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From the President - Shari Weber



Greetings family! The year 2020 started out robust and then we hit March and came to a literal halt. Our world has a new paradigm and we are all working to stay healthy but find ways to do the things we enjoy doing.

Since Campvention 2020 has been canceled in Brigden Ontario it was decided to do something new and completely different. We are well on our way to creating a virtual campvention. The True North Strong and Free is the theme. Camy Hicks, Lynn Acre, and Lorne Douglas continue to be the co-chairs for this virtual campvention. Jill Serbousek has taken on the task of making the virtual side campvention possible. She is doing a great job. There are things being planned by lots of people. Elsewhere you will find information on a shoe box parade. Anyone can participate and I hope to see lots of creations in our virtual parade. Plans are being made for a variety of options. Please see the article later in this issue for some information on what is being worked on in addition to these things. It is very exciting to see the efforts coming together. The July "Camping Today" will contain a schedule and information on how you can participate.

Office

This is a reminder that during the summer the national office is closed on Friday afternoon. Members of our office staff also enjoy camping so we have given them Friday afternoons from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Pat and Carl are now back in the office still working together separately.

Membership

Membership season and Get Acquainted Meetings got foiled this year with Covid – 19. During this time, the trustees have instructed the office and state/provincial directors to not drop unpaid memberships. We are giving members a little time to catch up as we are aware that money is tight right now with so many people taking pay cuts or being laid off completely. As many have said, we are in this together and we will get through to the other side.

Looking forward to the next campfire! Shari

CAMPVENTION QUIZ

Name the year and location of the Campvention described.

1. Largest attendance (7,842 units).
2. Only other CV Cancelled besides 2020
3. The year NCHA was changed to FCRV
4. President Reagan visited and made a speech.
5. Lee Greenwood Sang "God Bless The USA."

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VIRTUAL CAMPVENTION

The True North Strong & Free

Opening ceremonies are being planned by the campvention team. I am sure we will kick off our virtual campvention in style. Additionally, we will present awards and hold the FCRV annual meeting where our new Trustees will be installed.

The FCRV International Band under the direction of Craig Weber already has one song almost ready for prime time. They are working on a couple of other songs.

A shoe box parade is being headed up by Carl & Sue Fromholzer. All that Glitters is the theme. Just find your glitter and be creative. Take a picture and send it to Carl & Sue. The parade will be shown sometime during the virtual campvention.

Beth O'Neal is putting together a pet parade. Guidelines for the parade will be sent out as soon as we have them. I am sure the FCRV fur babies will enjoy being featured.

The Teen Directors, teen and young adult volunteers are putting together several exciting things focusing on the interests of teens. There will be some things focusing on youth as well.

Those of you who enjoy crafting we are looking at some opportunities there. We have a possible contact with someone who will help us with a painting class.

Even some games are being planned. Believe it or not playing corn hole and ladder golf virtually is a real thing. We will figure it out for us. Bragging rights and virtual ribbons are at stake here. Someone might become our first ever virtual champion.

Finally, some of our commercial vendors are providing online seminars. These seminars will be presented during campvention week. They will then be left online to view other times. Please support these vendors. They have supported us.

Virtual Campvention, The True North Strong & Free will have its own section on our website and will be posted July 13th – 17th. The opportunity to view the campvention events will be available for at least another month past the close of campvention. Watch for facebook posts, You Tube videos, and "Camping Today" for additional information and a schedule. No virus is going to get the FCRV camping family down!



VIRTUAL BAND CONCERT

Craig Weber, Band Director



The FCRV International Band is currently working very hard to put together a Virtual Band Concert for the 2020 Virtual Campvention. If you have ever played in the NCHA/FCRV Band we now invite you back for this once in a lifetime performance. Even if you never played in the Band now is your chance. We are recording our parts and sending them in to Jill Serbousek to put together. It has been fun and is working very well. If you want music just e-mail me at cdweber50@yahoo.com. If you want to be included in our weekly online meetings just e-mail Jill at jnssebousek@gmail.com. If you don't think you can do it just remember, it is

VIRTUAL. We may even lip-synch some songs. Join us and be prepared for fun, fun, fun. Hurry, we want to get this stuff together in the next month.

CAMPVENTION PARADE 2020 IS GOING VIRTUAL!

IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE

Imagine what your “All That Glitters” float could be about or look like.

Gather materials from around your house – newspaper, construction paper, leaves from your yard – whatever can help bring your float to life (even some of your dolls or action figures).

Build your float – anyone in your home can help!

Take pictures of your float – show us what you’ve got. We want to see it all and the special parts up close.

Email us your pictures – Send them to OKparade2016@gmail.com by Sunday, June 21.

Tune in – We’ll compile them and premiere them during Virtual Campvention 2020 in July



GUIDELINES

Theme: "All that Glitters"

Float Base:

- Each entry shall be in the form of a diorama or shadow box.
- Each entry will be constructed using a shoebox and/or the lid.
- You may display a title on your exhibit.



Size: Floats should be made of a shoebox no larger than 14 in. by 10 in. or 35 CM by 25 .5 cm.

Categories: Youth, Teen, Adult

Judging Criteria:

- Parade theme
- Percentage of handmade
- Workmanship
- FCRV connection
- Humorous or friendly
- Relates to all ages



Email submissions to OKparade2016@gmail.com as an attachment or downloadable link.

Within your email, please include the name of your float, your float building team (this can be the first or first and last names of your team members or your family name – however you’d to be recognized during the parade). Your name, address and age **MUST** be included in the email (because all of our adults are 29 or 39 years of age, you only need to list adult). Tell us a little about your float –what inspired it, what you used to make it and anything else you want to highlight!

Submission Deadline – 11 p.m. EST on Sunday, June 21, 2020. Each entry will receive a confirmation email that we received your entry. Your submission grants FCRV permission to use your pictures on any platform.



FCRV PET PARADE 2020 IS GOING VIRTUAL!

One of things we love about Campvention is getting to see our friends' pets. While we can't be there in person, we'd love to see your pets in photos and videos! That's why we'll be having a virtual pet parade as part of Campvention 2020.

Participation

- Any pet can participate (dogs, cats, rabbits, pot belly pigs, birds, fish, lizards, etc.)
- There will be bragging rights prizes for costumes
- There will be bragging rights contest for the top 3 pet talents
- There will be three divisions: Dog, Cat and Other

Costume Contest Award Categories

- Most Creative
- Funniest
- Best Dressed
- Owner Look A Like

Parade Entry Guidelines

- You may submit a photo of your pet with or without a costume for participation in the parade.
- To enter the costume contest or be a part of the parade, still digital photos should be submitted
- To enter the Pet Talent contest, a 15-second video should be submitted
- Submissions should include a photo of the pet owner (can be with the pet or in a separate photo)
- To submit your pet's photo or video, email the submission to beth.oneal@rocketmail.com as an attachment or downloadable link. Use the subject line "FCRV Pet Parade Entry"
- Within your email, include the name, age and breed of your pet. The Human's name, address and age **MUST** be included in the email (because all of our adults are 29 or 39 years of age, you only need to list adult). Tell us a little about your pet – their favorite thing to do, a funny story, their adoption story, etc.
- Entries are limited to one photo or video per PERSON. If there are multiple pets in a family, they can only be entered by one member of the family.
- Once entered, all photos & videos become the property of FCRV and can be used, edited, or modified for use on any platform.

Talent Video Requirements

- Videos should be no longer than 15 seconds long.
- Videos should be taken in landscape view if using a smart phone to record.

Submission Deadline

- Entries must be submitted before 11:00:00 PM EST Sunday, June 21, 2020.
- All entries will receive an email confirmation within 3 days of submission. If you do not receive a confirmation, please follow-up with Beth O'Neal to confirm there were no issues with the email.



BRANDT TRIPLETS



Teachers from Knoch High School in Saxonburg, PA delivered yard signs and hand written notes from various teachers to the Graduating Class of 2020. Due to restriction on large group gatherings Commencement was cancelled.

The Brandt Triplets grew up in FCRV and are now ready to take on college. (l-R) Andrew will attend Butler County Community College studying Political Science and History, Charles will also attend Butler County Community College Studying Architectural Engineering and History, sister, Erin will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania studying Culinary Arts.

Parents, Charles and Kim Brandt are very proud. sixbrandts@yahoo.com

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Please welcome back these Campground Commercial Members with your business. Thank you

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Grandview Camping Resort	Moodus, CT	860-873-3332
Point Grove Campground	Aroma Park, IL	815-932-9505



INTERVIEW WITH TEEN ROYALTY

Jill and Scott Serbousek interviewed Miss FCRV, Macey Stuckwisch, First Runner Up, Kelly Demarest, and Teen King, Caleb Demarest about their activities and learning from home in their last month of the school year on a Zoom Conference. It can be viewed on You Tube or the FCRV Face Book Page.



MISS FCRV - MACEY



Hey y'all! I thought it was time for an update on life in southern Indiana! On May 7th I will have my last day of classes and will then officially be a senior at BCHS. Then May 13-15 my school will be open for us to drop off our chromebooks and textbooks and pick up anything we had left in class or in our lockers. I luckily got my SAT in before all of this and have gotten my score back since then.

I really am missing FFA but luckily my district officer interviews have been moved online. As for my chapter officer interview, those have just been pushed back until we can be in person again. The Indiana FFA State Convention has been moved online which really makes me sad because I am now receiving my Hoosier Degree virtually. Also sadly our chapter banquet is being changed into more of a celebration/kickoff that we will have in august when school starts, well if school starts.

My junior prom has disappointingly been cancelled. Also I have a lot of friends that are senior and I have missed out on getting to say goodbye to them in person. I do have to look on the bright side of all of this. This has helped many people become more fami-

ly oriented! It has also given me the time to get a lot of my 4H project done for the fair. And if fair gets cancelled this year then I will be extra ahead of the game for next year! My fair is schedules for about 2 weeks after campvention so I'm not sure if we will have it or not.

I have been very excited all year about my first time leaving the United States and going to Canada but as yall know, campvention has been cancelled. This has come as a huge disappointment to me. This also means there will be no National Teen Pageant this year, so Caleb and I will be continuing our reign until 2021.

I wish only the best on everyone and I hope you are all staying safe, happy, and healthy.



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STEP-IT-UP-WALK

Joe Boswell, National DASAT Dir.

Now that our country is slowly beginning to open up again, here is something to consider. Whatever happened to the national pastime? Does this stimulate your interest? Wondering what to do, and how are you going to get it accomplished. Need to lose a few pounds, improve your overall health and welfare. Then now is the time to just get up and walk. Walking is healthy and it improves your overall health. It can also help to prevent other chronic health conditions and or help with their management. It can reduce the risk of premature death and aging all the while adding to your positive mental health and well-being. Any type of physical activity helps to reduce chronic disease, it can strengthen you heart, reduce diabetes, and helps those with various types of cancer. It can even reduce your overall health care costs.

Walking is a wonderful activity that you can accomplish any time of years. It reduces the risk of chronic disease. Many individuals have coronary heart disease, others have diabetes, and some are living with cancer. Having a chronic disease can become the cause of death and are major contributor to years of living with a disability. Living with a chronic disease



ranks as 4 of the top 5 most costly conditions one can develop.

In order to improve your overall health it is recommended, (with a doctors guidance) to complete some type of physical activity. Children should have at least one hour or more of daily activity. Adults on the other hand should have at least 2 or more hours of moderate intensity activity at least once a week. The more you complete a physical activity on a regular basis the more you will eventually see some results- and overall improvement to your health. You may even loose a pound or two in the process.

Excuses, why people do not walk on any consistent basis. Not enough time, basic safety concerns, the design of their community, difficulty walking related to some sort of disability, chronic conditions or just basic aging. Each one of us can overcome this-for



example, become a mall walker, make time in your schedule, start slowly and be consistent, walk with a friend or neighbor, use this as family time-have some fun by walking. Enjoy the outdoors. It is east to start and increase the activities by becoming healthy and creating an active lifestyle. This conforms to a common physical activity, and serves several multipurpose. It benefits the community-others see you walking and they just might want to join your adventurous activity. This can be accomplished in your own given community or you can go to a park, enjoy nature and exercise all at the time. Encourage others to become a part of your walking exercise.

A word from the Surgeon General, “Walking for better health may seem simplistic, but sometimes the most important things we can do are also the easiest and the most obvious. It’s time to step it up. The journey to better health begins with a single step.” Simply put, improve your health by walking.

Source:

www.healthgov.gov/paguidelines

www.surgeongeneral.gov/stepitup

CAMPVENTION QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1972, Camp Atterbury, Indiana
2. 1974 , California – National Gasoline Shortage
3. 1993, Lebanon, Tennessee
4. 1984, Bowling Green, Kentucky
5. 1992, Brainerd, Minnesota

KENAI EAGLE CAM GOES LIVE WITH FIRST EGGS OF THE SEASON



KENAI, AK-- Wildlife enthusiasts can now livestream a pair of nesting bald eagles as they incubate the first eggs of the season. Viewers from across the globe and locals alike have the opportunity to witness the hatching in the coming weeks on the [Kenai Eagle Cam](#).

The [City of Kenai](#) and the [Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center](#) partnered in 2017 to begin streaming live images of a nesting eagle pair located in Kenai, Alaska. In just the first summer of operations, the Eagle Cam gathered millions of online views. Since then, the city has updated the camera for an enhanced virtual experience for birders and nature lovers alike.

The latest excitement generated by the Kenai Eagle Cam transpired on April 22, 2020 when Aurora laid her first egg at 6:05 p.m. Three days later, a second egg was laid on April 25, 2020 at 9:04 p.m.

The eagles are named Aurora and Redoubt. Aurora is named after the Northern Lights. Her partner, Redoubt, is named after Mt. Redoubt, an active volcano in the Aleutian Range of Alaska. The nesting pair regularly take turns protecting the eggs while the other gathers new sticks to rebuild the nest. The current nest is about half the size it was two years ago after it was abandoned for the 2019 season. The eagles have returned and spend their days making a new home for the arrival of their eaglets.

Paul Ostrander, City Manager for the City of Kenai, shares the significance of the Kenai Eagle Cam:

“The City is excited to partner on this rare opportunity to live stream a pair of wild, nesting Bald Ea-

gles in Alaska. Here, there's a difference in the nesting season that provides an extended season for dedicated eagle fans to watch and see things you might not see on other eagle cams."

Incubation periods typically last about 35 days, making the estimated date of hatching between May 28th and June 2nd. To view the live camera feed, visit the City of Kenai's [YouTube channel](#).

The City of Kenai

[The City of Kenai](#) is an All-America City located on the Kenai Peninsula where the Kenai River meets Cook Inlet. Kenai is the heart of activity on the Kenai Peninsula with industries that include oil, natural gas, commercial fishing, and tourism.

IOWA CAMPGROUNDS REOPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS INTACT

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: May 11, 2020



For the first time in more than a month, Iowa's campgrounds were reopened this weekend for short-term camping, according to a [Sunday \(May 10\) report by KCRG](#) in Marion, Iowa.

Among the campers at Squaw Creek Park in Marion was seven-year-old Abel Frye of Cedar Rapids, who was there with his family and dog, Zoey.

"We camp, like, maybe, I don't know, 100 times a year," Frye said.

Matt Zimmerman of Marion said that number is probably closer to 14 trips a year. His family and Frye's camp together often, traveling around Iowa to visit its various parks.

Zimmerman said they snuck in a few trips before Gov. Kim Reynolds temporarily closed the grounds in April, though they remained open to long-term and permanent campers.

"It was tough," Zimmerman said. "Fortunately for me, I was able to do it a little redneck style and put the camper in the driveway, and we camped in our driveway for a couple weeks."

Needless to say, Zimmerman was excited to be able to camp somewhere outside his driveway.

"We treated it as Black Friday," he said. "My wife and her girlfriend were out here when the park opened in order to get our spots."

Once they arrived, Zimmerman said Squaw Creek was less crowded than he expected, which he attributed, in part, to colder, windy weather this weekend.

Though campsites are back open, there are some restrictions still in place. Shower houses and restrooms remain closed, so people who camp need to have a portable toilet or bathroom in their RV or camper, and there can't be any more than six people at a single campsite. No visitors are allowed at campsites unless they're staying in the park as well. Campers are also required to follow social distancing guidelines.

For Zimmerman, it's not hard to follow these rules.

"We don't have to sit on each other's lap around a campfire. We can stay far enough away and still have a good time and enjoy ourselves," he said.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)



**CAMPERS INN RV
SAYS FLYERS,
CRUISERS NOW RVERS**

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: May 21, 2020

From coast to coast, states continue to slowly reopen their economies and as the weather gets warmer many continue to take a huge hit on their tourism industries, according to a [report Wednesday \(May 20\) by WWLP-22News](#), an NBC affiliate based in western Massachusetts.

But the travel-hungry aren't ready to say farewell to getaways and mini vacations. Instead they're picking up a few more wheels, enjoying the sights and sounds of the great outdoors in one of these.

At [Campers Inn in Merrimack](#), New Hampshire RV sales are steadily climbing, some buying for what they believe to be a long road of uncertainty. The general manager told 22News they're currently seeing about five to six sales per day which he says is close to in line of what a normal season would be.

"People started coming out of the wood work knowing that they can't fly," Gregg Kleczkowski said. "They don't want to get on a cruise ship, they don't want to stay in a hotel room cause they don't know who's head was on the pillow last night."

Kleczkowski noted, "The RV is really the only way that you can bring your entire environment with you and then when you get to your campsite you're social distancing by nature."

[Click here to read the full report](#)

LETCWORTH STATE PARK, NEW YORK'S FINGER LAKES



Considered the "Grand Canyon of the East," Letchworth State Park is a scenically majestic areas to camp, centered around the Genesee River, which roars over three major waterfalls, with cliffs as high as 600 feet in some places.

Campers can choose between campsites (starting at \$24/night) or cabins (starting at \$33/night without heat, \$72/night for heated) in secluded areas, with access to amenities including showers, food concessions, picnic tables, pavilions, playing fields, a play-

ground, and a swimming pool. Many areas are pet friendly.

Surrounded by lush forests, hikers can choose among 66 miles of hiking trails, with more trails available for horseback riding and biking. With plenty of activities all in one location, Letchworth also offers nature and history programs, guided walks and tours, whitewater rafting, kayaking, hot air ballooning, and a museum.



RV INDUSTRY 'RELAUNCH TASK FORCE' GETS UNDERWAY

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: May 5, 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic brought a vibrant RV industry to a sudden and sustained halt and is likely to bring significant changes to how people travel in the coming months, according to a [News & Insights report](#) Monday (May 4) by the RV Industry Association (RVIA). To address this, a collaborative industry relaunch task force has been formed to develop an industry-wide and coordinated plan to increase dealer sales and campground stays nationwide by spreading the message of the benefits of RVing and an active outdoor lifestyle through national channels.

"This task force will deal specifically with how we assist our industry partners with meeting the needs of our current and future end customers," said RVIA Chairman Garry Enyart of Cummins Inc. "The group began meeting last week and includes key stakeholders from RV OEMs, suppliers, distributors, dealers, campgrounds and finance companies."

Initial conversations have focused on the status of the industry and industry segments across the country

to lay the groundwork for developing messaging for how Go RVing can promote the virtues of RVing as we emerge from this national crisis to drive consumers to dealerships.

The goals of the task force are to:

- Campground Relaunch the RV Industry
- Drive RV Dealership Sales
- Increase Stays Nationwide

The task force will accomplish these goals by connecting industry stakeholders with the information and resources to relaunch the industry and creating consistent messaging and collaboration with industry stakeholders on timelines, target audiences, deliverables and execution.

“The task force is an outgrowth of regular meetings that have been taking place since mid-March between the RV Industry Association, the RV Dealers Association and the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds to discuss issues related to the RV industry in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Enyart. “The collaboration has been amazing to see – It’s what sets us apart from other industries and will help us emerge stronger than ever before.”

MARTIN: RV LIFESTYLE POISED FOR POST-CRISIS BOOM

By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: May 8, 2020

Thor Industries Inc. President and CEO Bob Martin was [interviewed by Fox Business](#) Thursday (May 7). Seated inside a motorhome, Martin discussed reopening company operations and how interest in RV’s actually is rising in part due to the coronavirus outbreak preventing most vacations abroad

When asked how much sales were up, Martin said that the start of the year was promising but that strong start was derailed for a matter of weeks when the global pandemic settled in.

“Since then, every week’s gotten a little better,” Martin said, mentioning that he had touched bases with dealers prior to the interview who affirmed that

sentiment. “As the orders are lifted people are coming out every week and the interest is growing. Looking at year-over-year, dealers are telling us that they are right about where they were last year.”

Martin acknowledged that the surge varies from state to state, with Florida and Texas being particularly strong but in California and Michigan – where business restraints were more stringent – it’s been “a little bit more difficult.”

“Overall,” Martin continued, “we’re seeing great positives for our industry, for our lifestyle, because as you said people aren’t really flying to Europe. They won’t be cruising much. And we offer this lifestyle in which people have their own restroom. They have their own kitchen. They have their own bed.”

Martin also talked about low fuel prices also being a favorable factor and added that Thor’s subsidiaries have been resuming production with safety as its top priority.

In a mid-day review, amid a couple of days of positive press about the industry, including Martin’s Fox Business interview, the RV industry’s public companies were surging in value at press time:

- Thor Industries (THO) is up nearly 12
- Winnebago (WGO) is up 10%
- Camping World Holdings (CWH) is up 30%
- Lippert Components (LCII) is up 4.3%
- Patrick Industries (PATK) is up 9%
- REV Group Inc. (REV) is up 18%

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UNIQUE GAME: Combines corn hole, washer toss and Frisbee golf into one easy beanbag / carnival game

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FOR AGES 8+: B3 Bean Bag Bucketz is a fun interactive game for friends and families to play outdoors

FOREST RIVER LAUNCHES 'ADVENTURE READY' IBEX LINE



By: [RVBusiness](#) | Published on: May 6, 2020

Elkhart, Ind.-based Forest River Inc. has introduced its brand-new lightweight towable line, [IBEX](#), which debuts this month – just in time for the summer camping season, the company announced in a release.

The IBEX lineup will feature eight floorplans: four are 7 feet wide and weigh in at less than 5,000 pounds, while four are 8 feet wide and under 7,000 pounds. This focus on lighter-weight models makes

the IBEX perfect for towing by SUVs and smaller trucks, officials said.

The IBEX is an adventure-ready travel trailer, with an onboard solar system and inverter, a cold-weather package with tank pads and enclosed underbelly and all-terrain tires with massive ground clearance.

"IBEX is perfect for adventure-loving travelers who do not wish to be constrained by the limits of their travel trailer," said Product Manager Cody Schade.

"The landscape of RVing is changing rapidly," he continued. "By focusing on how our customers are using their travel trailer, we were able to create a product that allows for more flexibility, both on the road and on the trail. The result is a product that is able to navigate to more places, sustain more climate situations, all while still working great at a conventional campground with full hook-ups. Our exclusive partnership with Rhino Rack makes IBEX even more dynamic, as any of Rhino-Rack's hundreds of storage solutions can be added on to the roof-mounted RVT T racks."

In addition, all IBEX models feature the following standard equipment and options:

- Azdel construction
- 6-cubic-foot gas and electric refrigerator
- Solar system with large panel, controller and 1000-watt inverter
- Cold Weather Package: heated and enclosed underbelly, tank pad heaters and enclosed termination system
- 15K A/C
- PVC roof with 15-year warranty
- All terrain tires and increased ground clearance
- JBL wireless Bluetooth audio system
- Central vacuum system
- 12V, 32-inch television
- Rhino-Rack RVT tracks
- 60" Panoramic front window
- Seamless countertops
- Stainless steel appliances
- Outside cooktop
- Oversized stainless steel kitchen sink and residential faucet

Incidentally, the Ibex is one of the most extreme

mountain animals on Earth. Found at elevations as high as 14,000 feet, the Ibex is incredibly rugged and adaptable to any landscape or weather that it encounters. The IBEX brand offers the same freedom to travel where you like, officials noted, and the peace of mind to know RVers have the capability to always keep climbing.

For more information about the IBEX, please visit ForestRiverInc.com/ibex

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- Smaller footprint saves counter space
- Comes with 3 oz starter CO2 carbonator so you can start carbonating right away
- Works with the most common brand of 14.5 oz (or 60L) CO2 carbonators out there.
- Available in three modern colors, matte black, royal red and ivory white
- MSRP \$99.99
- Available at www.idrinkproducts.com

Drinkmate™ Spritzer

- Drinkmate™ Spritzer is the ONLY hand-held portable carbonation system that can carbonate ANY beverage, anywhere with both ease and speed



- Easily adds flavor and fun to your drinks at outdoor barbecues, picnics, tailgate parties or campsites
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GLOVES IN A BOTTLE SPF 15

A SHIELDING LOTION WITH SUN PROTECTION, it not only bonds with the outer layer of skin cells, creating an invisible shield which protects your skin from pollutants, irritants, cosmetics and other harmful elements, but also from the sun! Gloves In A Bottle SPF15 SUNSCREEN helps the skin to retain its own natural moisture and oils as it shields and protects the skin from exposure to UV rays, water, cold or dry weather, and other irritants and elements that cause dry or irritated skin. **Free 2 Day Shipping** in the continental US on orders OVER \$50

Doing recreations like hunting, fishing, boating and bicycling can do a number on hands. When you mix in the dry heat as well as the constant handwashing and hand sanitizer usage due to COVID-19 you are left with cracked and sore mitts that can make doing your recreation uncomfortable and even painful. Before and after heading out on excursions, you can protect and heal your hands with [Gloves In A Bottle SPF 15](#). The shielding lotion bonds with the skin to make a protective layer that lasts up to four hours and its unique formula helps rebuild the skin so it can hold its own natural oils and moisture again

while reducing skin irritation from over washing and overuse. Gloves In A Bottle also contains SPF15 to help prevent sunburn during those long hours outdoors and won't leave your hands greasy like other lotions so you can continue to have a firm grip on your equipment.

AVOID THE BUG BITES



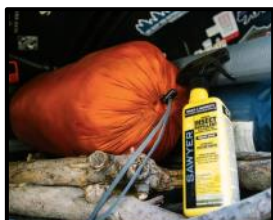
As flowers begin to bloom again this spring, the bugs have returned as well! Whether walking the dog, taking a hike or BBQing in your outdoor space, it's time to protect yourself from the bites! We're all doing our

best to practice social distancing but the mosquitoes and ticks didn't get the memo!

The uber popular products from the most trusted, three decade brand Sawyer provide maximum protection from fleas, ticks, mosquitos and more - and your dog and gear, too!

Spray the outdoor furniture, yourself, the kids, Fido and the tent in the backyard for that twist on a staycation or prepare yourself for a hike. When it comes to insect repellents, Sawyer's Picaridin and Permethrin have you covered!

First things first: Spray the gear, clothing, tent, dog ([Sawyer.com/dogs](https://sawyer.com/dogs)), backpack, etc. with Permethrin! Highlights include:



- Repels and kills ticks, mosquitoes, spiders, chiggers, mites, and more than 55 other kinds of insects
- Effective against the Yellow Fever Mosquito, which can transmit the Zika Virus
- Effective against Lyme disease carrying ticks
- Treat socks and shoes to be 70 times less likely to get bitten by a tick!
- 100% odorless after drying

- A single application of Permethrin lasts for 6 weeks or 6 washings
- Non-toxic and registered for use by the U.S. EPA., formula is derived from the Chrysanthemum flower family
 - Available as a pump or spray
 - Prices start at \$5.99

And remember to safeguard your skin with Picaridin! Highlights include:

- Protects against mosquitoes, ticks, and even biting flies!
- Family friendly and safe for use during pregnancy!
- An effective alternative to DEET
- Great for adults and kids!
- The first choice repellent by the Public Health Agency of Canada's Canadian Advisory Committee on Tropical Medicine and Travel for travelers 6 months to 12 years of age!
- Lotion is effective for up to 14 hours; spray is effective up to 12 hours
- Pricing starts at \$8.99



For over 30 years, Sawyer Products have been dedicated to offering more effective and reliable products for outdoor protection. Using science and rigorous testing, they've developed the most advanced and easy to use solutions in water treatment, insect repellent, sunscreen, and first aid.

It's time to invite the sunshine and fresh air in while letting Sawyer keep the bugs out!

Learn more on: <https://sawyer.com/>
Available on Amazon, Walmart, REI and several other online retailers!

SKYROAM LAUNCHES SOLIS X, THE WORLD'S FIRST GLOBAL SMARTSPOT FOR TRAVELERS

Skyroam announces the launch of its newest product, the Skyroam Solis X WiFi Smartspot, the first premium portable hotspot with WiFi, remote camera, power bank, and smart assistant

SAN FRANCISCO - [Skyroam](https://skyroam.com/), the global WiFi company that helps travelers stay connected around the world, announces today the launch of the Skyroam Solis X WiFi Smartspot. The device's unique

combination of global 4G LTE WiFi, remote camera, power bank, and integrated smart assistant now gives consumers the ability to simultaneously see, listen, speak, and connect from down the street or across the globe.



One thing that all people “on the go” have in common is the fact that WiFi has become like water: they need it to survive. Now, users can do even more, from any-

where! Sharing, browsing, photographing, emailing, tracking, downloading, live streaming- you name it. Whether you’re on a roadshow in Europe and need to find your next meeting or want to let your social media followers in on the best brunch in your hood, the pocket-sized Skyroam Solis X can connect you on the spot. Power bank keeps your devices charged, remote camera captures more candid moments, smart assistant helps keep the itinerary on track, and 16+ hours of battery life ensures you can do it all, all day.

The Skyroam Solis X is the portable digital hub that lets international business travelers, globetrotting families, and everyday social explorers:

- **Connect instantly:** Skyroam’s patented Virtual SIM technology connects in over 130+ countries and is shareable on 10 different devices. Fast, 4G LTE speeds, wide range global frequency bands offer a more reliable connection
- **Be your own charging station:** The Solis X has a 4700 mAh battery that works as a portable power bank to charge smartphones mid-day and avoid the dreaded 1%
- **Share moments that matter:** The Solis X remote camera is 8MP with flash, wide angle view, and self-timer to capture, record, monitor and live stream on-the-go. Control through the Solis WiFi app
- **Do it all from anywhere:** Using the Solis X smart assistant, powered by built-in GPS and [IFTTT](#), users can control or automate thousands of apps and services from the Solis WiFi App and Smartspot with a single tap

The Skyroam Solis X comes with the [Solis WiFi App](#), which enables the use of the remote camera, smart assistant feature, and allows users to buy WiFi and manage their hotspot. The combination of Solis X Smartspot and Solis WiFi App provides digitally enthusiastic users with a unique solution to engage in all their favorite connected activities and services.

“The Solis X was designed to enhance social, family, and travel experiences for anyone who wishes to do more from anywhere,” says Skyroam Founder and CEO, Jing Liu. “By expanding upon what Skyroam does best, we are enabling so many more consumers to stay connected with loved ones, stay powered on, stay socially engaged and stay integrated into their “smart” lifestyle with no geographic limits. We see Solis X as a platform and are excited to see how our customers will use their imagination to bring its possibilities to life in hundreds of new ways.”

Customers can purchase the Skyroam Solis X WiFi Smartspot at \$179.99 USD. It’s an easy set-up via the Solis WiFi Mobile App, no SIMs are needed, and customers can simply register, choose their WiFi (pay-as-you-go or subscribe). Finally, activate and share on up to 10 connected devices at once. The original Skyroam Solis product is available for sale on skyroam.com/solis at \$149.99 USD.



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Farewells

FORMER NEVADA STATE DIRECTOR JAMES BILAN



James A. Bilan, 75, of Las Vegas, Nevada passed away April 4, 2020. He and his late wife, Hope served as every officer in their chapter, Cactus Coyotes, Field Directors, and eventually Nevada State Directors for FCRV. They were great recruiters for their state.

Jim was born in Fremont, Ohio and graduated from Ashland High School. He served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force in Albuquerque, NM where he married his first wife, Mary Lou who preceded him in death. They had 2 children. His second wife of 30 years Hope also preceded him in death.

Jim was enthusiastic about his life and career with EG&G/Bechtel Department of Energy at the Loose Road site in Las Vegas. He and Hope were active in the First Christian Church of Las Vegas and Jim was a long time amateur ham radio operator where he helped out with community events. Current NV State Director, Richard Roberts said, “ We are all going to miss Jim and his USASF war stories around the campfire. They were equal to the fish stories that most fishermen tell.”

Jim is survived by 3 children, Patrick (Laura) Bilan-Geraghty, Ian Michael Bilan Ayers, his adopted (Hope's) daughter, Elizabeth Ann Bilan (Jamie) Dowling, and two grandchildren, Damien and Cheyenne Geraghty.

Remembrances may be left with Palm Memorial East (Las Vegas).

PAST WEST VIRGINIA STATE DIRECTOR, MICHELE DILLON



Michele Dillon, 51, Dunbar, West Virginia passed away on April 30, 2020 at UPMC Hospital in Pittsburgh. Michele had been battling cancer for 12 years and with the help of her faith, family, and doctors put up a brave fight with each occurrence. She was determined to see her children grow up.



**Bobby, Michele,
Shelby (Nicki) & Jon**

Michele is the daughter of Gerry and Betty Owens, current FCRV West Virginia State Directors. She grew up in NCHA/FCRV and was Miss West Virginia FCRV at the 1986 Campvention in Guelph, Ontario.

Michele and her husband, Bobby continued their camping adventures as they raised their family. After holding leadership positions, they agreed to serve together as FCRV State Directors for West Virginia from 2008 -2011. Despite her illness, Michele maintained a positive attitude and continued her life as normal as possible.

“Barb Turner said, “We have known this family for many years and we hope they find comfort that God has wrapped his arms around Michele and taken her home where she is pain free and whole again. We extend our sympathy to Bobby, Nicki, Johnny, Rick, Betty, and Gerry and the rest of their family. May God give them strength and may memories bring them comfort.”

Condolences may be sent to Bobby Dillon at wecampfcrv@msn.com, and to Gerry and Betty Owens at owens25313@gmail.com or 5509 Shenandoah Drive, Charleston, WV 25313. Honoring Michele’s wishes, a memorial cookout and ‘carry in’ will be held at a later date.

DAVID DEMONET, ONE OF FCRV’S FAMOUS TWINS



David Demonet, one of our FCRV twins, passed away on May 22nd. From Facebook's The Adventures of the Demonet Twins timeline: "You knew it was them, just by the sound of their laughter. To all who knew and loved this half of the Demonet Twins, David passed away on Friday May 22nd. We will all miss him, Larry most of all."

From David's obituary: "David L. Demonet, 80 passed away May 22, 2020 at Freeman hospital in Joplin, Missouri. David was born March 5, 1940 in Newark New Jersey to Eugene Albert Demonet II and Elanor “Horr” Demonet. David grew up in Short Hills, Jersey, spent the past 25 years in Reading, Pennsylvania and was a resident of Carthage for the past 7 years. David was retired from a self-employed lawn mowing business. He enjoyed bicycling, camping and loved taking great pride in his yard with his twin brother Larry.

David is survived by four nieces; Donna York, Catherine Demonet, Julia Demonet, and Melinda Lehman, one nephew Georgy Demonet, two brothers; Lawrence “Larry” Demonet of Carthage, MO, Eugene Demonet II of Hamilton, Georgia. The body has been taken for cremation and private services will be held. at a later date

As many of you who knew David and Larry, our FCRV twins, both of these guys are so special. They've been a fixture with many of us for years. It is so sad to think that one is gone. We extend our

sympathy to Larry and the Demonet family. We'll keep them in our prayers. Back when Jim was national president, he had the Fun & Fellowship Award for special people who personified 'fun and fellowship'. David & Larry were recipients of this award which was so well deserved for them. You can send cards to Larry at 12638 County Road 130, Carthage, MO 64836.

Online condolences can be made at www.umerfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.".....<https://www.ulmerfh.com/obituaries/David-Demonet/#!/Obituary>



By Barb Turner

Letha Morgart, 91, 5-4-20, LeGrand, Iowa, Mother of Mary Borton.

Dale Noel, 93, 5-4-20, Des Moines, Iowa, WWII Veteran, Marine Corps, Donated many quilts and afghans to FCRV, champion bowler, married to Kay 72 years. Lifetime member.

Margaret Lilian Dakin, 108, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 1993 International NCHA Retiree King and Queen with husband Maynard, Blue Nose Chapter, Kentucky Colonels, Autumn Leaves Retiree Chapter. Joined in 1968.

Jennie Cole, 92, Louisville, Ohio, 5-22-20, longtime active member. Buckeye Bacon Burners, Canton Anopeners.

Donald J. Oldenburg, Sr., 86, 5-28-20 Menomonee Falls, WI. Longtime member



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

PENN CAMP at Sharp's Campground in June has been **CANCELLED**.

June 8 - 12, 45th FCRV Ontario Retirees Spring Rally – CANCELLED

June 18-21, 2020 – South East Regional Campout – CANCELLED

Rescheduled for June 3-6, 2021

June 19-20, 2020 – South Central West Regional Campout - CANCELLED

JULY

July 13 - 17, 2020 - Campvention 2020 – VIRTUAL ONE BEING HELD

AUGUST

August 5 – 9, 2020 -2020 Great Lakes Regional Campout - CANCELLED

Shipshewana Campground North, Shipshewana, Indiana. Rescheduled for August 5-8, 2021.

AUGUST 21-23, Ross Hill Campground

Lisbon, Connecticut. Information contact Glen & Donna Dains - directors@ctfcrv.org.

SEPTEMBER

September 25-27, 2020 – Blue Water District Mixer

Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds (2 blocks north of I-69) Imlay City MI 48444

Pre-registration (nonrefundable) \$10.00, Camping fee \$35.00. Fri & Sat registration and camping fee \$45.00

Make checks payable to: Blue Water District Mixer. Registration Deadline September 12, 2020 Mail payment with registration form to: Rocky Lumley, 603 3rd St, St Clair MI 48079 donrocky64@hotmail.com Registration form on FCRV website

OCTOBER

Oct 16-18 - Spooky Wooky Campout

Tavistock Fairgrounds, 1 Adam Street , Tavistock, ON

Registration Form and additional details:

<https://opa-fcrv.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Spooky-Wooky-PDF.pdf>

October 25 – 31, 2020 – Texas State Association and Retiree Rally

Buena Vista Safari and RV park in Evant,Tx. The rally has reserved 20 site. If you plan to attend you will have to make your own reservation. Contact P-Cay at 254-791-5441. Contact me for any question at ri-cadams60@yahoo.com.

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