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**This picture taken at the CT Spring rally by Jim Lewis shows what FCVR is all about - fun, friendship, family.**

**Ethan Dion and Colby Behlman who met Saturday morning.**

**New friends in the morning and family by Saturday evening.**

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# From the President - Shari Weber



Campvention 2018 is almost here! Many of you are already on the road headed for Doswell and enjoying stops on the way. The Travelong is in full swing with Jim & Barb. The rest of us are making final plans for departure soon. Majory & Don, Ron & Reba and Gerry & Betty and their team have a fun filled week planned for us.

## VOLUNTEERISM

FCRV does all its work with volunteer help. Remember to be thankful for the work someone has put in to make it possible for you to enjoy a campout. Our volunteers are on vacation too. They want you to have a good time. Sometimes things do not go as planned. Be patient, try to understand. As past national director, Jean Wisby was known to say, you want to remain flexible so you don't get bent out of shape.

On the other side of volunteerism, please consider saying yes when you are asked to take on a responsibility. Whether it is to help with an aspect of campvention or taking on a program or becoming a member of the field staff, the job is important and needs capable, willing hands. You are not too young and you don't have to wait until you retire. Just say "yes".

## QUESTIONS FOR THE TRUSTEES

A box will be in central registration for you to address questions to any of the Trustees. The Annual General Membership meeting is Tuesday. Those questions will be answered during the meeting by whichever Trustee the question is for. All of us are eager to help make our camping organization better for everyone. Sue C., George, Jan, Jack, Sue F, Scott and me are looking forward to talking with you at campvention.

See you Where it all Began!

Shari



Canada celebrates the day Nova Scotia & New Brunswick, Ontario (then Upper Canada) & Quebec (then lower Canada) came together on July 1, 1867. The rest of the provinces soon followed suit.

## Canadian Facts

Many in the US don't know many facts about Canada so with Canada Day celebrated on July 1st we thought this would be a good time to show some Canadian facts.

- ♦ Canada's National Symbol is the mighty Beaver
- ♦ Did you know that Canada has the longest coastline in the world at 151,600 miles
- ♦ Canada is influenced by both the US and Britain. Canada is on the Metric System but most people weigh themselves in pounds and measure themselves in feet and inches.
- ♦ Temperature is in Celcius and our speed limits are measured in kilometres.
- ♦ Our one dollar coin is called a Loonie and our two dollar coin is called a Toonie. The \$1 coin ended up being called a loonie because there is a loon (it's an aquatic bird) on it.
- ♦ We follow the British way of writing. We like using the "u" in words like colour and neighbour. We like to flip the "er" with "re" in words like theatre and metre.
- ♦ Canada has two official languages and we learn both French and English in school. But not many people outside Quebec are bilingual. Everyone assumes most Canadians speak French and English but that's not the case.



# Campvention 2018

July 9 - 13, 2018

The Meadow Event Park

Doswell, Virginia

**Even if you aren't registered, you can still join us for all the fun!**

*Registration form found elsewhere in this issue.*



## Retiree Rally 2019

**Houma, Louisiana**

**March 19th - 24th, 2019**

*Registration form elsewhere in issue.*

More information in August issue of *Camping Today*



### **CORRECTION**

In the June issue a mistake was made in the article about FCRV turning 69 in July. It was stated that the "2019 Retiree Rally would be in Dothan, AL." **2019 Retiree Rally is in Houma, Louisiana March 19 - 24 at the Terrebonne Civic Center.** 2020 Retiree Rally will be held in Dothan, AL at the The National Peanut Festival Fairground March 24-30, 2020.



### **90th Birthday Celebrated**

Elsie Grant, longtime Ontario member celebrated her 90th birthday on June 3. She is no longer camping, but enjoys hearing from friends. 118 Power Line Rd., Brantford, Ontario, Canada N3T 5L8 or email via Jean Bedford ke-sjb@rogers.com.





# FCRV Activities

## Connecticut Spring Rally

At the Connecticut Spring Rally at Goshen Fair grounds on Memorial weekend we had 9 new families join us. The weekend was hosted by Lamplighters Chapter with help from all of the other Ct chapters. Ct is small enough that everyone are friends and family.

The picture of the two boys on the cover are Ethan Dion and Colby Behlman who met Saturday morning. New friends in the morning and family by Saturday evening.

BTW, Dora Lewis taught Ethan to ride without training wheels on Saturday morning !

Our Queen Amanda Yarison was running a fund raiser. Food, games, and more food was on the agenda. "Camping is" posters were made, displayed and voted on for the convention. Luckily, Ct has a lot of families with small kids and teens joining us, so we continue to develop long term friendships.



## Ohio Retiree Rally

By Barb Turner

photos by Fran Vozar, Nancy Suphrit-Stevens, and Barb Turner

The Ohio Retiree Rally, hosted by Harold & Ron Braley, was held at Poor Farmer's Campground, Fletcher, June 11-15. A variety of activities were planned for the attendees, particularly touring the area.

A highlight of an Ohio Retiree Rally is the road rally, a combined effort of Dave & Linda Hennie and Ron & Harold Braley this year. For those unfamiliar with the Fletcher area, it is farmland and a couple of very small towns. The Hennies and Braleys were very creative in designing our tour of the back country. From the time they designed the route till the route was run (a week's time), some things changed. Early in the route, we were asked to count the bales of hay in the field on the southwest corner at an intersection of country roads. When they set up the route, there were 18 bales of hay in the field. When we did our tour, there were zero!! The farmer had taken the bales to the barn!

Another 'oops' was when we were to look for the woods on the right, provide the name, the address, and what was not permitted. There was a pull-off and a big sign....behind a newly fallen tree!! We had to peer through the foliage to see the information. It was a newly fallen tree as when Hennies ran the route the day before all was clear!



The winning team, Pop Starts – Bill & Jane Thrasher and Russ & Ruthann Simon, was the last team to finish. They said they took their time, even going back to check their answers. They were 100%

correct!

Fran Vozar shared: "The Retiree Rally was so much fun spending time with old and new friends. Harold Braley was our 'cool chef' grilling up a storm all week with son Ron as a sidekick, doing the grunt work. We had pancakes, sausage/bacon or Toad-in-the-hole or donuts every morning, grilled pork chops at our potluck and noodles and beef, green/ham beans and homemade mashed potatoes to top it off for our last pig-out dinner! Oh, and pies, peach cobbler



and ice cream, too. Root beer floats and lots of cookies, cheese and crackers, Janet Kanya-Buckeyes, snacks, coffee and more. I was afraid to weigh myself!

“Our side trip to Walmart and Goodwill landed a Piqua T-shirt for our 7-year-old grandson who was so excited that we were going to Piqua where ‘Captain Underpants’ lived!!!

“We had so many field trips that you wouldn’t believe it. The list includes, Bear Grist Mill, The Garst Museum in Greenville with the Annie Oakley and Lowell Thomas exhibits and Old Mason Winery.



We had a crazy Road Rally thru the country roads past cemeteries, farms, bridges, egg signs, elephants and Loretta’s Country Kitchen. Another road trip led some of us to Johnson Farm and Indian Agency with a canal boat ride in the Miami and Erie Canal and a farmhouse tour. Winan’s Chocolates, KitchenAid, Piqua’s Historic Library, and Mulligan’s Pub almost did us all in, but the beef & noodle dinner revived us.



Card games, campfires, and conversations were so much fun! Hated to head home! Stan and I were in a roll, so we toured the Piatt Castles and the Ohio Caverns, Indian Lake, and White Shutter Winery and. Brewery before collapsing at home!”

Mary Funk added, “We had a very good time; the road trip was a blast. Harold and Ron did a great job on all the food. Looking forward to next year.”

Cards and the jigsaw puzzle were enjoyed.



Russ Simon celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday at the rally.

Dave Hennie tackled his bargain garage sale chair. (Frame: \$1; supplies & instructions: \$5) Barb Turner posted his progress on Facebook. It became a ‘hit’ with many giving Dave words of encouragement.



Ron Braley, besides being his dad’s sidekick as mentioned above, made sure we had a campfire all week. Someone mentioned that it was so nice to actually have a campfire to sit around every evening. What a way to end every day! There is something about a campfire, isn’t there?



The Ohio Retiree Rally was a wonderful week of fellowship, fun, and so relaxing. Thank you, Harold & Ron Braley!! We all now look forward to the Ohio Retiree Rally 2019.

## Lancaster Chapter

Each member of the Lancaster Chapter has a pole light with their name on it made by Carl Drexler. At a recent chapter campout at Mt. Airy Campground near Ephrata, PA, longtime member, Casey Bostdorf, who passed away recently was memorialized. His light post will be given to his daughter.





## PENN CAMP '18 HELD AT BEECH CREEK

Pennsylvania's annual state campout was held June 15th – 17th at the Bald Eagle Chapter's campground in Beech Creek, PA. Chairman was Norm Wolfrom with Co-chairman Denny Bowser assisted by 17 committees. 18 units including 4 first timers attended.

Friday afternoon kicked off with a fun session of "Brown Bag Surprise" bingo. State Director, Patty Campbell welcomed everyone at evening opening ceremonies. Entertainment was by delightful singer Elaine Frederick Barth who had the audience easily singing along with her mix of sixties, country, gospel, Broadway and patriotic music. The Lancaster chapter served cookies and root beer floats and it was a beautiful night for a campfire at club's big fire ring.

Saturday morning began with an egg, cheese, bacon or sausage sandwich, fruit cup, coffee, tea, and juice in the outdoor pavilion. As the day went on conservation posters were collected and judged and chance prize tickets were sold. There were also crafts in the pavilion, games and a silent auction. Regular bingo and bean bag baseball (Bears 3, Raccoons 0) rounded out the day which was topped by a pot luck supper. The evening program included announcements and installation of State association officers – President, Sarah Dowell, VP, Mickey Wagner, Secretary, Jeanie Kelly, Treasurer, Pat Luke. PA will be looking into locations for the 2019 Northeast Regional Campout. "Horse Races" were held on the lawn and numerous door prizes were drawn.

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**Bears Team won BBB**

The campout closed Sunday morning with church Services and well wishes for safe travels. A number



**Pinwheel Craft**



**Horse Race Winners**

of PA Retirees stayed through Tuesday for an additional campout.

## NCHA Vests Donated

The vests were donated to the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, IN by John Hoadley son of Jim Hoadley and his wife from Connecticut. They were worn in the 70's and 80's to campouts and conventions.

Jim and Dora Lewis delivered them to the museum.



## Fireworks and ACC Chemical Safety Facts

Every year on the Fourth of July, fireworks illuminate the sky from coast to coast and campground to campground. While enjoying the burst of colors from the sky, have you ever wondered how fireworks came to be, [what they are made of](#) and their impact on our environment?



### Fireworks Throughout History

Fireworks are a marvel of chemistry, dating back to ancient China. Originally thought to ward off evil spirits, Chinese alchemists made these illuminating lights by combining saltpeter (potassium nitrate, a type of food preservative), charcoal, sulfur and other ingredients, creating an early version of gunpowder. When thrown into a fire, the mix would explode with a loud bang.

Colorful explosions closer to what we see on days like Independence Day were adopted in the 1830s

when inventors added metals like strontium and barium to make the fireworks shine with color.

Today, the typical firework mixture consists of fuel, an oxidizer to provide the oxygen necessary for burning, and metal chlorides, which contain the [chloride](#) ion that help make the colors. Various chemical elements are responsible for producing the variety of colors that delight audiences every year:

Yellow: Sodium

Blue: Copper

Red: Lithium and Strontium

Green: Barium

Orange: Calcium

### Fireworks and the Environment

While chemicals are a key component of spectacular light shows, some fireworks also pollute the environment with debris and smoke that lingers once the show is over. However, pyrotechnic scientists are working to address these issues. Today, new fireworks are being produced that use nitrogen-rich materials or nitrocellulose, which produce less smoke and are more [environmentally friendly](#).

Scientists have also created new casings from polymers such as hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene, which burn entirely, and can significantly reduce the leftover debris that come with traditional firework shell casings made out of cardboard.

In addition to addressing debris and smoke, chemistry has also been a source of creative solutions to chemical vapors that occur during a firework's show without comprising bright, vibrant colors. Chemists at the [U.S. Army Research Laboratory](#) have developed a green-burning compound that uses tris borate instead of barium. The color appears much more vibrant with the new compound than that of the past.

### Firework Safety Tips

No matter how you celebrate, keep in mind these [safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Safety Commission](#):

#### Do:

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket

or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

#### Don't:

- Don't leave children unattended with sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals.
- Don't allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Don't buy fireworks that are packaged in brown paper — this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and could pose a danger to consumers.
- Don't place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Don't try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Don't point or throw fireworks at another person.

For more information on the chemistry behind fireworks and other topics please visit:

[www.chemistrysafetyfacts.org](http://www.chemistrysafetyfacts.org).

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## Insider Secrets For Visiting Busch Gardens Williamsburg, VA

By Joshua

I'm a life-long amusement park enthusiast. One of my favorites is Busch Gardens. Here are my insider secrets for saving money and having



the best time at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, VA. Did you know it's been ranked the most beautiful theme park in the world since 1990?!

Every time I visit Busch Gardens Williamsburg, VA, **I enjoy seeing these animals the most:**

- The gray wolves in their habitat of Wildlife Reserve by Ireland
- The Clydesdales at Highland Stables in Scotland

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# The National Association of State Park Directors Announces Launch of America's State Parks 2018 Photo Contest

*Highway—an Airbnb for RVs—Partners with NASPD to Inspire Entries with RV Trip Grand Prize for Contest, which Runs Now through July 31*

**Raleigh, NC** – Armed with a mission to promote and advance the state park systems of America, the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD), today announced the launch of America's State Parks 2018 photo contest. The contest, which is open to residents of the U.S. age 18 and over, provides an opportunity to visually share experiences captured at the nation's state parks over the last year<sup>1</sup>. The contest returns for a second year after receiving more than 8,000 qualified photo submissions and 105,000 website engagements during its inaugural 2-month run in 2017.

"The outdoor recreation community has been built on the concept of sharing and America's State Parks photo contest perfectly aligns with that," said Lewis Ledford, executive director at National Association of State Park Directors. "NASPD looks forward to continuing to offer a forum in which the community can easily connect with each other and share the experiences our state parks have afforded them."

With focus on highlighting real-life moments and celebrating the marvelous essence of the country's public lands, the contest encourages amateur photographers to submit photos taken at a state park within the five categories of camping, wildlife, activities, friends & family, and scenic & seasons. Qualifying submissions will be judged on originality, artistic composition, technical quality, and effectiveness of the image in showcasing the best of America's State Parks.



Highway, an innovative new Airbnb style RV peer-to-peer platform connecting RV owners with travelers, partnered with NASPD to inspire people to participate in the con-

test. The contest's grand prize winner will be awarded a package valued at \$2,000, including a 7-day RV rental from Highway, which is now rolling out across the U.S. "We partnered with NASPD as they share a

similar vision for encouraging the public to disconnect from their mobile devices and reconnect with nature in America's spectacular state parks. It's the perfect audience to introduce to Highway, since many of the amateur photographers will want to rent an RV as their home base for the contest and beyond. Highway aims to provide more inspiration with its Roadtrippers.com partner, which offers robust road trip ideas."

Winners will also be selected from each of the contest's five categories and will each receive a \$500 REI gift card. From now until July 31, 2018, interested participants can submit their entries on the official parks photo contest website.

To ensure the delivery of modern, convenient online experiences to its contest entrants, NASPD engaged its trusted partner, Aspira<sup>TM</sup>, to manage the operations and promotion for the contest. Aspira, seasoned in providing technology and marketing services to park and conservation agencies across North America, will utilize its popular online camping community, ReserveAmerica.com, to increase awareness of America's State Parks photo contest.

"We're thrilled to team up with Aspira and Highway to deliver a strong, convenient, and rewarding experience to America's State Parks photo contest participants and winners," continued Ledford. "Together, we look forward to receiving this year's submissions and with it, celebrating the nation's state parks."

Winners of the contest will be announced in September during the National Association of State Park Directors Conference.

## About NASPD

The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) is devoted to helping state park systems effectively manage and administer their state park system. The mission of the Association is to promote and advance the state park systems of America for their own significance, as well as for their important contributions to the nation's environment, heritage, health and economy. For more information, visit [www.stateparks.org](http://www.stateparks.org).

Complete eligibility rules are available at: <http://americasstateparksphotocontest.reserveamerica.com/>



## Millennials Camping and Technology

By: Grant Whipple, President of Winegard Company

The 2018 North American Camping Report notes that 40 percent of the RV market is made up of millennials; and the readily available information online to campers today results in more millennials than ever venturing into the Great Outdoors, with nearly 93 percent saying that they would like to try some type of new camping in 2018. The camping industry is the fastest growing, multi-faceted leisure time industry in North America. These tech-savvy millennials are educated, and are exceptionally well-informed consumers. They do their “homework” prior to heading to the Great Outdoors, so what keeps them there?

According to surveyed millennials, a solid WiFi connection will enable them to take almost a full extra week of camping, because they can stay connected to family back home and work. Approximately 97 percent of millennial campers bring technology with them while camping. There is an expectation that camp grounds and RV parks are enabled with WiFi or a 4G WiFi hotspot. The increased use of wireless technology is going to force campground and RV park owners to offer the service to fill their lots. Eventually, we believe, that 4G and 5G networks will displace campground WiFi giving millennials even better access.

To align with this trend, [Winegard Company](#) has begun shipping its Carryout G3, a portable automatic satellite antenna. The state-of-the-art and simple to setup antenna provides unmatched versatility, a sleek and lightweight design, and increased signal strength, making it easy to stay connected to one’s favorite TV programs or the big game while RVing, tailgating, or camping.

The Carryout G3 is compatible with DirecTV and DISH along with Bell (Canada). It locks into the provider’s satellites for a reliable signal, so you can watch TV anytime, anywhere. In fact, the improved design houses a larger reflector which increases signal strength up to 20 percent. The Carryout G3 is flexible so RVers can choose to use it as a portable or roof mounted antenna. For the latter, its shorter height makes roof installation even easier.

The Carryout G3 is powered over coax through the included power inserter, so no 12V power is needed. For increased accessibility and convenience, the DIP switch is located on the power inserter allowing customers to easily switch providers without needing to remove the antenna dome. Additionally, the coax output supports two receivers for two TVs.

## Winegard’s New Carryout G3



*This next generation of the Carryout family of products offers an improved design and increased signal strength so RVers can keep up with their favorite TV shows on the road*

[Winegard Company](#), the leading U.S. residential, mobile and commercial antenna manufacturer since 1953, begins shipping the Carryout G3, a portable automatic satellite antenna. The state-of-the-art and simple to setup antenna provides unmatched versatility, a sleek and lightweight design, and increased signal strength, making it easy to stay connected to one’s favorite TV programs or the big game while RVing, tailgating, or camping.

“We engineered the Carryout G3 to continue the decade-long success of the Carryout product family as this next generation offers higher signal strength in an aesthetically pleasing design for an enhanced experience,” said Keith Larson, National Sales and Marketing Manager of Winegard’s RV Aftermarket group. “Our goal is to help customers enjoy the comforts of home while on the road by providing access to premium channels and programs. Like all our antennas, the Carryout G3 also comes with Winegard’s promise of quality, support and reliability.”

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### Specifications:

- ◆ Color Options: White, Black
- ◆ Ultra-Light Weight: 7 lbs.
- ◆ Diameter: 16"
- ◆ Height: 13"
- ◆ Elevation Range: 18-65°
- ◆ Azimuth: 0 – 416°
- ◆ UV-Protected Plastic Dome
- ◆ Compatible with TR-1518 tripod and RK-4000 roof kit

The Carryout G3 retails at \$579, and it is available at .

To learn more about the Carryout G3, go to <http://www.winegard.com/carryout>.

## Products



### Time to Defend with Two New ParaClaw™ Watches from Outdoor Edge®

**DENVER** — The overwhelming popularity of last year's introduction of Outdoor Edge's ParaClaw—a paracord survival bracelet with an inconspicuous utility/personal-defense knife designed into its patent-pending sheath/buckle system—inspired the company to expand this line to include two ParaClaw Close Quarter Defense (CQD) watches. These precisely crafted timepieces feature reliable Japanese quartz movements in rugged water-resistant cases with paracord bands for the ultimate in style and function.

The Stainless Steel model features Miyota quartz movement, mineral glass, Titanium PVD coating, Lume indexed display and is water resistant to 170 ft./52 m. The Zinc Alloy model offers Seiko quartz movement, mineral glass, Titanium PVD coating, Lume indexed display and is water resistant to 100 ft./30 m. Both include the proprietary ParaClaw buckle that houses the razor-sharp 1.5-inch stainless steel hawkbill blade that carries discreetly yet can be drawn quickly and easily should a situation arise.



Both of the ParaClaw CQD watch bracelets are hand-tied from black 550 paracord and are available in two sizes. The bracelet has an adjustable loop to fine-tune the fit and a steel T-post for easy attachment. The medium fits a wrist size of 6.25 to 7 inches and the large fits a 7-inch or larger wrist.

The new ParaClaw CQD watches are available at retailers nationwide and conveniently online at [www.outdooredge.com](http://www.outdooredge.com). The Stainless Steel has a suggested retail of \$134.95, and the Zinc Alloy retails for \$79.95.

### New Rugged, Weather-Proof JVC 4K Consumer Camcorder Now Available

*Water-proof, dust-proof, shock-proof and freeze-proof Everio R Series also includes two HD models; top quality video and high-power zoom to capture outdoor adventures*

WAYNE, NJ □ Capturing life's adventures on video isn't always smooth sailing, which is why JVC developed its new line of rugged, weatherproof camcorders that can endure foul weather, get bounced around and still be ready to shoot.



The new JVC Everio R camcorder line includes three models – including one that offers 4K recording – that provide what no smartphone can: high quality optics, high zoom ratios and stable shooting. Each features JVC's "Quad-Proof" structure that protects from unexpected drops, splashes, rain and snow. What's more, they'll float for about 30 minutes.

Everio R camcorders are tough, able to withstand a drop from 4.9ft, freeze-proof down to 14°F, and dust-proof. And since a camcorder's worst enemy is water, Everio R models offer water resistance when submerged to a depth of 16.4ft for one hour or 3.3ft for four hours (when used in water intermittently), so they can be used while snorkelling and enjoying other marine leisure activities. Back on land, an Everio R camcorder can be placed under running water for easy cleaning after a full day outdoors. Since the long-life battery (approximately five hours for GZ-R560/R460; 4.5 hours in 4K or 5.5 hours in HD for GZ-RY980) is internal, it is protected from water and eliminates the risk of damaging the camcorder while exchanging batteries in bad weather. Even at home or in the back yard, the Quad-Proof design ensures the



camcorder is protected against mud, puddles, and other surprises that life may have in store.

Toughness, however, is only part of the Everio R story. All models offer Full HD picture quality, and the top-of-the-line GZ-RY980 takes video recording all the way up to 4K (70Mbps) for a truly immersive viewing experience. The high-end GZ-RY980 is also equipped with a suite of quality support technologies, including the new JVC 4K GT LENS, 1/2.3" 18.9M Back-illuminated CMOS Sensor, and FALCONBRID 4K Image Processing Engine. Its zoom capabilities are 10x optical and 200x digital. Unique 4K perks include 4K time-lapse recording, 8 megapixel stills captured from 4K video, and Full HD High-Speed Recording for dramatic slow motion playback. GZ-RY980 also features Dual SD card slots, external mic input, and Wi-Fi functionality using an optional adapter.

GZ-R560/R460 feature a KONICA MINOLTA HD LENS with high-quality 40x optical zoom, 60x Dynamic Zoom, 2.5M Back-illuminated CMOS Image Sensor, and FALCONBRID image processing engine. All three models offer 24Mbps High bit rate recording to provide a solid base for Everio R's high quality image, K2 Technology to ensure quality sound, a Y-shaped grip belt for stable holding, and PC software for archiving and easy sharing on SNS (CyberLink PowerDirector for GZ-RY980, Everio MediaBrowser 4 for GZ-R560/R460). The GZ-R560 features AVCHD progressive recording and a built-in Auto Illumi. Light. The GZ-R460 is available in black or orange. Internal memory is 32GB for GZ-R560 and 4GB for GZ-R460.

The Everio GX-RY980, GZ-R560 and GZ-R460 are available now at the following prices:  
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GZ-R560 \$499.99  
GZ-R460 \$399.99

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LynQ works when nothing else will.*

**New York** – The days of trying to keep tabs on friends during a music festival where cellular service is nonexistent and maps are useless, getting

separated from a partner on a hike or ski slope, or worrying about children wandering off are over with the arrival of [LynQ](#), a smart compass that locates anyone without the need for phones, networks or infrastructure of any kind. Following successful field tests across ski schools, theme parks, music festivals and U.S. Government field experiments, LynQ is being made available today to the public for pre-order on Indiegogo for the super early bird price of \$154 for a 2-pack.



Its compass-like display allows people to see their relative distance and direction from each other, keeping people together when other technology fails. From music festivals to the military, LynQ has been rigorously tested. In a joint exercise between the U.S. and Thai governments centered around the technology's ability to locate wounded soldiers, a formal U.S. government report issued by U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) cites LynQ's ability to reduce the time spent locating wounded soldiers by 61 percent while also highlighting the technology's value in disaster relief. LynQ has also partnered with respected organizations that include Telluride Ski Resort, Envision Music Festival and the Thompson Foundation for Autism.

### **Cutting Edge Can Be Simple – How It Works**

Ideal for outdoor and adventure pursuits, LynQ eliminates the need for phones, apps, subscription fees and reliance on cell phone networks. Groups of up to 12 are able to find each other across miles. The weather-proof, clip-on device uses the company's proprietary software to display each users' distance and direction from each other in real-time and allows for tens of thousands of devices to work in the same vicinity – completely secure and without interference.

Easy-to-use at any age, LynQ can be set up in seconds, pairing devices and enter names with a simple one-button interface. A simple click allows users to move between their group members, displaying a user's name, arrow and number of feet that are visible under any conditions on a backlit and glare-protected screen. Users can also set boundaries for their group, receiving sound, optical and vibration alerts the instant someone leaves the safe zone, which are perfect for young kids, pets and those with special needs or

Alzheimer's. In addition, a "homebase" (i.e. base camp, car, ski lift or hotel) can be set as an anchor for everyone to find each other.

LynQ's messaging feature will allow users to communicate with each other through a selection of commonly used messages.

A simple user interface and setup act as the gateway to a state-of-the-art, military tested technology. A new way to leverage GPS, LoRa and a custom antenna, LynQ's proprietary algorithms and communication protocols redefine the capabilities of peer-to-peer location. As a result, LynQ is the most accurate, reliable, long-distance and long-lasting device that can locate people anywhere in the world under open sky without phones, connectivity, infrastructure or even a map.

### Endless Use Cases

"After 3 years of development and field tests with government partners, highly respected music festivals, theme parks and ski resorts, we're excited to share LynQ with the world today," said Dave Shor, CEO of LynQ. "Today we are focused on our consumer launch and building a B2B rental business aimed at outdoor, adventure, festival and parent audiences, yet the applications for LynQ are endless with military, disaster relief, special needs and Alzheimer's patients already slated for 2019."

### Examples of use cases include:

**Child safety** – Parents can feel comfort in knowing exactly where their children are while allowing them the freedom to explore.  
**Any off-the-grid activity** – Adventure seekers, such as skiers, hikers, travelers or cyclists, no longer worry about phone signal, maps or phone battery life.

**Alzheimer's / Elder care** – Caretakers and family members can monitor their patients or loved ones that are at risk to wander.

**Special needs care** – Wandering is a leading cause of death among Autistic children.

**Public events** – From music festivals to sporting events, networks are often overloaded, eliminating cell signal while maps are useless in crowds and without landmarks.

**Disaster recovery and first responders** – When locating people is a matter of life and death and infrastructure is destroyed, LynQ is able to save lives.

**Military applications** – LynQ was selected to

participate in U.S. and Thai government joint R&D exercises centered around the location of wounded and unconscious soldiers. A formal U.S. government cited a 61 percent reduction in response time locating wounded soldiers when using LynQ – literally the difference between life and death.

**Pets** – Keeping tabs on pets during hikes or animals in open fields has never been simpler.

### Availability & Full Tech Specs

LynQ can withstand any situation with a design and features that include:

**Size** – Dimensions: 4" x 2" x 1" Weight: 73g

**Long range and long lasting** – Range of up to three miles and up to three days on one charge.

**Real-time tracking** – Display shows the distance & direction of every group member at all times.

**Groups** – Creates a closed private network for groups of up to 12 people.

**Message capability** – Communicate location with group members through commonly used messages.

**Boundaries and Notifications** – Alert system lights up, vibrates and rings the instant a group member or child leaves a user-designated safe zone.

**"Homebase"** – "Homebase" locations can easily be set to return to static locations, such as a car, campsite or landmark

**Technology** – A new way to leverage GPS, LoRa and a custom antenna, LynQ's proprietary algorithms and communication protocols redefine the capabilities of peer-to-peer location.

**Durability** – The military-tested device is designed to withstand any climate or situation with its weatherproof and waterproof durability.

**Multi-wear** – Includes rugged carabiner clip that can snap onto clothing or gear and can be slipped into a pocket, pack or pouch.

**International** – Works anywhere in the world without phones, infrastructure or subscriptions

LynQ is available for pre-order today on [Indiegogo.com](https://indiegogo.com) and will begin shipping in fall 2018. Pre-order pricing starts at \$154 for a 2-pack. For more information, please visit: [lynqme.com](https://lynqme.com) or [Indiegogo.com](https://indiegogo.com)

## Tapplock Gives the Traditional Padlock a Futuristic Makeover

*Fingerprint scanner opens lock at lightning speed, no forgettable combinations required*



Padlocks have long been used to secure valuable items, but remembering the combination or where the key is can be a hassle. Fingerprints have replaced passwords for electronic devices and are now replacing combinations and keys. The Tapplock one is the world's first smart fingerprint padlock. It can unlock in 0.8 seconds with no effort compared to a traditional combination lock that can take up to 15 seconds, or several minutes if the combination is forgotten, to open.

Everyone has had the frustrating experience of spinning the dial of a lock in an endless circle, blocked from changing out of gym clothes or accessing garden tools in a shed. Featuring a state-of-the-art capacitive fingerprint sensor, the Tapplock one has an adaptive algorithm that allows the lock to become faster and more accurate with each use. It can store up to 500 fingerprints to allow multiple users to access the lock. And, lock owners can use the Tapplock app to track who opened the lock and when, or to grant mobile access via a remote unlock feature.

The rugged Tapplock one is crafted from Zamak 3 zinc alloy metal and features a cut-resistant 7mm reinforced stainless steel shackle, strengthened by double-layered lock design with anti-shim and anti-pry technologies. The smart padlock is rated IP66, meaning it is water resistant when the lock is closed and is fully functional between 14 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, which is perfect for locking up gates, sheds, boat lockers and bikes. Tapplock one's battery lasts up to a year off a single two-hour charge, which equates to around 3,000 unlocks per charge and users can check the remaining power using the Tapplock app.

The idea for Tapplock came to David Tao, the co-founder, while he was using a standard combination lock for his gym locker in college. "The traditional padlock was very difficult to operate and I forgot the combination if I didn't go to the gym every day. I thought about how fingerprints are used to gain access to smartphones and how that technology would solve the problem of remembering a combination or key to a lock. Plus, using your fingerprint gives you quicker access to your belongings."



Tapplock one comes in three colors sterling silver, gun metal and midnight black and is priced at \$99.00 for a single lock and bundles are available starting at \$179 for two. The smart padlock is available for purchase from [www.tapplock.com](http://www.tapplock.com).

## The DYLN Living Water Bottle

*an eco-friendly alkaline water bottle for whenever, wherever healthy hydration.*

DYLN's mission is to bridge the gap between wellness and convenience. To achieve this, **the founder, Dorian Ayres** designed a solution – with the help of science and premium components, **the DYLN Living Water Bottle makes the consumption of alkaline antioxidant water portable, affordable and reusable.**

Alkaline bottles are available for purchase [online](https://www.dyln.co/products/dyln-living-alkaline-stainless-steel-water-bottle) (\$46.00) and features the below:

- Bamboo Cap
- Handle
- 316 Stainless Steel
- Silicone Sleeve Grip (available in 7 different colorways)
- Replaceable VitaBead Diffuser



<https://www.dyln.co/products/dyln-living-alkaline-stainless-steel-water-bottle>

### July Trivia

- It is exactly half a year at 1 pm BST (British Summer Time) on July 3, if it is a non-leap year.
- This month always starts on the same day of the week as April every year, and January in leap years.
- In a non-leap year, no month ends on the same day of the week as July, but it ends as January in a leap year.
- Water lily is the birth flower of July and ruby is the birthstone of this month.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY

### **JULY 9-14, 2018 NATIONAL CAMPVENTION**

The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia

## 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.

### **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](mailto: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 [mibluewaterfcv@gmail.com](mailto:mibluewaterfcv@gmail.com). Registration form on [fcv.org](http://fcv.org) website.

## **SEPTEMBER 12-16, 2018 –PA STATE RETIREES CAMPOUT**

Bald Eagle Ridge Runners Campground in Beech Creek, PA. Light Wednesday Night Supper, Craft, Games, Cash Bingo, Spaghetti Dinner (bring dessert), Soup, Entertainment and Door Prizes . Bring an item for the Silent Auction, Brown Bag Auction, and Snack for Hospitality. There will be Sunday breakfast and a Church Service. Directions to the campground, From the West, Take route I-80 to Exit 158 (Milesburg) Rt. 150 N to Beech Creek. After crossing steel bridge, turn left, follow creek until crossing another large bridge, turn left immediately into campground. From the East, take route I-80 to Exit 178, follow Rt. 220 and take exit for Mill Hall, then Rt. 150 S to Beech Creek. Turn right before the steel bridge, follow creek until crossing another large bridge, turn left immediately into campground. For further information contact Norm Wolfrom -- [nwolfrom@verizon.net](mailto:nwolfrom@verizon.net), 570-220-9682.

## **OCTOBER**

### **OCTOBER 28- NOVEMBER 2, 2018 TEXAS STATE ASSN./CH FALL CAMPVENTURE WEEK.**

Pioneer River Resort, 1202 Maple St., Bandero, TX 78003, "Cowboy Capitol of the World" (866-371-3512) Located within walking distance of western shops and restaurants. Camping \$30 per night, \$5 event fee. games, pot luck, crafts, car pooling to nearby sites. Come join us. Contact Jessie Lynn, [jplynntx@msn.com](mailto:jplynntx@msn.com), 210-653-4105.





# 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 |
|------|-----|------|-----|
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## 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](mailto:pramlow@aol.com)

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

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





**48<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL RETIREE RALLY**  
**HOUMA-TERREBONNE CIVIC CENTER**  
**HOUMA, LOUISIANA 70360**  
**EARLY DAYS: MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**RALLY DAYS: MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**



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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN UNIT? \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION LETTER SENT IN PDF: \_\_\_\_\_ OR WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING:**

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

**GUEST ARE WELCOME:**

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

**FEES:**

**EARLY BIRD PARKING (MARCH 15-18): FEE IS \$25 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC. EARLY BIRD FEE WILL BE COLLECTED AT HOUMA.**

**RALLY FEES: MARCH 19 – MARCH 24 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping, water and electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.**

|                                   | <b><u>Pre-registration (paid in advance in full)</u></b> | <b><u>At the Gate</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Two people in a unit:             | \$235  | \$260                     |
| Single person in a unit:          | \$200  | \$225                     |
| Camp Pass (Second family in unit) | \$100  |                           |

**REFUND POLICY:** Refunds must be requested in writing by mail, email or phone call to the Registrar. Refunds requested before March 8, 2019 will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$210.00, one person in a unit \$175.00, second family in unit \$75.00. **After March 8, ONLY THE CAMPING FEE WILL BE REFUNDED. CAMP PASSES WILL RECEIVE NO REFUND.**

**Make checks or money order (US CURRENCY ONLY) payable to FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2019. NO CREDIT CARDS. Mail registration to: Bill and Penny Ramlow, 8009 Cherry Branch Drive, Ruskin, FL. 33573. You can contact them at: 305-822-6589 or 813-545-6083 or email them at [pramlow@aol.com](mailto:pramlow@aol.com).**

I would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_