting lost on the hiking route at a previous Campvention, they want to make sure you don't.

Bring your bikes and 'Bike with Bill'! For more info on Bill's biking plan, email him at stire-walt@vnet.net.

FCRV Choir - go in early as choir practice will be on July 7th (Saturday) before the service on Sunday July 8th. Jack Smye volunteered to direct the choir.

D.A.S.A.T. will be offering a CPR/First Aid certification. Info was in the April issue of Camping Today. In order for this to take place, you will need to respond to that info in Camping Today.

Hospitalities - if your state/province, group, or chap-

ter would like to host a hospitality, contact the chairs LaNelle & Leon Ishmael at lanelleishmael@yahoo.com. Their deadline is May 15.

Seminars - are needed! If you would like to share something (hobby, for instance) through a seminar, contact Tommy Nelson soon at t.j.nelson@att.net. He NEEDS you!! We NEED you!!

The Veterans group will be holding a 'retiring flags' ceremony. Bring your old flags for a proper retirement. The Flag Retirement Ceremony (Flag Burning) will be after the Hard Hat function.

Sunday, July 8, the Executive Board will meet; commercial will open; non-denominational service; opening ceremony in the evening; Southeast Region will host a 'thank you' hospitality for joining us in Doswell.

Campvention will start on Monday morning, July 9th!!

There will be a food vendor & ice cream!!

Finally - let's resurrect those \$2 bills we used to encourage. Spend them in the community to let the community know our economic contributions.

From Campvention Chairs Marjory & Don Bates

WOW, time is clicking down. The 58th annual FCRV Campvention in Doswell, Virginia will be here soon. We had a very productive meeting in Tallahassee getting updates from committee chairs. WE ARE READY for you all to join us at Campvention July 9-13 WHERE OUR COUNTRY BEGAN. There will be a registration form in this Camping Today. Thanks to Judy Elenburg and Libby Hoke for volunteering to be YOUTH chairs. Bring your youth and show them how much fun they can have. Participate in all activities and enjoy seeing the campsite contest entries throughout the campground. We look

forward to seeing all of you in Doswell. Early days are July 7 and 8.

COME AND HAVE FUN WITH US.



Program Book Ads

If you would like to place an ad in the Campvention program book, the rates are \$3.00 one line (your name and state/province); \$6.00 (name, state/province and up to 52 letters and spaces); \$7.00 (name, state/province up to 104 letters and spaces).

The deadline is May 10th to Reba Ray, P.O. Box 3472, LaGrange, GA 30241. Direct questions to Reba at reba256@yahoo.com



Campvention Site Decorating Contest

By Shari & Craig Weber, Geneseo Campground

The theme for the site decorating contest sponsored by Geneseo Campground is racehorses. Since the site we are camping on was once the famous racehorse Secretariat's home, it was decided to have you bring a racehorse to decorate your site. Four prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Most Realistic, Fastest, Best Overall Display, and Funniest.

This has been a fun activity for Campvention for several years now. Put on your thinking caps, be creative, and bring some great racehorses to decorate Campvention!



Volunteers Needed

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; Reba Ray, reba256@yahoo.com; or Gerry Owens, owensfcrv@aol.com.

Speedy PARKING!!



Have your registration form in-hand at the gate.



FCRV International Band

By Craig Weber, Band Director

The FCRV International Band has a very long history of playing at Campvention. This year the music will have a patriotic theme to match the Campvention theme. The music selected is fairly easy for most levels. Please consider bringing your instrument and join in meeting new people and having fun with music. Your participation will determine the future of the FCRV International Band. So, dust off your instrument and get ready to be a part of the Campvention.

Band members receive a FCRV International Band Tuxedo T-shirt, pizza party before concert, FCRV International Band member badge with year tabs for every year they play and the appreciation of their fellow campers. Music is currently being selected and will be available to be sent out for those of you wishing extra time to practice.

E-mail Craig Weber with your request for advanced music at camp@geneseocampground.com. Please include the instrument you play and your mailing address so that music can be sent out.

Thanks for your willingness to be an important part of Campvention.



Hey all you teen guys and gals, get ready to party...

50's style

Show off your best 1950's attire.

Be creative, you never know what you might win at the...

Sunday Night Sock Hop!

Happy Mother's Day!



Hear ye, Hear ye...

Don't forget to bring your Sunday best for the Royal Ball on Wednesday after the pageant!

All Campvention attendees are invited to party with the new Teen Royalty and their court.

No Denim permitted



FCRV 2018 REVERSE PARADE

The FCRV 2018 parade will be a reverse parade, with the entries in a fixed space and the parade viewers doing the walking. This is how it has been done for several years, with great success. It will be located in a large air conditioned building for your convenience.

Please attend the parade on Friday and show your appreciation for all the effort that went into setting up these displays.

The parade theme will be "WHERE OUR COUNTRY BEGAN", and colors will be "RED, WHITE & BLUE".

Parade Timeline: 3 PM, Monday July 9th, State/Province Parade Chairs meet with Campvention Parade Chair.

1 PM, Thursday July 12th, Set up parade displays.

10-11 AM, Friday July 13th, Judging and Parade.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Bill Stirewalt
FCRV 2018 Parade Chairman
Stirewalt@vnet.net

Golf Cart Applications

Found elsewhere in
this issue

Deadline **June 15, 2018**



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. 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

Wildlife Silent Auction



The Wildlife Silent Auction will be held this year so bring your items for the auction (anything in good condition is welcomed). The money collected from this auction goes into the Wildlife Fund which is used for the Wildlife Grants.

Build A Bird House Contest and Amateur Photo Contest



Information can be found in the April *Camping Today* for both of these contests.



Door Prizes



Door Prize Chair Mary Burrus' reminder: Door prizes are needed for the 2018 Campvention. Please bring as many as you can.

Campvention Book Exchange



Books are needed for the Book Exchange at 2018 Campvention. The Book Exchange is an excellent way to recycle books. Bring some; take some for your reading enjoyment.

Mary Burrus, Book Exchange Chair



Youth

Co-chairs - Judy Elenburg & Libby Hoke

We are planning activities to go with the Campvention Theme "Where Our Country Began". For the reverse Parade on Friday, we need you to plan and/or design a costume of a patriotic person from the 1700s or a colonial costume. Some of the better known examples are: George Washington, Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, Betsy Ross, Patrick Henry, and Nathan Hale. That's just a few. See what you can come up with. Also, we will need ideas for the back drop. Put your thinking caps on. You will be drawing this as one of your activities. We are looking forward to seeing you in Virginia.

Craft

by Judy Elenburg



The craft I will be bringing for you is a 4" ribbon Patriotic Angel. You will need to bring scissors with you. The cost will be \$8. Look forward to seeing you in Virginia.



Adult Games

There will be three Adult Games, all of which are held outdoors, subject to rain:

- Horseshoes: Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles; Men's and Women's Singles
- Washer Toss: Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles
- Ladder (Hillbilly) Golf: Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles

Note: Each State/Province may have Champions in Horseshoes and Washer Toss: Those champions should fill out the appropriate form for Men's Women's and Mixed Doubles – the Form requires the signature of the State/Province Director. These Champions are automatic Semi-finalists. (They needn't participate in the qualifying rounds.) Forms will be available from the Games Committee at Campvention; they are also available beforehand by sending a request to bill@teamwidget.com.

Each of the three games is open to all adults, show up to register.

Adult Activities



Adult Activities will have many chairs and tables in the Northwest corner of the large building and will be "open for fun, games, and conversation" most of the time during Campvention.

There will be scheduled times when specific games are taught and played, i.e., Hand and Foot, Five Crowns, Chicken Foot Dominos, Mexican Train Dominos, Pegs and Jokers, Skip-Bo. Children are encouraged to play these adult games, too. These sessions are informal, and will last as long as folks wish to play. A Tournament for Euchre will be in the Schedule.

There will also be times scheduled for some craft and other activities, e.g. puzzles, knitting/crochet. This will help provide "fellowship/visiting" opportunities

Conservation Essay Contest



It seems there has been some confusion as to where Conservation Essay and Project Reports need to be submitted. Any Essays or reports can be sent to me at: elehnerd@juno.com. Awards will be given out at Campvention in July. This has not been a problem other years, but this year it has. So any student that has an Essay but doesn't know where to send it, I will accept it even though the deadline has passed. This is a problem we will find and fix. But in the meantime, we do not want to discourage our loyal members who submit entries. Please send them to me ASAP.

Thanks, Mary Lehnerd
National Conservation Director.



Quilt and Picture Raffle

The NCHA/FCRV quilt and painted pictures are being raffled at Campvention 2018. You do not need to be present and can get your tickets by mail. The form to send your money for the raffle is found elsewhere in this issue or you can also find it in the April *Camping Today*. June 15th is the deadline to mail your money for the raffle tickets.

Jamestown, Virginia

By Barb Turner, Chair PR

Campvention 2018 in Doswell, Virginia's theme is 'Where It All Began'. About 50 miles southeast of our campvention site is **'where it all really did begin'** at Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. When you attend Campvention in July, plan on visiting the site where our country began, as did our language, our customs, our beliefs, our aspirations, and our government.

The Virginia Company of London, which was a group of investors who hoped to profit from their investment, received a charter from King James I in 1606. Other European nations were expanding abroad seeking a northwest passage to the Orient and the riches they believed to be there.

Three ships, *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*, left England in December, 1606 carrying 105 passengers, one of whom died during the voyage. They reached the Virginia coast in late April 1607, thirteen years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth.



Jamestown - Legends of America



More than half of the men were "gentlemen." Gentlemen in England were not expected to work. They lived on **family money**. These men were unprepared for the hardships of starting a colony. They brought only their best clothes.

On May 13, 1607, after two weeks of exploration, the ships decided on the James River site which had deep water anchorage and was a good defensive position. The passengers set foot on their selected site the next day on May 14. Work began, creating a settlement in this new land. Interestingly, most of the passengers who then became colonists were upper-class Englishmen and were not prepared for what was needed as laborers and skilled farmers. In addition to the colonists not being prepared for carving out a settlement in the wilderness, the area was the home of about 14,000 Algonquian-speaking Indians ruled by the powerful leader Powhatan. Even though trading opportunities were established with the Indians, the relationship between the two groups was tenuous.

Order within the colony was established and maintained with a council of seven, one of which served as the president. In 1608 John Smith became the president, the fourth president in that first year. I noted from the list of the arrivals many died in 1607 which probably accounts from Smith being the fourth president. Harsh elements, disease, and lack of laboring skills resulted in many deaths that first year. Remember most were upper-class Englishmen who were not used to 'doing', but rather were used to be 'done for'.

With Smith as the new president, he instituted a 'no work/no food' policy and established trade relations with the Powhatan Indians. We remember as children the story of John Smith and Pocahontas. However, the story we learned is probably more myth than fact as you will learn when you visit Jamestown. In any event, the colonists were able to trade for food with the Indians.

Life changed for the colonists in the fall of 1609 when Smith was injured by burning gunpowder. He left Jamestown and returned to England. He never returned to Jamestown, but he encouraged settlement until his death in 1631. With Smith and his leadership gone, the colony entered what historians call 'the starving time.' It was a period of warfare between the colonist and the Indians, but, more importantly, many English men and women died from starvation and disease.



Jamestown Settlement - Pinterest

Abandoning the colony seemed eminent till in the Spring 1610, settlers with supplies arrived from England. They were intent on finding wealth in Virginia. "This group of new settlers arrived under the second charter issued by King James I. This charter provided for stronger leadership under a governor who served with a group of advisors, and the introduction of a period of

military law that carried harsh punishments for those who did not obey.” These settlers were the infusion the colony needed.

The new settlers realized that small industries were important to success of the colony. Glassmaking, wood production, and pitch and tar and potash manufacturing industries met with minimal success. Back to our childhood story of Pocahontas.....in 1613 John Rolfe, who later married Pocahontas, introduced tobacco as a cash crop! To be successful, land and a labor force were needed. Settlers moved onto the Indians’ lands and lured by wealth in a new land, indentured servants arrived from England. As the dictionary says, “A person under contract to work for another person for a definite period of time, usually without pay but in exchange for free passage to a new country. During the seventeenth century most of the white laborers in Maryland and Virginia came from England as indentured servants.”

Laborers as indentured servants weren’t enough to meet the needs of the colony as a producer of tobacco. “The first documented Africans in Virginia arrived in 1619. They were from the kingdom of Ndongo in Angola, West Central Africa, and had been captured during war with the Portuguese. While these first Africans may have been treated as indentured servants, the customary practice of owning Africans as slaves for life appeared by mid-century. The number of African slaves increased significantly in the second half of the 17th century, replacing indentured servants as the primary source of labor.”

Besides the arrival of the Africans in 1619, the year is noteworthy as the first representative government in British America began at Jamestown with the convening of a general assembly. Settlers wanted input in the laws governing them. Thus, the idea of representative government was introduced into British America.

But, in 1624 King James I dissolved the Virginia Company due to a war with the Powhatan Indians in 1622 and misconduct by some of the Virginia Company in England. Virginia became a royal colony. ‘Jamestown continued as the center of Virginia’s political and social life till 1699 when the seat of government moved to Williamsburg.’ By the mid-1700s, Jamestown ceased to exist as a town.

When you attend Campvention 2018, plan to visit the Jamestown Settlement, 2110 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Jamestown Settlement is a living history museum operated by the Commonwealth of Virginia. You might also like to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZINHfyVDp3s> on YouTube to prepare you.

Jamestown Settlement awaits you in July when you attend Campvention 2018 in Doswell, Virginia.



2018 FCRV Travalong



This year’s Travalong has 3 stops. As in the past, you may join in or leave at any time. You make your own reservation with the campground for the first 2 stops, but for the third stop, make your reservation with Jim Turner. Distance: 1st stop to 2nd stop, 120 miles; 2nd stop to 3rd stop, 275 miles; 3rd stop to Campvention,

Arrive Monday June 25 – leave Thursday June 28

Caryville, TN I- 75 Exit 134

Camping: Cove Lake State Park, Caryville, TN Phone: 423-566-9701

Fee: W/E(30amp) \$64.00 (ask for discount)

Ask to camp near Jim Turner, Site 92.

Very Important: reserve your site as soon as possible.

Arrive Thursday June 28 – leave Sunday July 1

Waynesville, NC

I-40 Exit 20 US 276 South

Camping: **Pride RV Resort** Phone: 800-926-8191

Fee: W/E/S (30 & 50 amp) + cable & Wi Fi \$92.00 (with Passport America discount)

Ask to camp near Jim Turner, Site C-5.

Arrive Sunday July 1 – leave When you go to Campvention

NC State Fairgrounds campground, Raleigh, NC

Camping: you register with Jim Turner. 813-713-5727; turnerferv@yahoo.com

Fee: \$ 28.00 E / W



The Space Shuttle Discover is one of the many attractions in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven Udvar-Hazy Center's James S. McDonnell Space Hanger

WELCOME TO FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

As the official tourism site for Fairfax County, Virginia, it's our job to give you information on Fairfax County and fun things to do in Virginia. While you're visiting the National Capital Region you'll have the opportunity to spend some time at our world-famous shopping destinations or savor the food at one of our many fine Fairfax County restaurants.

During your Northern Virginia travels, maybe you'll want to educate yourself about Fairfax County's role in defining the history of America, or enjoy some of the finest arts and cultural attractions in the nation.

If you have some free time before or after Campvention 2018 and want to explore the area, check out this website to gather information and things to do. Click link to get to

website <http://www.fxva.com/>



Great Falls National Park - a great family-friendly spot to visit



Are Invasive Species Of Insects Destroying Your Plants? Here Are 4 Ways To Rejuvenate Your Garden By Attracting Beneficial Insects

Are invasive species of insects eating your plants -- maybe even starting to take over your garden? Instead of using chemicals to control pesky garden insects, here's a list of beneficial insects you might want to release into your garden. They will naturally get rid of the pesky insects for you! Or, if you don't want to release live predatory insects, then see our list of plants that attract beneficial insects naturally. **Read more...Click link**

<https://household-tips.thefuntimesguide.com/how-to-attract-beneficial-insects/>



Retiree Rally 2018

Tallahassee, FL

March 20 - 25, 2018

More Wrapup

FCRV RETIREE RALLY 2018

Tallahassee FL

Games Committee Report

Games this year were scheduled with less timeslot conflict with other events. Participations, as usual, varied depending on the games and weather. All the games were played inside, although the front door was left open. The retiree games committee was given a set of Frogs (with strings) to use at this and future rallies. The gift was from Clement Williams, GA

RALLY GAME SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Tues 3/20:	Frog Races	2PM	Bldg 2	
	32 players	1 st Place	Jerry ZIMMERMAN	CT
		2 ND Place	Bob SMITH	KS
Wed 3/21	Card Bingo	10 AM	Bldg 2	
	60 players	\$50 in silver coins were given to winning players; a few people got multiple wins.		
	3-13 Cards	11 AM	Bldg 2	
		1 st Pl	Carl Smith	FL
		2 nd Pl	Bob Kanya	OH
	Hillbilly Golf	1 PM	Bldg 1	
	Women's	1 st Pl	Phyllis Smith KS & Pat Hall AL	
		2 nd Pl	Margie Bates AL & Cheryl Descoteaux SC	
	Men's	1 st Pl	Jerry Zimmerman CT & Jerry Skoczylas FL	
		2 nd Pl	Larry Stone NC & Bill Stirewalt NC	
	Mixed	1 st Pl	Keith Stirewalt NC & Robin Stirewalt NC	
		2 nd Pl	Margie Smith FL & Carl Smith FL	
Thur 3/22	Chicken Foot (dominoes)		Bldg 2	
		1 st Pl	Janet Staehre	NE
		2 nd Pl	Carol Fritz	IL

Bean Bag Toss 1:30PM

Women's 1st Pl
 2nd Pl
 Men's 1st Pl
 2nd Pl
 Mixed 1st Pl

Washer Toss 3 PM

Women's 1st Pl
 2nd Pl
 Men's 1st Pl
 2nd Pl
 Mixed 1st Pl

Fri 3/23

Skip-Bo (cards)

1st Pl
 2nd Pl
 2nd Pl

Sat 3/24

Bean Bag Baseball

We started 15 teams (135 players); we had umpires, scorekeepers (1 each for every game), and lots of audience. There were 4 rounds with first games and "playoffs" to decide the winners.

1st Pl**Texas Rovers** (a "consolidation" team, put together that day)

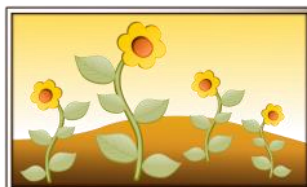
Jessie Lynn TX	Nina Anderson TX	Richard Anderson TX
Myra Stricklin AL	Mary Collett AL	Jim Staehre NE
Jim Roberts NV	Rich Roberts NV	Debbie Roberts NV

2nd Pl**Florida Crackers**

Cecil Baker FL	John Woodward FL	Edith Woodward FL
Annette Wieck FL	Sharon Jansen FL	Richard Jansen FL
Margie Smith FL	Carl Smith FL	Bob Lockhart TN

**Texas Rovers****Florida Crackers**

By Bill & Margaret Alderman



Milestones

50th Wedding Anniversary



Past Pennsylvania State Directors, Roger and Kathy Lute will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22nd. Although no longer camping due to Roger's health, they would enjoy hearing from old friends. 736 Elm Rd., Northern Cambria, PA 15714, kathleen-lute@yahoo.com.

Past Teen King

Jason Michael Gunning, youngest son of Clare and Bob Gunning of NY is graduating in May from the University of Buffalo Law School and has passed the Bar Exam. He was NY Teen King 'way back when.'



Memories



Retiree King and Queens 2007 Retiree Rally

L-R Addie Costello & Russ, NJ, 1985, Karl & Clara Amman, NY, 1987, Pete & Jane Brown, FL, 1997, Jim Bob & Shirley Ealey, PA, 1998, George & Sharon Woodruff, AR, 2000, Jim & Wilma Upchurch, GA, 2001, John & Dot Mendel, LA, 2002, Ralph & Betty Bruner, OH, 2003, John & Delores Derrick, SC, 2004, Wilson & Shirley Forbes, IA, 2005, Bob & Nancy Linder, MI 2006

Photo by Barb Turner



FCRV Activities

FCRV Teen Queens Participate at RV Shows



FCRV Teen Queen, Beth O'Neal at the Peoria RV Show with Doug & Connie Black, Illinois State Directors



FCRV Teen Queen Beth O'Neal
at the St. Louis RV show



Missouri Teen Queen Kaitlyn Musselwhite,
member of Gateway Chapter
at the St. Louis RV Show

Photos by Rhonda O'Neal

YARs Spring Campout

The YARs chapter held its spring campout following the retiree Rally at Sugar Hill Resort near Thomasville, GA. Hosts were Tommy & Alice Garner and Pat & Jerry Rozelle.



**YARs Tradition -
Root Beer Floats**



*This oak tree
would take a
lot of yellow
ribbon*

Canadian RVing & Camping Week Runs May 22-27

Courtesy of RV Business



The 4th Annual Canadian RVing and Camping Week, a national initiative coordinated by the [Canadian Camping and RV Council](#), [the RVDA of Canada](#), [the Canadian Recreational Vehicle Association](#) and [Go RVing Canada](#), is set to run May 22-27. According to a release, the event is designed to kick off the Canadian camping season.

In addition to participating campgrounds offering special discounts and camping fees during Canadian RVing and Camping Week, the Canadian Camping and RV Council and Go RVing Canada are again inviting campgrounds coast to coast and their campers to join them to help raise money for Make-A-Wish **Canada** by coming together and participating in a Wish Event on May 26 at 10 p.m. Campers will be encouraged to purchase a Wish Star for \$2 each with 100% of the proceeds going to Make-A-Wish® Canada.

Through the generosity of participating Campgrounds and RVDA of Canada dealers and their campers last year, the event generated over \$20,000 in donations which helped a young seven-year-old boy named Parker with a rare form of cancer to have his wish come true of owning a pop-up trailer so that "he and his family can enjoy more time camping, fishing, and hiking."

In addition to helping a Make-A-Wish dream come true, the campground that donates the

most money to will be rewarded with \$1,000 in online media and advertising by GO RVing Canada. For more information visit Go RVing Canada's [website](#).

Starcraft RV Unveils Mossy Oak-Branded Trailers

by Rick Kessler Courtesy RV Business

At a press conference Wednesday, March 28, Starcraft RV officials debuted a line of Mossy Oak travel trailers that the company said would capture the attention of the outdoor brand's legions of fans.



Marc Hauser, vice president of sales and product development for Jayco towable divisions, Ronnie "Cuz" Strickland, Mossy Oak's vice president of media services, and Jayco Chief Operations Officer Matt Thompson

With South Twin Lake as a backdrop, Starcraft, a division of Thor Industries Inc. subsidiary Jayco Inc., used Twin Mills Camping Resort in Howe, Ind., as a setting for the Mossy Oak travel trailer introduction — a partnership that was more than six months in the making, according to Marc Hauser, vice president of sales and product development for Jayco towable divisions.

"We knew 10 seconds into our first meeting with them that this was a 'match made in outdoor heaven,' to use the phrase that Cuz Strickland first said," said Hauser, referring to Ronnie "Cuz" Strickland, Mossy Oak's vice president of media services and essentially the "face" of the camouflage and outdoor company.

"(Starcraft General Manager) Jeff Kloska and his product development team played an integral role in the creation and development of the Mossy Oak product lines," Hauser continued. "The entire Starcraft family is elated to be partnering with the amazing Mossy Oak team to align our passion for the outdoors and provide outdoor lovers a better way to camp."

The two units on display at the press conference were the Mossy Oak 23RLS, a rear-living lightweight trailer with slideout dinette seating, and the Mossy Oak Lite 27BHU featuring rear bunk beds,

giant slide-out room, and private front bedroom with walk-around queen bed.

A handful of stick-and-tin models in the Mossy Oak line will be the first to make it to dealer lots, Hauser noted, which should be sometime in April. The initial four or five floorplans are the company's more popular configurations borrowed from other lines, he said, including 26- and 27-foot bunkhouses and 24- and 26-foot rear living room units. The laminated Mossy Oak models will launch to dealers in May. Hauser said eventually there would be as many as 25 floorplans in the Mossy Oak travel trailer lineup.

The units feature Mossy Oak's logo and most popular pattern, Break-Up Country, in a subdued manner on both exterior graphics as well as interior furnishings such as bed linen, curtains and upholstery accents.



Starcraft trailer interior sports Mossy Oak logo

Retail pricing will be determined in the coming weeks, Hauser added.

"We have 'X' amount of dealers on board already, and then as the time goes on we'll expand the floorplans," Hauser told RVBUSINESS.com. "We'll determine MSRP pricing this week and slowly be sending that to our dealers who are coming on board. Again, the first 'X' amount of units are already sold, so those dealers already know. They've been part of our focus group so they've been waiting for the product to come rolling out."

Strickland was also on hand at the press conference, and he told RVBUSINESS.com that he's eager to get to know the RV industry which will include appearances and autograph signings at participating dealerships.

"I don't know the RV business. I'm anxious to meet some of the dealers and say 'What can we do to help you generate some interest?' Maybe it's a giant sweepstakes? That's what I love. I'd love for everybody to have a chance to win something that's legit,"

he said. “That’s what I’m gonna throw at them. Like the hunt of a lifetime, an RV unit, let me guide them. I’m gonna cook for them for four days. That’s what I wanna do. And say, ‘Hey. Come join the Mossy Oak family and the Starcraft family for four days on us.’ And that’s it. Everybody has a shot at it. That’s what I’m thinking.”

We did the same thing with RAM trucks,” he added. “We signed a deal with RAM trucks and I personally can’t tell you how many RAM dealerships I went to, and it’s not that I’m some really recognizable guy, but ‘I’m the Mossy Oaks guy’ and I’m willing to go do that. If it’s important to them, they want to come by and have a signed hat or something, I’m all in.”

The partnership maximizes consumer demographics shared by the two companies, both Hauser and Strickland noted. Known first and foremost as a camouflage brand, Mossy Oak’s core consumer not only wears Mossy Oak brand products for concealment in the woods, but as a representation of their love for the outdoors, recreation, and the hunting lifestyle in their daily lives.

Hauser said Starcraft owners also seek outdoor adventures, and he expects Mossy Oak’s brand loyalists – which includes 2.5 million fans on its Facebook page, 819,000 Instagram and 128,000 Twitter followers, and nearly 50,000 subscribers to its YouTube channel – will come to appreciate Starcraft RV’s Mossy Oak lineup.



Why Overnight RV Parking At Truck Stops Is A Bad Idea



Don't want to spend money on an RV park? Avoid the overnight parking at truck stops—it's just not a good idea

There’s a popular belief among many RVers that it’s OK to take advantage of free overnight RV parking at truck stops around America. If you’re too

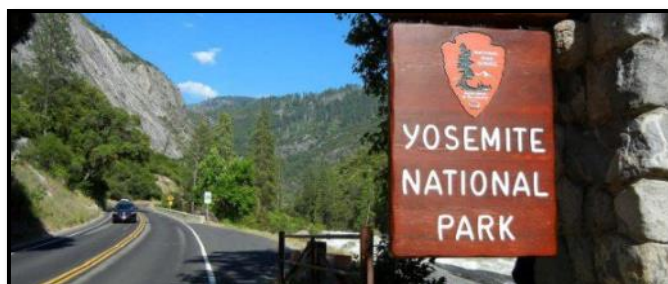
cheap or broke to pay for an RV park and a big box parking lot is out of your way, overnighting in a truck stop parking spot might *seem* like a good idea—but the long-haul truckers of the highways disagree, and with good reason.

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/overnight-rv-parking-at-truck-stops/>

Here’s a link to cheaper camping:

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/frugal-rving-guide/>

Entrance Fees Are Increasing At All National Parks



In response to public outcry after their first proposal, the National Park Service will be increasing entrance fees \$5 more per vehicle in 2018.

The National Park Service will be increasing entrance fees in 2018, but not nearly as much as first proposed.

After a large public outcry when they introduced their original proposal in October 2017, NPS recently announced that fees will only be going up \$5 more per vehicle. The first proposal would have skyrocketed entrance fees up to \$70 per vehicle at the most popular parks beginning this year.

<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/national-park-proposal-change/>



Photo by Bob Gunning

Jim Lewis Tips

Tip of the day---- Every time you arrive at a new RV Park and plug in, you are playing Russian Roulette. Are you plugging into 110v or 220v at the pedestal? Are the hot leads and neutral and ground wires



connected properly? As more people plug in or unplug are you getting the proper voltage? First use a 30A or 50A surge protector at the pedestal. I have mine secured with a chain and padlock, they aren't cheap. Also, I have a voltage meter in my RV to read the actual voltage coming into the RV... 110v-125v, no more, no less.

Tip of the day..... very simple... water pressure in parks can vary from 25PSI to well over 100 PSI. Your RV does not want to see more than 60 - 65 PSI or you may get a leak. Use a pressure regulator (Walmart, Amazon, Camping World, RV Parts store, etc) at the connection from the park, before your hose. Also add a water filter if your RV doesn't already have one (buy at the same as above) and put the use start date in magic marker on it. Only use this hose for your domestic water and nothing else.

Tip of the day..... Does your hot water smell? Your hot water heater is dirty and needs to be cleaned. Scale will form on the inside of the tank because minerals will leach out of the water when heated. Magnesium, calcium, and sulfur are the biggest problems. The repair is easy and should be done 1-2 times per year. Turn off your water, turn off the electric and gas heaters, remove the drain plug and then lift the pressure relief valve (slow) to allow air into the tank. Some drain plugs may also be the sacrificial anode.

Once drained, take your flushing tool, (The flushing tool is made of a bent piece of 3/8 copper tubing attached to an old washing machine hose.) put it in the drain hole, turn on a strong stream of water and slowly move it around in the tank, flushing out the scale. The water and scale will also come back out the drain hole. When you are done, you will have a pile of white scale on the ground.

Replace the sacrificial anode. Fill the tank with water and check that the drain plug and pressure relief valve aren't leaking. A flick of the lever on the relief valve may be required to get it to seal again.

Tip of the day..... Maintenance is required..... the metal parts that hold the springs to your TT or 5th are called Shackles. They see a lot of wear and tear with all the road bumps, cracks and frost heaves and need to be checked for wear and cracks. They are easy to replace and cheap. Check your RV regularly for oblong holes and cracked Shackles.



Tip of the day..... Safety, safety, safety..... We all RV, it rains while we camp, and we all have metal steps. Metal steps are very slippery when wet and a fall exiting your RV will put you in the hospital. Put step carpet wraps to ensure you won't slip.

Also, at the bottom of the steps, get a fiber door mat to remove mud and burrs from the bottom of your shoes.

Tip of the day..... All RV's have batteries and battery chargers that are built in units. You need to check your batteries periodically that they are full of distilled water. Get a gallon of water from the grocery store, it is used in clothing irons as well because the minerals have been removed. The water will slowly boil off into vapors and leave the plates in the battery exposed, even in the new multi-stage chargers, but just more slowly. Also, ensure that all your battery connections are clean, and coat them with Dielectric grease (from Ace or auto parts store) to keep corrosion away.

Tip of the day..... another simple tip..... do you use the cheap plastic yellow chocks to hold your RV from moving ? Get a pair of Fastway 84-00-4000 ONEstep Wheel Chock. They are totally adjustable for short wheel spacing to large space. Reduce trailer sucking and they are easy to put in and remove in foul weather. Remember, first in and last out...





KOA Report: Over 6 Million New Campers Since '14

Courtesy of RV Business

More than 6 million new North American households have adopted the camping lifestyle since 2014, with the number of campers who camp three times or more each year – the most avid group of campers – having increased by 64%, according to results from the 2018 North American Camping Report. The annual independent study supported by Kampgrounds of America Inc. (KOA) offers evidence that camping is fast becoming a lifestyle attribute among U.S. and Canadian households – and there is no indication that this trend is slowing down.

In the U.S. there was an increase of 2.6 million new camper households in 2017. Further, representation among all ethnicities is beginning to appear more like the overall population. Building on 2017 report findings, campers at all experience levels and among all ethnicities continue to express the desire to camp more and are equally likely to say that they intend to increase their camping trips in 2018: 45% of all campers indicated they will increase camping trips in 2018, an increase of 3% from last year's report, while 39% of new campers in 2017 will increase camping trips in 2018.

Increases in camping – both in reach and frequency – can be tied to increased accessibility of camping due to the removal of previously held beliefs and barriers. While previous research demonstrated bugs, safety/security and/or campers not knowing anyone who camped as primary barriers to camping, those barriers are waning with technology and social media serving as access portals to helpful information both prior to and during the camping experience. Further, according to campers who say that access to cell or Wi-Fi service has a great deal of impact on the length of their trips, they are able to take almost a full week extra of time camping.

“Camping is a highly social activity, and with that, we are seeing campers turning to their social circles or other camping influencers for information and resources, including borrowing or renting RVs and gear. It's this social nature – both on and off the campground – that continues to reduce barriers and fuel the growth of annual camping in North America,” said Toby O'Rourke, president of KOA. “With

reduced barriers and the desire of campers to connect with nature and each other, it is no surprise that camping is fast becoming a fundamental component of an outdoor lifestyle.”

The 2018 North American Camping Report continues to show campers view camping as a time to relax, escape stress and clear their minds. Even with an influx of new campers (both younger and more ethnically diverse), differences in opinion about the reasons for camping are beginning to lessen, with close to half of all campers suggesting that camping has “a great deal of impact” on reducing stress and allowing them to spend more time with their families. There is also increased recognition that camping contributes to emotional and physical health.

Key findings and trends based on the results of the 2018 North American Camping Report include:

- Camping continues to grow in the U.S. and the future of camping is strong.
- Overall camping incidence remains stable with 61 percent of U.S. households (77 million) having someone who camps at least occasionally, a minor increase over last year.
- Forty-five percent of all campers indicated they will increase camping trips in 2018, while 39% of new campers in 2017 will increase camping trips in 2018.

As first noted last year, teen campers continue to be highly engaged in camping and demonstrate a great deal of enthusiasm toward camping and the outdoors. Teen campers express higher levels of enthusiasm toward camping than what adults predict; 94% of teens state they are enthusiastic about camping, compared to 77% of adults who say that teens are enthusiastic.

Nearly all of the teen campers surveyed claim they intend to camp as adults, and if they have children, they intend to bring them camping. In fact, most teen campers identify a benefit of camping as relaxing the adults in their lives (as well as themselves).

Further, new campers in 2017 are more diverse than the overall population with a nearly even split between white and non-white campers.

The representation of Hispanic and African American/Black new campers is in line with U.S. Census figures, while new Asian American campers are represented at three times that of U.S. Census figures (new Asian American campers represented 17% of new campers in 2017, against 5% from Census data).

African American/Black campers are most likely to report an increase in camping, while Asian Americans are most likely to say that their camping will

remain consistent year over year.

Those who serve the outdoor hospitality sector should plan on higher levels of camping across the board, but primarily among younger campers who may drive the camping economy as they experiment with different types of accommodations and camping.

Six out of every ten Millennial households tried some type of camping or lodging in 2017, but the experimenting is being driven by Hispanics (71%) and African Americans (78%) trying out new ways of camping.

Nearly all Millennials (93%) and Gen Xers (93%) would like to try some type of new camping in 2018. Millennials are the most likely to want to experience backcountry camping and/or glamping, while Gen Xers seek unique accommodations. Both Millennials (66%) and Gen Xers (58%) are changing their camping habits and included both more weekends and weekdays in their trips this past year.

Access to technology Increasing in Campgrounds

A past determinant of camping has been having access to information about some of the issues that may have hindered camping in the past, such as safety and security. These issues can now be addressed with social media networks and searching the internet, putting information at the prospective camper's fingertips.

Nearly all campers (97%) state that they bring some type of technology with them while camping.

In a continued upward trend since 2014, campers are significantly more likely to go online while camping. Yet, in departure from the results observed last year, campers are significantly more likely to say that the use of technology detracts from the overall enjoyment of their camping experiences (38% in 2016, 49% in 2017).

What's more, the idea of "unplugging" while camping is in fact unlikely to mean a complete disconnect from technology. About a third of all campers saying they have their smartphone with them, but they don't turn it on (used for safety only).

The use of social media to share photos and videos while camping continues to grow, with 27% of Millennials and 25% Gen X campers saying that sharing camping experiences through social media is important (compared to 24% of all campers).

Millennial families are more likely than other millennials to post a status update via social media (40%), check-in (40%) and share photos or videos (68%) while camping.

Differences in how campers camp

Tent usage remains consistent and the highest camping accommodation with 61 percent of campers identifying tents as their primary way of camping; about one-fourth (24 percent) of all campers use an RV as their primary way of camping.

Among campers who claim an RV as their primary way of camping, 44 percent do not own the RV they use most.

A full one-fourth of this subset of campers say they borrow the RV, and 1-in-5 say they rent from a company or peer-to-peer rental service.

Borrowing an RV is most common among Gen Xers.

Among millennials, those with families are most likely to consider renting an RV from a peer-to-peer service (followed by millennial couples).

The largest growth in RV usage is among African American campers, with 27% stating that an RV is their primary way of camping, which is up from 19 percent last year. Forty-one percent of African American campers stating that they tried an RV for the first time in 2017.

Among new campers in 2017, one-fourth camped in cabins – a rate much higher than last year (moving ahead of RVs as the primary way of camping). This could be due at least in part to the large influx of non-white campers in 2017, many of whom not only start camping in cabins, but are also likely to express a preference for cabins.

A full digital copy of the 2018 North American Camping Report is available for viewing or for download on the KOA Pressroom at www.koapressroom.com.



DIY: Easy Way to Refinish Your RV Cabinets

Author : Carrie Todd

Whether you bought your camper new or used, at some point you may crave a change in style. Although you can easily switch out the throw pillows on the sofa or replace the comforter and bedding, after a time, you might want a more drastic update. One DIY project that is guaranteed to produce the greatest change in the appearance of the interior of your RV is refinishing the cabinets.

<https://mobilerviving.com/blog/diy-easy-way-to-refinish-your-rv-cabinets>

Products

MEET BOUTIQUE CAMPING'S NEW LUNA BELL TENT

Boutique Camping's exciting new Luna bell tent has a highly distinctive dome shape that maximizes internal space and creates a sense of dramatic grandeur, making it perfect for glampers and family campers.



A great deal of thought has gone into the development of the new Luna tent, with a design reflects how glamping has evolved over recent years. Besides wanting a tent that's spa-

cious and eye catching, glampers also want the convenience of a tent that can be set up quickly. Unlike tents in a similar style which can take a long time to set up due to having to erect the walls and ceiling separately, setting up the Luna bell tent takes just a few minutes thanks to the innovative design which includes a heavy-duty zipped in ground sheet, allowing the tent to be pitched as-one.

The Luna bell tent is erected by sliding the aluminum framework of curved poles into the inside of the tent and just like a more traditional bell tent, the Luna includes a sturdy centre pole. Once in place, the dome shape of the Luna tent is very stable able to withstand strong winds. At the highest point, the Luna tent reaches 3m high, and with 2m high walls the internal space of the tent is maximized, meaning there's ample space for both people and furniture. The high walls make the interior of the Luna bell tent incredibly spacious. Factor in the impressive head space, and both the 4m and 5m versions benefit from more usable space than similarly sized traditional bell tents.

Made from high quality Polycotton the fabric is both strong and lightweight, and it's specially treated to be mold, mildew and rot resistant, and of course, it's water resistant too. The generous 2m high doorway means there's no need to bend when entering the tent, and the addition of 3 large round windows means it's easier than ever to feel even more con-

nected to the great outdoors. Both the windows and door are protected by mesh, helping to keep bugs out whilst allowing for greater airflow, ideal for camping on hot summer's days.

The Boutique Camping Luna bell tent comes complete with a mallet, high quality tent pegs, new no-slip guy rope sliders, reflective guy ropes and a sturdy carry bag with a waterproof base.

Britain's Camping Product of 2017 is on its way to North America

Aquaformo the Award Winning British outdoor stove company is launching its Aquaformo II in North America. This latest product is a fully optimized version of the original, which has gained notoriety and an extremely loyal fan base due to its incredible flexibility and multitude of uses.

The device that sits in a backpack is telescopic and transforms from a small beach grill to a full pizza oven 3 feet tall in seconds. The companies obsession with multiplicity ensures you can simultaneously keep warm, dry wet clothing, cook almost any style of food and have boiling water on tap.



OneUp Launches the World's Most Compact Self-Activating Life Float

*Compact Carrier Case Transforms into Life Preserver
with a Single Toss and Contact with Water*

Canary Islands – April 4, 2018 – According to the World Health Organization, on a global scale, drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional death with an estimated toll of 360,000 lives annually or 42 deaths every hour. To help families, fishermen, boat owners, water enthusiasts and first responders stay safe at the beach, lake, ocean or pool, life preservation



company OneUp, today unveils its flagship device, aimed to be the solution to improve water safety. At 20x smaller than standard, bulky flotation devices that are difficult to maneuver when speed is of the essence, OneUp is a compact, soft drink can-shaped tube that explodes into action when it comes into contact with water, self-inflating to become a one size fits all life preserver.

Named as a tribute to classic videogames of the 1980's, OneUp's new, "extra life" approach to aquatic safety enables both professional rescuers



OneUp inflated

and recreational water enthusiasts with the ability to save lives without sacrificing time to manually activate a life preserver. Available today for a discounted early bird price of \$49 on Indiegogo, the compact, easily stored device provides on-the-go-safety in both salt and fresh water. Simply toss or hand the lightweight tube to a person in need for automatic inflation and assistance as soon as it contacts water.

"Our mission at OneUp is to improve water safety forever, while giving people an easy-to-use tool they can rely on during any water activity," said Saúl Arteta, CEO of OneUp. "Until now, life preservers have been bulky and difficult to manage. With our new device, people can still enjoy their time on the water and trust that if an issue arises, OneUp is there to save anyone in just seconds."

Safety with a Single Toss

At the size of 6.8 inches and weighing only 0.8 lbs, the MSDS and CE certified device comes with a waterproof cover to house the life preserver and a carabiner which allows users to clamp the device to bags and belt loops for added portability. When OneUp is needed, the rescuer simply hands or throws the device to the victim preventing tragedy. You can see OneUp in action [here](#).

The Science Behind Safety

OneUp was designed with the principals of speed and portability allowing for quick action in the event of an emergency. Its ability to self-inflate is made possible by a small salt pod and CO2 inflation sensor that is commonly used in aeronautical and naval security. Upon contact with water, the salt pod dissolves, releasing the spring which acti-

vates the rapid release of CO2 causing instant inflation. The entire process from activation to full life preserver takes only two seconds and the device is reusable with just a 60 second reset time. A single OneUp preserver can hold up to 330 lbs of weight.

The OneUp Advantage

With OneUp on hand, water enthusiasts no longer have to worry about being in non-security areas without lifeguards or life preservers nearby. Now, pool goers, boat owners, fisherman and those who enjoy water activities can provide their own security network for themselves and those nearby through individuals owning OneUp. On a larger scale, OneUp has the potential to minimize government costs in rescues and searches. According to the World health Organization, the United States alone accounts \$273 million each year in direct and indirect costs related to drowning.

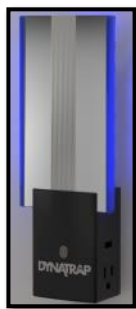
Availability

OneUp is available now for preorder at Indiegogo.com with pricing starting at \$49 and shipping slated for summer 2018. For more information, please visit: oneupsaves.com.

DynaTrap Announces Newest Traps - - Now That's Something To Buzz About!

The traps feature reliable Dynatrap protection with new compact designs and stainless steel exteriors.

NATIONAL HARDWARE SHOW - LAS VEGAS, NV -- DynaTrap® (www.dynatrap.com) is the creator of technology-driven, indoor/outdoor insect and mosquito traps that are pesticide and hassle free. Today the company is officially unveiling the three newest products to join the ranks of its innovative, industry-leading solutions.



DynaTrap's proprietary technology uses a proven three-way protection plan to attract and eliminate pesky bugs. A combination of carbon dioxide and UV-light attracts mosquitoes and other insects to the trap. A powerful yet silent fan then draws them into a retaining cage where they dehydrate and die, without the intrusive zapping noise of other typical solutions. The result is a virtually silent, odorless, and pesticide-free way to enjoy bug-free seasonal activities.

DT160: Compact, Noiseless Indoor/Outdoor Protection

Featuring a compact, durable design and up to ¼ acre of coverage, the new DT160 trap is the perfect way to protect urban or suburban yards and patios. Thanks to the 100% pesticide-free approach and two different color options -- black or stone -- the DT160 can safely and stylishly be used indoors to keep the home bug-free. It comes with a non-replaceable CCFL bulb rated for 20,000 hours (or 2.25 years) of continuous use.

DT600: Attractive Stainless Steel for Outdoor Use



The new stainless steel DT600 series traps come in three different metallic finishes -- Tungsten, Stainless and Antique Copper -- to deliver up to ¼ acre of attractive outdoor protection. The DT600 uses energy efficient, non-replaceable UV-LED bulbs rated for 40,000 hours of continuous use. It also comes with a 30-day supply of Atrakta Mosquito Attractant Pods, which turbocharge the attractant power of the unit by mimicking the human skin scents that attract mosquitoes.

Atrakta® Mosquito Lure: Turbocharge Your Traps

The new Atrakta® Mosquito Lure is a water-resistant sachet designed to enhance the effects of any insect trap, rated for 60 days of continuous use to increase catch rate. It's easy to use by simply dropping in or attaching to the catch basket, and like all DynaTrap products, is safe to use around people, pets, or beneficial insects. Similar to the Atrakta® Mosquito Attractant Pods, the Atrakta® Mosquito Lure mimics naturally occurring human scents that are irresistible to disease-carrying mosquitoes.

"We're delighted to expand the line of DynaTrap solutions with the addition of the DT160 and DT600 traps, as well as the new Atrakta Mosquito Lure," said Juan Rocha, President of DynaTrap. "Anyone who is familiar with DynaTrap will immediately recognize the stylish design and reliable coverage that we are known for. These units are simply the newest technology in a long line of dependable bug traps."

The Atrakta® Mosquito Lure and DT600 series are available to retail buyers and consumers for purchase now; the DT160 is being exclusively shown to retail buyers at the 2018 National Hardware Show and will be available to consumers in 2019.

For more information on DynaTrap, please visit <https://www.dynatrap.com>.

Farewells

Greg Daggett, 4-21-18, San Antonio, Texas. Son of June and John Daggett, past FICC (international) representative.

Lionel "Casey" Bostdorf, 87, 4-24-16, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, Served 23 years in the Navy, Lancaster Chapter, Past PA Retirees President, longtime active member.





UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

MAY 18-21, 2018 - OPA Spring Campout

Hard Oil Days - Black Gold Rush, Brigden Fairgrounds, 2435 Courtright Lane, Brigden, Ontario 0N NON 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). include # of adults, teens, children, grandchildren. Hosts Sarnia 4T's. See application on FCRV website.

JUNE

June 22-24, 2018 – NC Summer Board Meeting

Oak Hollow Campground, 3415 N. Centennial St., High Point N.C. 27265. Everyone is invited, you do not need to make reservations as sites are already reserved.

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, 262-914-5950, 262-914 5951. Registration form on FCRV website.

August 16 – 19, 2018 - 2018 NE Regional Campout

The Ridge NY Campground, 8101 Conlon Rd., Leroy NY 14482. We from New York State would like to invite all to Leroy, NY for a great campout. 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 stieglj2@gmail.com. Download and print the [registration form](#). Hope to see you there!!

SEPTEMBER

September 21-23, 2018 - MSA State Fall Campout / Blue Water District Mixer

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69) Imlay City MI 48444. Theme "Hatfield & McCoys"
Basic power only. Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$25.00, Camping fee per night \$10.00, Total Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$45.00. Early arrivals begin on Wednesday September 19. Registration Deadline September 12, 2018 Joyce Williams 586-242-4584 or email mibluewaterfcrv@gmail.com. Registration form on fcrv.org website.

FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers NATIONAL CAMPVENTION Doswell, VA 2018

APPLICATION: GOLF CART RENTAL

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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 _____

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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.

Shirley and Don MacKenzie
National Historian
527 Firehouse Drive,
Louisa, VA 23093
Email - onecedarjunction@gmail.com
540-967-9654



58th 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 DOMIMION 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

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

WE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR: _____