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# STATE DIRECTORS CORNER

## RON & CARLA MARTINEZ



Getting out into the outdoors has been a welcome change to the recent months of being “locked down”. Camping gives all of us something to look forward to. Camping brings Hope and a sense of Normalcy while we deal with the crazy world, we all live in now. I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and go camping. Remember to follow the CDC guidelines and wear masks, social distance and wash your hands and wash your hands and wash your hands.

Well folks, we are still on and for the “The Fall Statewide” event in Fort Collins/Lakeside KOA on October 1-4, 2020. We need to make a few adjustments to keep a safe distance and we will have more activities outside. We are planning to use the pavilion more than we did last year so let us keep our fingers crossed for good weather. We will send out more details and communications as the activities have been confirmed. Please get your reservations into Vodean Benham by August 25, 2020.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the camping trail again very soon.

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Ron and Carla Martinez

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
July 4th		Independence Day	
Jul 13th - 17th	NA	2020 International Campvention	CANCELLED for 2020
Sep 7th	NA	Labor Day	
Sep 14th - 18th	NA	Southern Colorado Retiree Rally	CANCELLED for 2020
Oct 1st - Oct 4th	NA	Fall Statewide Campout	Lakeside KOA, Fort Collins, CO

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May - Jun	Apr 15th
Jul - Aug	Jun 15th
Sep - Oct	Aug 15th
Nov - Dec	Oct 15th

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Recipes must be typed.*

**Editor:**  
*Teresa Walorski*



# Chapter News

## Woodland Wookies

For the month of June The Wookies Camped! Six rigs total!! Atving in Lost Park!! Kayaking on Jefferson Lake ! A very beautiful pristine mountain lake!

There sure was lots of snow everywhere still! We witnessed a bald eagle swooped down to catch his fish! Good Adventurous Weekend for us Wookies

It felt wonderful to be outdoors!

Fresh air, a change of scenery, and an opportunity to catch up with your friends in a scenic setting. Could it get any better? As a matter of fact. Recent research has linked outdoor time with enhanced creativity, reduced stress, and improved immunity!



# Chapter News

## Campfire Coyotes

Campfire Coyotes retirees have been out-tricked by the pandemic this year. We've had to cancel plans for three spring & summer campouts and hope to recover with events closer to home in later summer and fall to get back with our pack (howling at a safe distance). Meanwhile we can recall a few fun events from last year.



Last summer we enjoyed an outing to Buffalo WY (aka Durant WY) for Longmire Days, an annual festival that brings crowds of fans to this quiet town. Our pack of about 10 rigs and guests camped at the Indian Campground. We took in many celebrity events, street dance, parade and car show. We wrapped the weekend with a surprise Sunday-Sundae birthday party for prez Barb!



Late summer found a rowdy pack of Coyotes at Lathrop State Park and Walsenburg. The group prowled the park and environs. We heard rumors about a cowboy, but we understand "What happens in Walsenburg stays in Walsenburg;" fortunately the ladies were all released from jail!



On a balmy October day, our pack bundled up in down jackets (no flip-flops) to tour the NSF Ice Core Lab in Lakewood. At -40° this was truly a chilling experience! The lab is ground zero for ice core storage of core sample bores from Antarctica and Greenland. The surface to bedrock core samples are distributed for studies at many research labs.

Our last tour of the fall was a tour of NOAA in Boulder. We passed a drug-sniffing dog to enter the premises and learn about the many weather studies at NOAA.

Our retiree group is fortunate that we can do these interesting tours mid-week.



*Submitted by Marilyn & Lyle Luttrell*



# Chapter News

## Woodland Wookies

..More Fun times are soon to be upon us with our camping and adventures! The Wookies have been dry camping for the most part! It has been a great relief to be able to get away and feel normal throughout this pandemic. Our exploring nature will never ever subside.

Our Best To All Of Our FCRV Family!!

The Woodland Wookies





# Chapter News

## OOPS Group

We all tried to get in some camping, maybe not all together but we got out.

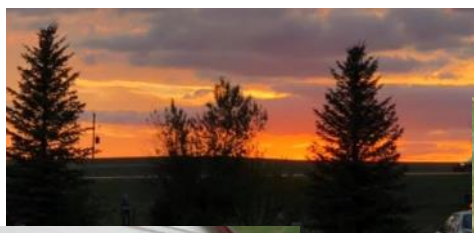
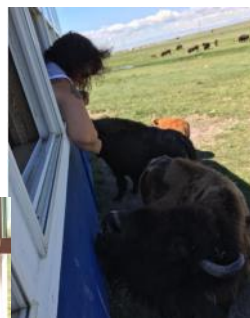
Some went to the Terry Bison Ranch / RV Park. It is Spring time at the Ranch and there were babies everywhere!

We got to help staff feed the calves.

We went on a train ride out to see the camels and Bison and 'feed' them.

Kathy Thomas printed awards for everyone, very fitting for 2020!

Lots of animals and fun!



Some were in Cherry Creek.



One family camped in Estes Park, Beautiful!



# Chapter News

## Mile High Gypsies

Is everyone as tired of being in solitary confinement as we are? Just hope you came thru Covid-19 without being stricken with this horrible disease. All in our group have been quite cautious, wearing our masks, to protect you and ourselves.

The Hoovers and Bennetts ventured out to Chatfield for a family campout and Kyler became a hero. He is an EMT, at 20 years of age, and will receive his final diploma in July. Congratulations to a fine young man.

While camping at Chatfield, Kyler saved the life of someone. There was a medical emergency in the men's restroom. A man had overdosed, fell, and hit his head, super scary moment as there was only Kyler, who was trained, and one untrained person around to help. Kyler was able to get the young man breathing and alert by the time the rangers arrived on scene with the proper equipment, even though they had no medical training. By the time the paramedics and fire department arrived, the young man was breathing on his own and sitting up. Kyler was at the right place at the right time. He saved the young man's life while not even being on duty and, yes, wearing slippers, which the personnel commented on.

Addie and Morgan spent time paddle boarding. Morgan fished, catching one that he displayed for us and helped with the Indian Bread fry for dinner. His dad, Justin, caught one really good sized fish. Morgan has been attending high school baseball practice. Because of the Covid-19, it's been mostly conditioning and not using any hands on baseballs or other equipment. 19 is messing up everyone's summer.



Addie wants to show her appreciation to the Thornton Police Force and has taken cookies and thank you cards to some of the stations. She hopes to continue this throughout the rest of the summer. Good job to a great girl, Addie.



The rest of us have postponed our camping until late summer, or maybe not at all, if 19 will have let up and restrictions will be lifted a bit more. Senior Johnston's did make a fast trip to Phoenix for our son, Tom's, wedding to Amy. They have visited with our chapter some.

Submitted by Jan Johnston



# Chapter News

## Camp Stars Happenings

What a strange camping season this has been. If it weren't for the Covid-19 scare, the Camp Stars would now be in Illinois having just completed a Mississippi River boat ride. Instead we are at AB Campground in Cheyenne, Wyoming trying to get re-acquainted after not having seen each other for so long. We have only been out twice this year and as the attached pictures show the first one in early March looks like a winter outing complete with heavy jackets, while the second one is here in June with 86 degree weather and short sleeves. It didn't take long to get back in the groove and catch up on what everyone has been doing during "Stay-Safer-at-Home" lockdown. This writer came to the June outing for just the day on Saturday, and when we arrived, I noticed that all the guys were in a circle of chairs at one of the campers, and all of the women were in another circle of chairs at the next camper. We soon discovered that the guys were catching up on purely "guy stuff" (trucks and campers), and the ladies were catching up on "gal stuff" (families). Just like old times. Anyway, our March outing at St. Vrain State Park was a weekend with a little hiking, good fellowship, and trying to stay warm and dry (and watching the neighborhood bald eagle.) June in Cheyenne was outside trying to reconnect and trying not to get too warm. I guess we have come a long way.



# Chapter News

## Trailblazers

We are so excited to finally be able to camp together again. Thankfully, all of us have been well. These are difficult times, but being together, even with social distancing, makes everything a lot better.

As of this writing, we are having our first campout of the year. June has brought all of us to Chatfield State Park. When we made our reservations six months ago, who would have thought our lives would change so drastically.

Our hosts for this campout were Don and Lynn Nord and Hank and Rose Stamps. They have done a terrific job planning this campout, working with the current health restrictions.

The hosts have scheduled a "Freebie Table"-any items that you would like to give away. And who didn't have a lot of time lately, to find all those giveaways?

Celebrating June birthdays, enjoying root beer floats, and playing games all while social distancing and remaining in small groups, are some of the activities planned.

No potlucks, unfortunately, but our meals will be eaten together, with the hosts drawing names for the groups to keep the groups at ten people or less.

We would like recognize one of our members who has gone above and beyond during this pandemic. Jeri Harper has made over 700 masks in the last several months! Her masks have gone to the Salvation Army, Springs Rescue Mission, McKenzie Place, and Brookdale Senior Living to name a few. She has even sent her masks to Sitka, Alaska! Jeri also made masks for those Trailblazers who needed them. Thank you, Jeri! Your generosity has helped so many!

Our July campout will be at Ridgway State Park. In August, you'll find us at Boyd Lake State Park.

We hope our state will continue to show a downward trend with the COVID 19 Virus. We wish everyone good health and great camping in the months ahead.

Submitted by Cathy Vegvary





# Chapter News

## Roadrunners

Most of the Roadrunners attended our July gathering in Woodland Park at Diamond Campground and RV Park. During our chapter meeting on Saturday morning, we were surprised by some uninvited guests during our "old business" discussion! A black bear appeared, chimed in on our business, and strolled back into the trees for lack of interest in our discussion, apparently. Next, several deer came running through the trees--frightened by the bear--and they declined to stay around for our meeting, as well. While group camping is a little different these days, we enjoyed getting together, yet distancing ourselves in the great outdoors of Colorado.

Submitted by: Connie Davidson

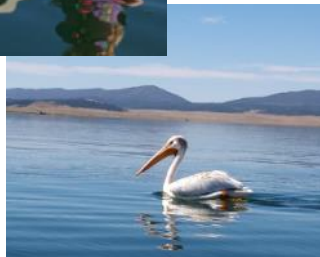




# Chapter News

## Woodland Wookies

In July The Wookies Camped for a fun filled weekend in Hartsel at The Ranch Of The Rockies! We did some paddling at Antero ! A few of us did do a bit of Atving and exploring at 4 mile as well! ( TRACK THE GOOD STUFF, MAKE HAPPY MOMENTS HAPPEN...)





## Chapter News

### Star Gazers



Vicki, Scott, Rick and Mike getting ready for dinner.

Karen and Paisley enjoying the day.

Notice Paisley is wearing a Flamingo shirt.

We believe in getting our young involved with our Flamingo obsession early.



Our June campout was at Winding River Resort in Grand Lake. The weather was great, and we had a good time just hanging out at the campground and enjoying the great outdoors. The campground sits at the foot of Rocky Mountain National Park. Some of us also did a little fishing at Grand Lake. All of us went on a short hike around the campground. A few of us (Mike and Tami) climbed all the way to the top of the mountain and they said the views were amazing. All in all, we had a good time.



Ron, Mike and Tami, Karen and Paisley, Bobbi and Tina and Rick with Ginger and Bailey the dogs



Nice Rig! Scott and Vicki (Ha, Ha)

## Camping Recipe Corner from Chef Mike Anderson



### Grilled Corn Salad with Chili Lime Mayo

#### Ingredients

##### Chile-lime mayo

- 1/2 cup mayo or plain Greek style yogurt
- Juice of one lime
- 1/2 tsp mild chile powder (plus a little more for dusting)
- 1/4 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp hot sauce

Mix together all ingredients and refrigerate until ready to add the corn.  
Can be done well in advance.

- 6 ears corn in husks
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped cilantro (optional)
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 1/2 cup Cotija cheese, crumbled

#### Method

**Using a big pot or pail,** soak the corn *in husks* in cold water for at least 1 hour. Use a smaller lid or plate as a weight to keep the cobs submerged.

Arrange husks around the outer edges of grill (low heat). The steam from the soaking period will cook the corn. As the husks toast, about 5 minutes on the first side, use tongs to rotate each cob in quarter turns (so the cobs cook evenly). When the husks are toasted all around (about 20 or 25 minutes), remove. When cool enough to handle, shuck.

Lightly char the shucked corn on all sides over medium fire for about 10 minutes. Do this dry: no oil or salt or pepper.

To cut the kernels from the cob: Stand each cob in the center of a large roasting pan (to catch the falling kernels). Slice down the ear with a knife and work your way around, cutting off the kernels as close to the cob as you can without digging into the cob. Add the kernels to the spicy mayo along with the cilantro and scallions, mixing well to coat. Mix in most of the cheese and scatter the rest over the top, along with a dusting of chile powder.





**2020 Colorado Fall Statewide  
October 1st – October 4th  
Lakeside KOA, Ft Collins, CO**

Camping Fees: @ \$42.50 per night plus tax.  
Camping Fee will be paid to Lakeside KOA upon arrival  
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(If you Arrive Before 1:00 pm you may be charged an additional fee by the KOA)

**Registration Fee: \$10.00 per adult (payable to Colorado FCRV)**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Saturday Hamburger Lunch Reservations**

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**Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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If you cannot get your registration mailed in to Vodean Benham by August 25, 2020 and you are planning on going, please email us at [cofcrvrc@gmail.com](mailto:cofcrvrc@gmail.com) and let us know you plan on attending and we will add you to the list. You will still need to follow-up with your registration form and mail it to Vodean Benham.

We will need to make a few adjustments to allow for safe camping and social distancing guidelines. We will also send more information regarding this year's Fall Statewide event details as they are confirmed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [COFCRVRC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:COFCRVRC@GMAIL.COM)

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 20 oatmeal cookies  
 1 (1.55 ounce) bar milk chocolate candy  
 1 cup miniature marshmallows



Step 1: Melt white chocolate in a double boiler or microwave slowly, spread evenly over the bottoms of the cookies. Break up the milk chocolate bar into 10 pieces, and place 1 piece onto the white chocolate side of 10 cookies. Place the marshmallows on top of the milk chocolate. Top with the remaining cookies, creating a chocolate-marshmallow sandwich.

Step 2: Toast cookies over a campfire, or stove using tongs until the chocolate and marshmallow has melted, about 3 minutes.

Step 3: Enjoy!

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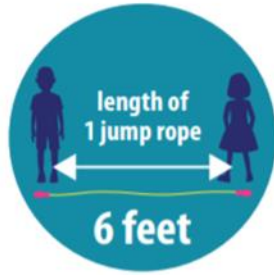
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