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The 311 Acre Meadow Event Park, the former Chenery Farm and Stables with its combination of original and new structures, including the "Mansion" was a beautiful venue for FCRV's 2018 Campvention in Doswell, Virginia.

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From the President - Shari Weber



If you didn't make it to Doswell for campvention 2018 you missed a great one. The grounds were fantastic! The team headed by Marjorie & Don Bates, Ron & Reba Ray and Gerry & Betty Owens did a great job. We had a beautiful mansion to have our meetings and seminars in. Please enjoy all the pictures and articles contained in this issue of "Camping Today". Hope all trips back from campvention were safe and uneventful. Enjoy reading about campvention.

During campvention we select our Teen Royalty. All the contestants did great and made it hard for the judges to make their selections. Our newest royalty are International Teen Queen Katie Kurburski from Michigan and International Teen King Blake Burnette from Kansas. As usual their first priority is school, but they are eager to enjoy camping with their FCRV family, so invite them to your campouts!

A big congrats goes out to all the award recipients. We are a better group for all the work these people have done. Dave & Linda Hennie, OH were recognized with the Award of Merit which is given to an executive board member who goes above and beyond their responsibilities. Gloria and Ashley Taylor, NC received the Humanitarian award. Citations were presented to Tommy & Alice Garner, GA and Paul & Diane Jones, MI. Our top award, the Plaque was presented to Linda & John English, MI, George & Ernie Reynolds, NC and George & Debbie Walters, FL. Don & Shirley MacKenzie, VA received the Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award for their many years of volunteering for our great organization. Our various programs also gave out awards for excellence in the program. Read about all of these achievements as well as the above mentioned people in this issue of "Camping Today".

I would like to extend a thank you to the decorating and serenading crew that came by our rig Thursday night. They did a fine job! It was a great send off.

Until the next campfire, Shari



FCRV Merchandise

Below is a link to a page for FCRV Merchandise with the new FCRV logo that you can order online.

Here is the link... <http://superiorembroidery.net/fcrv/shop/home>



Snag Proof Polo



Jersey Polo



Crew Neck Sweatshirt



Fleece Jacket



Letter To Editor

I am very glad that my husband and I decided to attend the 58th campvention of the FCRV with my parents, Bill and Mollie Stirewalt. As a first timer, I don't know what the facilities are usually like, but The Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA was fabulous. It is obvious that a lot of careful planning was done before the campers arrived. During the week, I was amazed by the amount of volunteer hours spent, cheerfully I might add, to make certain that this event was a success. It was definitely a success. We were welcomed with open arms and occasional tongue in cheek sympathy for being related to Bill! Mom and Dad have known and camped with many of you for almost 50 years. It made me very happy to see the all smiles and hugs exchanged and to hear the numerous conversations and laughter. The members of FCRV are a quality group of people. I am proud that my parents are among the many people actively supporting such a quality organization.

Judy and Lane Kendall
Members at Large



Campvention 2018

July 9 - 13, 2018

The Meadow Event Park

Doswell, Virginia

2018 FCRV'S CAMPVENTION FUN IN VIRGINIA

Family Campers and RVers held its 58th annual Campvention at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, Virginia July 9 – 13, 2018. The 173 families (420 people) attending were treated to beautiful grounds and buildings as well as beautiful weather and plenty of activities for all ages. FCRV Southeast Region (AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, VA, WV) hosted the event which was chaired by Regional Director, Marjory and Don Bates, co-chaired by Ron and Reba Ray, and implemented by the region's State Directors and 70 committees.

Gates opened Saturday, and Sunday was an early day which included the FCRV Executive Board Meeting, activity sign-up, and an evening non-denominational church service followed by Opening Ceremonies. Kip Cushing was in charge of an impressive state and provincial flag presentation. MC, George Walters introduced the FCRV Trustees, Campvention leaders, Miss FCRV and Teen King, Retiree King and Queen, and local guests. Welcomes and information were presented by FCRV President, Shari Weber, Campvention Chair person, Marjory Bates, Caroline County Visitor Center manager Penny Upshaw and, Meadow Event Park VP of Operations, Marlene Pierson Jolie who gave some background on the for-



Ribbon Cutting

mer Chenery Horse Farm and Stables which produced the famous 1973 Triple Crown winner, Secretariat. Today the 331 acre event venue is a mixture of original structures and new facilities. Following tradition, FCRV made The Meadow Event Park an Honorary FCRV member. Shari Weber cut the 'Official Opening' ribbon held by Rays, Marjory Bates, Miss FCRV, Beth O'Neal, Teen King, Peter Kurburski, and Retiree King and Queen, Bill and Penny Ramlow. A hospitality by the Southeast Region capped the evening.



Family Fun Day

Monday's schedule opened with a First Timers meeting, seminars on opioid and drug dangers, internet safety, wetlands, RV water treatment, and ham radio. Wildlife silent auction, photo and bird house contests got underway and commercial area was open. The Veterans group met in Meadow Hall. Family Fun Day was held on the Mansion lawn with kids enjoying the inflatable water slide and game station. Adults had some lawn games and the large trees offered plenty of shade in which to enjoy the hot dog and burger lunch served by the teens.

The evening stage program began with Awards Chairperson, Sue Carlsen and President Shari Weber presenting citations and plaques to FCRV members who have served the organization both in their home areas and nationally. Citations were awarded to Tommy and Alice Garner of Georgia and Paul and Diane Jones of Michigan. Plaques were awarded to John and Linda English of Michigan, George and Ernestine Reynolds of North Carolina, and George and Debbie Walters of Florida. (Details in separate article).

Entertainment was provided by the 60 man Virginia Barbershop Chorus who provided a variety of barbershop favorites, patriotic and contemporary music. The lively show was full of surprises including some separate quartets stepping forward and sprinkles of humor. Song choices ranged from Lee Greenwood, Louis Armstrong, Billy Joel, and Leonard Cohen. Particularly stirring was the military tribute featuring the songs of each branch of service. The group received a well deserved standing ovation. After the show, Trustees hosted a hospitality.

Tuesday was a busy day starting with an early golf scramble and the Red Hat breakfast in Meadow Hall with entertainment by 'Georgette'. Bill Stirewalt led a bicycle ride around the grounds. 24 dogs and 2 cats and their owners took part in the pet parade. Horseshoe players had their competition and Ontario hosted an afternoon competition. There were seminars on RV Repair and Maintenance and How to Survive an Active Shooter.



Don & Shirley Mackenzie receive the Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award



Preparing to retire a flag

There was also an interesting demonstration by the Veterans group on the proper way to retire a no longer usable American flag. The blue field of stars are removed from the stripes which are then neatly folded. A salute is given by a veteran as the stripes are placed carefully on a wood fire then the stars are placed on top. Campers brought over 100 flags to the ceremony. 36 were retired and the rest will be done at the Retiree rally.

Teens were busy rehearsing for the Miss FCRV pageant and younger kids had activities at the youth center. The FCRV band practiced for their concert and the adult center was open also.

The evening program got an early start with the annual FCRV meeting. Prior to the meeting the Humanitarian Award was presented to Ashley and Gloria Taylor of South Carolina. The Award of Merit was presented to Dave and Linda Hennie of Ohio and the Chapter of the Year Award was awarded to the Raleigh Road Runners Camping Club of North Carolina. (Details in separate article).

On stage for the annual meeting were the FCRV Trustees – President, Shari Weber, VP of Operations, Sue Fromholzer, VP of Programs, George Walters, VP of Planning & Development, Scott Serbousek, Comptroller, Jan Cushing, Recording / Corresponding Secretary, Sue Carlsen, Past President, Jack Smye. Also on stage were attending Past Presidents, Juanita Woolworth, Jim and Barb Turner, and Larry and Vickie Roop. The meeting was opened by Shari Weber and last year's minutes were approved. Comptroller, Jan Cushing gave a detailed financial report. Income to date this year was \$114,860 and expenses \$110,366. Full year end report will be in Camping Today later. Larry Roop reported on this year's election and Jack Smye installed Shari

Weber, George Walters, and Sue Carlsen for a two year term. Scott Serbousek announced that the teens earned \$1,500 from serving lunch at Family Fun Day. Part will be used for a teen outing to King's Dominion Amusement Park. Serbousek also announced that 12 states showed membership growth in the past year. They were AL, CT, MO, MS, MT, OK, SD, IL, KS, NC, NY, and PA. The top 3 received awards – Small state - Connecticut, Medium - KS / NY (tie). Sebousek announced that the Cadet program has now become the Introductory Membership Program which offers new members an 18 month membership at the annual membership price. Former members who have been out for at least 5 years may also enroll. A special award was presented to Mike and Rhonda O'Neal for their efforts to get their daughter, Beth (Miss FCRV) to numerous RV shows to represent the organization. Also called to the stage for certificates of appreciation were 2018 Campvention officials and team leaders. Gerry Owens gave the Campvention attendance statistics – 206 pre-registered, 6 cancellations, 5 camp passes, seven 2nd families, 420 people, 173 units and 5 tents. There were 40 First Timers. A few questions submitted earlier by members on finances, games, membership, etc. were discussed. Shari Weber closed the meeting reminding everyone that each member represents FCRV.



Swearing in the officers

Entertainment was by ventriloquist, Greg Clausen and his “friends.” His humor had the audience laughing, with the exception of a few such as Jerry Zimmerman, Larry Roop, and others who Greg’s characters “picked on” all in fun. Dave Hennie was a good sport when he “volunteered” to fill in for a missing character. Michigan hospitality followed the program.



***Katie Kurburski
dances with her dad
at the Teen Ball***

Wednesday was a busy day for teens who had been rehearsing all week for the Miss FCRV Pageant. The Teen Queen Tea was at 10 a.m. with judges interviews at 1 p.m. and the talent / skills competition, essays, evening gown / suit presentation, and each contestant answering the same question was at 2 p.m. The coronation of the new Miss FCRV and Teen King took place in the evening followed by a parade to the King & Queen Ball from the auditorium to the Meadow Hall Mansion. Everyone was welcome to join the teens until 9:30 p.m. Miss FCRV for 2018 is Katie Kurburski, MI. 1st Runner-up is Mercedes Tennyson, KS. 2018 Teen King is Blake Burnette, KS and 1st Runner-up is Luke Kurburski, MI. Miss Talent is Hailey Roark, IL and Blake Burnette was also Mr. Skills. Luke Kurburski was also Mr. Personality. Miss Congeniality is Macey Stuckwisch, IN.

It was also a full day for everyone beginning with the Hard Hat Breakfast. Guest speaker was Bob Bowser who described Richmond’s importance in the Civil War. The Confederate capitol was under siege several times during the war. A number of significant places are still there to see. Bowser later presented a seminar on how President Lincoln’s assassination related to Richmond.

Dale and Karen Huston were busy making badges and embroidering FCRV merchandise and Wayne’s RV Repair kept busy also. Other activities included washer toss competition, seminar on Convection Cooking and Patriotic Angels craft. Following the Teen Pageant awards for C.A.M.P., D.A.S.A.T, Conservation, Wildlife Grants, and Newsletter Contest were presented. Karen Snodgrass announced the 2018 Youth of the Year, Emily Crombie. Carl Wood recognized the eleven 2018 Scholarship winners including Katie and Emily Kurburski who were present. Red Hat and Hard Hat lunch each donated \$150 to the scholarship fund. (Award results in separate articles.)

Thursday saw the FCRV ‘Market Place’ set up where members could sell their crafts, etc. Teens had a volleyball tournament and adults had Ladder Golf competition. Seminars on Membership Building and Fire Safety were held. Lifetime Members and Ambassador Club members were treated to an ice cream social. There were also several meetings of State and Provincial Program and Field Directors. Crafts included quilt squares and painting class. Heartland Region 3 hosted an afternoon hospitality to promote next July’s



***The Glovers of Colorado won
the quilt raffle***

Campvention in Kansas. Teens enjoyed the day at King's Dominion amusement park.



Site decorating winners

The evening program opened with sports and game awards, site decorating winners, and the quilt drawing. The year long quilt raffle was won by Carleton Glover of Colorado. Paintings were won by Pat Parsley, Pat Beasley, and Jean Lockhart. Bill Price of MI won the afghan and Wandering Soles gift was won by Melvin Coy. Eastern Canada Regional Director, Cami Hicks passed the 'Board's Board' travelling trophy to Gerald Pfirsch of Montana.

A fun and inspiring evening of oldies, country, gospel, patriotic music and lots of humor was provided by the Treece family group, known as Sunday Drive



**Sunday Drive recognized
Bill & Mollie Stirewalt
for 68 years of marriage**

from Knoxville, TN. The audience sang along to many songs without prompting. Jeff Treece went into the audience to recognize Bill and Mollie Stirewalt of NC who were the longest married couple with 68 years. The group stayed around to meet and talk with folks. President, Shari Weber and husband Craig were treated to a late night noise parade at their site.

Friday morning saw the 7 unit reverse parade, where floats / displays by states, provinces, chapters were set up in the large Farm Bureau building and the viewers did the walking. Many comments were heard from campers, saying they enjoyed the activities and great facilities. They also appreciated the members who volunteered their time and efforts. Many took the tram tour of the grounds and stables which was home to the famous race horse, Secretariat. Some explored other areas around Richmond, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Jamestown and Washington DC to see 'Where Our Country Began' (Campvention Theme).

Friday evening began with awards and drawings. Bill Stirewalt presented parade awards to Connecticut including Parade Stealer and President's award, Teen King and Queen, and Youth. Aluminum Tab Chairman, Harold Braley announced that Ontario collected \$660 worth of tabs and cans. The money was donated to the Ontario Kids Camp for Cancer. Seventeen states collected 350 lbs. of tabs and cans which will be cashed in by the Richmond, VA Ronald McDonald House. New York collected 83 lbs. Tom Abernathy presented a check and several cartons of food to the area food bank. Ron Braley presented \$422 from a 50/50 drawing to a local Veterans PTSD Treatment Center. Ticket winner was Richard Anderson who donated the money back to the Veterans. Gerald Pfirsch won the flag raffle. Jan Cushing presented \$500 scholarships and \$100 gift certificates to the 2018 Miss FCRV, Katie Kurburski and Teen King, Blake Burnette. First Runner-up, Mercedes Tennyson received \$75.



**George Walters was invited to direct
the Hanover Concert Band**

The final entertainment of the week was provided by the Hanover Concert Band, made up of local musicians who did an outstanding job of presenting a variety of marches, medley, and patriotic numbers. The audience joined in on "America the Beautiful." The band surprised George

Walters, who is an actual band director, by inviting him to direct a number. The audience cheered him on to direct a second one. The band also did the spontaneous honor of playing a beautiful rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as the U.S., Canadian, and Virginia flags were carried from the stage.

In final remarks, Campvention Chairperson, Marjory Bates thanked everyone for coming and was joined in applause as she thanked her co-workers and volunteers. Ivalee Vanderhoff invited everyone to Hutchinson, Kansas for the 2019 Campvention and the Chairman's flag was passed on to her and Heartland Regional Director Gerald Pfirsch. With wishes for safe travel, Jack Smye and George Walters closed FCRV's very successful 2018 Campvention.



**The banner is passed to next year's
Campvention officials**

Photos by Dewayne Johnston & Barb Turner

MISS FCRV 2018 AND TEEN KING CROWNED AT CAMPVENTION



2018 Miss FCRV and Court
L-R Luke Kurburski, MI, 1st R.U. Teen King, Blake Burnette, KS, Teen King, Katie Kurburski, MI, Miss FCRV, Mercedes Tennyson, KS, 1st. R.U. Miss FCRV

Seven young ladies and three young men competed for titles at Family Campers and RVers 2018 Campvention in Doswell, Virginia at The Meadows Event Center. At 2 p.m. July 11th, 10 very energetic contestants ranging in age from 14 -19 burst on the stage and danced to the song, "Home." The dance was choreographed by Pageant Chairperson, Becca Coniglio of Florida.

While the contestants changed, affable MC, Megan Douglas of Ontario, herself a former Miss FCRV, introduced Miss FCRV 2017, Beth O'Neal of Missouri and 2017 Teen King, Peter Kurburski of Michigan who gave a summary of their FCRV activities such as RV show appearances and guests at campouts.

The contest was divided into several segments, beginning in the afternoon with an interview with five adult judges from the area all with varied professional backgrounds including pageants, music, and dance. Phase two was next on stage with contestants readings short prepared essays on one of three topics – Can video games cause an increase in violence? Are competitive activities at a young age beneficial? Can social media help FCRV grow in the future?



Opening dance to "Home."



Lots of talent on display

Next came the segment that the audience was waiting to see - skill and talent. The boys had to show logic and ingenuity by selecting 12 items from a table to put in a back for an overnight stay on a deserted island. Items include a lighter, bag of chips, band aids, citronella candle, electric clippers, soap, conditioner, baby wipes, candy bar, water, etc. Each explained their choices. The three contest

ants for king were: Andrew McLamb, 14, NC, Luke Kurburski, 14, MI, and Blake Burnette, KS, 17.

The girls competed in talent. Katie Kurburski, 17, MI did a Scottish Highland dance, Hailey Roark, 18, IA representing, IL sang "Lost Boy", Amanda Yarrison, 17, CT presented "God Bless the U.S.A." in sign language, Ally Coniglio, 19, FL tap danced to "Ain't Goin' Down", Mercedes Tennyson, 19, KS tap danced to "Sweet Virginia Breeze", Kaitlyn Musselwhite, 14, MO played "Star Spangled Banner" on her violin, and Macey Stuckwisch, 15, IN played Halaluia on her piano.



Miss FCRV 2017 Beth O'Neal
Teen King 2017 Peter Kurburski

Another clothing change break was needed at this point, so Peter Kurburski and Beth O'Neal did a skit to "Feel Like a Woman" where Peter gave Beth a makeup and hair 'make-over' with her back to the audience. As you can guess, the results were very funny.

Next the contestants did a stage walk in suits and evening gowns, each taking time for both the audience and judges to check appearance and poise. Each was accompanied by an escort. The escorts were Brian Coniglio FL, Emily Kurburski MI, Robin Burnette KS, Shawn Crookedacre MI, Austin Pinkley MO, Jacob Yarrison CT, Grant Lockhart IL, Forest Tennyson, KS, Jordan Scofield MT, Chester Nolan IN, Corrina Baker IL, and Cameron Taylor NC.



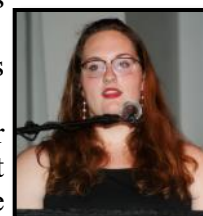
Miss Congeniality,
Macey Stuckwisch,
IN and Miss Talent,
Hailey Roark, IL

With one final segment to go Beth and Peter entertained again. Peter demonstrated the "Macarena" and Beth tried her hand at stand-up comedy.

The final question, which the other contestants could not hear until it was their turn, was: "How would you balance school and your extracurricular activities if you won the title?" All said in one form or another they would plan a schedule, prioritize, and budget their time to meet their responsibilities. At this time the judges left to compile the final scores.

After one more appearance on stage by the contestants, the contest was over and the results would have to wait until the evening program.

When the audience reconvened at 7 p.m. following the FCRV Band concert, Beth and Peter each took their final walk while a recording each made played, described their feelings about the past year representing FCRV and thanked everyone who helped them along the way. George Walters was given the task of announcing the new court for 2018. Miss FCRV 2018 is 19 year old Katie Kurburski from Michigan. She is the daughter of Anne and Foster Kurburski from Harbor Springs, Michigan, members of the Traverse Bay Travellers Chapter. 2018 First Runner-up is 19 year old Mercedes Tennyson from Kansas. She is the daughter of Rebecca Davis and Thomas Tennyson and she is a freshman at Tulsa Community College. Teen King is 17 year old Blake Burnette from Owasso, Oklahoma representing Kansas. He is the son of Robyn and Jim Burnette members of the M.A.L. Chapter. He also won the title of Mr. Skills. First Runner up is Luke Kurburski, 14 of Harbor Springs, MI who was also named Mr. Personality.



Megan Douglas,
Miss FCRV 2015
served as MC



The staircase at the mansion was a
good group setting

Not on the court, but earning a title was 16 year old Hailey Roark of Sioux City, Iowa representing Illinois where she is an independent member of the ALF Chapter. She came to Campvention with her aunt and uncle, Jill and Scott Serbousek. Hailey was selected as Miss Talent with her outstanding singing voice. The contestants voted on Miss Congeniality and selected Macey Stuckwisch, 15 from Brownstown, Indiana. She is in 10th grade and the daughter of Misty Stuckwisch, an independent member.

The smoothly run pageant was chaired by Becca Coniglio of Florida, a former Miss FCRV, with help from Emma Moore and Erin Martone. The contestants all said they had a good time and enjoyed the Queen's Ball in the mansion and the outing next day to King's Dominion Park.



The new court led the parade to the
mansion for the Queen's Ball.

MEET MISS FCRV 2018



Katie Kurburski comes from a very active FCRV family in Harbor Springs Michigan. Her sister, Emily was Miss FCRV in 2016 and her brother, Peter was Teen King for 2017. Her parents, Anne and Foster Kurburski are members of the Traverse Bay Travelers Chapter #316. Scottish dancing and entertaining runs in the family.

Katie 19 years old and has been camping with FCRV her whole life. She is a sophomore at Ferris State University and an FCRV scholarship recipient. She is dedicated golfer and a 4H member where she has been a state award winner. She was also accepted into the National First Tee Scholars program.

For her talent, Katie selected a Scottish Highland dance with original choreography. Her hobbies include golf, dance, Grange, and 4-H. State Youth Leadership Council, Youth Leadership Council, Kiwanis Builders' Club and National Honor Society. Her goal is to pursue a degree in pharmacy.

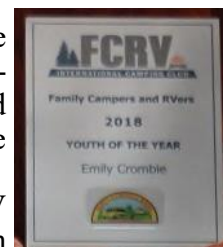
2018 TEEN KING



Blake Burnette is 17 years old and a senior at Owasso High School in Oklahoma. His parents are Robyn and Jim Burnette, members of the M.A.L. Chapter. Blake and his family raise show and breeding cattle. Blake is a member of FFA and is a top 5 exhibitor. He is a member of the Food Service Team where he was rated number 20 out of 70 contestants. He has also won Reserve Showmanship locally and Reserve Breed at various contests. Besides showing cattle and camping, Blake enjoys long boarding, an extension of skate boarding. He plans to go to Tulsa Technical School and become a welder.



2018 Youth of the Year



The FCRV 2018 Youth of the Year is Emily Crombie from Connecticut. Emily is 12 years old and has been an FCRV member since 2009.

Emily is very active in her FCRV chapter where she participates in C.A.M.P activities, helps watch the younger children, does crafts and plays games. She has had a Camping Is contest entry every year she has been a member and has many first and second place awards. Some of her entries have gone on to the National Campvention contest where she has also received awards.

Connecticut has a pre-teen program involving the 8-12 year age group where they work on the S.K.I.P program. Emily is very involved in this pre-teen group. Sometime she helps plan the activities for the group and has helped with fund raisers for this program.

Emily is also involved in her state's Conservation program. She has helped remove invasive plants, opened trails for hiking, picked up trash and helped prepare the Point Folly Campground for their camping season. In autumn she has helped with fall clean-up projects.

Emily is in middle school where she plays the flute and is also a member of the chorus. Her love for music began in Elementary school where she was a member of a Special Chorus. She is also active in the Arts department, finding great joy in bringing her visions to reality. Her works of art have been displayed in her local library as well as the local Barnes and Noble store. Emily enjoys school and has recently earned General Honors.

Outside of Camping activities and school, Emily is also involved in a group called Flying Fingers as well as the Girl Scouts. Flying Fingers promotes the art of needlework, Knitting and Crocheting. It meets weekly and gives kids an opportunity to learn various crafts. Emily has been a member of this group for many years and now helps teach crafts to others. Since this group meets at the Library, she also finds time to volunteer in the Children's section whenever she is needed.

With the Girl Scouts, Emily has participated in food drives for the local food bank, sold Girl Scout cookies, and participated in Veteran's Day activities. Veteran's Day activities included escorting Veteran's to their seats, singing songs and giving speeches.

Congratulations to Emily for the great job she is

doing both in FCRV and her community.

Emily was unable to attend Campvention. Her award will be presented in Connecticut.



2018 FCRV SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Gary Couch, OH, Kent State (music) \$1,400

Kaitlyn Johnson, NE, U. of NE, (psychology, journalism) \$1,500

Elizabeth Kurburski, MI, MI State (food science) \$1,500

Katie Kurburski, MI, Ferris State U. (pharmacy, biology) \$1,500

Sarah Labelle, ONT, Carleton U. (environmental science) \$2,000

Kerri McHale, NY, Suny College (education) \$1,500

Benjamin Moats, IA, U. of MN (mathematics, economics) \$1,500

Jessica Moats, IA, U. of N. IA (elementary education) \$1,000

Tara Mueller, NE, Wayne State College (elementary / special education) \$1,000

Hannah Robb, KY, Bellarmine U. (nursing) \$1,300

Scholarship program has been officially renamed “NCHA HANK NATHAN SCHOLARSHIP, INC.”



NATIONAL AWARDS



CITATIONS

Tommy and Alice Garner – Georgia

- Joined FCRV in January 2007
- Tommy and Alice have been Georgia State Directors since 2014.
- They are active members of YARS and have been organizers and leaders in chapter activities.
- Alice has chaired Red Hat activities at several national and regional campouts. She is in charge of both Red Hat and Hard Hat luncheons at the 2018 Campvention.
- Tommy is co-chair of the 2018 FCRV Campvention Parking Committee. Tommy and Alice were elected FCRV International Retiree King and Queen in 2013. They represented our organization in an outstanding



manner as they traveled to other states and provinces. They are both wonderful leaders and are well-liked by our FCRV members. They continue to be outstanding ambassadors for FCRV as they attend rallies and campouts in other states and provinces.

Paul and Diane Jones – Michigan

Joined FCRV in May, 1987

- Paul was a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician from 1978 to 2006 and retired at the rank of Captain.
- Paul received Fire Fighter of the Year Award from the Melvindale American Legion in the 1994.
- For many years they setup and hosted the FCRV booth at the MAR-VAC Camper Shows and camper shows in Southgate Michigan and have assisted other districts at their camper shows.
- Paul and Diane have attended 18 Campventions and 1 retiree Rally. They have volunteered assistance in various ways at several Campventions such as working security, tram driver, teen dance chaperones, teen tent city chaperones, helped at youth projects, and in 1994 was MI float chairmen in Sedalia MO. Recently they were the Commercial Chairs at the Lima Campvention.
- Diane chaired her sons Boy Scout troop for more than four years.
- He became a Michigan State certified juvenile fire setter counselor
- Paul held the office of president in the International Society for Animal License Collectors.
- At Present Paul holds the office of President for the Motorcity Cushman Club (a Chapter of the Cushman Collectors Organization of America)
- Diane is the current treasurer for the Southeast District of the Michigan State Association of FCRV.
- Diane chaired and helped in fund raising for nursery school, boy scouts for five years, and basketball and football.
- Paul taught advanced first aid and CPR for the American Red Cross for 25 years.
- Paul has held the office of Vice President and currently is the President for the Michigan State Association.
- Diane is the current treasurer for the Southeast District of the Michigan State Association of FCRV.
- Diane belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and has helped procure donations to support Mooseheart which is a community supporting children and teens in need.
- Together Paul and Diane have co-chaired at least three State campouts and presently are the co-chairs for the 2018 Spring Campout.
- Paul and Diane have held the office of State and Chapter DAT Directors for many years.
- Currently Paul is the Webmaster for the Michigan State, Southeast District of FCRV in Michigan, Early Riser's Chapter, Motorcity Cushman Club and Boy Scout Troop 1052's websites and has held this position for many years.



- Paul has taught numerous DAT programs.
- Paul and Diane are the ultimate volunteers who are always front and center to volunteer whenever and wherever needed.
- Paul and Diane are active very field directors and are the Southeast District Directors right hand. They have never missed a meeting and the word “**no**” is not in their vocabulary. They are incredibly creative and make any idea presented to them happen.

PLAQUES

John and Linda English – Michigan

- Joined FCRV in 1993
- Linda served twelve years as MSA President and Vice President.
- John and Linda were appointed as State Directors in 2011.
- Served as Chapter President for 8 years and Chapter Secretary for 10 years.
- Started a young adult program in Michigan to create activities for young adults.
- The Michigander (Michigan State Newsletter) Editor for 10 years.
- John and Linda have served on the:
National Election Committee
Steering Committee of the 2017 National Campvention.



Linda has made and donated many quilts for fundraisers. Funds have been used to support several Michigan member families in need. She has made and donated quilts as a fundraiser at our annual charity auction Labor Day Weekend and the Michigan Retiree Rally. Linda belongs to two quilter's guilds which donate their quilts to charitable organizations in the community.

George and Ernie Reynolds – North Carolina

- Joined FCRV in 2008
- George and Ernie have been North Carolina FCRV State Directors since 2014.
- George and Ernestine Reynolds both served in the U. S. Navy.



- George is the Parking Committee Chairman for the 2018 Campvention.
- Ernie has worked many hours at the FCRV Retiree Rallies Food Bank.
- The Reynolds have been instrumental in gaining many new FCRV members, averaging five a year, as a result of working at the five RV shows held annually in North Carolina.

George and Debbie Walters – Florida

- Joined FCRV in 1989

FCRV Activities - George

- VP Programs (6 years)
- Retiree Entertainment Chair (5 years)
- 2018 Campvention Entertainment Chair and Emcee
- Retiree Choir Director (6 years)
- Variety Show Co-Chair (5 years)
- FCRV Band Member (7 years)
- FCRV Award of Merit 2017



FCRV Activities – Debbie

Debbie has volunteered at several campventions as:

- Locator Board Chair
- Pet Parade Judge,
- Red Hat & Hard Hat Committee,
- Registration Committee

As a couple, the Walters have contributed to the betterment of the chapters they were in as well as during rallies they have attended and now give many hours as a National Trustee family.

Positions they have held in their local chapters and state association include:

- Chapter Presidents (3)
- Chapter Newsletter Editor
- Chapter Treasurer
- Florida State Association President

Community Service

- George has directed over 40 concerts at nursing homes, retirement homes and hospitals through the Performing Arts for Community Association (P.A.C.E.)
- Conducted South Florida Youth Symphony at Carnegie Hall, NYC

Hank Nathan Lifetime Achievement Award

Don and Shirley MacKenzie - Virginia

Joined NCHA in 1971

- Don and Shirley developed a safety program in New York that preceded the Disaster and Safety Awareness Training Program. It was introduced to the Trustees in 1975 for the national organization to use.
- Don and Shirley were instrumental in arranging President Ronald Reagan's visit to the 1985 campvention in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- U.S. Legislation Director (1980-1986)
- National Recording Secretary (1992-2000)
- Don was acting Virginia State Director (2009-2011)
- Don was Southeast Regional Director (2006-2011)
- National Historian since 2000
- Campvention Steering Committee – 2018, 2011, 2005



Awards information compiled by
Sue Carlsen

Click on the link to see Barb Turner's pictures of Campvention 2018

<https://photos.google.com/share/>

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Humanitarian Award

Ashley and Gloria Taylor – North Carolina

These individuals have organized the Food Bank and Lap Robes project during National Retiree Rallies for the past 16 years. This year they collected \$1316.00 for the Girls Lighthouse Home for Children. They provided over 50 blankets to Veterans Home Facility which is a place for homeless veterans discharged from a hospital. The Miller Hill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center received over 50 Blankets and all the canned food donated and all the food unused at the rally meals. The Pregnancy Health & Information Center received all the Baby Blankets donated.

They have served the Special Needs Community at every retiree Rally by providing parking help and assisting attendees to settle into the rally.

Ashley and Gloria work as missionaries and travel to many Indian reservations and communities in the western United States. Thanks to the construction and repair labor they provide, local churches and Christian camps are able to further stretch their resources to reach more people. For the past 15 years, this couple has worked on over 100 projects and spread the gospel of Christ through their ministry in 44 states.



Award of Merit

Dave and Linda Hennie – Ohio

The Hennies served as Chairpersons for the 2017 FCRV National Campvention AND the 2018 Retiree Rally.

They were innovative in both events. Chairing a National Campvention is a job worth an Award of Merit, but to be the Retiree Chairman 8 months later is unheard of!!! A top of the line job was done on both campouts.

In addition, Dave and Linda camped and worked an entire week at the Tampa RV show in January 2018.

Dave is the president of the Florida Snowbird Chapter. In that capacity, he coordinated three lunches in 2018, bringing together members from many states who winter in Florida.

Linda is the Retiree Programs Treasurer.

The Hennie's were appointed Great Lakes Regional Directors in 2011.



Past Presidents Enjoyed Their Annual Lunch Together

L-R Barb & Jim Turner, Juanita Woolworth (Wife of Don Woolworth), Sonya & Jack Syme and Vickie & Larry Roop.

Chapter of the Year

The Raleigh Road Runners Camping Club of North Carolina

Chartered: 1966

17 Families and growing

Promotes FCRV at RV shows each year

Donates to the North Carolina Scholarship Program which awards \$1,500 in scholarships each year. A club member sits on the state Scholarship Board.

Publicity includes a chapter Facebook page and a link to North Carolina's FCRV website. Each member displays the logo on their rig and sets up a banner at every campout.



Members participate in all of the national programs throughout the year.

Some of their greatest accomplishments as individual members include participation in local civic activities during the past year.

- Provided labor building a handicap ramp for a wounded veteran and disabled individuals
- Refurbished a bunk trailer that is used for onsite housing for volunteers in disaster relief efforts
- Refurbished home used to house international missionaries home on furlough
- Received the Region 15 service award for the American Hemerocallis Society, an organization dedicated to education and promotion of gardening and research relating to day lilies
- Maintained a private AHS display garden
- Maintained a local public AHS display garden
- Steering committee for AHS Region 15 Summer meeting weekend and garden tour
- American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) judge liaison
- AHS Region 15 clinic liaison and instructor
- Provided games for Front Porch Friday, a community outreach event
- Helped with Cary Food Truck Rodeos providing attendees with tables, seating and cleanup
- Partnered with Days for Girls to provide reusable health kits to girls in 3rd world countries that don't have access to supplies
- Participated in a community focus day that provided yard work to widows, baskets to first responder stations, volunteering at the NC Food Bank, working at WLFJ and providing breakfast for volunteers
- Steering committee and worked providing 175 Thanksgiving dinners to Cary area first responders

- A member volunteers weekly at a local mission that provides food, clothing and household goods to the homeless and poverty community of Wake County
- A member teaches a Missions Life Group weekly providing Bible study along with local and global mission opportunities including OCC shoebox collections, OCC relay center staffing, working at Samaritan's Purse in Boone, monthly cereal drive for a children's home in Kinston, monthly food and money collection drive for Backpack Buddies providing weekly food-filled backpacks for 13 low income student families at Cary Elementary



- One member teaches a bi-monthly Authentic Men group which seeks to strengthen families through accountability and integrity
- One member serves on the neighborhood HOA board
- Provided staffing for a soccer clinic as a community outreach event
- Provided staffing for Festival 31, a community outreach event that provides local children with a safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating
- Participated in church workdays with both indoor and outside projects
- Steering committee for Boomers in Action, an outreach for the baby boomer generation that provides education, service and fellowship opportunities
- Helped to organize and present a conference on caring for aging parents
- Organized and provided hospitality support at statewide and regional FCRV campout events
- Participated in workdays for a weekday preschool that provides educational and care opportunities for working families in the community
- Serve weekly to provide, in part, meals for a low income housing project and local police
- Volunteered at all of the Raleigh RV shows promoting FCRV and RRR membership and participation
- Developed craft project used for FCRV Spring Statewides

- Participate in the support for families whose loved ones are hospitalized through the Ronald McDonald House in Durham, NC. This support includes among other endeavors, the collection of pop tabs that are sold to provide a monetary gift to the House. One of our families has received the Ronald McDonald House **Volunteer of the Year** award for two years.
- One family teaches a CPR Class at our statewide campouts
- Provides support through the local Baptist Men's Disaster Response Team
- Provides lap blankets to residents of Carobell, Inc., an organization whose goal is to provide services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.
- Prepared meals for local families experiencing hardships and/or illnesses.
- Volunteered through the Wilmington Baptist Association at the Black River Rebuild for Hurricane Matthew relief for 8 hours May 2017 -- worked on a church which had been flooded.
- Volunteer to drive Seniors to outings during the year using church bus.
- Support our local Lion's Club by donating used eyeglasses.

2018 SITE DECORATING WINNERS

There were 17 entries in the contest sponsored by Geneseo Campground, Geneseo, IL. This is the 18th year that owners Craig and Shari Weber have sponsored this Campvention Activity. Each category winner received a stuffed horse doll with a roll of silver dollars inside. Judges were Meadows employees.

Photos by Raymond Bates.

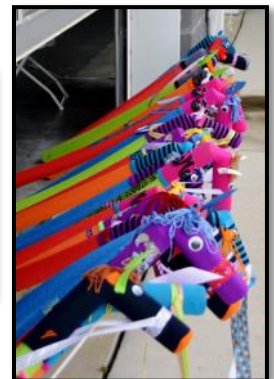
FASTEST - Karen & Robert Snodgrass, OH



FUNNIEST - Dallas & Barb Dodson, MO



MOST REALISTIC - Youth (Judy Elenburg, Ch.)



OVERALL - Deb Kapp

Family Fun Day





2018 Camping Is... Contest Results

The Camping Is... contest is a poster and coloring contest for children up to age 12. Information regarding entries can be found on the FCRV website on the Youth Programs page.

This year we had 22 entries from six states and one province. The results are listed below.

Coloring Contest Ages 0-2

1st Alannah Courtney, IN

Coloring Contest Ages 3-4

1st Jernaile Morgan-Baker, NE

2nd Mya Bardos, IN

3rd Ellie McQuiggan, ONT

HM (tie) Emma Ritter, PA

Colby Behlman, CT

Poster Contest Ages 5-6

1st Grace Vezina, ONT

2nd Macyn Bardos, IN

3rd Conner Ritter, PA

Poster Contest Ages 7-8

1st Ian Kendle, CO

2nd Joel Capelle, CT

3rd (tie) Wyatt Yarger, PA

Mya Swanburg, ONT

HM Camrick Hoagland, NE

Poster Contest Ages 9-10

1st Norah Cincotte, WI

2nd Taylor Culver, CO

3rd McKenzie Bardos, IN

HM Allison Jennings, PA

Poster Contest Ages 11-12

1st Amber Emmerson, ONT

2nd Haylie Baker, NE

3rd Anna Capelle, CT

HM Wes Smith, CO

Thank you to everyone who supported the contest and congratulations to all the children creating the posters. We hope to see even more entries next year in Hutchinson, Kansas. Please check the FCRV website this Fall for the 2019 coloring page.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST



There were three state newsletters and one chapter newsletter entered in the Campvention contest for 2018.

The Silver Fox Newsletter of the FCRV Silver Foxes from Colorado, Marion Waterhouse, editor was the only Chapter newsletter.

The Nutmegger, Connecticut state newsletter, Dolores and Amile Kosh, editors took first place in the State/Provincial category.

Fireside Embers, Colorado state newsletter, Kimberly and Breanna Kendle, editors, placed second.

Third place went to **The Lantern**, Maryland state newsletter, Cindy Shugars, editor.

CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS

AGES 9 - 11 1st Ian Burns, NY 2nd Kadance Harrington, PA 3rd Taylor Culver, CO

AGES 12 - 14 1st Dawnella Kendle, Co 2nd Taylor Wolfe, NY 3rd Amber Emmerson, ONT

AGES 15 - 19 1st Kerrie McHale, NY 2nd Macey Stuckwisch, IN 3rd Natalie Rosenberger, ONT

AGES 20 + 1st Jessica Gallegos, PA 2nd Donna Dains, CT Megan Douglas, ONT



*Ian Burns, NY with
1st place poster*

CONSERVATION PLAQUE AWARDS

Wandering Canadians, Ontario, Recycling
Roaming Buffalos, North Dakota,
Best Chapter Project



CONSERVATION ESSAY CONTEST

GRADES 9 - 12 1st Macey Stuckwisch, IN,
"Recycling for a Reason" \$50
2nd Katie Kurbuski, MI,
"The Great Lakes" \$35
3rd Tyler Mathews, NE
"The Effects of Human Garbage" \$25
GRADES 5 - 8 Elsie Holden, ONT,
"Pollution" \$50

By Mary Lehnerd



2018 CAMPVENTION GOLF TEAMS

68
Jerry Lambert NC
Tommy Garner GA
George Freeman AL
Terry Swanburg ONT

72
Roger Hall AL
Jerry Hoke NC
George Reynolds NC
Rich Matthews NE

72
Steve Mirch VA
Bob Moore FL
Jim Rhyne NC
Ray Lindsay CT

Long Drive Terry Swanburg ONT

CAMPERS ACTIVELY MOVING PROGRAM

2016 - 2017 CAMP AWARDS

CHAPTER - Aspen Adventurers CO, Kansas
Campsalor KS, Happy Wanderers CT, Travelling Tar
Heels NC, Slow Travelers MO

INDIVIDUAL - Bill Newell CO, Barbara Mashak
KS, Pete Luensman IL, Bob Pingree CT, Guy & Ge-
nie Dean SC (tied), Roger & Susan Ward MO (tied)

2017 - 2018 CAMP AWRDS

CHAPTER - Camp Stars CO, Happy Wanderers
CT, ALF Campers IL, Sunflower Ramblers KS,
Traveling Tar Heels NC, Slow Travelers MO, Halto
Fireflies East Canada

INDIVIDUAL - Larry & Sandy Scott CO, (tied),
Jim & Stephanie Bustos CT (tied), Pete Lunesman
IL, Faye & Forest Tennyson KS, (tied), Bill Stirewalt
NC, Kathy Buresh TX, Lorna Dillmore, East Cana-
da.

Donella Wilkes / Kathy Buresh

CAMPVENTION PET PARADE RESULTS

24 pets entered

DOGS



LARGEST - Marley, Wayne Dunker,

SMALLEST - Lady, Deb Kapp,





BEST TRICK - Winnie,
Keith Woolworth,

Tortatude – Sassy, Gerry Owens,

Lover Boy – Sunny, Betty Owens.



BEST DRESSED - Sandy, Kay /
Mary Lou,



ADULT GAMES

Winners will be listed in next month Camping Today.



LOOK ALIKE - Snoopy, Donna
Dains,

OLDEST – Snoopy age 13, Donna
Dains,



BEST IN SHOW – Lily, Ian
Burns,



YOUNGEST – TIE –

Winnie, Keith Woolworth,



Luke, Cast Schirra,

PARADE

Seven groups made floats / displays for the 2018 Campvention Parade in Doswell, Virginia.

Theme was "Where our Country Began."

Connecticut won 3 awards - Best State / Province, President's Choice, and Parade Stealer.

Royalty - Teen Queen & King,

National Display - Youth.

Also entered, IL, MI, MD, Trustees.
(Pictures of displays on next page)



CATS



Connecticut
Best State / Province,
President's Choice, and
Parade Stealer



Royalty

National Display - Youth



Illinois

Maryland



Trustees





FCRV EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS AT CAMPVENTION

The Executive Board of Family Campers & RVers (State/Provincial Directors, Regional Directors, Program Directors and Trustees met all day, Sunday, July 5th, 2018 at FCRV's annual Campvention at Doswell, Virginia. President, Shari weber welcomed everyone and after the invocation and national anthems, Miss FCRV 2017, Beth O'Neal and Teen King, Peter Kurburski were introduced and gave a summary of their year representing FCRV.

Following approval of previous meeting minutes, Comptroller Jan Cushing presented a financial statement for the year through May showing income of \$114,860 and expenses of \$110,366. She also stated the Scholarship account gave out \$17,520 in grants leaving a balance of \$266,834. The Wildlife fund has \$86,003 in assets.

VP of Operations, Sue Fromholzer called for Regional reports. Heartland Region Director, Jerry Pfirsch noted that Rob and Jolene Baker are the new Nebraska State Directors. The states of that region are hard at work planning the 2019 Campvention for July 7-12 in Hutchinson, Kansas. The Great Lakes Regional Directors, Dave and Linda Hennie invited everyone to the Regional Campout 1-5 at August at Green Bay, WI. Pat Wittmeyer invited campers to the Northeast Regional August 16-19 at Leroy, NY. Connecticut State Directors Glen and Donna Dains noted that CT FCRV helped a family with Make A Wish kids get started in camping and also helped an inner city family enjoy camping. Jack Smye noted the August Canadian Regional is in Brigdon. Marjory Bates welcomed everyone to the 2018 Virginia Campvention hosted by the Southeast Region.

VP of Programs, George Walters noted that FCRV was in need of a Youth Director and thanked Karen and Robert Snodgrass of Ohio for filling in.

VP of Planning, Scott Serbousek noted that wearables bearing the new FCRC International Camping Club logo are now available (see www.fcrv.org) and that 3'x 5' new logo flags (single sided \$60, double sided \$120) are available through through the FCRV office. An order of 6 must be placed with the manufacturer in order to get them produced. Contact Pat at the FCRV office – fcrvnat@verizon.net or call 716-668-6242.

The Explorers chapter of Nebraska and Joann Eckman, CO, former Membership Director received appreciation for service awards from the Trustees.

Retiree Directors, Ron and Reba Ray thanked Linda and Dave Hennie for a successful 2018 Retiree Rally last March in Tallahassee, FL and presented



Ron and Reba Ray present a check for \$2,000 from the 2018 Retiree Rally to FCRV

Comptroller, Jan Cushing.

FCRV with a check for \$2,000 from the rally. They also invited everyone to the 2019 "Blue Bayou" Retiree Rally in Houma, LA March 24-30.

Scholarship Director, Carl Wood announced that the name change has been officially made to the NCHA Hank Nathan Scholarship in honor of the organization's founder. Last year there were 24 requests for scholarship applications with 18 returned and 11 awarded. The Scholarship program is looking for a few new board members.

Recording Officer, Sue Carlsen was in charge of FCRV's National awards this year and was pleased with the number of nominations. She noted that the new manuals for field staff are ready for final checking and approval.

FCRV Office Manager, Pat Wittmeyer said that things were going well at the office and that new member numbers were not quite enough to balance member attrition. An introductory membership building program offers new members an 18 month membership for the price of a year. Details will be forthcoming.

Ivalee Vanderhoff and the 2019 Campvention Committee gave a preview of next July's (7-12) event at the Kansas State Fairground in Hutchinson. The first 211 to pre-register will have full hookups. The buildings are air conditioned. Check future Camping Today issues and the FCRV web site (www.fcrv.org) for rally details and registration.

Under old business, the idea of a winter board meeting was discussed and it was agreed that the Trustees would look into a major airline hub in the sun belt where a January or February weekend meeting could be held economically with board members paying half the expenses. There has not been a winter board meeting for the past few years.

The afternoon meeting was spent going over the new Field Staff Operations Manual page by page and making minor changes and corrections before final

approval. Program Directors met with the Trustee to whom they report and State / Provincial and Regional Directors met with the President, Shari Weber and VP of Operations, Sue Fromholzer.



60th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Keith & Beverly Koontz from Kansas at their 60th Wedding Anniversary Reception!

Fencing Academic Honor



Carroll "Caiden" Cannon (Grandparents - Craig & Shari Weber) was selected to the 2017 & 2018 All-Academic First Team, a top honor given to fencers who are in high school and have

a 4.0 gpa. His award was presented at the National Fencing Tournament in St Louis MO on July 2nd. Mom, Dad, brother, Logan (who is also a fencer) and Grandpa were on hand to see him receive this honor. He is recognized for excellence on the fencing strip, academic achievement, sportsmanship and leadership. He wrote an essay indicating a defining moment for him during his fencing career. Caiden felt very honored to be selected for this award.



Always Leave Your campsite Cleaner Than You Found It

by JeAnne Selby, ND/SD State Director

How often have we, as FCRVers, heard or read the adage, "Always leave your campsite cleaner than you found it!"? I've seen this saying in print and heard it too many times to count in the 35 or so years that we've belonged to FCRV.

Yes, I've practiced the courtesy over and over throughout the years. -- But never to the extent that fellow Roughrider Club Member George Masseth, Mandan, ND, did during the 2018 North/South Dakota State Campvention!

On Saturday, June 2, Roaming Buffalo FCRV Member Deb Kapp (Jamestown, ND), with her Nikon in tow, caught George in the act of going the extra mile to tidy up his campsite. But a shop vac, George!? We're all *so impressed!*



Roughrider FCRV Member George Masseth, Mandan, ND, seriously cleans up his campsite at Lake Hoskins RV Park and Campground, three miles west of Ashley, ND the morning of June 2, during the ND/SD State Campvention.

(Photo courtesy of Deb Kapp)

Fellow Roughrider FCRVers have known for years that George and his wife Ursula have picked up garbage left at their campsites by the previous tenants and picked up around the campground in general. They're just good role models, courteous and thoughtful in all they do, quietly displaying their kind hearts and positive shared values.

Having lauded the merits of the time-honored adage and George's courtesy and respect for other campers, the next time you run into him at Statewide, Regional or National Campventions, ask him about the "rest of the story."

TSA Fall Campout November 1st thru 4th 2018 Chapter 89 fall campout Oct. 29 thru Nov.1st

On October 28 thru Nov 4, 2018, the Campventure Week will be held at Pioneer River Resort, Bandera, TX.

The Resort is located downtown and along the Medina River. It is located within walking distance of many old western shops and restaurants. **Activities are being planned including games, crafts, potluck, physical activities, and carpooling to nearby sites. Come Join Us**

Camping fee is \$30 per night and is available 2 days prior and 2 days after the event.

A credit card is required to hold the reservation no charges will be made to card at this time.

Payment on arrival can be made by cash or check if desired cancellation must be made 1 week prior to the event or a 1 night charge will be made on the credit card

Be sure to request 30 or 50 amp and if any special consideration is needed.

Resort Contact Information: 1202 Maple St., Bandera TX

Phone: toll free 866-371-3751 or 830-796-3751

Website: pioneerriverresort.com

A \$5 event fee will be collected by TSA

For more information contact

Jessie Lynn

210-419-7746

Mudslides, Fires Impacting Tourism in Colorado

Courtesy of RV Business By Ben Quiggle

Mary Arlington, executive director of the Colorado Campground and Lodging Owners Association, said that wildfires and follow-up rain have had a "negative impact on tourism in many parts of Colorado."

"While nearly all campgrounds have not been closed or evacuated this summer, 2018 cancellations have been off the charts," Arlington told *Woodall's Campground Management* (WCM), sister publication to *RVBusiness*.

While wildfires have been burning in Colorado

for months, destroying thousands of acres of land, according to [The Denver Post](#), heavy rain on Tuesday (July 17) caused even more damage in Durango, Colo., as mudslides forced the evacuation of the Durango North/Riverside Kampgrounds of America (KOA), in north Durango.

The mudslides were caused in part because of the 416 wildfire which has been burning near the area since early June.

"The fire was the first threat that caused countless cancellations during this always too short camping season," said Arlington. "The smoke then deterred many more from traveling to the area."

U.S. Highways 550 and 160 were closed for a period of time due to the mudslides, but were [reopened](#), which is a good thing for the small communities and campgrounds in the area, noted Arlington.

"In this mountain area, where roads are scarce, U.S. Hwy. 550 is of utmost significance to the businesses between Durango, Silverton and Ouray," she explained. "These small communities can be paralyzed without Hwy. 550 and all of the businesses suffer greatly with the surge of negative conditions. For the full story click [here](#).



Products

Xtend Outdoors Debuts Printed Awning Screens

Courtesy of RV Business



Xtend Outdoors announced the launch of printed RV awning shade screens available in standard prints or a wide variety of customized prints.

According to a press release the awning shade screens let campers “unleash their creativity.” The products are completely customizable, allowing RVers to design their own shade screen. According to the release, the printing offer is for a limited time.

The printed awning shade screen provides 92% protection from sun and is a great option for privacy. Easy to set up, these printed awning shade screens are available in eight- to 25-foot lengths depending on the size of the awning.

Visit www.xtendoutdoors.com to get more information on printed awning shade screens

Leisure Travel Van's Wonder Stresses Versatility

Courtesy of RV Business



Feeling the demand for a motorhome with built-in bicycle garage, Canadian motorhome maker Leisure Travel Vans has risen to the challenge and released the Wonder Rear Twin Bed (RTB).

New Atlas reported that in addition to carrying two bicycles, the 25-foot Ford Transit-based motorhome hits the road with a smart entertainment system, flexible bedroom, and versatile, multiuse furnishings throughout. If you can't pedal all the way there and back, consider throwing the bikes in the Leisure Wonder RTB and staying a while.

Leisure is known for a lineup of Class C motorhomes with clever features like [expansion slideouts](#) and [Murphy beds](#). While plenty comfy inside, Leisure motorhomes aren't necessarily purpose-built for the active set that's become a coveted buyer demographic.

Motorhome and trailer manufacturers of all sizes and styles have been targeting more active consumers with wide-ranging products like the Winnebago Revel, modular VanDolt camper and Turtlebacker

trailer. These products help drivers get out there and do a lot more than just tour around the highway and look at the scenery through the window by making it easier to carry bicycles, ATVs, kayaks, snowboards and all other forms of oversized adventure tools.

With the Wonder RTB, Leisure reaches out to this type of buyer with a sportier Class C that retains plenty of interior comfort.

“For years, we have been asked by our customers to build an RV with an exterior garage, large enough to store their bicycles and other large items,” explained Ryan Elias, general manager of Leisure parent company Triple E RV. “We are excited to finally be able to offer this. We think this could be a real winner with our active customers, with over 67 cubic feet of concealed exterior storage to bring their bikes, golf clubs, inflatable kayaks and more.”

For the full story click [here](#).

REV Debuts Fleetwood RV Discovery LXE Diesel

Courtesy of RV Business



REV Recreation Group, a division of REV Group Inc., announced the introduction of the 2019 Fleetwood RV Discovery LXE, the brand's high-end Class A diesel motorhome.

According to a press release, the 2019 Discovery LXE is available in five spacious floorplans filled with upscale features typically found on higher-priced luxury models. Standard features include an exterior 48-inch LED TV; integrated roof-mounted patio awning; polished porcelain tile; Villa residential-style furniture; and an Aqua-hot system for coach heat and hot water.

Also offered as standard are a full tile shower; front zone tile floor heat; a cook's kitchen with residential refrigerator and induction cooktop; a 10-inch

in-dash touchscreen; Bose sound bar; and a firefly command center for house electronics. An optional technology package offers a Bluetooth speaker porch light, Wi-Fi extender, cell booster, a 160-watt solar panel and “Collision Avoidance” from Mobile Eye.

The 2019 Discovery LXE provides power for any type of road trip while maintaining a comfortable ride, riding on a Freightliner chassis integrated with Fleetwood RV’s Power Bridge frame. Floorplans range from 40-44 feet in length with a 380hp Cummins engine on shorter models or 450hp on longer models.

“The 2019 Discovery LXE is a true testament to listening to our dealers and customers. We’ve worked with our dealers on every aspect of Discovery LXE, from design to pricing,” said Pat Terveer, vice president and general manager of REV Recreation Group, “I’m incredibly proud of what we’ve built with our dealers. Discovery LXE offers an innovative design and well-appointed amenities at a competitive price point.”

MSRP for the 2019 Discovery LXE starts at \$345,833 with special introductory pricing available now at Fleetwood RV dealers across the U.S. and Canada. To learn more about Fleetwood RV visit fleetwoodrv.com

THE BEST GERANIOL MOSQUITO REPELLENT FOR CAMPING AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS



Camping is all about experiencing everything the great outdoors has to offer. But that shouldn’t have to include pesky and potentially dangerous mosquitoes. Whether you’re sitting around the campfire, hiking through the woods or relaxing in the tent, BugBand mosquito repellent provides protection from biting mosquitoes.

Traditional mosquito repellents can be one solution, but many people think twice about slathering synthetic pesticides on their clothing, arms, legs and faces these days.

SUGGESTED BUGBAND PRODUCTS:

Most mosquitoes will be repelled by the **BugBand Insect Repelling Band**. For heavy-duty protection when mosquitoes just don’t seem to be giving up the

fight to bite, use **BugBand Insect Repellent Spray Lotion** or **BugBand Towelettes with Insect Repelling Lotion**, which can be applied directly to skin for the most complete, effective coverage.



BugBand mosquito repellent products protect **the whole family** from biting mosquitoes. The pleasant-scented Geraniol creates an invisible vapor shield to repel mosquitoes.

The **BugBand Insect Repelling Band** can be conveniently attached to strollers, belts or caps. BugBand repellent products are safe for family use and around food when used as directed on the product label.

The **BugBand Granular Spreadable Shake-to-Apply Insect Repellent** product can be used to both deodorize areas, as well as, to control flying mosquitoes. This product is easy to sprinkle in containers or areas where odors or mosquitoes are common. The readily biodegradable, corncob-based repellent is light-weight and reduces the impact on landfills too.



Farewells

Clarence Van Wagner, 7-7-18, New Lothrop, Michigan, longtime active member

Sue Carney, 7-6-18, Ellicott City, Maryland

Steven Teplet, 7-15-17, Luling, Louisiana, life long volunteer at church.

Pauline Rose, 8-3-17-18, Indianapolis, Indiana, long time member.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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 stiegl2@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.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016 - Fall Florida State Association Rally

Paradise Oaks RV Resort 4628 County Rd. 475, Bushnell FL. Thursday, November 10th will be an early day if you want to come in early. The camping fee will be \$30.00 per night. We are planning to have an "old-fashioned" campout with activities to bring back old memories of our camping days. We will have the usual games, a catered meal, catered breakfast, and probably some unexpected fun. Please call the campground at 352-793-1823 to make your reservation, and send the form below to make your reservation with FSA.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Likins at 386-365-0823. More information will be available in the November Bizzy Beaver.



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



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.

	<u>Pre-registration (paid in advance in full)</u>	<u>At the Gate</u>
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.

I would like to volunteer for: _____