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From the Trustees - Jack Smye



Greetings and Happy New Year. Sonya and I hope and pray that the year 2020 will be kind to you and yours and our beloved organization FCRV.

I believe it's been about 7 ½ years since I wrote my final article as president and a lot of water has passed under the bridge since then but we're still here and trying to be as active for FCRV as health and time permit.

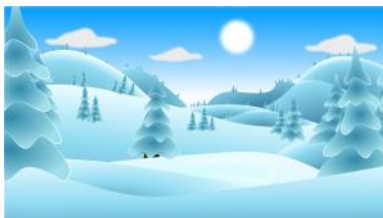
If I recall correctly in my closing remarks at Campvention 2012 in Blyth Ontario I made the statement that the role of Past President was the best job in FCRV. One still received some glory but without the decision making responsibilities and headaches of being President I guess that's why US Presidents and Canadian Prime Ministers write their memoirs. It is probably their mechanism for relieving some of their anxieties. I can speak from experience that the position of President is satisfying and fulfilling but it is also one of worry and concern. The buck really does stop with the President. All the Presidents of our organization have needed to deal with issue(s) they would have preferred not to handle but the task goes with the territory. That's why the role of Past President is nice. One may or may not be aware of something that requires serious decision making but other than perhaps giving advice, the buck doesn't stop at your feet. One may ask then, why have a position of immediate Past President ?

The short answer is that past Presidents are an experienced resource that the current President and elected Trustees can use. Past Presidents are also very willing to take on short or medium term assignments. All of our living Past Presidents are still active and involved with FCRV and contributing to its well being. When I first became president in 2008 I formed a panel to help shape the future of FCRV that included 5 past Presidents. Three have since past on. I was using their institutional memory. Currently Jim Turner (1996 -2000), Larry Roop (2000-2004), Dave Ludwig(2012 -2015) and myself (2008- 2012) are still actively serving FCRV in some capacity.

I still have direct responsibility (like all the elected Trustees) for FCRV programs. Mine are Retirees, Scholarship and Chaplain. When I give up the responsibility of acting Immediate past president my three program responsibilities (unless there is a reshuffle) will pass on to our current president Shari Weber and I can go back to enjoying the best position ever.

Notwithstanding the direct programme responsibility that the immediate Past President has, all of us as Past Presidents can be called upon to assist the President and Trustees with our institutional memory and experience. If you attend Campvention, one of the traditions at the annual business meeting is to introduce Past Presidents and their spouses. While Past president spouses did not have a vote on Trustee matters they are and were very much an integral part of the functioning of a President and all of us that are Past presidents. The recognition on the stage is our organization's way of saying thank you for your continuing service.

Come July when a new president is installed, I look forward to welcoming Shari to the position of immediate past president and as I enjoy the best position ever I look forward to continuing to serve our organization in some capacity as health and time permit.





49TH FCRV INTERNATIONAL

RETIREE RALLY

NATIONAL PEANUT FAIRGROUNDS

DOTHAN, ALABAMA

EARLY DAYS: MARCH 20th – 23rd

RALLY DAYS: MARCH 24th – 30th



Happy
New Year!

Fellow Campers,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL!!**

The International Retiree Rally is coming up soon, so go ahead and make plans on being there. We look forward to seeing everyone in Dothan, Alabama on March 24, 2020. Come along for the early days and tour the area.

Volunteering is the way to meet others and that is the way to make friends. We have many committees that need help in putting on this rally, so if you are willing to help, sign up for one of the committees.

We have an alternate list that if you don't know what to sign up for, get your name on the list and we will find you something to do that we think you will enjoy. There will be sign-up sheets at the beginning of the rally.

Bring along a door prize. We enjoy giving out door prizes, especially when we can see that everyone gets one.

We want everyone to join in on the fun of games, hospitalities, dinners and entertainment.

If your state or province wants to run a King & Queen, please get in touch with the Coordinators Ron & Jo Hersom. It is more fun when you have more candidates running.

Looking forward to the Rally
Ron & Reba Ray
National Retiree Directors



FOOD BANK & LAP ROBES



We are coming to you in asking for aid and support of the local food bank in Dothan, Alabama in March, 2020. It would help them to be able to purchase more food with cash, but we will take all gifts. Our FCRV family has always had an open heart to give to the area where we enjoy your rallies.

We are also asking for lap robes. We've been sharing lap robes with local nursing home/hospitals for several years at the Retiree Rally. We look forward to receiving many this year in Dothan. Your efforts are so appreciated.

Love, Ashley & Gloria Taylor
Food Bank Chairs

FLEA MARKET VENDORS WANTED



March is just around the corner. It's time to consider preparing for the annual Retirees Flea Market. Bring crafts you have created or white elephant items you have on hand. Join us with your items to sell or come look around for some great buys. Vendor spaces are free!

Richard and Frances Jackson, Flea Market Chairs
Fred Muckle, Flea Market Co-Chair





DOOR PRIZES

by Pat Crow, Door Prize Chair

Crying eyes we don't want any
Smiling eyes we want plenty
It's all up to you

You know what to do
Bring your door prize to Dothan
Thank you



Dothan Alabama Retiree Rally 2020 Games

Everybody Plays! Enjoy the competition; meet old
and new friends....



Games Events: Frog Races; Card Bingo
– Free and you may win a \$1 coin! 3/13
card game; Chicken Foot Dominos; Skip Bo card
game; Washer Toss: Men's Dbls, Women's Dbls,
Mixed Dbls; Bean Bag Toss: Men's Dbls, Women's
Dbls, Mixed Dbls; Ladder (Hillbilly) Golf: Men's
Dbls, Women's Dbls, Mixed Dbls; Bean Bag Base-
ball.



KING & QUEEN CANDIDATES NEEDED

We are looking for many more contestants for International FCRV Retiree King & Queen for the 2020 rally at Dothan, Alabama. It's not too late to get your application in.

All you need is to be selected as Retiree K & Q from your Province or State. There doesn't have to be a separate retiree chapter – it can be just your province or state organization that selects you.

Next, contact us for an application form. Prepare a write-up about yourselves to submit to us and to publish in Camping Today (a picture to DeWayne would be good). Then decide on campaign handouts & plan your hospitality at the Rally.

You get to meet many new people and make new friends. Other friends will help you prepare for your Hospitality (yum yum).

The couple selected as K & Q are expected to represent FCRV for the year and attend the next Retiree Rally to pass on the crowns to the next K & Q.

Call or email Ronald & Jo Hersom, K & Q Coordinators, to get an application form and information about conducting your campaign. This can include a 300-word or less bio to DeWayne Johnston (d_johnston01@outlook.com) for inclusion into Camping Today. That should be done soon to meet printing deadlines for winter issues.

Enjoy yourselves, have fun and be part of the FCRV Retiree Rally. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Ronald & Jo Hersom, King & Queen Coordinators

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Weslaco, TX, 78596

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU IN DOTHAN

Retiree Rally 2020 Entertainment Chair Lawrence Phillips will be bringing Rick McEwen to entertain the rally attendees on open night, Tuesday – March 24th in Dothan, Alabama.



Rick McEwen is a 35-year veteran of Branson Entertainment and has performed with some of the biggest entertainers in show business. He has a passion for performing classic rock, classic country, rhythm and blues, and soul music. Rick is a member of the Traditional Country Hall of Fame and has been nominated for Male Vocalist of the Year in Branson.

“Rick spent eight years honing his skills in Nashville before moving to the live-music capitol of the world, Branson, in 1984. He performed with such greats as Earl Scruggs, Webb Pierce, The Dillards (They were the Darling family on the Andy Griffith Show). Randy opened many shows for Waylon, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Dottie West, and other country-music legends.

“After moving to Branson, Rick was the featured singer with the great Jim Stafford for 14 years. He has produced eight musical shows, 10 albums, and music for a Walt-Disney production. Rick is currently the executive producer of the Branson Terry Music Awards and a full-time performer. Rick said, ‘Music has been my life and my joy.’”

Visit Rick McEwen’s website at <https://www.welcomehomergv.com/business/rick-mcewen>.

Chairman Phillips also announced the signing of Lindsay Huggins to entertain at the 2020 FCRV Retiree Rally for Wednesday night, March 25.



Lindsay Huggins says, ““God used a song to speak to me,” Lindsay explains. “It was music that drew me to my own personal salvation experience. I want to use my music to minister to hearts and souls, to encourage believers, and to reach non-believers with the message of the Cross. I am persuaded that there is nothing He can’t redeem.”

After graduating from high school, she attended Trevecca Nazarene University from where she graduated with a degree in business with an emphasis on the music industry. Being in Nashville she had opportunities to learn both the performance side but also the business side of the music industry. She was fortunate to intern and later work for Reba McEntire of whom she said, “I had the unique opportunity to study Reba’s process as she selected songs, her fashion line, her home décor line. Talk about someone who has done it all. It was an amazing experience and a dream come true for someone who wanted to be involved with the music industry.”

Lindsay Huggins is a multi-talented Christian recording artist who will be performing in Dothan in March. Visit her website at <https://www.lindsayhuggins.com/about>.

Chairman Phillips will announce the other entertainers in the February issue of Camping Today.



CANADIAN FACTS AND INFORMATION

We follow the British way of writing. We like using the “u” in words like colour and neighbour. We like to flip the “er” with “re” in words like theatre and metre.

Canada's National Symbol is the mighty Beaver. Yes, the animal we love is the beaver. It's very Canadian.

Our one dollar coin is called a Loonie and our two dollar coin is called a Toonie. The \$1 coin ended up being called a loonie because there is a loon (it's an aquatic bird) on it.



60TH INTERNATIONAL CAMPVENTION

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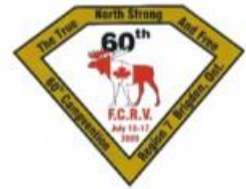
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At Campvention 2020, there will be some additional activities besides the daily morning walk. There will be a walking tour of the town of Brigden, a Line Dancing Demo and beginner instruction class, and if people are interested, we will carpool to the Henderson Conservation area near Petrolia for a scenic hike. We hope to make getting exercise fun!!! Karen and Linda

FCRV Activities

KANKAKEE VALLEY WANDERERS DONATE TO CHARITY



The Kankakee Valley Wanderers from Kankakee, IL a chapter of the FCRV. They recently donated to Catholic Charities "Share the Warmth" program for senior citizens. The chapter has been donating to this program since at least since 2005. In the photo are the Fritz's from the Wanderers. Left to right are Le-

on, Carol, Terry and Joseph. All are from Bradley, IL.

FCRV WINTER TEXAN CHAPTER HELPS VETERANS HOME

by Nancy Herberholz, FCRV
Winter Texans Activities Chairman

The FCRV Winter Texan chapter has been privileged to help the Veterans at the Alfredo Gonzales Texas State Veterans home for several years. One of the projects that the chapter works on, all year round, is furnishing stuffed animals. The memory care unit is one of the special places that uses the stuffed animals. They have a calming effect on the Veterans.

One of the chapter couples, Judy and Mahlon Dickey happened to share the need for stuffed animals with their friends, Diane and Roger Gibson. Diane is an accomplished crocheter, and has a unique hobby. She crochets stuffed animals. Some of her creations are in the attached photos. She asked Judy if she could crochet some of her homemade stuffed animals for the Veterans and Judy readily agreed. Come to find out, Diane's homemade cro-

cheted animals are a favorite of the activities director, Marlene Mendez and her staff of angels that work with the Veterans. The animals have a different feel than the furry stuffed animals and are much harder to pull pieces off of, for the safety of those Veterans in the memory care unit or those who are suffering from suicidal tendencies.



Since the crocheted animals are so popular with the staff and Veterans, many of the FCRV Winter Texans have donated yarn or money for yarn for Diane to crochet more of them. It is a match made in heaven.

The photo was taken at the December FCRV Winter Texan luncheon and meeting, at the Riverside Club in Mission, Texas. Diane and her husband were honored for her contribution to the Veterans Home, and her skill in making the cute and useful crocheted animals. She is surrounded by Tim Zich, newly elected president of the chapter, Ron Herberholz, past president and vice president, and Dale Huston,

newly elected Vice President.

We wish to thank Diane Gibson and her husband Roger and all of the FCRV Winter Texans who have contribute to this project. The Veterans Home has 160 beds that stay full, most of the time, so there is a great need for constant donations. Many of the FCRV Winter Texans, collect stuffed animals all winter and bring large amounts of the back to the valley, at the beginning of the winter with them, for the Veterans home.

Pat Rozelle, who is a member of the FCRV Winter Texans, crochets beautiful lap blankets for the Veterans and Tim and Suzie Zich supply the Vet's home, several times a year, with small beanie baby like animals, that the Marlene and her angels use for bingo prizes. If a Vet wins Bingo, they get to pick an animal and then have to make the sound that particular animal makes, to keep their minds sharp.



December 23, many of the FCRV Winter Texans went to the Vets Home to give our signed Christmas cards, cookies, candy, cupcakes and many other goodies to insure that the Vets know that they are not forgotten.

A check from the chapter for \$200 was also presented to Marlene to help buy other items that are needed for the veterans. We thank all who participate in any of these projects.



**Chapter members visit
with one of the veterans.**



**Staff accepts stuffed animals
from Ron & Nancy.**



**Ron & Nancy present
check to Marlene**



ELECTION REPORT

Dave Ludwig, Nominating Committee Chairman

The nominating committee has completed its work for the upcoming election of the 2020 Class of Trustees for FCRV. The trustee positions up for election in the year's class are President, Vice President of Programs, and Recording/Corresponding Officer. The committee members this year included Dave Ludwig, Chairman; Sue Carlsen from Michigan/Florida; Lew Acre from Ontario; Dale Huston from Iowa; and Glen Dains from Connecticut.

The following people have agreed to put their name in nomination for the open offices. For President, Gerry Pfirsch of Montana and Jan Cushing from Wisconsin; for Vice President of Programs, Loren Douglas of Ontario; and for Recording/Corresponding Officer, Beth Standiford of Missouri. The Biographies and Platforms of the candidates will appear in the March issue of "Camping Today". I would like to thank the members of the nominating committee for their work in bringing viable candidates to the open positions for election this year.



NEW FCRV MERCHANDISE



A new line of jackets has been added to the FCRV merchandise catalog by **Superior Embroidery/Silk Screen Company**. The windbreaker with FCRV logo shown sells for \$25. Your name and chapter can be

added.

Karen's Embroidery has FCRV shirts, caps, new travel mugs, etc. They also make custom badges.

Marshall Creations can design logos and put them on anything. Go online to www.fcrv.org area, select members area, then FCRV merchandise. You'll be surprised by the variety of items available



PRIVATIZING PARKS CAN SAVE THEM, 'OR WRECK THEM'

By: [RVBusiness](http://RVBusiness.com) | Published on: Dec 12, 2019

When Alabama closed Roland Cooper State Park in 2015 because of budget cuts, entrepreneur Warren Meyer saw an opportunity. The *Associated Press* reported that Meyer runs Recreation Resource Management, a concession company that maintains campgrounds, builds cabins and provides amenities at state parks and U.S. Forest Service sites around the country.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded the company, known as RRM, a contract to run the park on the agency's behalf. The campgrounds, cabins and bathrooms reopened in 2016 for the anglers, campers and birders who visit the 236-acre park along the Alabama River.

"We were able to reopen the park within a year after it closed, and RRM has been running it ever since and doing a fantastic job," said Rob Grant, assistant director of Alabama's State Parks Division. "It's a net profit for us, and we were losing money there before."

Meyer advocates for increased privatization on state and federal land. He said Roland Cooper shows how concessionaires are bolstering governments' efforts to keep public lands thriving.

"We're being asked to come in and provide the capital to refurbish the campgrounds or provide amenities that governments can't really appropriate," he said. "We like the parks; we're not trying to turn them into McDonald's or used car lots. It's easy to get these win-wins."

But the role of private companies on public lands has come under increased scrutiny after a panel appointed by the Trump administration recommended last month privatizing national park campgrounds and opening them to WiFi, food trucks and Amazon deliveries. Critics note that many of the panelists tapped by the White House were leaders of concession companies.

While the national plan is hotly debated, state park systems across the country already vary widely when it comes to privatization. Some states use private companies to clean bathrooms, sell souvenirs and rent kayaks. Others allow contractors to run campgrounds or parks. And a few states have solicit-

ed large developments in their parks or sold public land to private companies.

Sometimes, that hasn't worked out so well.

Oklahoma sold much of the popular Lake Texoma State Park in 2008 to a developer that was planning a lakeside resort. The state pocketed \$15 million and shed responsibilities for the park's expensive maintenance backlog. The park's cabins and hotel were torn down to make way for the new development.

Four years after the sale, in 2012, a [news report](#) from NPR's StateImpact Oklahoma partnership called the site a "ghost town." Not much has changed today, said Merle Steele, who served as president of the Friends of the Lake Texoma Association, an activist group that opposed the sale.

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



In The Town of Bean Blossom IN.

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Morgantown, In 46160
billmonroemusicpark.com

Events:

Bean Blossom
Bluegrass Festival
June 13, 2020
Bean Blossom Blues Festival
August 27-29, 2020
September 23-26, 2020



REPORT: 'NHTSA' ISSUES LATEST LIST OF RECALLS FOR RVS

[Published on: By: [RVBusiness](#) Dec 16, 2019

The following is the latest list of RV recalls from the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA):

- Entegra Coach is recalling 447 2018-2020 Qwest motorhomes. The liquid propane (LP) tank hangers may be the wrong size and have insufficient welding, allowing the LP tank to dislodge.
- Jayco Inc. is recalling 398 2018-2020 Melbourne Prestige motorhomes. The liquid propane (LP) tank hangers may be the wrong size and have insufficient welding, allowing the LP tank to dislodge.
- Forest River is recalling 328 2018-2020 Cascade and Cherokee travel trailers. The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the vehicle exceeds the GVWR of the trailer hitch coupler, potentially resulting in the coupler failing and the trailer detaching.
- Forest River Inc. is recalling nine 2020 Rockwood RLF8298KS and Flagstaff FLF8529RLS recreational trailers. Due to improper tire clearance, the tire may contact the steel chassis outrigger, possibly resulting in tire failure.
- Forest River is recalling five 2020 XLR Boost trailers, model XLT18RLE. An undersized axle, tire, and rim combination were installed, possibly resulting in the trailer being overloaded.

MARSHALL'S CREATIONS

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Products

AIR LIFT REDESIGNS WIRELESSAIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEM

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: Dec 17, 2019

Air Lift Co. has redesigned its WirelessAir on-board air compressor system making the wireless control of all air spring load support products more convenient. According to a press release, WirelessAir is a dual-path system, allowing the user to adjust air springs independently of each other.

The updated WirelessAir system includes a new hand-held controller featuring an LCD display. The company also introduced a new mobile app, available for free on Apple and Android devices, that allows users to inflate and deflate their air springs from their Bluetooth-enabled smartphone. Both the app and the controller are programmable with up to three user-defined presets, making pressure changes easy, from inside or outside the vehicle.

The weather-resistant and corrosion-proof manifold was also redesigned, featuring Bluetooth-connectivity which allows for two-way communication resulting in integrated diagnostics, including leak detection and wiring assistance. Upgrades and software updates are now available using Air Lift's exclusive firmware-over-the-air technology, through the mobile app.

The system is powered by a heavy-duty 12-volt compressor that connects to the pre-assembled wiring harness. WirelessAir is also compatible with air tanks, allowing users to store air for use with tires or other equipment.

The new EZ Mount™ system makes installation faster and simpler by packaging the manifold and a heavy-duty compressor into one pre-assembled mounting bracket. The WirelessAir system is backed by Air Lift's two-year limited warranty and a 60-day money-back guarantee.



REDARC TOWPRO ELITE ELECTRIC TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER

If you haven't heard, the REDARC TowPro Elite Electric Trailer Brake Controller is great for smooth, safe trailer braking, integrates into your dash or console for a clean look, and can easily switch from proportional to user-control mode to adjust for road conditions. It's designed for use with electric or electric-over-hydraulic trailer brakes, and the controller box tucks out of the way, saving your knees from pain and your kids from learning a few new words.



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SAFE CATCH CREATES PUREST SEAFOOD PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

Proprietary testing technology guarantees the lowest mercury levels



Seafood is a valuable source of vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids and lean protein, but climate change and pollution have resulted in rising mercury levels in seafood. Safe Catch developed proprietary testing technology to enable the company to test every single tuna fish used in its products for mercury, guaranteeing its products have the lowest mercury limit as no other company tests to this degree. Safe Catch applied the same testing methodology when it introduced salmon, and the company has grown even further with the addition of mercury-tested sardines to its product mix. Safe Catch Elite tuna products average 22 times below the FDA mercury action limit.

Safe Catch carries several varieties of tuna, including multiple species and seasoned tuna options. All Safe Catch tuna are sustainably caught using Pole-and-Line or FAD-free fishing methods. Safe Catch hand cuts sashimi-grade tuna steaks, seals them in

the can and cooks them in the tuna's natural juices. This retains much more nutrients and flavor than conventional twice-cooked tuna that is packed in water, oil or broth.

Safe Catch has three tuna product lines – Safe Catch Elite, Safe Catch Ahi and Safe Catch Albacore. Safe Catch Elite and Safe Catch Ahi are the only brands of tuna that meet Consumer Reports' "Low Mercury" criteria set for vulnerable populations like pregnant women and children. Safe Catch Elite and Ahi are both the official tuna of the American Pregnancy Association.

Safe Catch Elite is available in cans (5 ounces, \$3.49) or pouches (3 ounces, \$2.99). There is also a Seasoned Elite line that comes with one of six natural, premium spice blends to offer one-of-a-kind creations to satisfy any palate: Cajun, Chili Lime, Citrus Pepper, Garlic Herb, Habanero Mint and Tandoori. The Seasoned Elite is available in cans (5 ounces, \$3.99) and pouches (2.6 ounces, \$2.99).

Safe Catch Ahi is available unseasoned (5 ounces, \$3.99), packed in olive oil (5 ounces, \$4.29) or packed in avocado oil (5 ounces, \$4.29). Safe Catch Albacore is available salted or unsalted in cans (5 ounces, \$4.49).

In addition to tuna, Safe Catch also has 100% mercury tested, sustainably caught wild pink salmon in cans (5 ounces, \$3.99) and pouches (3 ounces, \$2.99)—with or without salt added. It is also available in three spice blends (2.6 ounces, \$2.99) including Citrus Dill, Italian Herb and Rosemary Dijon. Rounding out the Safe Catch product line are skinless, boneless sardines (4.4 ounces, \$3.99) packed in water or extra virgin olive oil—every catch is mercury tested.

Safe Catch products are available in over 12,000 stores nationwide, including: Kroger, Publix, Vons, Shoprite, Wegman's, Sprouts Farmer's Markets, Ahold/Delhaize, Harris Teeter, Safeway Giant Eagle, HEB, Jewel Osco and Roundy's. Safe Catch is also sold online at safecatch.com, Amazon, and Thrive Market

About Safe Catch

Safe Catch is a technology-driven seafood company seeking to revolutionize the seafood industry by offering mercury-tested, sustainable and delicious seafood. Safe Catch invented a proprietary technology to test every single tuna fish for mercury, and is

the only brand to do this. Safe Catch Elite is Paleo certified and Whole30 certified and is the official tuna of the American Pregnancy Association. Our products are Non-GMO project certified, and BPA NI.

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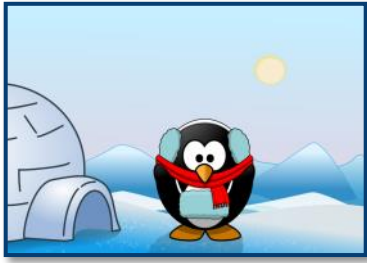


Farewells

Roanlee 'Rosie' Holt, 93, 12-7-19, Talmadge, Kansas, Long Time Member

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Thomas 'Tom' Calloway, 77, Leavenworth. Kansas

Larue Kehoe 93, 12-22-19, Altoona, PA, Past State Assn. President with late husband Gene, Assisted on most PA Campventions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

January 15, 2020 - Mid-Florida Snowbirds Luncheon

Homers. 1000 Sebring Square, Sebring, 2 pm. All FCRVers and guests are invited.

FEBRUARY

February 19, 2020 - Mid-Florida Snowbirds Luncheon

Golden Corral, 5722 Cypress Gardens Blvd. SE, Winter Haven, 2 pm. All FCRVers and guests are invited.

MARCH

March 24-30, 2020 – 49th International Retiree Campout

National Peanut Fairgrounds, Dothan, AL. Early days March 20-23

JULY

July 13-17, 2020 – 69th International Campvention

Brigden Fairgrounds, 2435 Courtright Line, Brigden, ON N1N 1B0

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fellowship!***



**49TH FCRV INTERNATIONAL
RETIREE RALLY
NATIONAL PEANUT FAIRGROUNDS
DOTHAN, ALABAMA
EARLY DAYS: MARCH 20th – 23rd
RALLY DAYS: MARCH 24th – 30th**



LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ SPOUSE/OTHER: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____
OTHER'S ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP/POSTAL: _____
PHONE #: _____ OTHER: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONFIRMATION SENT: pdf: _____ word: _____ mailed _____

CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL IN JANUARY. IF YOU WISH IT SENT BY MAIL TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS THAN THE ONE ABOVE, PLEASE SUPPLY THE ADDRESS BELOW:

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

ARE YOU A VETERAN: YES: _____ NO: _____ NUMBER OF VETERANS IN YOUR UNIT? _____

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

GUESTS ARE WELCOME: Guests or Non-FCRV members are welcome. They can be in your unit or their own. Have them complete a registration form, indicate they are your guests and send the correct amount. We strongly suggest they enter the camping area at the same time you do. We are guests or NON-FCRV members of: _____

RALLY FEES:

EARLY BIRD DAYS: (MARCH 20 - 23) FEE \$30 PER NIGHT WITH WATER AND ELECTRIC AND WILL BE COLLECT AT DOTHAN.

RALLY FEE: MARCH 24 - 30 AND LEAVE ON MONDAY: INCLUDES: 6 nights of camping with water and electric, Ice Cream Social, two evening meals, entertainment and all activities connected with the Rally.

	PRE-REGISTRATION (PAID IN ADVANCE FULL)	AT THE GATE:
Two people in a unit:	\$250	\$275
Single person in unit:	\$220	\$245
Camp Pass or 3 rd person in unit:	\$100	

REFUND POLICY: REFUNDS MUST BE REQUESTED IN WRITING BY MAIL, EMAIL OR PHONE CALL TO THE REGISTRAR. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL AFTER THE RALLY. Refunds requested before March 15, 2020, will receive the following: two people in a unit: \$225, one person in a unit will receive \$195. Camp Pass will receive no refunds.

Make checks or money order (US Currency) payable to: FCRV/NCHA RETIREE RALLY 2020. NO CREDIT CARDS. Mail to Bill and Penny Ramlow, 8371 Night Owl DR, Riverview, FL. 33569. You can contact them at: 305-822-6589 or 813-545-6083 or email them at pramlow@aol.com

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Registrations are needed by: June 1st, 2020



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State/Province: _____ Postal Code/Zip Code: _____
Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____
Handicapped/ Special Needs Parking: Yes: _____, No: _____
Motor Home _____ 5th Wheel _____ Travel trailer _____ Pop-Up _____ Tent _____
Number of people in your unit: _____
of Adults: _____, Teens: _____, Youth 0-12: _____, Total # of people in unit: _____
Please list the names and ages of all the Teens and Youth:

Name	Age	Name	Age

Gates will be open from 8am- 8pm (all days)

REGISTRATION

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

	Registration	At Gate
One Family in the Unit	\$325 CDN	\$335 CDN
Extra Family in Unit (pay separate)	\$ 200 CDN	\$210 CDN
Week Drive-In pass	\$200 CDN	\$210 CDN
Walk-In Camp Pass (per day)	\$40 CDN	\$40 CND

Make cheques/Money Orders payable to: 2020 FCRV Campvention , * CASH ONLY AT GATE

Mail to: Marilyn Rosenberger
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Kitchener Ontario N2A 0E8

Contact at : 1-519-501-4331 or rosenberger44@gmail.com

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Brigden, Ont 2020



Application for CART RENTALS



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ PROV/ST _____ POSTAL CODE/ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE (____) _____ AGE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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NUMBER OF 2 SEATER CARTS _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID IN FULL \$ _____ CDN FUNDS

(checks or money orders only)

Make Checks Payable to: **CAMPVENTION 2020**

Mail Check or money order to: **Lew Acre, 53782 Heritage Line, Aylmer, Ont, Canada N5H 2R1**

OR

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT (follow the instructions below) (Should be up and running soon, will advise when)

1: Go to FCRV Website . (<https://fcrv.org/>) **2:** Click the JOIN/RENEW button. Click on ONLINE PAYMENT
3: Click the CAMPVENTION 2020 button. **4:** Click the GOLF CART button. **5:** Fill out the form and finish the application. **6:** Your Done!

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By signing this order form you are taking complete and total responsibility for any damage to the golf cart and/or any personal damage to yourself, your family and/or any other person(s). You will not hold FCRV (Family Campers & RV'ers), Complete Turf Equipment or anyone connected with them responsible for liable in any way.

Please Sign _____ Date _____