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From the President - Shari Weber



There are many different camping events going on throughout our organization for us to enjoy. This is a great time to invite a new family to join you at your next campout. Is there someone in your neighborhood with an RV? Invite them. Do you have a co-worker who has a camper? Invite them. Even family members can be invited. When we gather and have fun together, others want to join in the fun. Go out and be contagious!

Membership Recruiting

The trustees have reviewed the Cadet membership program. It has done well and we have recruited many Cadet Members. However, at the recommendation of Scott, VP Planning & Development we have made some changes. It is now called **Introductory Membership**. New members who join FCRV will be given an additional 6 months when they buy a one year membership. Your State/Provincial Director will be able to answer any questions about this program.

Camping Family

Our camping family has some great ambassadors in our Royalty. Our Teen Royalty, Teen Queen Katie Kurburski and Teen King Blake Burnette will be happy to accept invitations to campouts. Remember, school is their first priority. Another ambassador for us is our Retiree Royalty Billy & Penny Ramlow. They too are open to campout invitations although I don't think they are worried about school schedules. Please be sure to invite these folks to your campouts and RV Shows. The national office will have their contact information.

It has been fun for me to see all the fun and exciting campouts held by regions, states and chapters since campvention. You are finding fun and creative things to do to make the campouts interesting. Our International Teen Queen, Katie Kurburski has enjoyed several of these campouts. Sometimes we measure the success of a campout by how many people come. I think we should also think of a campout as successful if those attending (regardless of the number) have a good time. We are finding simpler

ways of doing things. Instead of being in buildings we are finding our way back outside under awnings or ez up shelters.

Three Trustee positions to be elected

The positions of Vice President Planning & Development, currently held by Scott Serbousek, Comptroller, currently held by Jan Cushing and Vice President Operations, currently held by Sue Fromholzer are to be elected in 2019. It is our hope to find at least two candidates for each position. The job descriptions are in the field manual on the website fcrv.org. Feel free to let your state/provincial director, regional director or a national program director know if you are interested in any of these positions. The nominating committee will then be in touch.

Change of hours in the national office

During the summer the national office has closed at noon on Friday. Starting after Labor Day they will go back to 9 to 5 eastern time on Monday through Friday.

Retiree Rally 2019

The retiree rally is in Houma, LA at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center March 19th – 24th. Plan to come and bring a friend or two.

Campvention 2019

July 8 - 12 we will be in Hutchinson Kansas. Ivallee & Earl Vanderhoff and Gerry Pfirsch have their team working hard planning a great week for us. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

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>



Retiree Rally 2019

Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center

Houma, Louisiana

March 19-24, 2019

Retiree Rally 2019

By Barb Turner, Publicity Chair



'Blue Bayou', the 48th International FCRV Retiree Rally, will be held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, Houma, Louisiana March 19-24, 2019. The early days will be March 15-18. Dallas & Barb Dodson are the Rally Coordinators.

Houma is the parish seat of Terrebonne Parish as well as its largest city. It was colonized by European-Americans in 1834, and, interestingly, was named for the early Houma people who once occupied the area. The area was developed for sugar cane plantations which were located along the rivers and bayous for ease of transportation. Downtown Houma has been designated as an historic district, featuring the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, the Folklife Culture Center, the Regional Military Museum, and Southdown Plantation. Of course, many Cajun eateries can be enjoyed.

The 2019 Retiree Rally Committee will provide an excellent week of activities, including the crowning of the 2019 International FCRV Retiree King & Queen. The rally fee includes all the activities, entertainment, and two meals.

Register for the 'Blue Bayou' experience with FCRV members in March.



Retiree Rally 2019

By Barb & Dal Dodson, Rally Coordinators



Just a few short months until the 48th International Retiree Rally in Houma, Louisiana. Make your plans now to attend.

We and our teams are getting things 'in order' and plan to have a Retiree Rally worth attending. The location will be at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, as it was in 2016. Lots of places to see and visit, along with plenty of restaurants with varied menus.

Start getting your Mari Gras costume put together, as there will be a contest; details will be coming later from Gerry Dantin.

Also, the pet parade is in the works. Bring a door prize and be sure to pack all the medications you need (will make Jack's job easier). Our expert parking crew is lined up, etc, etc. I'm sure we'll have food to eat; so much fun in all we do.

If you haven't signed up to work on a committee and want to help, get in contact with us, and we can find you a little job. (dallas.dodson@sbcglobal.net) As we all know, it takes us all 'pitching in' to make it all happen.



Door Prizes for Houma



Even though the Retiree Rally is still some months away, it is not too early to be thinking of door prizes. We had lots of awesome items for the Rally in Tallahassee. Our goal is for everyone to receive a nice door prize.

Thank you, Pat Crow, Door Prize chair



FCRV Retiree Choir

The FCRV Retiree Choir will be under the direction of Kip Cushing in Houma. He is seeking choir members and, especially, a pianist/keyboardist to accompany the choir. The choir sings at the Memorial Service and the Sunday Non-denominational Church Service. If you would like to sing with the choir or accompany the choir, contact Kip at kcushing@wi.rr.com which will help him plan for the 2019 FCRV Retiree Choir.

Retiree Rally Security Team



Rally Security Chairs Dave & Rita Blair are asking for volunteers to work with them in Houma in March. If you would like to help, you can contact them at

David and Rita Blair, 1508 Brookview Dr., Lancaster, TX 75146

Email: ritadave2369@aol.com

phone: 972-965-4033



Retiree Games Volunteers



Game events start with Frog Races and include Corn Hole, Washer Toss, and Hillbilly Golf. As always, the card games are popular: Skip-Bo, Three-Thirteen (much like Five Crowns), and the very popular Card Bingo, where winners get a \$1.00 coin. The dominoes game is Chicken-Foot, which is easy to learn and fast to play. Saturday will be all about Bean Bag Baseball, which usually has about 80 percent of the attendees throwing bags, hoping to score a home run.

If you would like to help the games chairs, contact Bill Alderman at bill@teamwidget.com. Bill & Margaret would appreciate your help.

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our FCRV page
on Facebook!



CORRECTION



This picture on the cover of July '18 *Camping Today* was taken by Heidi Sanford Behlman. It was forwarded by Jim Lewis. Our apologies to Heidi and thanks for a beautiful picture.

D. Johnston

LOST SCRAPBOOK



Dear Friends,

I lost my 1972 campout scrapbook at the Doswell, VA Campvention. I'm hoping someone has found and saved it. If you will send it to me I will repay the shipping. I am in my 4th week of chemo and radiation of a 7 week treatment for cancer in my rt. tonsil and lymph nodes. The return of the book would mean a lot to me.

Thank You,

Francis Idlewine
2625 S. State Road 3
Greensburg, IN 4720-8960



Campvention 2018

Additional Activities and Results

QUILT RAFFLE AND PAINTINGS RAFFLE WINNERS

By Don & Shirley MacKenzie, National Historian



*Many hands and many hours
made this special quilt.*

History was made at Campvention 2018 in Virginia.

The Quilt idea came to me about 3 years ago. Don and I wondered what we could do for FCRV when the Southeast Region hosted Campvention again. NCHA/FCRV has done so much for us and brought us many friends over the years, and we decided we wanted to give back in some form. The Quilt went from an idea to reality, with patches or insignia covering the quilt from the first Campvention in 1960 through 2018, along with the center having the FCRV and several special



*The moment all were
waiting for.*

patches, and national program patches sprinkled throughout. The pillow shams were made last winter, and coordinate with the quilt, with a large NCHA patch on one and the large FCRV patch on the other. The total hours to make quilt and shams were approximately 374 hours, and the appraised value of the quilt was \$1,500.00. A Virginia member, Ann Bailey (deceased 2017) asked if she could make an afghan as the 2nd place winner. The afghan was amethyst in color with a beautiful design.



*Quilt Won By
Carlyle & Elaine Glover, CO*

The idea took on another turn in the form of a separate raffle with Paintings. When we asked our son, Philip MacKenzie, who is a professional artist, to paint the 1st place painting, he readily agreed. One of our church members, Barbara Brewer, volunteered to do a painting as well which was 2nd place, and one of our FCRV members, Rita Wimmer, painted the 3rd place painting. We did not turn down any volunteers.

The NCHA/FCRV Quilt was raffled at Campvention in July, as well as the 2nd Place Afghan. Winners were: Carlyle and Elaine Glover of Florissant, Colorado, won the Quilt. Bill Price of Michigan won the Afghan.

Winners of the three paintings were: 1st place, Pat Parsley of Georgetown, South Carolina (\$500 value); 2nd place, Pat Beasley of Prattsville, Alabama; and 3rd place, Gene Lockhart of Crossville, Tennessee.

Our last drawing was the "Infancy Pillow." With FCRV's revised logo, we thought it would be fitting to make a pillow that depicted the new logo, as well as our patriotic colors, red,



*Afghan won by
Bill Price, MI*



1st Place Winner
Pat Parsley, SC

white and blue (our campvention theme), and the year 2018 embroidered on it. The winner of the “infancy pillow” was Mike and Mary Croxton of St. Louis, Missouri.

We wish to thank all those who participated in these raffles. Raffle donations over and above expenses will be used by Southeast Region to help defray campvention costs.

A special door prize was drawn on Thursday—a complete clean, wash and wax kit with broom for the RV. A small “Wandering Sole” with a ticket was placed in each Goody Bag, and each family had to bring their “sole” and ticket to the Thursday night drawing. The prize was worth about \$75.00 and won by Melvin Coy of Indiana. The Wandering Sole idea came from Don. Our chapter is The Wandering

Soles Chapter of the Central Virginia area.



Pillow won by Mike & Mary
Croxton, MO

Conservation Essay Winners

Pollution

Elsie Holden, Grade 7, Walsingham, Ontario



Pollution is something people all around the world do and I’ll bet a lot of them don’t even know it. They don’t know that fish are getting tangled up in discarded plastic bags. They don’t know that tiger sharks are eating discarded tin cans, license plates and tons of other garbage.

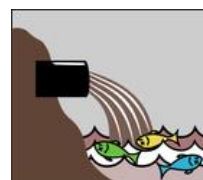
Do you know what happens to these creatures? That fish in the plastic bag drowns. Yes, fish can drown. They still breathe air, just thorough their gills that filter out the air from the water. As the fish struggles, the bag wraps tighter and tighter around them and eventually blocks the water from going through their gills and they drown.

What about the tiger shark? Tiger sharks have incredibly slow digestion systems and tin cans and license plates stay in their stomachs and cuts their insides. That causes them to bleed internally and will kill them. I know there are a lot of people who are probably thinking, “Why should I care? Sharks are nothing but brainless man-eaters.” Wrong – sharks are amazing creatures that will only eat people if they are starved or if they think we are fish because of the way we swim.

Now on to the toxic radiation problem that affects everything in the ocean. Radiation can, will, and does affect everything and everyone in and around the ocean. It causes genetic mutations, like having two heads. I have seen photos of precious little sea turtles with extra flippers. That must make it hard to swim, but most of them will never find out because most animals with radiational mutations don’t live very long. It’s a sad short life for them. Radiation also kills coral reefs which sets off a chain of events. When coral reefs die, all the fish in it die also. Then the sharks that depend on those fish from the coral reef die.

Now, I’ll bet some of you are asking yourself, “Why should I care if all the life in the ocean dies?” Well here is one reason; what about those towns and cities whose entire economy depends on the fishing industry? Those places will fall apart.

I’ve always wanted to be a marine biologist because to me it represents the unknown. I would still like there to be some fish in the ocean when I’m finally able to achieve my dream.



Recycling For A Reason

Macey Marie Stuckwisch, Grade 9, Brownstown, Indiana

Do you have kids, grandkids? What kind of world do you want those generations to have? Do you want them to live in a world where you can't walk around without seeing trash? Recycling is important in today's world if we want to leave this planet for future generations.

If we want to have a clean world for future generations, we must help people understand how important recycling is. Each ton of cardboard recycled saves 390 kilowatts of energy, 46 gallons of oil, and 6.6 BTU of energy. Nearly everything you buy in the grocery store comes in some form of cardboard packaging that can be recycled. What about plastic? For every ton of plastic recycled, 5,774 kilowatts of energy, 685 gallons of oil, 98 million BTU of energy, and 30 cubic yards of landfill space can be saved. All are items that can be easily recycled.

When thinking of recycling you should think about the whole idea; reduce, reuse, and recycle. At one point in everyone's life you've been a little careless about the way you've treated the earth and it's time to change not just the way you do things, but the way you think. Why should you recycle to make the environment cleaner, conserve materials, save energy, and reduce garbage? For the environment you are saving resources and sending less trash to landfills and helping reduce air and water pollution. If you recycle one aluminum can you can save enough energy to run a TV for about 3 hours.

Recycling serves 3 purposes: it avoids landfills, helps reduce air and water pollution, and allows valuable materials like aluminum, plastic, and glass to be reused in other forms. What can we really do? First you can set up a small recycling center in your home and take containers to your local recycling center. Use curbside pickup if available in your community. Avoid using plastic or paper bags at the grocery store and keep reusable shopping bags in your car to use as needed. If you do end up with plastic bags, reuse at home as trash bags. Buying in bulk not only save you money, but requires less packaging. You can reuse or recycle the boxes.

Now that you understand the importance of recycling and how to recycle on your own you can tell your friends about it. Even if you don't start recycling hard core you can be more mindful of the environment. With your help we can hopefully pass on an Earth to future generations in pristine condition. Remember these words of wisdom from FCRV, "Don't let it be said, and said to your shame that all was clean before you came."



Wildlife Photo Contest

The Mitchell family from Maryland participated in the Wildlife Photo Contest with 100% participation. They won 6 out of 7 ribbons.

George Mitchell
Matthew Mitchell
Christina Mitchell
Michael Mitchell -2 ribbons 1st and 2nd in teens age group
Mason Mitchell
Tammy Flanagan





Campvention 2018 Adult Game Results

HORSESHOES

Mens Singles	1 st Dan Price TN
	2 nd Carlyle Glover CO
Womens Singles	1 st Patty Wittmeyer NY
	2 nd Kathy Collier NY
Mixed Doubles	1 st Patty & Joe Wittmeyer NY
	2 nd Kathy Collier NY & Matthew Mitchell MD

WASHER TOSS

Mens Singles	1 st Dan Price TN
	2 nd Bob Wolf NY
Womens Singles	1 st Karen Snodgrass OH
	2 nd Kathy Collier NY
Mixed Doubles	1 st Karen & Bob Snodgrass OH
	2 nd Kathy Collier NY & Matthew Mitchell MD

HILLBILLY GOLF

Mens Singles	1 st Roger Hall AL
	2 nd Dan Price TN
Womens Singles	1 st Cheryl Descoteaux SC
	2 nd Marjory Bates AL
Mixed Doubles	1 st Jerry Zimmerman CT & Cheryl Descoteaux SC
	2 nd Carmen & David Baptista CT FIRST TIMERS



Campvention 2019

Kansas State Fairgrounds

Hutchinson, KS

July 7-12, 2019

‘All Roads Lead to Kansas’

By Barb Turner, Publicity Chair

‘All Roads Lead to Kansas’ is the theme of the 59th FCRV Campvention hosted by the Heartland Region and chaired by Ivalee Vanderhoff and Gerald Pfirsch at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas July 7-12, 2019. Early Bird Days are July 5 & July 6.

Ivalee shared info on what our members can expect when we attend Campvention 2019.....

The camping fee of \$300 covers Sunday through Friday night camping and all activities. The Early Bird Days will be Friday July 5 & Saturday July 6 at \$25 per night. The registration confirmation will include sug-

gestions for places to stay within 50 miles, 100 miles, or 150 miles.

Hookups: The first 211 registered campers WILL have a full hookup site with 20/30/50 amp electric, water and sewer. The rest will have water/electric. If a registered camper comes in with a non-registered camper and their number would exceed the number of sewer sites available, they will be separated for parking unless the registered camper chooses to stay with the non-registered one. Tent sites will be available under shade trees for those who want one. They have electric available and are close to the shower house. If you arrive after the parking stops for the evening, the security will direct you to an area with electric to park for the night until parking comes to you in the morning. Camping will be hobo. The parking is on gravel, but there are paved roads throughout.

- ♦ WiFi is available, but there is a fee. A McDonald's is not far away.
- ♦ All buildings are air-conditioned.
- ♦ The Encampment Building will be the main campvention building.
- ♦ The Youth will have their own building with shelves for display and drying of artwork in the Talbott East Building. There is a small kitchen area and restrooms inside the building.
- ♦ The Teens will be in the Morton Building which is close for walking but a little ways from the Encampment Building and the camping area.
- ♦ The FCRV Band will be in Talbott West that has shelves for the instruments, a kitchen area, and restrooms. It is lockable and has A/C as do all the rest.



Campvention 2019 Cosmosphere



Campvention 2019 Strataca

- ♦ The Adult Activities Center plans to have hot coffee and donuts or rolls available to purchase early each morning so you don't have to drive to the donut shop. Stop in and visit them. They will be in the Centennial Hall Meeting Room with a nice-size room plus a kitchen area and restrooms just down the hall.

- ♦ An activity is planned every evening. All evenings will start at the same time with announcements and awards prior to the entertainers taking the stage. The programs will be held in the Hansen Auditorium, a 749-seat theater with comfortable seats and a good view of the stage.

- ♦ The traditional Campvention ending parade will be a regular parade outside on the grounds in 2019. There are many shade-tree

areas for spectators to take advantage of while watching the parade. "Also, you can visit with your neighbor," says Ivalee. Parade entries from individuals, chapters, states/provinces, and groups are encouraged to participate.

- ♦ Shopping on-grounds? The committee plans on having a variety of vendors for your shopping enjoyment.
- ♦ The Hustons/Karen's Embroidery & Badges. plan to be on-grounds to make your badges and provide FCRV merchandise.
- ♦ The FCRV Marketplace will be available for chapters and individuals to participate.

Over the next few months, the committee will be sharing plans for your stay at Campvention 2019 in Hutchinson, Kansas next July. Register soon!

SEPTEMBER FACTS

- ♦ There are 30 days in the month of September, which starts on the same day of the week as December each year
- ♦ **September 2, 1666:** The [Great Fire of London](#) was started, completely destroying the old city located within the ancient Roman Walls. It was believed to have started in a bakery and took three days to put out.

FCRV Travalong 2018

by Barb & Jim Turner, Travalong Directors



The 2018 FCRV Travalong began at Cove Lake State Park, Tennessee. Our group was small this year, but we enjoyed touring various sites, beginning with Oak Ridge, the 'Secret City of World War II'. The secret city was built in that secluded area as part of the Manhattan Project which created the A-bomb which was dropped on Hiroshima to end WWII. It was interesting to learn how secret it was. No talking about your job with anyone when walking out the gates at the end of the day. Those who emptied the trash, including wastepaper baskets, had to be illiterate so they couldn't read anything. Only a few even knew the city existed. Today, scientific work continues.



Norris Dam was visited. The dam was built as a part of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to control flooding as well as producing hydro-electricity for the area.

The next stop was Waynesville and Maggie Valley, NC which is an entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Wheels Through Time Museum, the home to the world's premier collection of rare American Vintage Motorcycles, was toured by the group. Interestingly, there are about 300 motorcycles and most are kept in running and operating condition. One of the rare finds was found in a sealed-off area in a Chicago apartment during apartment renovations.

There are many sites to see and visit in the area. In addition to the WTT Museum above, the group toured the Elevated Mountain Distilling Co. The company is a craft distiller of top-shelf whiskey and spirits. Their hybrid pot and column still was custom built to meet their specifications to produce scotch, whiskey, and vodka using the natural water of Haywood County which has been used by moonshiners in the past.



Wheels Through Time Museum



*Maggie Valley Gem Mining
Rock Shop*

We enjoyed the Maggie Valley Gem Mining Rock Shop, even 'mining'. The buckets of sand, ore, and gems were 'salted' but still fun to wash out in the sluice.

Mast General Store in Waynesville with its squeaky, wooden floors is always a must. Antique cabinetry and a unique mezzanine highlight this 1930's store. Our group liked the barrels of candy sold by the pound in the basement.

The last stop of Travalong 2018 was Raleigh, NC where camping was at the North Carolina State Fairground campground. The North Carolina Museum of History was toured by the group. Exhibits range from prehistoric North Carolina to modern times. The displays were uniquely done allowing the visitors to move through history. Standouts were the Wright Brothers exhibit remembering their first flight and North Carolinians in the various wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War.

Marbles Kids Museum allows children to imagine, discover, and learn through many interactive displays. With two retired elementary



Wright Flyer Exhibit



teachers and grandparents in the group, the museum was enjoyed to see all of the opportunities for children to learn. The portrait of Sir Walter Raleigh made from recycled bottle caps was very unique.

The soda fountain at Ashworth Drugs in Cary, NC serving hotdogs and Coke floats drew the group, remembering childhood days when soda fountains in drugstores were common. Fresh Local Ice Cream Store was enjoyed by some of the group.

Area attractions and area eateries completed Travalong 2018 with most of the attendees going on to Campvention in Doswell, VA to be volunteers. Another Travalong completed.



Drugstore lunch counter



ESTABLISHMENT OF A VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

The Veterans Program has created a Memorial Fund with a loving donation from Pam Likins as a memorial to her husband Dick.

Both were our *Retiree Program Directors* for many years. Dick was always supportive of the Veterans, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

The memorial fund was established to support the FCRV Veterans Program in developing veterans camping experiences, enabling our Veterans to see local programs at places we camp.

*"Where strangers become friends
and friends become family"*

One of the goals is to unite veterans throughout FCRV and to encourage veterans to participate in FCRV camping throughout our Chartered Chapters. We believe many veterans have stopped camping when service sent them away on deployments and/or possibility due to injuries and may no longer feel camping is an option. Hopefully our members can assist new perspective Veteran members to return or start camping together.

For the past three years our Veteran Membership has been working to visit and educate themselves on local veteran efforts in the communities where we camp. This helps them to understand different programs and can take some of the good ideas back home and maybe assist their own programs at home.

This Memorial Fund is available to all that would like to make a Memorial Gift at any time.

It will be used in support of the FCRV Veterans Program. All offerings are truly welcome.

Donation checks should be sent to
FCRV National Office,
4804 Transit Rd. - Bldg. 2,
Depew, NY 14043-4906,
payable to
FCRV with a notation for Veterans Memorial Fund.

THIS N' THAT

- RV wholesale shipments to Canadian RV dealers rose 19% in the last 6 months – 29,881 to 35,676 according to Canadian Recreational Vehicle Association.
- Southern Florida's red tide caused by toxic algae has impacted business at RV parks and campgrounds in its path.
- Airstream has broken ground for a 40 million dollar plant expansion of its Jackson center, Ohio plant. After completion in 2019 the workforce will be 1,200 employees.
- Scrubbing Bubbles bathroom cleaner also works on stained fiberglass RV panels. Use with a scrubby sponge. Try on a small area first.



Canada's Snowbirds & RV Travelers Grows Niche

By Ron Barger RV Business



Snowbirds & RV Travelers magazine has effectively carved out a loyal and growing readership, as the Kelowna, B.C.-based publication has been serving the consumer RV travel and destination audience for 15 years.

"It's a consumer-based magazine concentrating on the RV lifestyle and focusing more on destinations and tech tips," said Steve Fennell, one of the publication's managing editors who works remotely from Toronto. "We focus more on things to do with your RV rather than RV product reviews. We do have a tech feature, but only one per issue. Activities, gear and more of the overall experience is where we focus."

The eight-times-per-year print magazine, published by Sun Cruiser Media, is also available in a digital version for PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, iPod and Android tablets, according to the Editor in Chief Perry Mack. Subscribers also receive a monthly newsletter chock full of up-to-date discounts, destinations, news, travel and tech tips.

"We publish five different titles of which *Snowbirds and RV Travelers* is one," said Mack. "We have a four-wheel drive magazine, a sport fishing magazine, a boating magazine, a camping magazine and then we publish SEMA's (Specialty Equipment Marketing Association) section in their 4 X 4 and truck off-road publication."

Mack said his group has run the magazine for 11 of its 15 years, picking it up in 2007 when it was, "a one-man operation, printing the magazine in a basement on a photocopier. We've turned it into a national publication sold at newsstands across Canada and across the world."

Today, *Snowbird and RV Traveler* has a primarily Canadian circulation of around 30,000 with a total print and digital circulation of around 78,000, according to Mack.

"It's been 50/50 for a while," said Mack. "The difference is in the distribution of our audience. The digital is probably 80% U.S."

Mack explained that, as the title reflects, the magazine focuses on the Canadian nomads that head south in the winter. "Hundreds of thousands of Canadians go into the U.S. so we report on California to Florida and all points in between," he said.

"We are the 'Active RV Guys,'" he added. "We are more heavily focused on where to go and what to do. But recently we have had quite a lot of success on our YouTube channel for one of our first ever RV video walk-throughs. I think it is getting up to a million views. It's the new Armadillo trailer, so we have begun focusing on RVs because it is a growing market."

He said one of the most highly viewed web pages on the magazine's site is the buy and sell section. Mack related that U.S. firms should understand that there are distinct differences between Canada and the United States.

"As close as the U.S. and Canada are, we still do have a different market," he said. "We spell our words differently, we talk differently, and we have different values. And really, for companies to understand and attract the Canadian audience, they have to speak their language and that is where our magazine is important." Not many U.S. RV OEMs advertise in his magazine, but there is a concentration of businesses in the Southern U.S. that frequent his pages.

"Definitely the southern U.S. ads are heavily featured in the magazine," said Mack. "It's a direct connection to their audience speaking in the language of the audience they want to reach. A lot of Canadian RV manufacturers have always advertised with us, and then there is also Jayco, for instance, so there are some OEMs. I think the RV aftermarket is probably really missing out. They could definitely be doing a lot more selling to our audience."



Perry Mack

Check out *Snowbirds & RV Travelers* magazine at <http://suncruisermmedia.com>



FCRV Activities



Barney's Little Chapel



Claire 'Barney' Barnhart and his wife Josephine were early members of the FCRV Bald Eagle Ridge Runners Chapter. In 1976 the members purchased 10 ½ wooded acres on Beech Creek near Lock Haven, PA and cleared it for a club campground. Sometime later Barney decided to build a miniature decorative chapel about 4'x6' with a steeple on part of his site. According to chapter members Barney would help anyone and he and Josephine were well known and liked by everyone.

Barney passed away at age 91 and his wife gave up camping in 2003. The chapter decided to leave his lot empty and make a friendship circle with benches, swings, and a large campfire ring for everyone to enjoy. Later George Spangler restored the little chapel which has a removable roof and installed timer lights inside. The chapter also maintains plants and flowers around the base of the chapel. Barney's little chapel is a great tribute to camping friendship.



Great Lakes Regional Campout

By Barb Turner

The 2018 Great Lakes Regional Campout was hosted by Kip & Jan Cushing and the Wisconsin membership August 1 – 5 at the Brown County Fairgrounds, De Pere, Wisconsin, near Green Bay. Attendees were encouraged to arrive early to tour the area. The campout officially began Wednesday evening with Wisconsin hosting a hospitality which was followed by a line dancing class by Ray & Nancy Suennen. It was also a time to 'meet & greet', a time to catch up with old friends and make new friends.



Paul & Diane Jones, MI receiving National Citation that was announced at National

The hosts purposely didn't schedule many activities on Wednesday and Thursday. As there is so much to 'see & do' in the Green Bay area, the free time provided time to visit area attractions. Lambeau Field and the National Railroad Museum were favorites. Some toured a little farther north in Door County which is on a peninsula between Green Bay and Lake Michigan. It's known for its long shoreline & many parks as well as cheese, wine, and fruit shops.

Great Lakes Royalty, 2018 FCRV Teen Queen Katie Kurburski (MI) and 2018 Miss



Congeniality Macey Stuckisch (IN). The states of the Great Lakes Region provided hospitality during the week. SkyMed rep Stan Schwenke provided an ice cream social along with his seminar. Ray Suennen taught a cast iron cooking class. Tasty! Several jigsaw puzzles were put together. Games & cards were played. Visiting!

Saturday was Sports Activities Day – corn hole, ladder golf, and beanbag baseball. Everyone was encouraged to wear their favorite sports team attire. What's a sports day without a Tailgate Party, hosted by Wisconsin.

The Regional concluded Sunday morning with coffee, donuts, and church conducted by Harold Braley, Ohio State Director/Retiree Chaplain, and Dennis James, FCRV Chaplain. Thank you, Kip, Jan, and Wisconsin for a wonderful week. Illinois will host in 2019.



New York Hosts '18 N.E. Regional

By DeWayne Johnston

32 families attended the 2018 Northeast Regional Campout at The Ridge Campground in Leroy, NY August 16-18. There was lots to do starting Thursday with a hike, golf outing, bingo and evening hospitality and campfire by the Hudson Valley District.



in Leroy.

The hosts provide a pancake breakfast Saturday morning and a hot dog lunch. Pat Wittmeyer was in charge of youth activities. Also on Saturday morning the State Directors met and later the general membership meeting was held. Sue Fromholzer is the acting N.E. Regional Director. Mark Brayman has accepted the job of treasurer following the passing of Phil Turcotte. Glen Daines, CT, is looking for help from other states in the

Opening ceremonies kicked off Friday followed with bocce, washer toss and horse shoes. Many took advantage of the \$10 dinner ticket for the campground restaurant for a Friday night fish dinner. An interesting evening program was presented by historian Craig Braack who told how the Erie Canal was significant in the growth of America. The Finger Lakes District provided a hospitality featuring a variety of apples, cheeses, and other items including Jello which were products of the region. There is a Jello museum



Stieglers accepted membership growth award for NY.

region to keep membership going in Massachusetts. An FCRV membership growth award for mid-size states was presented to New York. It was accepted by State Directors, Linda and John Stiegler who announced they will be “retiring” from the job in January.

The afternoon featured a silent auction with over \$400 in proceeds going to the Leroy Fire Department. A chain saw safety demonstration was presented by b Mike Burns. “A night at the horseraces” game began at 7 p.m. and campground entertainment was by country singer, J. B. Aaron. A hospitality by Connecticut rounded out the evening.

Also happening at the campground Saturday was the annual First Responders / Fire Fighters fun day weekend which was also open to FCRVers. A few brave campers tried the giant water slide.

Chairmen Linda and John Stiegler and their helpers thanked everyone for coming with a continental breakfast Sunday morning. The 2019 Northeast Regional will be at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds near Williamsport, PA, August 1-4. Details later.



Kentucky Colonel Campout

By Craig Weber, 2018 Kentucky Colonel Campout Chairman

Big changes are in store for the Kentucky Colonel Campout this year. Due to major renovations at the Lake Cumberland State Park the campout will be moving to a new location. Diamond Lake Resort in Owensboro, Kentucky have opened their doors to this campout. Traditionally the Kentucky Colonel Campout has been held during the Thanksgiving week. This year the campout will begin on Wednesday the 14th of November and end on Sunday the 18th of November. Most activities will take place on the 16th, 17th and 18th to allow those who wish to join in the fun the opportunity to participate in all the activities that make the Kentucky Colonel Campout one of the highlight events of FCRV. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Opening ceremonies will be Wednesday evening with the traditional campfire lighting. Thursday will in-

clude the Kentucky Colonel Annual Meeting along with a possible golf scramble or disc golf and bingo in the evening. Friday will include bean bag baseball, corn hole, washer toss, euchre tournament, dominoes, card golf, mini golf, poker run (well hike), evening entertainment and hospitality. Saturday we will have a Thanksgiving worship followed by a pot luck Thanksgiving meal with turkey and ham provided. In the afternoon there will be the annual turkey shoot, craft sales (bring what you have), evening entertainment, hospitality and a traditional turtle party. Sunday is still in the planning if you aren't worn out by then.

The Kentucky Colonel Campout is open to everyone. The members of the chapter will be working hard to make sure all are included and all have fun. Mark your calendars now. Come as early as you like and stay as long as you want. We hope that the change of location and the change of date will allow more of our FCRV friends to join in this unique chapter campout. By the way, there is a small motel at the campground and some rental units for our chicken campers.

You can make your reservation by contacting Diamond Lake Resort at 270-229-4900. Just mention the you are with the FCRV Campout to receive your special rate. Remember the dates are Wednesday, November 14th through Sunday November 18th. You are welcome for all or just part of the campout as your schedule allows. Mark your calendars now. See you in November.

CORRECTION

On page 31 of the August Camping Today a FSA Campout was printed as **2016**. The correct information follows.

We apologize for the error.

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2018 – Fall Florida State Association Rally

The fall FSA campout will be at Blueberry Hill RV Resort, 6233 Lowery Street (CR609), Bushnell, FL(exit 314 on I-75). If you want to come early, Thursday November 1st will be an early day. The camping fee will be \$35 per night. If you would like to attend, please let Cecil Baker (813)988-4213 know. There is a \$10 registration fee for the weekend. Send the registration fee (make check payable to

FSA), your name, address and phone number to Peter Brown, 304 Kentucky Avenue, St. Cloud, FL 34769-2319. If you have any questions, call Cecil Baker at (813)988-4213.

YARS SUMMER CAMPOUT



The YARS Chapter had a turnout of 47 people at their summer post-Campvention campout in Lanexa, Virginia at Rockahock Campground. A surprise visit was paid by George and Neva Lockett who live in VA but are no longer camping.



YARS make their own shirts by tie-dyeing white t-shirts

The traditional root beer floats welcome, a pot luck dinner, business meeting, pancake breakfast, tie-dyeing shirts and lots of chatting around the nightly campfire and elsewhere took place as

well as venturing out to local points of interest. Bill and Margaret Alderman hosted.

For information on YARS and upcoming campouts, contact Barb Turner at turnerfcrv@yahoo.com.



Leon Ishmael served pancakes with pecans on top

Workamper Rendezvous Looks For Strong Turnout

Courtesy of RV Business

Many people have the dream of living in an RV, traveling the country and seeing it all. But the first question everyone asks is "How are you going to pay for it?"

Answering that question is the primary reason why the annual Workamper Rendezvous exists. This year's Workamper Rendezvous is set for Oct. 15-

19 in Heber Springs, Ark.



For the first time, the conference will expand to five days beginning with an opening boot camp session and a post-conference session on operating a small business.

The Rendezvous now stretches nearly a full week.

“We make it so it’s good for people who are just starting out, those who are years in and for seasoned veterans,” said Sharee Collier, operations director for *Workamper News*, which hosts the rendezvous.

Workamper News President Steve Anderson said many Rendezvous attendees find the event to be a life-changing experience.

“We have had many Rendezvous attendees come in saying they were three to four years out from entering the lifestyle, then after attending the Rendezvous they realize that they could accelerate their plan possibly by years,” Anderson explained.

Collier said the event has grown every year since it started in 2011. There were 215 attendees last year and she’s hoping for 250 this year, which would max out the available space at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Dam Site Recreation Area. Other Rendezvous events will be held at the Heber Springs Community Center.

Attendees who are new to the full-time RV lifestyle will feel right at home at the Rendezvous, Collier said. She expects 50% of attendees to be new full-timers.

The conference starts Monday morning with *Workamper Boot Camp*, led by Anderson. Monday through Thursday will be filled with seminars and the show wraps up with a job fair on Friday.

There will be a bookstore, networking sessions, social events, small business development sessions, a fundraiser on Wednesday and a barbecue Thursday night. Attendees can learn how to set up a blog and one session will teach people how to get the most out of their smartphones.

“That’s geared toward the non-tech savvy people,” Collier shared.

She said there will also be an RV home show, which gives conference goers a chance to see the modifications full-timers have made to make their RVs more “homey.”

“It’s really beneficial to the newcomers,” Collier stated. Those who are interested in showing their RV as part of the home show can sign up the first two days of the conference.

Terry Cooper, known as “America’s RV expert,” will host a session aimed at dreamers — those who are planning to become full-timers in the future — to teach them how to buy an RV.

Other speakers include Terry’s wife, RV kitchen expert Evada Cooper, Chris and Jim Guld of *Geeks on Tour*, experienced full-timers Howard and Pam Jaros, attorney Mark J. Kohler, RV inspector Win Semmler and Dana Rose with RV Lifestyle Ambassadors.

Collier said she is also working on getting an RV dealer to set up a display at the Rendezvous.

For this year’s Rendezvous, Collier has eliminated concurrent sessions so couples don’t have to split up to attend sessions. Instead, everyone will be together for each session.

The cost to attend the rendezvous is \$197 for general seating and \$247 for front row spots. To learn more head to www.workamperevent.com.

This article was written by *Woodall’s Campground Management* writer Bryan Laviolette.



Family of Four Gain Sponsors To Fulfill Their Lifelong Dreams

The Bowman family, now known as The American Field Trip, made their travel dreams a reality. After converting an old bus into their home on wheels, they chased after their dream of seeing every National Park with their kids. The bus is big enough to give the Bowman’s the space they needed as they would spend 18 months on the road fitting in all of the best parts of the U.S. They document most of their activity online. [Read More...](#)



Coachmen to Debut Spirit Ultra-Lite at Open House

Courtesy of RV Business

Recognizing the need for a competitive ultralight brand, Coachmen RV, a division of Forest River Inc., announced that the New Spirit Ultra-Lite will debut at the 2018 Forest River RV Expo in September.

The Spirit floorplan lineup features five models ranging in length from 23-36 feet with weights as low as 4,500 pounds. According to a press release, the interior is subtly modern and offers 83 1/2 inches of interior ceiling height. Spread axles, aerodynamic front profile and enclosed underbelly gears the Spirit towards today's downsized tow vehicles.

"The industry didn't need another ultralight. The industry needed an ultralight with some punch, something different," said Spirit Sales Manager Andy Brock. "The Spirit delivers that punch with unique features that will excite sales people and that excitement will be transmitted to the retail customer. Spirit sales people are talking about "Camping Simplified" features including fishing pole storage, Azdel composite sidewalls, pet-friendly features, hanger closets, motion activated floor lights, valubles hutch and tool centers, among many other things."

Feature packed, the Spirt offers one interior decor, and a limited amount of proven floorplans. The names of the models are intended to help dealership salespeople by including approximate box length and dry weight.

"It's cliché but we can't keep them in stock, we literally can't keep them in stock. It has so many unique features it really stands out on our lots," stated owner Steve Neville, Quietwoods RV.

For more information on the Spirit Ultra-Lite by Coachmen please call 574-825-8462 or visit Coachmenrv.com



Travel The Blue Ridge Parkway This Fall

This scenic drive from Virginia to North Carolina is even more dazzling in the fall when the scenery gets a splash of autumn color

The [Blue Ridge Parkway](http://www.doityourselfrv.com/blue-ridge-parkway-trip) is well known for its colorful scenery in the fall. This famous drive between Virginia and North Carolina twists and turns for 469 miles, following the ridge of the rolling Blue Ridge Mountains.



<http://www.doityourselfrv.com/blue-ridge-parkway-trip>

Are These RV Kitchen Fire Dangers Lurking In Your Rig?

By Rene Agredano - The Full Timing Nomad



Even if you hate cooking, these four biggest RV kitchen fire dangers are lurking in your rig. Learn the risks and how to avoid fire catastrophes.

One minute you're broiling a tasty dinner in your RV oven, the next you're running for your life. In the confined space of a home on wheels, even a small RV kitchen fire can destroy your rig in seconds.

When you're [cooking on the road](http://rvlife.com/rv-kitchen-fire), be alert for some of the potential causes of fires that may be lurking in your kitchen.

<http://rvlife.com/rv-kitchen-fire>

Products

Chevy's New Trailering System Simplifies Towing

Courtesy of RV Business



Chevrolet recently introduced the Advanced Trailering System (ATS) as a package that comes standard on LTZ and High Country-trim Silverado pickups and

is available as an option on Trail Boss, LT and RST trims.

Road Show reported that the package includes a number of features that should make towing less of a pain. To begin with, the ATS adds something called hitch guidance with hitch view to the built-in backup camera. This makes the typically arduous task of aligning a trailer hitch with the trailer way easier thanks to dedicated guidelines in the reversing display.

Once backed up into perfect alignment with the trailer, Chevy offers an auto parking brake assist which turns on automatically when the hitch view is being used.

A key feature of ATS is the trailer tire pressure monitoring. Previously, checking the tire pressure on your trailers would have required people to pull off the road, kneel down in the gravel or mud and manually put a gauge on each tire. With, ATS, the vehicle's infotainment system will allow a driver to monitor trailer tire pressures from inside the cab, and also be able to monitor trailer tire temperatures, which should help prevent heat-related blowouts. The caveat is that this requires some special equipment be installed by your Chevrolet dealer.

For the full story click [here](https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/2019-chevy-silverado-advanced-trailering-system-towing-tech/).

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KING Dish Antennas Offering Nationwide Coverage

Courtesy of RV Business

KING has introduced two new automatic satellite TV antennas that view both Western and Eastern satellites for DISH programming.



According to a press release, the new and enhanced DISH Tailgater (Model DT4400) and DISH Tailgater Pro (Model DTP4900) antennas improve satellite signal reception in areas, such as the Upper Northeast part of the U.S. that typically has poor reception.

"For years, I have watched mobile and automatic satellite technology improve through KING's efforts. The original DISH Tailgater was a trailblazer in simplifying the use of satellite antenna technology in the outdoors," said VP of Sales and Marketing Matt Catlin. "With these new antennas, our customers will be able to receive satellite reception in areas where they never could before. While still using the 110-, 119- and 129-degreesatellites, these new antennas will also utilize the 61.5-degree satellite providing an alternate viewing solution to the 129-degree satellite."

"In addition, the Tailgater Pro provides a long-awaited clear design that is a KING exclusive. The Tailgater Pro affords the user the ability to see exactly where the dish is pointing to simplify troubleshooting and ensure the best signal."

The DISH Tailgater and DISH Tailgater Pro antennas have the same sleek look, feel and core functionality of their predecessors, the VQ4400 and VQ4900, with the added ability to lock in on DISH 61.5-degree or 129-degree satellites for increased satellite signal availability.

The Tailgater and Tailgater Pro flexible design is ideal for portability or roof-mounting. It is fully automatic and works out of the box when connected to a compatible DISH HD Solo receiver. The company noted that Upper Northeast coverage requires use of Wally receiver.

The design includes an exclusive interactive on-screen display for easy set-up of DISH programming. The DISH Tailgater supports single TV viewing while the Tailgater Pro supports multiple TV viewing and, there is no monthly contract. With the DISH "Pay As You Go" monthly service, RVers will pay only for the months it is used. For those that already

have DISH at their residence, the new receiver can be added to their account.

Features include:

- 100% national coverage using Western and Eastern satellites.
- Portable or roof-mountable – mounting feet included.
- Lightweight, compact design with integrated handle.
- Simple set-up – automatic satellite acquisition and switching.
- Supports single or multiple TV viewing (depending on model).
- Weather-resistant materials withstand extreme heat/cold.
- Single or dual coax output (depending on model).
- Includes coax cable.
- Warranty: two-year parts, one-year labor.

The DISH Tailgater DT4400) antenna has a suggested retail price of \$299 and the DISH Tailgater Pro DTP4900) has a suggested retail price of \$379. The company will begin shipping the new antennas immediately.

Renegade RV Introducing 'Veracruz' Class C Coach

Courtesy of RV Business



Renegade RV, a division of REV Group Inc., announced the introduction of the all-new 2019 Veracruz Class C mo-

torhome, offering Renegade's trademark craftsmanship and luxury.

According to a press release, Veracruz features a king-sized iRelax memory foam bed, 40-inch LED hide-away TV, Samsung 2.1 Soundbar system, multiplex lighting system, maple hardwood cabinetry, solid-surface countertops and full body paint. Veracruz is easy to drive and operate, with a comfortable and quiet driver cockpit, automotive-designed cab, automatic headlamps, remote keyless entry system and power adjustable driver pedals.

Built on a Ford F-550 Super Duty chassis with a Ford 6.7-liter Power Stroke V8 and 330-hp diesel en-

gine, Veracruz provides 12,000 pounds of towing capacity. Available with two-wheel or four-wheel drive and featuring large fuel, fresh water and holding tank capacities, the Veracruz is fit for any type of RV travel from outdoor adventures to family road trips.

"The Veracruz is an exciting launch for Renegade RV. It breaks the mold for Class C RVs but has a wide appeal – it's powerful but functional and both rugged and luxurious," commented Mike Lanciotti, vice president and general manager of Renegade RV. "And, Veracruz highlights Renegade's legendary luxury and quality. We build our products to an incredibly high standard and Veracruz is no exception."

Veracruz is offered in two spacious floorplan designs, including a full-wall slide out option, and will be available at Renegade RV dealers beginning July 2018. To learn more about Renegade RV visit www.renegaderv.com

Farewells

Roy Williamson - Past Ontario Regional Director

Roy Williamson of Hamilton, Ontario Canada passed away August 23, 2018. Roy, with his wife of 63 years, Marilyn who passed away in November 2017 served as Regional Directors for Ontario from the early 1970's through 1997. The Williamsons served as Chair, Co-chair, and Committee members for all of the Canada Campventions -1971, 1979, 1986, 1999, 2006, and 2012.



Roy and Marilyn were lifetime members of FCRV, having joined in the early 1960's. They were members of the Hamilton Load Luggers for 51 years until the chapter disbanded and they joined the Meandering Mohawks. They organized several O.P.A. Campouts and five Regional Campouts from Ontario to the East Coast. They also camped with the Ken Ton Awanda chapter. The Williamsons were known as friendly outgoing people and often were hosts of the campfire. They also served their church and com-

munity.

Roy Williamson is survived by his children, Debbie & Tom, Cheryl, Greg & Brenda, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held later when relatives have an opportunity to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 14 - 16, 2018 - ILLINOIS FALL STATE CAMPOUT

Galesburg East Campground - 1081 US Highway 150 West Knoxville, IL. Join the ISA Board for the fall campout where we'll have lots of food and fun. Camping Fee : \$30.60 for 30 AMP & \$34.20 for 50 AMP. **Call the campground at (309) 289-2267 to make your own reservation.** Pre-Registration: \$10.00 by September 1st ; At Gate: \$15.00

MAIL TO... (make checks out for \$10.00 registration only to)
Rhonda O'Neal, 2730 N. Waterford Dr., Florissant, MO 63033

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. Registration form on fcv.org website.

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 12 - 14, 2018 - MI HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT

Hudson Valley FG. Hospitality opens at 6 p.m. Friday. Desert walk 8 p.m. Sat. Cribbage, Euchre, Games, Crafts, Costume Judging, Pumpkin Decorating, Trick or Treating, Trailer Decorating Judging, Potluck 6 p.m. Sunday pancake breakfast . \$25 preregistration, \$25 at gate -\$50 total. Second family in unit \$25. Day pass \$10 per car. Thursday arrival \$17. Make checks payable to Halloween Campout, C/O Cindy Westra, 5101 S. Iva RD, Merrill, MI 48673 (616-915-2293) Clwesra10@att.net (include # of teens, youth, handicapped.)

OCTOBER 28 –NOVEMBER 4, 2018 - TEXAS STATE ASSN. FALL CAMPOUT

Pioneer River Resort, 102 Maple St., Bandera, TX . Full week of activities and sight seeing. Camping \$30 / night, available 2 days pre and post rally. Call Campground with credit card to hold reservation (request 30 or 50 amp or special needs). 866-371-3751 or 830-796-3751 (pioneerrvresort.com) \$5 event fee collected by TSA. Info - Jessie Lynn, 210-419-7746.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2018 - 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.

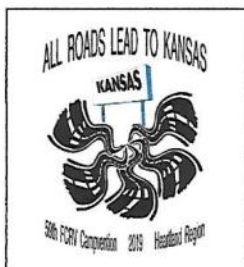
RALLY FEES: MARCH 19 – MARCH 24 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping, water and electric, Ice Cream Social, 2 evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	<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: _____



**59th INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION
FAMILY CAMPERS & RVers**
Hosted by the Heartland Region # 2
"ALL ROADS LEAD TO KANSAS"
Kansas State Fairgrounds, 2000 North Poplar St.
Hutchinson, KS 67502
Campvention Days: July 8 – 12, 2019 fees covers
July 7 – 12 (6 nights)



Early Bird Days: July 5 & 6, 2019 @ \$25 / night (pay @ registration – cash/check)

Registrations are needed by: June 1, 2019

There will be room for you if you decide to come at the last minute.

Just bring this registration with you. We want everyone to come see us!!!

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST/PRV:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone #: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Is this your first Campvention? Yes ___ No ___ Send my confirmation letter in PDF: Yes ___ No ___

Number of people in your unit:

Of Adults: ___ Teens: ___ Youth 9 – 12 ___ Youth 5 – 8 ___ Young Adults ___ Total number of people in Unit: ___

Please list the names and ages of all Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

CAMPVENTION PARKING:

The gates will be open all days from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first 211 registrations will be parked in the full hook up sites. All others will be parked with water & electric. If you are not registered prior to arrival, you will be in a water & electric site. The full hook up area has paved streets and gravel parking sites. The water & electric sites are in grass areas. Tent sites are available in grass with shade and close to the shower house.

Special Needs Information:

Check if you are requesting a special needs site: ___ There will be no special needs sites available at the gate.

REGISTRATION:

Everyone must complete a registration form including second families and camp passes. Submit payment with the registration form. All funds should be US currency of checks or money orders. **NO CREDIT CARDS.**

	<u>Registration</u>	<u>At Gate</u>
One Family in the Unit	\$300.00	\$310.00
Extra Family in the Unit (separate pay)	\$150.00	\$160.00
Week Drive-in Pass (July 7 – 12)	\$175.00	\$185.00
Walk-in Camp Pass (per day)	\$35.00 Per Day	Same
Motor Home ___ 5 th Wheel ___ Travel Trailer ___ Pop-Up ___ Want in shade trees ___		

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND HUTCHINSON:

Cosmosphere (Smithsonian-affiliated Space Museum), Strataca (a salt mine museum), Yoder (a Amish community), Hutchinson Zoo, Dillon Nature Center, Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial, Reno County Museum, Kansas Kids Museum, Reno County Veterans Memorial, Salt Discovery Site & Memorial Marker,

Make checks payable to: 2019 FCRV Campvention

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Refund policy: If you are unable to attend, all except \$ 25 will be refunded

Contact them at: 316-655-2970 or k.koontz@sbcglobal.net

We would like to volunteer for: _____